

Djibouti

September 2022

The date of the official launching ceremony of the **Physical Verification Exercise** for **Refugees** and **Asylum Seekers** on the territory of Djibouti has been set for **October 3, 2022**. This Physical Verification Operation will take place as follows:

Djibouti-ville	02-19 October
Markazi	22-27 October
Ali-Addeh	01-30 November
Holl-Holl	03-15 December

The operation currently has **36,656 refugees** and **asylum seekers**, mainly from **Somalia**, **Ethiopia** and **Yemen**.

The purpose of the exercise will be to update the number of people under the mandate of **UNHCR** and **ONARS** residing on Djiboutian territory; update the **biographical** and/or **biometric data** of these people; taking and implementing requests for reactivation, group separation, unification of household members; and to deal with unresolved contentious cases in connection with a registration procedure and finally the **renewal** of any document already expired, lost, damaged or in the process of expiring having been provided by the UNHCR and by 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 and correct any **duplicates** and/or **inconsistencies** that may possibly exist in the systems.

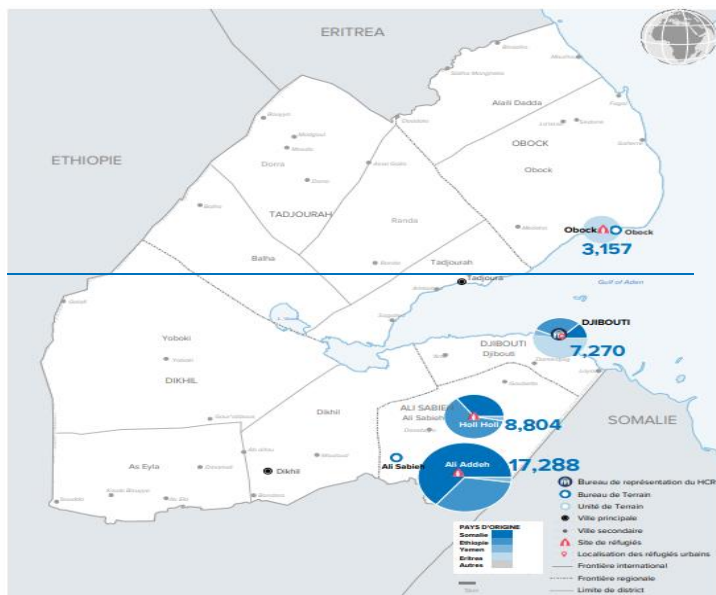
KEY INDICATORS



25,586 refugees

11,070 asylum seekers

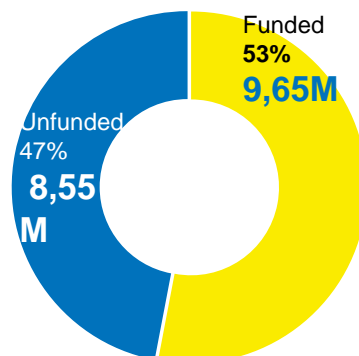
74 new arrivals were registered in september 2022.



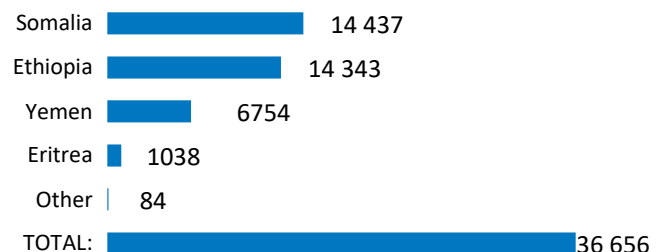
FUNDING (AS OF 29TH SEPTEMBER 2022)

18,2 M USD

Required by Djibouti operation



CONCERNED POPULATION BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



Achievement Update

Operational context

The month of September 2022 was marked by preparations for the official launch of the physical verification exercise for refugees and asylum seekers residing in Djibouti. The UNHCR operation is conducting the exercise jointly with the National Office for Assistance to Refugees and Sinistrés (ONARS). On the occasion of the UNHCR Executive Committee (EXCOM) of 2021 during a side event that the Djiboutian Minister of the Interior had requested the High Commissioner for the support of UNHCR to conduct this verification exercise. Since February 2022, the Regional Office has sent several missions to Djibouti with the aim of providing technical support for the preparation of this exercise. The official launch is thus the concretization of UNHCR's commitment to jointly organize the verification with the Government. This exercise is of capital importance for refugees and asylum seekers living on Djiboutian territory and already registered with the UNHCR and ONARS, because it will allow a systematic updating of the databases which, in terms of protection, provides insurance in the search for durable solutions, legal, administrative and operational guarantees.

In addition, from 13 to 14 September 2022, the UNHCR operation through its field office in Ali-Sabieh, conducted participatory assessments in the refugee villages of Holl-Holl and Ali Addeh. The activities mobilized representatives of the various refugee and asylum seeker communities, as well as UNHCR and its partners operating in the region. The main objective of this exercise is to take into account the needs expressed by the populations covered by UNHCR's mandate in the planning and implementation of activities impacting on their lives. Representatives of people under UNHCR's mandate in the two sites identified their needs according to age, gender and diversity while expressing the response capacities within their different communities, without failing to propose ways and solutions.

Finally, the period under review was also marked by the holding of various workshops and training courses conducted by the UNHCR in collaboration with ONARS, on the subject of key aspects of International Protection and on the dissemination of the Law on the Status of Refugees in the Republic of Djibouti. These workshops were held thanks to funding from the European Union and aimed at strengthening the capacities of law enforcement officers on the legal framework for the protection and inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers in Dikhil, Ali Sabieh and Markazi.



