

Djibouti

October 2022

The Physical Verification Exercise for Refugees and Asylum Seeker was officially launched on October 3, 2022, throughout Djibouti.

This Physical Verification Operation will take place as follows:

Djibouti-ville	02-19 Oct.
Markazi	22-27 Oct.
Ali-Addeh	01-30 Nov.
Holl-Holl	03-15 Dec.

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

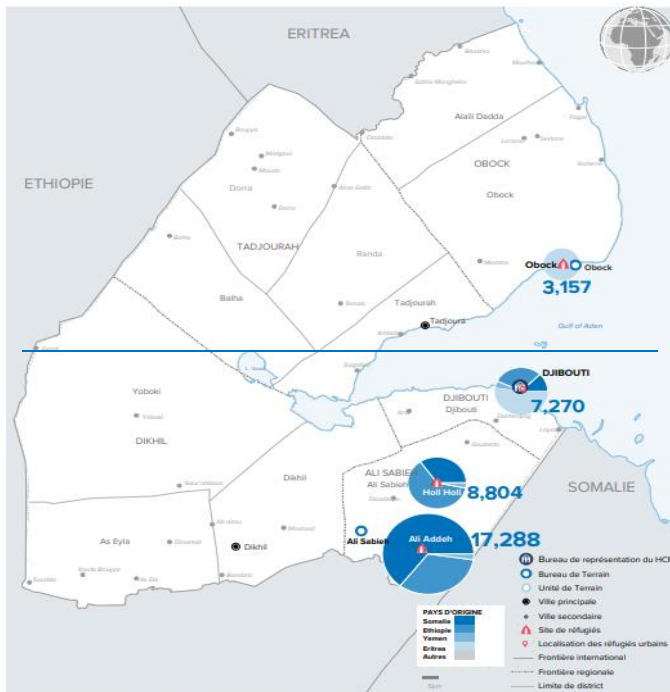
KEY INDICATORS



25,586 refugees

11,070 asylum seekers

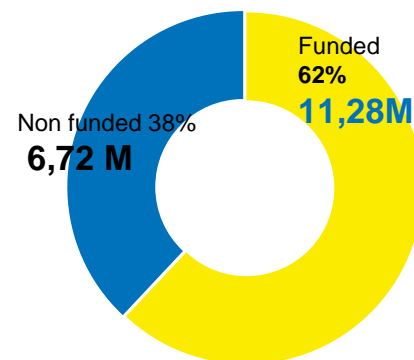
394 new arrivals, of which 302 are of Eritrean origin are registered in October 2022.



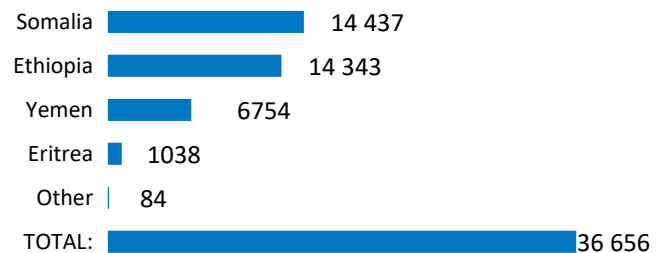
FUNDING UPDATE (25 OCTOBRE 2022)

18,2 M USD

Required by the Djibouti operation



POPULATION CONCERNÉE PAR PAYS D'ORIGINE



Achievements update

Operational context

The month of October was marked by the terrorist attack carried out by the group called "FRUD Armé" against soldiers based in Garabtisan, a locality in the Tadjourah region, which killed 7 Djiboutian soldiers, injured four and left six missing. To follow up on the security incident and in the face of this situation, which was unprecedented in the country, the National Assembly unanimously adopted Law No. 170 designating the FRUD-Armé as a terrorist organization. Promulgated subsequently, during the same day by the President of the Republic, His Excellency, Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh, this law is now in force in Djibouti, as of Thursday, October 13, 2022.

