

# Republic of Djibouti

April - June 2022

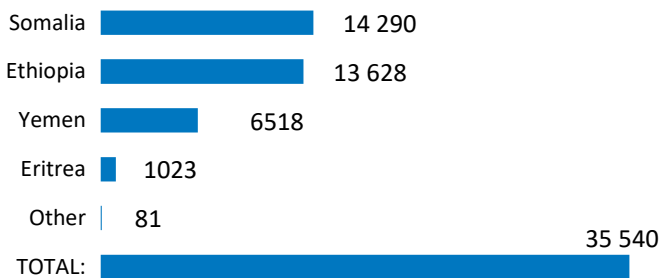
Djibouti is one of the most **politically stable** countries in the region and hosts approximately **35 540** refugees and asylum seekers from the neighbouring countries and continues to receive simultaneous arrivals from Somalia, Ethiopia, and Yemen.

**Largest group** of refugees are **Somalis** and **Yemenis**, while most of asylum seekers are **Ethiopians** and **Eritreans**. Arrivals from Ethiopia have been on the 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.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN - 35,540

### Countries of Origin\*



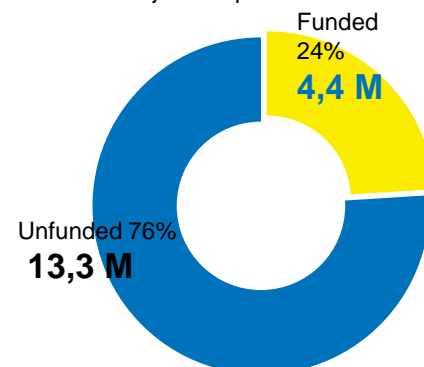
Total **refugees and asylum-seekers** in Djibouti as of 30 June 2022

\*These include refugees from Somalia, Ethiopia, Yemen, and other countries of origin.

## FUNDING (AS OF 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE)

**USD 18,2 M**

requested for the Djibouti operation



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

30 National staff

15 International staff

### Offices:

1 Representation office in Djibouti-ville

2 Field offices Ali-Sabieh and Obock



World Refugee Day 20 June 2022 – refugees displaying their knowhow through handicrafts  
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## Working with Partners

- UNHCR main government counterpart in Djibouti is the Ministry of Interior through the government department in charge of refugee-related issues, the Office National d'Assistance aux Réfugiés et Sinistrés (ONARS) which manages the refugee settlements. Close collaboration is maintained with the Government of Djibouti and authorities at all levels alongside with UN sister agencies, international and national non-governmental organizations (INGOs/NNGOs), development partners as well as refugee and host community leaders to ensure optimal coordination, response, and durable solutions for persons of concern.
- In addition to Ministry of Interior, UNHCR works with other national and international partners, namely: Ministry of Education (MENFOP), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Habitat, Urban Planning and Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Sports, l'Union Nationale des Femmes de Djibouti (UNFD), and DRC.
- UNHCR also leads the multi-sector response for refugees and asylum seekers at the Ali Addeh, Holl-Holl and Markazi villages as well as in urban areas. In Ali-Sabieh, the coordination role of the UN has been delegated to UNHCR in Dikhil and Ali-Sabieh regions. UNHCR co-leads the mixed migration task force; at field level, and co-lead child protection and SGBV case management meetings.

## Main Activities

### Protection and Durable solutions

- 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.
- The operation launched, in April, the multi-year multi-partner strategy for the period 2023-2026 and organized meetings in different levels, agreeing with partners to setup strategic planning that applies a longer-term vision to helping refugees and other people of concern and their hosts. UNHCR, on April 9th, held a workshop with Secretaries General from different Ministries, as part of its inclusive and consultative process, along with other key partners, to pave the way of the consultative process of multi-year multi-partner strategy in alignment with Djibouti Republic priorities for the next 4 years.
- The official celebration of World Refugee Day took place in Ali Addeh, the largest refugee village in Djibouti, under the high patronage of His Excellency the Minister of the Interior. The World Refugee Day is dedicated to honour the courage, strength, and contributions of the millions of people around the world who have been forced to flee their homes due to violence, war, or persecution.