Training workshop for law enforcement and security forces (Police and National Gendarmerie) in the Obock region ©UNHCR/Abdoul-Razack

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and impacts

The month of September was marked by the conduct of participatory assessments in the Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl refugee sites in order to invite the representatives of refugees and asylum seekers to identify their most required needs according to of age, gender and diversity, the expression of response capacities within their different communities and the proposal of appropriate solutions to these needs/problems.

The month of September was also marked by the conduct of training on International Protection on the dissemination of the law on the status of refugees in the Republic of Djibouti by the UNHCR, in collaboration with ONARS, for the armed forces of the regions of Ali -Sabieh, Dikhil and Obock.

Registration

- **Registration of new arrivals:** During the reporting period, 74 new arrivals (women and men) were registered. During the same period, 26 individuals (male and female) were recorded as In Situ.
- **Ongoing registration activities:** 24 newborns (girls and boys) were registered in September 2022.

Gender Based Violence (GBV)

- During the period under review, eleven (11) awareness sessions were organized in Obock on GBV, domestic violence, mutual respect and family respect. The various awareness sessions were given to a total of 128 people (51 men, 77 women and 1 boy).

Protection Reception and follow-up/individual counseling of cases

- During the month of September, a total of 40 individual cases were received, followed-up and oriented to the complaints recorded, which mainly concerned: request for resettlement; demand for vocational training; request for information on the verification exercise; request for multisector assistance in urban areas and printing of documents (refugee certificates)
- The Ali-Sabieh field office supported the pre-screening of 6 families, including one of Congolese nationality and 5 Ethiopian families, all transferred to the refugee village of Ali Addeh.

Protection workshops

- On September 14, 2022, the operation, represented by the focal point in charge of Durable Solutions, participated in a regional workshop on durable solutions focused on monitoring voluntary repatriation movements. The workshop provided a general overview on returns and reintegration globally and the return monitoring systems in place in the East Africa and Great Lakes region and return monitoring tools volunteers were introduced.
- From 20 to 22 September 2022, the operation, represented by two protection colleagues, took part in a capacity building workshop for Code of Conduct Dialogue facilitators organized by the Ethics Office in Nairobi. The workshop aimed to establish dialogue at all levels, focusing on the values and principles that govern behavior and ethical decision-making at UNHCR.

Durable solutions

- The operation finalized the verification and updating of 50 resettlement files of 311 resettlement individuals accepted by Canada.

EDUCATION

Achievements and impacts

- The 2022/2023 provisional statistics for pupils in schools in the Ali-Addeh, Holl-Holl and Markazi refugee sites have been shared and are composed as follows: 4109 (2113 boys and 1996 girls) all levels combined. In addition, these figures will increase with the number of kindergarten students whose start of the school year is scheduled for October.
- Construction work on 7 classrooms (4 in Holl-Holl and 3 in Markazi) got off to a good start.
- Students in grades 1 to 9 at Markazi School and those in high school benefited from the distribution of textbooks based on the Yemeni curriculum and school supplies.



Distribution des manuels et de kits scolaires aux élèves de Markazi ©UNHCR/Abdoul-Razack

Remaining gap

- University students from the Yemeni community require accommodation support in Djibouti-ville during their 2022/2023 academic year to follow their school course.

LIVELIHOODS

Achievements and impacts

- The entrepreneurship project for refugees (PAER) continues: on 5 and 6 September, the business plan competition was held in the refugee village of Holl-Holl. Nineteen (19) groups presented their business plan and ten projects were validated. On September 7 and 8, the business plan competition was held in the refugee village of Ali Addeh. Twenty-one (21) groups presented their business plan, and ten projects were validated. Each of the twenty groups received start-up capital of 400,000 DJF each to launch their income-generating activity. The PAER project is funded by the European Union and implemented by ADDS and CPEC.

WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and impacts

- Continuous supply of drinking water to the refugee community in the Markazi (60 litres/day), Ali-Addeh (20.69 litres/person/day), Holl-Holl (8.91 litres/person/day) sites due to generator set failure. Currently, the entire village is supplied with drinking water by the cement well.

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 operation in Djibouti and for the unrestricted and regional funds 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 ³ | USD

	Unearmarked	Softly earmarked	Earmarked	Tightly earmarked	Total
United States of America	-	-	4,000,000	-	4,000,000
European Union	-	-	-	2,630,810	2,630,810
CERF	-	-	-	100,004	100,004
IGAD	-	-	35,226	-	35,226
UN Programme On HIV/AIDS	-	-	915	14,085	15,000
Sub-total	-	-	4,036,141	2,744,899	6,781,040
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	2,518,368	716,596	(247,197)	(166,663)	2,821,104
Total	2,518,368	716,596	3,788,944	2,578,236	9,602,143

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.

USA 29,3 millions | **Canada** 7,8 millions | **Private donors of Australia** 7,4 millions | **Private donors USA** 7,2 millions | **Private donors Germany** 3,9 millions

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Special thanks to major donors of unrestricted and regional funds in 2022

Sweden 99,3 millions | **Norway** 72,5 millions | **Private donors Spain** 51 millions | **Private donors Japan** | **UK** 40,1 millions | **Netherlands** 37,2 millions | **Danemark** 35,6 millions | | **Germany** 27 millions | **Private donors USA** 26,2 millions | **Private donors Korea** 25,6 millions | **Japan** 21,7 millions | **France** 18,5 millions | **Switzerland** 18,4 millions | **Private donors Italy** 14,5 million | **Belgium** 11,9 millions | **Ireland** 11,8 millions | **Private donors Canada** 11.2 million | **Private donors Sweden** 10,4 millions | **Italy** 10 millions

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