

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #36

1 – 7 September 2015

KEY FIGURES

29,020

Arrivals from Yemen since 27 March at the early onset of the crisis

2,965

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March

17,582

Arrivals registered at Reception Centers in Berbera, Bossaso and Mogadishu since 27 March

54%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

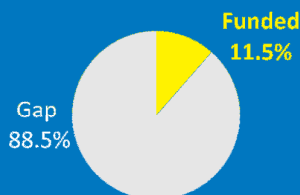
8,905

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

FUNDING

USD 64 million

requested for the **Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April-September 2015)**



HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, a total of two boats carrying 133 individuals arrived in Somalia from Yemen to Berbera, Somaliland (60 persons) and Bossaso, Puntland (73 persons). Out of them, 89 individuals were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in Berbera and Bossaso Reception Centers.
- The most recent arrival was on 5 September, a boat carrying 60 individuals of 30 families (46 Somalis and 14 Yemenis) in Berbera. The latest arrival in Bossaso was on 2 September, a boat carrying 73 individuals (66 Somalis and 7 Yemenis).



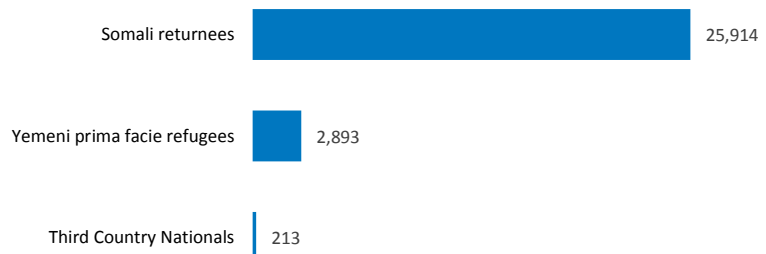
New arrivals from Yemen disembarking at Bossaso Port from the vessel named **Fatul Khayr**, on 2 September 2015 © UNHCR

■ A total of 80 Somali returnees from Yemen (15 families) have reached South Central regions of Somalia in the reporting period. 34 returnees of six families arrived on 6 September in Wadajir district, Mogadishu,

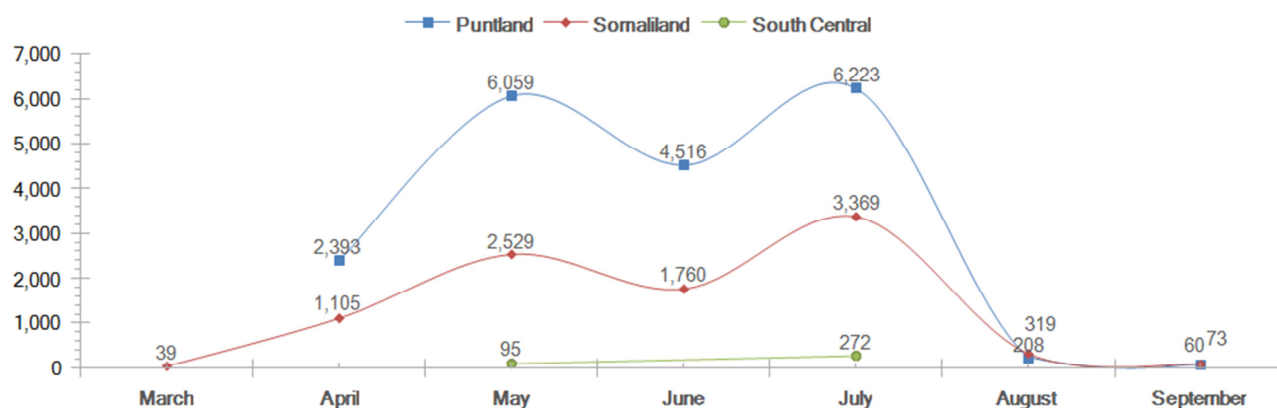
while 46 individuals of nine families arrived in Baidoa between 1 and 6 September. The 46 returnees in Baidoa were verified and are receiving the return assistance package.