The month was also marked by the official launch of the Physical Verification Exercise for Refugees and Asylum Seekers living in Djibouti. This exercise is the joint responsibility of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the National Office for Assistance to Refugees and Sinistrés (ONARS). The launch ceremony was attended by the Secretary General of the Ministry of the Interior, the Representative and Deputy Representative of UNHCR, the Executive Secretary of ONARS, representatives of WFP, UNICEF, the Ministry of Housing, Urban Planning and the Environment, the National Union of Djiboutian Women (UNFD), the Ministry of Health, community leaders of refugees in urban areas, and the staff of UNHCR and the ONARS. In terms of planning, the verification exercise started on October 2 will run until December 15, 2022. The persons concerned must go to the verification sites during office hours (Saturday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). The schedule for the verification first provides for the persons concerned in urban areas (in Djibouti-ville from October 02 to 19), following by Markazi (from October 22 to 28), Ali-Addeh (from November 01 to 30), and that will end with Holl-Holl (from 03 to 15 December). So far (October 31, 2022), 3483 households have been verified, corresponding to 8312 individuals (including 3713 women and 4599 men).



Launching Ceremony of the Verification Operation on October 02, 2022, at the ONARS headquarters in PK13 Djibouti-ville ©UNHCR/Daouda Guirou

Achievements



Achievements and impact

The Republic of Djibouti currently has 36,519 refugees and asylum seekers mainly of Somali, Ethiopian, Yemeni and Eritrean nationalities. These refugees and asylum seekers have not been verified for 5 years. They should have been in 2019 and 2021, but budgetary constraints and the COVID-19 pandemic did not allow its realization, whereas, in accordance with the principles and standards for registration, the verification of refugees and asylum seekers should be done at least once every 24 months if conditions permit. It is in this context that the UNHCR operation in Djibouti has decided to make it a priority in 2022 in order to provide solutions to the problems of this category of the population falling within the mandate of the UNHCR.

The verification exercise, which took place in Markazi (Obock) during the last week of October, was able to count on the additional support of a team from the Djibouti city office and which was made up of the protection, the program, the coordination and by the Deputy Representative (Protection). This team came to reinforce the verification exercise but also to provide immediate assistance in the context of other key aspects of protection and assistance to the most vulnerable, such as the installation of seventy family-sized tents, WASH and food needs, cash distribution, pre-screening of new arrivals, etc. In addition to the recent daily and wave arrivals, three new groups arriving in the previous days at the Markazi site, identified by colleagues from the Obock field office, included: (i) a first group of 104 Eritrean asylum seekers who was transferred by ONARS from the village of Holl Holl to Markazi; (ii) a second group of 111 Eritrean asylum seekers who arrived directly from Eritrea; (iii) a third group of 51 prima facie refugees from Yemen. A total of 395 individuals, including 302 Eritrean asylum seekers and 85 Yemeni refugees, were registered and enrolled in the proGres systems and through biometrics (BIMS). In collaboration with ONARS and UNFD, UNHCR distributed hot meals, non-food item kits and tents to these new arrivals.

Operation of physical verification :

- **Registration of new arrivals:** to properly carry out the physical verification exercise within the stipulated time, the registration of new arrivals is suspended except for the cases mentioned above.
- **Overall verification figures up to October 31, 2022:** 3483 households verified, i.e., 8312 (3713 women and 4599 men) verified individuals.
 - **Breakdown by legal status :**
 - Asylum seekers: 1390 (608 women and 782 men)
 - Not concerned: 25 (21 women and 1 man)
 - Others concerned: 4 (3 women and 1 man)
 - Refugees : 6893 (3081 women and 3812 men)
 - **Breakdown by age group and gender:**
 - 00-04 years: 846 (407 girls and 439 boys)
 - 05-11 years old: 1327 (659 girls and 668 boys)
 - 12-17 years old: 1079 (540 girls and 539 boys)
 - 18-59 years old: 4791 (2001 women and 2790 men)

- 60+years old: 269 (106 women and 163 men)
- **Breakdown by nationality :**
 - Somalia: 2672 verified individuals (2656 refugees and 16 asylum seekers)
 - Ethiopia: 2082 (1078 refugees and 1004 asylum seekers)
 - Eritrea: 568 (365 asylum seekers and 203 refugees)
 - Yemen : 2911 refugees
 - Others : 78 (including 31 identified djiboutians)

Gender based violence (GBV)

- During the period under review, the UNHCR field office in Ali-Sabieh, in collaboration with ONARS, treated a case of chronically ill GBV after giving birth by caesarean section. The field office Protection team also followed up on four other cases of GBV survivors within the Tigrayan community.
- In urban areas, the UNFD partner received and treated two cases of GBV, namely a case of psychological violence which is in the process of being processed, as well as another case of denial of resource sharing by her spouse. The latter was referred to the Maddum of Borough 1.

