

Djibouti

August 2022

The operation is preparing to hold the **Operation of Physical Verification** of Persons under its mandate on the extent of the Djiboutian territory. This Operation will take place during the period from **October 2nd to December 8th, 2022**, and will start in the capital Djibouti-ville, then Ali-Sabieh and finally, Obock. The operation currently has **36, 519 refugees** and **asylum seekers**, mainly from Somalia, Ethiopia, and Yemen.

The purpose of the exercise would be to determine who are the people under the mandate of the **UNHCR** and **ONARS** residing on Djiboutian territory, update any **biographical** or **biometric** data of these people, take, and implement requests for **reactivation**, group separation, member unification and unresolved contentious cases in connection with a registration procedure and finally the **renewal** of any expired, lost, damaged or expiring document provided by UNHCR and ONARS.

At the end of this exercise, and at the request of the government of the **Republic of Djibouti**, the data resulting from this verification exercise will be shared with the government so that they can trace whether potential **duplicates** exist in the two systems. In addition, the operation is closely monitoring possible **movements** from Ethiopia since the conflicts resumed in the Tigris region at the end of August 2022.

KEY INDICATORS



24,960 refugees
11,559 asylum seekers

411 (240 men and 171 women) new arrivals were registered in August 2022.

This is the highest number of new arrivals recorded in a single month.

COMPOSITION AGE AND GENDER

20% GIRLS BELOW 18 YRS **9-17** **BOYS 21%** BELOW 18 YRS

26% WOMEN 18- 59 YRS **33% MEN** 18- 59 YRS

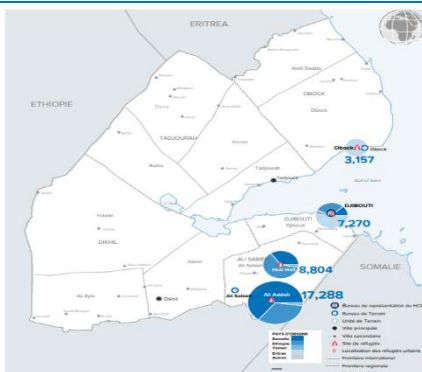
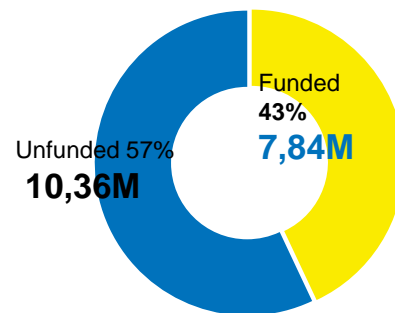
ELDERLY ABOVE 60 YRS

60+ **4%**

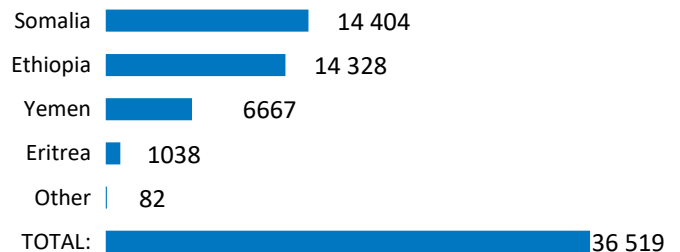
FUNDING (AS BY 30TH AUGUST)

USD 18,2 M

requested for the Djibouti operation



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Update on Achievements

Operational Context

The month of August 2022 was marked by the mission of Mrs. Clémentine Awu Nkweta Salami, the director of the UNHCR regional office for East Africa, the Horn of Africa, and the Great Lakes, to Djibouti, from August 14 to 15, 2022, to soak up the living conditions and challenges that faces people under the mandate of UNHCR, residing in the country. During her mission, the director visited the country's authorities, diplomatic representations accredited to the Republic of Djibouti, partners, and refugees. The director first visited the refugee village of Ali-Addeh where she met and was able to discuss with community leaders and partners. This meeting took place in the presence of the Prefect of Ali Sabieh, the President of the Regional Council, and several other partners, as well as the team of the UNHCR field office in Ali Sabieh. Following this meeting, the Director was able to benefit from a guided tour of the distribution site, the primary school, the health centre, the high school and the Ali Addeh solar power plant. On the second day of the mission, the Director had a series of meetings, first with the staff, then with two key ministries for the issue of refugees in Djibouti (the Minister of the Interior ad interim and Minister of Social Affairs and Solidarity), the IGAD and two essential donors (the Embassy of Saudi Arabia and that of the United States). The highlight of the mission was the signing of a memorandum of understanding with IGAD. This memorandum reaffirms commitments to cooperate in the search for durable solutions in the IGAD region in accordance with the Global Compact for Refugees, the Nairobi Declaration and the IGAD Platform of Support which promote the integration of refugees.