Population of concern

A total of **29,020** people of concern



ARRIVALS PER MONTH



ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

Nationality	Arrived to			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Djibouti	6	1		7	0 %
England	3			3	0 %
Ethiopia	65	107		172	1 %
India	2			2	0 %
Kenya	7			7	0 %
Lebanon		1		1	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	17,907	7,640	367	25,914	89 %
Sudan	1			1	0 %
Syria		10		10	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,539	1,354		2,893	10 %
Total	19,532	9,121	367	29,020	100 %
	67.31 %	31.43 %	1.26 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,198	4,345	23	12,566	44 %
Females	5,922	2,468	123	8,513	30 %
Males	5,292	2,308	112	7,712	27 %
Total	19,412	9,121	258	28,791	100 %
	67.42 %	31.68 %	0.90 %		

Note: not all individuals that arrived remained to be registered. The figures shown here reflect those who have chosen to have their bio data collected

INTENDED AREAS OF RETURN OF REGISTERED ARRIVALS

Areas of Intended Return	First Point of Entry from Yemen			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Mogadishu	4,567	4,996	0	9,563	55 %
Hargeisa	326	1,618	0	1,944	11 %
Bossaso	642	247	0	889	5 %
Kismayo	338	177	0	515	3 %
Baidoa	365	148	0	513	3 %
Afgoye	227	124	0	351	2 %
Other locations	1,928	1,757	62	3,747	21 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	8,393	9,067	62	17,522	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

As of recent, the amount of people arriving in Somalia from Yemen has reduced significantly. Various factors have been reported by new arrivals, authorities and partners on the reasons for this decreasing trend in the month of August-September, including: 1) Aden under coalition and people waiting to see how situation develops; 2) bad weather conditions (rough sea and high winds); 3) lack of cash availability for people willing to flee Yemen (which was instead available during Ramadan); 4) airstrikes in Mokha for this decreasing trend in August-September. Through questions to persons arriving in Berbera, Somaliland there are indications that the amount of arrivals may soon begin to return in the large numbers experienced in the months of June and July, as weather conditions gets better with the end of the monsoon season in September-December.

Achievements



Protection

PUNTLAND

Achievements and Impact

- On 2 September, the Puntland Department of Immigration registered 73 persons, comprising 66 Somalis and seven Yemenis including 30 men, 20 women and 23 children (11 male and 12 female) at the Port of Bossaso. Out of the 73 who arrived, 29 requested support from the Puntland New Arrivals Task Force and were transported by IOM to the Bossaso Reception Center for thorough registration and assistance.
- Four individuals were registered in UNHCR ProGres system (three Yemenis and one Ethiopian refugee arriving from Yemen) during the reporting period. The total number of Yemeni refugees registered by UNHCR Bossaso to date is 1,641 individuals (608 households).
- The Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) assisted 67 returnees with restoring family links (RFL) by providing free phone calls.

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Achievements and Impact

- The boat that arrived in Berbera on 5 September departed from Mokha, Yemen, and most of the new arrivals are from Sana'a and some from Ta'iz and Alhodayda. The vessel reached Somaliland coastline on 4 September, but due to high winds it was able to dock only the next day. The travel lasted for 28 hours and the cost from Mokha to Berbera was 95-100 USD for adults, while children travelled free of charge. During registration and counselling at Berbera Reception Center, the group reported a generally difficult situation in Mokha, where they had to wait for a boat for two days.
- At Berbera Reception Center, food, psychosocial and family reunification assistance was provided and most of the new arrivals left the Center a few hours after arrival. One large family (one Somali man, Yemeni wife and eight children) remained at the Center and required further assistance.
- During the reporting period, a total of 235 Yemeni refugees (101 cases) have been registered by the Somaliland Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (MRRR) in Hargeisa. A total of 1,550 Yemeni refugees (790 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa since 28 March 2015.
- Approximately 100 identified Yemeni vulnerable refugees are currently being assessed by UNHCR's partner Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Somaliland (CCBR) to be included in the monthly subsistence allowance programme. Case management panel discussions are ongoing.
- Approximately 200 identified Yemeni vulnerable individuals are also being assessed to be included in UNHCR's livelihoods projects implemented by Action Africa Help International (AAH-I).
- During the reporting period, UNICEF supported 23 new arrivals including seven children and 16 adults with psychosocial support at Berbera Reception Center. In the month of August, UNICEF supported five unaccompanied and Separated children (three boys and two girls) with emergency medical care and psychosocial support. Five separated children (four boys and one girl) were reunified to extended families and four unaccompanied children (2 boys and 2 girls) were provided with foster care and reunified to extended families.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Upon arrival at Berbera Port, Somaliland Immigration Authorities asked for a visa fee of 50 USD from arrivals identified as business men, while the arrivals without documentation were not asked for payment. UNHCR is discussing with the authorities in Berbera about this issue, to ensure international standards are followed.