Protection Reception and Follow-up / Advice on Individual Cases

- Basic protection services such as reception, follow-up and referral of individual cases and referral to relevant services are currently on hold due to the ongoing verification exercise.

CASH ASSISTANCE FOR BASIC NEEDS

Achievements and impacts

Among UNHCR's protection strategy in Djibouti and the physical verification operation is coupled with other forms of assistance which translate into cash distributions via our partners, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Solidarity (MASS), UNFD and ONARS respectively:

- ❖ Project with implementation via the partner MASS: this cash assistance is granted to the most vulnerable households living in urban areas with the objective of helping to mitigate the impacts caused by drought and rising prices. The amount of assistance therefore amounts to an amount of 60,000 FDJ (340 USD) paid only once, and which corresponds to four months of assistance;
- ❖ Project with implementation via the UNFD partner: assistance in hygiene kits and soap distributed to young girls and women of childbearing age (12 to 49 years old) is made in cash and represents the value of 6,200 FDJ (USD 35) per beneficiary paid once;
- ❖ Project with implementation via the partner ONARS: (i) assistance in the form of cash was granted per household to the elderly and the chronically ill in the amount of 50,000 FDJ (USD 283) equivalent to five months of assistance; (ii) a second assistance in non-food items in the form of cash is granted to all households living in the various refugee villages and is distributed according to family size: 11,500 FDJ (USD 65) size 1-4 and 26,500 FDJ (USD 150) size 5 to x.

 **EDUCATION**

Achievements and impacts

- Under the aegis of the regional education coordinator, the new kindergarten which is being built with UNHCR funding in the village of Markazi, was finally inaugurated and welcomed, on October 2, 2022, 57 pupils (29 girls and 28 boys) aged 4 to 5 in its two classrooms for the start of the 2022 preschool year.
- The construction works of seven (7) new classrooms, of which four (4) are in Holl-Holl and three (3) in Markazi, are in the final phase after a slight delay in the delivery of keys scheduled for the 1st of November 2022.



Final phase of the construction of new classrooms in Markazi ©UNHCR/Abdoul-Razack Kamil

 **HEALTH**

Achievements and impacts

- During the period under review, health activities such as patient care, transfer of patients to specialized hospitals, as well as the nutrition program for children and pregnant/breastfeeding women continue to be provided in refugee sites through our partner the Ministry of Health.
- A total of 127 cases of transfer between health posts in refugee villages (Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl) were recorded to the CMH of Ali-Sabieh and/or to specialized hospitals in Djibouti-ville. In addition, 102 cases (49 in Ali-Addeh and 53 in Holl-Holl) are administered to the MAM and SAM nutrition program, as well as 37 pregnant women (of whom 34 are from Ali-Addeh and 3 from Holl-Holl) and 30 (including 29 from Ali-Addeh and 1 from Holl-Holl) breastfeeding women received the food supplements during the month of October 2022.
- The head doctor of the Obock CMH has received a new batch of medicines intended for the chronically ill at the Markazi site. This lot included 30 Mixtard ampoules, 20 sachets of syringes and 4 boxes of medication for 2 heart patients. These drugs, being eagerly awaited, were immediately distributed to the affected groups.
- A polio vaccination campaign was launched by the same chief medical officer in the health region and including the health post in the refugee village of Markazi. As a result, 144 Yemeni refugee children aged between 0-49 months could be vaccinated against poliomyelitis.

Major Challenges

- Ability to transfer and provide rapid care for patients requiring specialized medical advice which is not available in health centers at the field level.
- Public lighting and electricity on the Markazi site on the side of the new Eritrean arrivals, the new classrooms, and at the health post requiring an appropriate storage system for instruments and medicines, in particular those intended for the chronically ill.

- Review the schedule and availability of the ambulance for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Markazi site, especially at night.



LIVELIHOODS

Achievements and impacts

- The women's center at the Markazi site managed by the UNFD partner, resumed its learning activities for 13 women volunteers in the areas of sewing and handbag making during the first week of April, October 2022.



