

Djibouti

May 2022

Djibouti is one of the most **politically stable** countries in the region and hosts **35 438** refugees and asylum seekers from the neighbouring countries and continues to receive simultaneous arrivals from Somalia, Ethiopia, and Yemen.

Largest group of refugees are **Somalis** and **Yemenis**, while most of asylum seekers are **Ethiopians** and **Eritreans**. Arrivals from Ethiopia have been on slight rise since the beginning of November 2020 when conflict erupted in the Tigray region.

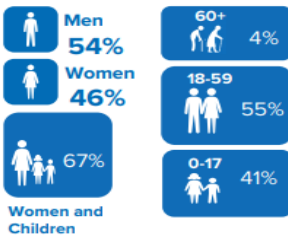
UNHCR and its partners continue responding the needs of refugees and asylum-seekers living in the three refugee villages Ali-Addeh, Holl-Holl and Markazi, as well as the urban refugee population.

KEY INDICATORS



23,779 refugees
11,659 asylum seekers

COMPOSITION AGE AND GENDER

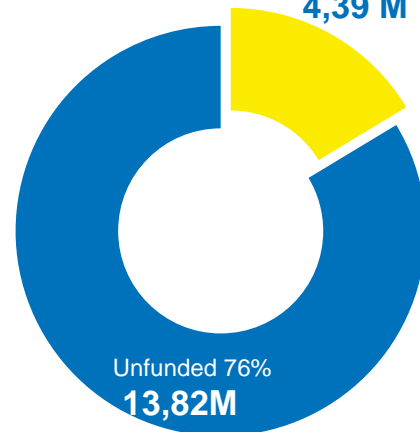


53 new arrivals are registered in May

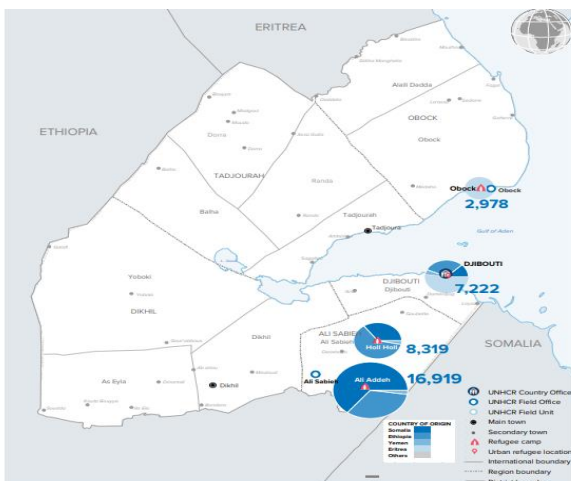
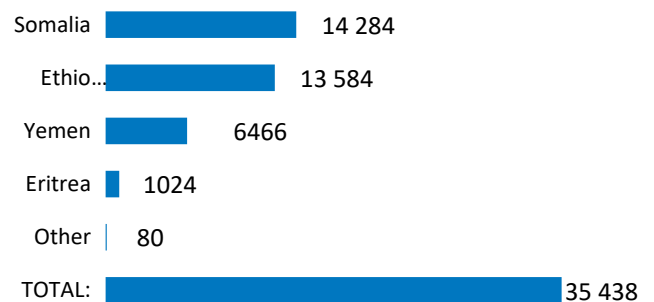
FUNDING (AS OF 20TH JUNE)

USD 18,2 M
requested for the Djibouti operation

Funded 24%
4,39 M



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Update On Achievements

Operational Context



Participants of the training session for the new camp administrators of refugee villages. © UNHCR/DAOUDA GUIROU

The operation context is marked by the current drought situation in Djibouti and in the Horn of Africa. According to recent analyses carried out by the UN in May 2022, approximately 13% of the country's population is currently in a situation of acute food insecurity and would require emergency assistance. To this end, the Government has mobilized, from its own funds of the National Solidarity Fund, an amount of 10 million dollars to relieve and support very quickly 35,000 extreme poor households, approximately 196,000 individuals (including refugees) in providing them with food assistance.