In addition, during the month of August, the UNHCR Djibouti representative, Mr. Yohondamkoul Sakor, took part in the exchange mission, led by the Secretary General of the Ministry of the Interior, Mr. Sirag Oumar Abdoukader, on the inclusion of refugees in social protection and the implementation of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) from 22 to 26 August 2022, in Kigali, Rwanda. This mission was an opportunity for Djibouti and Rwanda, two pioneering countries in the inclusion of refugees in national systems, to discuss their experiences in terms of the inclusion of refugees in their respective systems. Once arrived, the Djiboutian delegation was welcomed by Rwanda Cooperation Initiative, a government institution under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This visit also made it possible to discuss good practices acquired since 2016 and to capitalize on the lessons learned with a view to identifying comparative advantages. These exchanges will constitute a lever of visibility for advocacy in favour of the inclusion of refugees at the regional and international level, and during the mission the authorities of two countries took the opportunity to review the priority areas, among others, of protection social, health, education, and livelihoods of refugees.



The Regional Director exchanging and admiring the know-how of the women living in the refugee village of Ali-Addeh, during her visit to the Republic of Djibouti, from August 14 to 15, 2022 © UNHCR/Deka Hassan Nour

Achievements

PROTECTION

Achievements and impacts

The month of August was marked by the visit of the Representative of UNHCR Djibouti, accompanied by the Executive Secretary of ONARS, to the refugee village of Markazi, Wednesday, August 10, 2022, to soak up the living conditions of Yemeni refugees, address the major challenges and gaps in the implementation of sectoral activities planned by the partners and, finally, project sustainable solutions.

The month of August was also marked by the PSEA mission of the Senior Protection Officer of the Nairobi regional office to the field offices of the representation, with the aim of carrying out an assessment of the current situation in PSEA and strengthening its mechanism of protection.

During the period under review, the FO Ali-Sabieh office supported the provision of health care to injured refugees following the distribution of food in the village of Holl-Holl.

Registration

- **Registration of new arrivals:** During the reporting period, 411 new arrivals (171 women and 240 men) were registered. During the same period, 80 individuals (39 males and 41 females) were registered as In Situ.
- **Continuous registration activities:** 96 new-borns (54 girls and 44 boys) were registered in August 2022.

Gender Based Violence (GBV)

- During the period under review, four (4) mass awareness sessions were organized in Obock on the denunciation of GBV in favour of 18 people (14 women and 4 men) and on mutual respect in a marital couple in favor of 23 people (19 women and 4 men) and 01 door-to-door sensitization on advice on respect in a conjugal couple in favor of 01 woman and 01 man.
- In terms of prevention, an information campaign to combat GBV was conducted in Ali-Sabieh, through the partner UNFD. This campaign reached 76 people, including 56 in the village of Ali Addeh and 20 in the village of Holl-Holl. In addition, 10 police officers received capacity building on the fight against gender-based violence.

Reception and follow-up/individual counselling of cases

- During the month of August, the protection section held 5 reception sessions in urban areas and a total of 73 individuals were received and benefited from counselling and referral to the relevant bodies. The requests made by the PoCs mainly consisted of medical assistance, financial assistance to cover the costs of school supplies and the purchase of uniforms (for the start of the school year) and requests for resettlement.
- The Office carried out a rapid assessment mission of the damage caused by the heavy rains from August 8 to 9, 2022 in the village of Holl-Holl in collaboration with ONARS, accompanied by community leaders from the village. At the end of the evaluation, a response was provided to 10 families including a donation of new tents and NFIs.

Durable solutions

- The protection unit of the UNHCR office in Obock took part in a webinar training provided by the regional office in Nairobi on child protection in the context of resettlement solutions.
- In addition, a verification mission was carried out by the Ali-Sabieh FO of which 8 cases of 31 people were updated in the context of resettlement as a durable solution. The latter were to leave for Canada in 2020 but had seen their departure postponed to a later date due to the closure of the borders caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Today Canada asks that the files be updated in order to be able to organize the departure of the families concerned.



EDUCATION

Achievements

- The Ministry of Education and Vocational Training (MENFOP) has published the 2022/2023 back-to-school calendar for schools in refugee villages: the administrative start is scheduled for August 25, 2022, and the start of the school year will take place as follows: September 4, 2022, for elementary school, September 5, 2022, for middle school and high school and October 2, 2022, for kindergarten.
- The official results of the Arabic baccalaureate, session 2022 for the 7 candidate students of the Markazi high school, were finally promulgated by the education coordinator of the village of Markazi: 4 students (boys) are admitted and 3 students of which 2 are girls adjourned. This brings 31 (28 boys and 3 girls), the total number of students who got their baccalaureate this school year and 80 the number of refugees students who graduated from high school in republic of Djibouti.