- Few inconsistencies were noted in MRRR’s registration database leading to discrepancies between the total number of Yemeni arrivals and the number of registered Yemeni refugees, and UNHCR is currently following up with the MRRR on the erroneous registration of Somalis-Yemenis with dual nationality. UNHCR is currently planning for a case verification exercise to reconcile the data.



Health

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Achievements and Impact

- IOM-supported Puntland Ministry of Health medical team received nine patients (seven males and three females) at Bossaso Reception Center during the reporting period.
- SRCS provided first aid to five returnees and psycho-social support to one returnee in Bossaso.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Presence of night medical staff needs to be strengthened at the hospitals as well as a focal person at Bossaso Reception Center to help identify and facilitate the transfer to the hospital of arrivals who may need emergency services. UNHCR is discussing how to cover this gap with Médecins du Monde (MDM), Ministry of Health, Save the Children and IOM.

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Achievements and Impact

- From the 5 September arrival in Berbera, the IOM medical team attended to 26 people, including 24 above five years patients (15 males and 9 females) and two under five patients (two males).



Food Security and Nutrition

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Achievements and Impact

- At the Reception Centre in Bossaso, WFP, through the implementing partner Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA), provided wet food three times per day to 140 individuals. WFP provided food assistance to 477 individuals in Gardo: each family member received 21 USD, with a limit of six family members (126 USD).
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC) provided emergency water and biscuits to 73 new arrivals at the port of entry and reception center.

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Achievements and Impact

- At the Reception Centre in Berbera, WFP distributed food rations prepared by DRC to new arrivals. The food ration consists of: 375 gr of Corn Soya Blend (CSB), 27 gr of pulse, 30 gr of oil and 40 gr of porridge per day per person.



Water and Sanitation

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Achievements and Impact

- SRCS provided five volunteers to work on hygiene and sanitation at Bossaso Reception Center two times during the reporting period.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Desludging of two pit latrines in the Bossaso Reception Center and another hole is to be dug to offset overflow from the existing pit latrines. This is currently underway and will be completed in the coming days through UNHCR funding and implementation.

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Achievements and Impact

- The additional toilets and the connection to water pipes in Berbera Reception Center are in the process to be finalized.

Shelter and NFIs

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, UNHCR distributed seven Core Relief Item (CRI) kits to Yemeni refugees residing in Bossaso.

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Achievements and Impact

- For the boat that arrived on 5 September in Berbera, UNHCR provided 23 families with CRI kits.

Logistics

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Achievements and Impact

- Following registration and vulnerability assessments, UNHCR, through its implementing partner IOM, provided onward transportation to 32 individuals departing for South Central Somalia (including mother who delivered at the Center and two women who were referred directly from the port). 29 individuals reported that they wanted to travel to Mogadishu, two to Audhigle, and one person reported to be going to Baidoa.

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Achievements and Impact

- For the group that arrived in Berbera on 5 September, UNHCR, through its implementing partner IOM, is disbursing onward transportation assistance to Somali returnees willing to return to their areas of origin or choice.