During the reporting period, the operation submitted to the Regional Bureau the multi-year multi-partner strategy for the period 2023-2026. Through this inclusive and consultative process, agreed with partners to setup strategic planning that applies a longer-term vision to helping refugees and other people of concern and their hosts.

Also noteworthy, UNHCR, jointly with ONARS, organized a workshop on the coordination and the management of refugee villages. The workshop aimed to reinforce of camp administrators, especially the new ones, on principles of the protection of refugees and asylum seekers

Achievements



PROTECTION

The National Eligibility Commission (NEC) resumed its work. The members of the commission, whose term of office has expired, have been renewed and, on May 2022, the NEC held 10 sessions to decide on 113 cases. As the results, 88 cases were recognized

with refugee status, 10 rejected, 9 absent, and 6 cases to reconsider after provision of further details.

Registration

- **New arrivals registration:** During the reporting period, 53 new arrivals, were registered; 28 in Markazi, 22 in Holl-Holl, 3 in Djibouti-ville.
- During the reporting period, 4 individuals were registered as In Situ¹, of whom 2 in Djibouti-ville, 1 in Holl-Holl and 1 in Markazi.
- **Documentation:** Document issuance and renewal took place regularly: 95 refugee attestations and 194 asylum-seeker attestations were issued in the reporting period.
- **Continuous registration activities:** 6 new births were recorded in May; 3 in Markazi and 3 in Ali Sabieh.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- In Markazi, 02 sensibilization sessions have been organized in conduct code and PSEA. A total of 28 participants attended to the sensibilization sessions.
- In Djibouti-ville, the UNFD partner followed up on 4 cases of GBV: two cases of physical assault and two cases of psychological violence. All the survivors benefited from psychosocial support. In Markazi, Identification and follow-up of 04 cases including 02 of psychological abuse, 02 cases of denial of resources.

Protection Reception and individual case follow-up/ counselling

- In Djibouti Ville, a total of 46 individuals were received for counselling during protection reception hours; the main registered requests included: resettlement, voluntary return inquiries, document renewals, reference requests to the Ministry of Health, change of address, add on, etc.
- In Holl-Holl, 30 cases were received for individual follow-up concerning mainly legal assistance, feedback on resettlement cases, food and transportation cases, abuse of authority and freedom of movement.
- In Markazi, individual case follow-up was done for several protection cases in coordination with partner

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Services to persons with specific needs and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support needs are largely left unaddressed due to absence of a partner with the required expertise to implement such programs.
- Gap in the funds for the UNFD partner to manage the transport and food costs of patients referred to secondary and tertiary level facilities.
- Insufficient resources to meet the assistance requests and needs of refugees received during protection counselling sessions (education support, health, and basic needs).



EDUCATION

- A special commission from the examination's office of the Yemeni Ministry of Education had been dispatched to Djibouti to supervise and ensure the smooth running of the 2022 Arab baccalaureate exams at the premises of the Yemeni Embassy in Djibouti. On this occasion, the regional coordinator of education ensured the transport and accommodation costs for 9 students candidates for the BAC exams as well as costs of sending copies for their registration in Yemen.

¹ In Situ means the refugee has arrived before the registration year

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Remaining gap regarding child protection partner to replace the outgoing NGO ICAN for improving the supervision of children and the monitoring of school activities.



HEALTH

- UNHCR handed over 176 boxes of medicines to the Ministry of Health. This donation will strengthen the preventive and curative care provided to refugees and host communities through national health structures within the framework of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework.
- In Markazi, on the Menstrual Hygiene Day, 2 educational group sessions on the menstrual cycle and menstrual hygiene were organized with the collaboration of UNFD, IOM and the local community. A total of 65 young women took part of the sessions, including 28 refugees, 30 migrants and 07 from Obock community, At the end of each session, each young girl made a bracelet with beads representing the different important periods of their menstrual cycles (the fertile period, ovulation, menstruation, and normal days).