Group of women volunteers learning sewing and making handbags at the UNFD center in Markazi ©UNFD/Fatouma Mohamed Houmed

Major challenges

- Ensure that refugees and asylum seekers have the right and the possibility to obtain driving licenses so that they can drive vehicles such as Bajaj / Tuk-Tuk legally and in accordance with the laws of the country, having also out of concern the need to ensure the safety of drivers, passengers and other drivers and pedestrians. It should be noted that this means of transport represents and guarantees to several families of our POC a means of generating income.
- Some beneficiaries of IGA projects have not yet been delivered by the respective ministry.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and impacts

- In the refugee village of Holl-Holl, the partner of the Direction de l'Hydraulique Rurale (DHR) carried out cleaning work on the R2 reservoir and rehabilitation of water pipes for boreholes and access to the drinking water to the persons concerned.
- In the refugee village of Ali-Addeh, in addition to the regular activities of production and distribution of drinking water to the people concerned, the management carried out the maintenance of the park of solar panels of the Assamo 2 well and the replacement of a faulty panel.
- In terms of sanitation, teams from the women's committee carry out solid waste collection work in the refugee village of Ali-Addeh.

Major challenges

- The flow of drinking water is becoming insufficient in the refugee village of Markazi (only 60m³ per day) which must be reviewed urgently because not only do we have to meet the standard daily needs of the previous

inhabitants of the site, but also the increase in the population with new arrivals which amounted to 302 Eritrean asylum seekers and 95 more Yemeni refugees.

- Lack of a regional DHR coordinator in Markazi village for reinstallation of a new submersible pump which had been shut down last summer as a result of internal disputes between the DHR management and their regional coordinator based in Obock.
- The waste collection motorcycle in the village of Holl-Holl needs urgent repair.

Working with partners

UNHCR in the Republic of Djibouti works with national and international partners, namely: the Ministry of the Interior through its government department responsible for issues relating to refugees and management of refugee sites, the National Office for Assistance to Refugees and victims (ONARS); the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training (MENFOP) for issues related to the education and vocational training of refugees; the Ministry of Health for issues related to health, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and nutrition; the Ministry of Housing, Urban Planning and the Environment for all matters relating to firewood; the National Union of Women of Djibouti (UNFD) for issues related to GBV; the Ministry of Agriculture/DRH for WASH issues; the Ministry of the Environment; the Ministry of Social Affairs; the Ministry of Labour; and the Ministry of Sports.

Financial information

Total recorded contributions for the operation in 2022 amount to just over \$11 million, covering 62% of overall refugee needs in Djibouti.

UNHCR is grateful for the essential support provided by the donors who supported this operation as well as those who contributed to UNHCR programs with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

CONTRIBUTIONS³ | USD

	■ Unearmarked	■ Softly earmarked	■ Earmarked	■ Tightly earmarked	Total
United States of America	-	2,900,000	3,500,000	-	6,400,000
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	-	2,900,000	3,536,141	2,744,899	9,181,040
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	1,985,091	505,119	(216,681)	(166,665)	2,106,865
Total	1,985,091	3,405,119	3,319,460	2,578,234	11,287,905

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.

Germany 45,1 million | **United states of America** 29,3 million | **Private donors USA** 15,3 million | **Austria** 14,8 million | **France** 11,6 million | **Private donors Australia** 11,1 million | **Canada** 7,8 million | **Danmark** 7,6 million | **Private donors Germany** 6,2 million | **Australia** 4,4 million | **Swiss** 4,3 million | **Holland** 4 million | **Private donors UK** 3,6 million | **Private donors Italy** 2,4 million | **Spain** 2,3 million | **Private donors Korea** 2 million.



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Sweden 99,3 million | **Norway** 72,5 million | **Private donors Spain** 56,9 million | **Private donors Japan** 40,9 million | **UK** 40,1 million | **Holland** 37,2 million | **Danmark** 35,6 million | **Private donors Korea** 28,6 million | **Germany** 27 million | **Private donors USA** 26,2 million | **Japan** 21,7 million | **France** 18,5 million | **Swiss** 18,4 million | **Private donors Italy** 16 million | **Belgium** 11,9 million | **Ireland** 11,8 million | **Private donors Canada** 11.8 million | **Private donors Sweden** 11,4 million | **Italy** 10 million

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