- At Ali Adde, representatives of urban refugees, from Holl-Holl and from Markazi joined the local community to demonstrate their potential through exhibitions of handicrafts, artistic dances, football match, and by dedicating a special song and various live testimonies to express their gratitude to the host country for their inclusion and protection. (Links to [album photos](#) of the celebration, [press article](#), and national [TV piece](#)).
- During the reporting period, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), in collaboration with UNHCR, organized a regional training of trainers on refugee protection and management. Experts from IGAD member states attended, from June 6 to 9, 2022, a workshop, in Djibouti city, which aimed to assist members in harmonizing refugee protection management practices based on inclusive application of international principles. More specifically, the workshop allowed to strengthen participants' knowledge on access and quality of asylum, harmonized approaches to managing refugee protection, strengthening partnerships, sharing best practices and the creation of a pool of competent experts to transfer knowledge to their respective countries.(Link to [article](#) on the event).
- From April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 332 new arrivals were registered in Ali Addeh, Holl-Holl, Markazi and in urban area in Djibouti, compared to 458 people in the same period last year.
- Also, the eligibility commission has processed 244 cases since it resumed its sessions in April which whom 195 were granted, 24 rejected, 9 adjourned and 15 absents.
- UNHCR organized, in June, workshops in Holl-Holl to raise awareness of the participants on the status of refugees' law in Djibouti and their rights and obligations. In total, 83 individuals took participated to the workshops including refugee leaders (24), local community leaders (6), refugee women (20), women from the host community (03), and young refugees. In addition, from 15th- to 16th June, in Dikhil, capacity building workshop for local authorities and civil society have been organized on the international protection and the law on the refugees' status in Djibouti.

## Education

- Education remains a key priority for UNHCR in Djibouti and co-leads with the Ministry of Education to ensure provision of education services to refugee pupils and students. For this school year 2021-2022, over 4,776 students and pupils are registered in the three refugee villages: Ali Addeh, Holl-Holl and Markazi.
- Baccalaureate exams: In Ali-Addeh, 27 out of 50 students' candidates have succeed to the baccalaureate exam for the school year 2021-2022. This corresponds this year' success rate to 54% comparing to 71% last year. For Markazi (Yemeni curriculum), 7 candidates out of the 9 registered students have succeed their baccalaureate exams and the results are not yet to be promulgated by the Yemeni Ministry of Education.

## Health

- In alignment with its engagements, the Republic of Djibouti also ensure refugees access to health services. Over 1157 refugees have been vaccinated against Covid-19 since the beginning of the vaccination campaign in October 2021.

- 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.

### **Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)**

- Overall, in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15 awareness sessions on GBV were organized. A total of 346 people (of whom more than 177 are women) participated to these sessions that stressed out the definition of GBV, types, causes, consequences, mechanism of denunciation, etc.).

### **Water and Sanitation**

- During the reporting period, in the extremely hot summer climate in Djibouti, the water production of refugee villages has been impacted. The WASH partner (DHR) took actions to improve water production of the villages, by cleaning the existing well, by changing the column of capture of the drilling in Holl-Holl, by the installation of pipes that will connect the well to the adduction system and purchasing a group in Ali-Addeh, and by making direct connection from the village to the main cistern in Markazi.

### **Shelter / NFIs**

- UNHCR field office in Obock and ONARS jointly conducted the exercise to assess the current condition of prefabricated housing, the floor and roof of which are increasingly deteriorating. In Holl-Holl, the first response of shelter assessment done to assess the damaged shelter by the heavy wind (Khamsin) is planned to arrive in July. In the other hand, the camp managers proceed urgently in the replacement of ten (10) households' shelter damaged by the fire caused by the khamsin.

### **Camp Coordination and Camp Management**

- In May, 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.
- 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.

### **Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance**

- Funded by the European Union, 30 selected groups (30 individuals/group) in the first drawn

for the PEAR project are following a professional training on the setting up of promising projects in Livelihood on Djibouti-ville, Ali Addeh, and Obock by the livelihood partner (ADDS). The business plan competition in front of a panel is planned for July organized, the selected projects will receive funding of USD 2,236 per group, which will be paid by the microfinance institution CPEC.

## External / Donor Relations

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### Djibouti operation financial situation

The budget requirements for the Djibouti operation in 2022 is estimated at **US\$ 18,242,296** including the operational, functional, and staffing budget.

As of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, **US\$ 4,4 million** has been received from donors:

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