Young refugees and migrants' females taking part of the menstrual cycle educational session in © UNHCR/ABDOUL-RAZACK



LIVELIHOODS

- Funded by the European Union, the first draw for the PEAR project took place in the presence of all registered beneficiaries, the administrator of each village and UNHCR. A total of 133 groups (399 individuals) and 102 groups (306 individuals) were respectively recorded at Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl. 10 groups of 60 individuals (including 5 groups of women and 5 groups of men) were selected by drawing lots at the level of each refugee village (10 groups of 30 individuals for Ali-Addeh and the same for Holl-Holl). The selected groups are currently receiving training for 2 months on entrepreneurship by ADDS facilitators. Then, a business plan competition will be organized for the panel to select projects that will receive funding of 400,000FDJ per group, which will be paid by the microfinance institution CPEC.
- In Djibouti, during the same period, all 10 groups (30 individuals) who registered were selected. 10 other groups (who had shown interest in the project but were not in the draw) were put on the waiting list.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, the Rural Hydraulic Department (DHR) team carried out a cleaning operation of 4 water reservoirs in Markazi. The DHR field team plans the next tank curettage operation at the end of August 2022. Also, the village WASH committee and the local DHR subcontractor collected and disposed of the waste managers, inside and outside of the village, Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 May 2022.
- In the same period, the Obock UNHCR office handed over cleaning materials (10 wheelbarrows, 20 shovels, 19 rakes, 11 broom handles and 144 gloves) to the village WASH committee.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Achievements and Impact

- A funding request for Sustainable Forest Management and Firewood (Prosopis) supply was developed by FAO with the support of UNHCR.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- On institutional level, there are strong needs for electricity and light for hospitals, women's centres, clinics, and pharmacies, in Ali Addeh, Holl-Holl and Markazi refugee camps. Further, the energy supply systems at schools require maintenance and offices have not access to electricity. The needs on institutional level can be summarized in 21 autonomous Solar Photovoltaic Systems with a total capacity of solar 118 kWp, battery 231 kWh.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- In Markazi, a total of 293 households, 982 individuals, benefited distribution of kerosene, covering period of 4 months to cover their various domestic needs. The distribution was carried out jointly with partner ONARS.
- In Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl, shelter assessment was conducted by the government counterpart (ONARS) damaged by the heavy wind of the summer (Khamsin). The report of the number of households damaged is still the partner level. As prevention purpose, ONARS conducted a sensibilization session on the fire risk in both villages in this period of Khamsin.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

- UNHCR took part of the Mixed Migration Working Group (GTMM) mission to Tadjourah and Obock along with Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, ONARS, IOM, UNICEF, DRC, and Caritas. The mission aimed to increase collaboration with local administrative authorities of the migratory corridor and to identify the challenges faced by the host populations, in terms of migration. The mission paid a courtesy visit to the prefects of Tadjourah and Obock and had discussions with the vulnerable migrants in the transit centre and the refugee's community leaders in Markazi.



Visit of the Mixed Migration Working Group in Markazi Refugee Camp © UNHCR/ABDOUL-RAZACK

- Thursday, May 12, 2022, the partner DRC reopened its field office in Obock to resume its work in Markazi village. The DRC will be responsible for restarting protection activities for the Yemeni refugee community.
- During the reporting period, in the presence of the UNHCR and the village administrator (ONARS), the WFP carried out an operation to verify the cash/food payment instruments for the Yemeni refugees of the Markazi village. A total of 343 families of 1119 individuals were verified on the site.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Urgent need for construction of new shelters for the Yemeni refugee community because the number of families (343 families) exceeds the number of prefabricated houses (300 prefabricated houses) on the ground. Moreover, it is noted that there are still families who were not physically present during the week of the verification but who arrived late on the site.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- One family reunification case in Canada has been registered. The reunification was done by OIM/UNHCR.

Working in partnership

UNHCR works with national and international partners, namely: The Ministry of Interior through the government department in charge of refugee-related issues, l'Office National d'Assistance aux Réfugiés et Sinistrés (ONARS), which manages the refugee settlements; Ministry of Education (MENFOP): education and vocational training; Ministry of Health: health/reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, and nutrition; Ministry of Habitat, Urban Planning and Environment: firewood; L'Union Nationale des Femmes de Djibouti (SGBV); Ministry of agriculture/DHR; Ministry of Environment; Ministry of Social Affairs; Ministry of Labour; Ministry of Sports; and DRC.

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