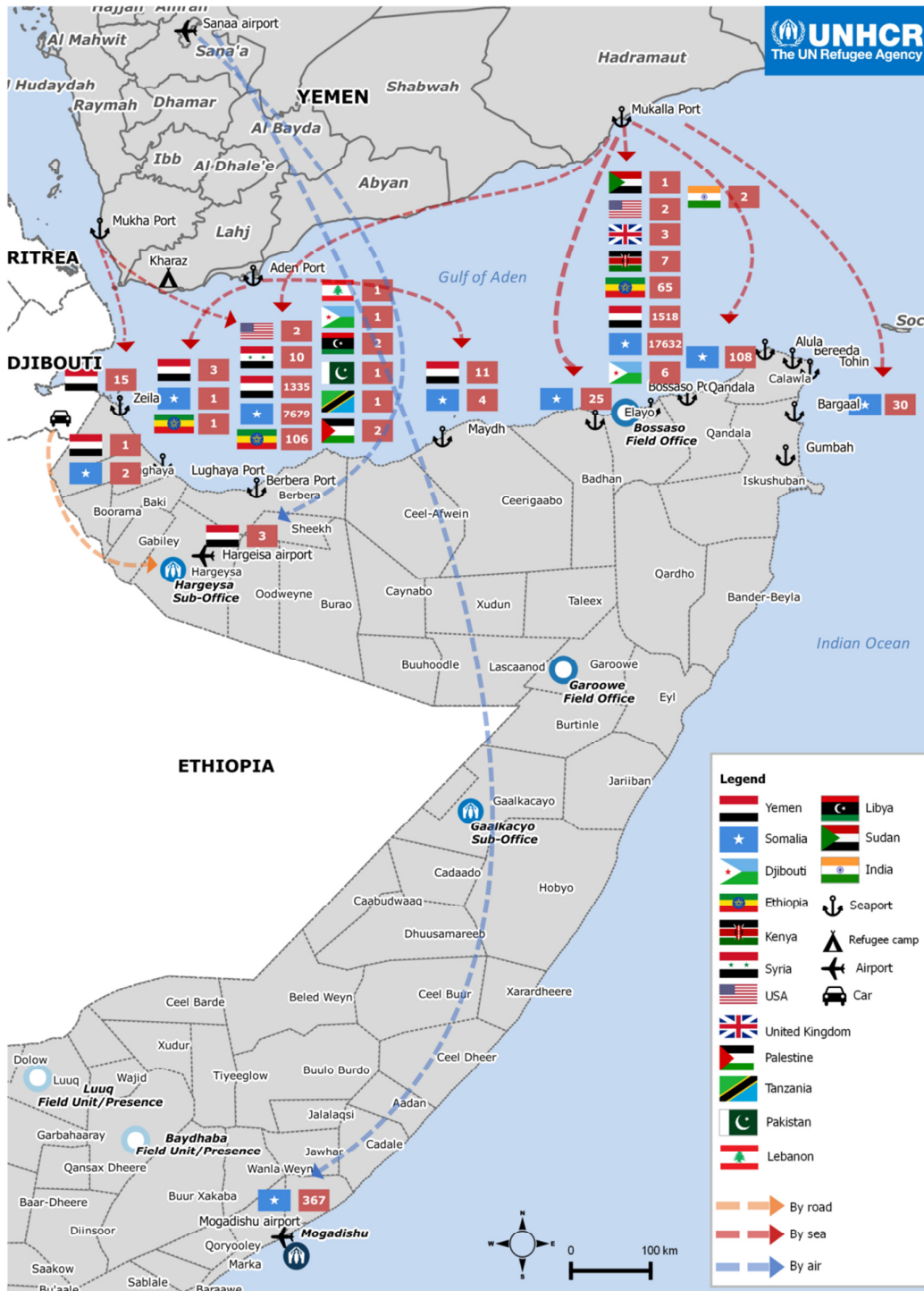
Working in partnership

- UNHCR Bossaso is working in partnership with 8 NGOs, Puntland Government departments and UN agencies: Refugee Affairs Department (RAD) under the Ministry of Interior (MoI), Internally Displaced Persons Affairs Department (IAD) of the MoI, Gruppo per la Relazioni Transculturali (GRT), Puntland Elders Network (PEN), Kaalo Aid and Development (KAALO), International Office of Migration (IOM), Action Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). In addition to these partnerships UNHCR works in close coordination with many other NGOs and UN agencies through the New Arrivals Task Force, which conducts weekly meetings to coordinate the response to the influx of arrivals from Yemen.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April – September 2015) was released on 4 June and shared with donors, governments and partners. 11 UN agencies and NGOs participate in the inter-agency response. The Response Plan can be accessed at <http://goo.gl/pVH7da>. Total funding received to date is USD 7.4 M (approximately 11.5% of total appealed budget of 64 M USD).

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