Identified needs and existing gaps

- The management of Markazi College is impatiently awaiting the start of construction work on 3 classrooms as promised during the end of the 2021/2022 school year.



HEALTH

Achievements

- Following the road accident which occurred on August 29 in the village of Holl-Holl which left 18 refugees injured, the operation, via the Ali-Sabieh field office, monitored the transfer and treatment of people accidents with the support of the Ministry of Health. The latter had moved for the distribution of food. The Field Office continues to monitor the health care of refugees in the villages of Ali Addeh and Holl-Holl through the Ministry of Health.
- During the period under review, the Ali-Sabieh field office provided financial support to patients transferred to referral hospitals as well as to people with specific needs. During this period, financial assistance was granted to 37 people with special needs.



LIVELIHOODS

Achievements

- On August 28, the first business plan competition was held in Djibouti City. Ten groups of three people presented their business plan to a jury, and the five best groups were selected for financing of 475,000 DJF to support the start-up of their micro-enterprise. The business plan competitions for the other areas of intervention will be held in Holl-Holl, Ali Addeh and Markazi during the month of September.
- During the month of August, the refugee villages hosted a new Livelihood/PAER2022 mission; whose aim is to study the market to identify, after a discussion with the refugees, the Livelihoods projects that the operation could set up before the end of the year within the framework of the project financed by the European Union.



FGD on the new Livelihoods craft project © UNHCR/Abdoul-Razack Kamil


WATER AND SANITATION
Achievements

- During the period under review, the Office took part in the provisional acceptance of two latrine blocks built by the partner DHR. In addition, the construction of collective latrine blocks has been completed in the village of Holl-Holl.


SHELTER AND NFIS
Achievements

- In Markazi, the Turkish company Nevka started work to rehabilitate the interior surfaces of prefabricated housing and provided construction materials such as 5 bags of cement and 1 trip of sand of 4 cubic meters and payment of the costs of the labour per dwelling. UNHCR shared with ONARS a list of vulnerable groups in the village in order to prioritize houses for these groups during rehabilitation works.

Working in Partnership

UNHCR works with national and international partners, namely: The Ministry of the Interior through the government department in charge of refugee issues, the National Office for Assistance to Refugees and Sinistrés (ONARS), which manages the camps refugees; Ministry of National Education (MENFOP): education and vocational training; Ministry of Health: health/reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and nutrition; Ministry of Housing, Urban Planning and the Environment: firewood; The National Union of Women of Djibouti (SGBV); Ministry of Agriculture/HRD; Minister of the Environment; Ministry of Social Affairs; Ministry of Labour ; Ministry of Sports; and DRC.

External relations / Donors

Special thanks to the donors for the unrestricted and regional funds for the operation in Djibouti in 2022. UNHCR is grateful for the essential support provided by the donors who contributed to this operation as well as those who contributed to UNHCR's programs with unrestricted and broadly restricted funds.

CONTRIBUTIONS ° | USD

	■ Unearmarked	■ Softly earmarked	■ Earmarked	■ Tightly earmarked	Total
United States of America	-	-	3,500,000	-	3,500,000
European Union	-	-	-	2,630,810	2,630,810
CERF	-	-	-	100,004	100,004
UN Programme On HIV/AIDS	-	-	915	14,085	15,000
Sub-total	-	-	3,500,915	2,744,899	6,245,814
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	1,394,521	589,207	(214,531)	(166,606)	1,602,591
Total	1,394,521	589,207	3,286,384	2,578,292	7,848,404

Methodology: Unearmarked funding is allocated and reallocated multiple times during the year to allow UNHCR to fund prioritised activities. This funding update includes an indicative allocation of funds so as to accurately represent the resources available for the country. The contributions earmarked for Djibouti shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of the softly earmarked and unearmarked contributions listed below. This allocation respects different levels of earmarking. Adjustments relate to programme support costs and carry-over.

United States of America 28.8 million | Canada 7.8 million | Private donors from Australia 7.4 million | Private donors United States 6.2 million | Private donors Germany 3.9 million

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Sweden 99.3 million | **Norway** 72.5 million | **Private donors Spain** 45 million | **United Kingdom** 40.1 million | **Netherlands** 37.2 million | **Denmark** 35.6 million | **Private donors Japan** 21.7 million | **Germany** 27 million | **Private donors Korea** 22.6 million | **Private donors United States** 19.5 million | **France** 18.5 million | **Switzerland** 18.4 million | **Private donors Italy** 12.9 million | **Belgium** 11.9 million | **Ireland** 11.8 million | **Private donors Canada** 10.5 million | **Italy** 10 million

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