

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #29

15 - 21 July 2015

KEY FIGURES

23,751

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

1,462

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March out of the total Yemeni arrivals of 2,309

14,208

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

54%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

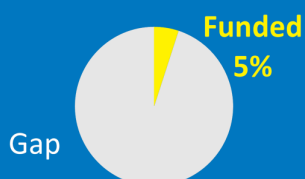
6,319

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

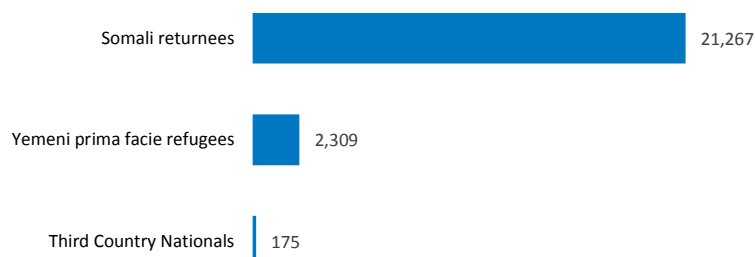
- During the reporting period, over 1,500 individuals arrived in Somalia from Yemen to Bossaso, Puntland (15 persons) and to Berbera, Somaliland (around 1,500 persons).
- In Berbera, a commercial vessel named Al Hamza, carrying approximately 1,500 individuals arrived on 20 July. UNHCR had been informed in advance about the arrival of the ship by EU Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) Atalanta anti-piracy mission, which is assisting in monitoring at sea of boats coming from Yemen. The data collection is still ongoing and will be shared as soon as available.
- In Bossaso, only one small boat arrived on 16 July, carrying 15 individuals (one woman, 11 men and three children). Among this group there were 7 Yemeni nationals and 8 Somali nationals. Out of them, 6 individuals were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in Bossaso Reception Center.



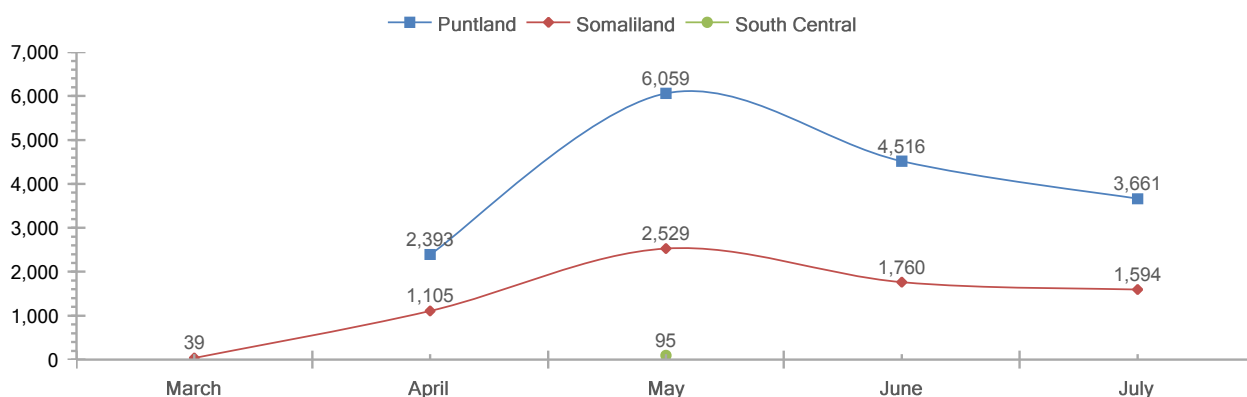
Al Hamza ship carrying around 1,500 individuals fleeing Yemen while approaching Berbera Port, Somaliland
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Population of concern

A total of **23,751** 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	56	83		139	1 %
India	1			1	0 %
Kenya	6			6	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	15,415	5,757	95	21,267	90 %
Sudan	1			1	0 %
Syria		8		8	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,139	1,170		2,309	10 %
Total	16,629	7,027	95	23,751	100 %
	70.01 %	29.59 %	0.40 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	7,113	3,113	23	10,249	44 %
Females	4,949	1,920	23	6,892	30 %
Males	4,447	1,724	16	6,187	27 %
Total	16,509	6,757	62	23,328	100
	70.77 %	28.97 %	0.27 %		

INTENDED AREAS OF RETURN OF REGISTERED ARRIVALS

Areas of Intended Return	Point of Entry			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Mogadishu	4,015	3,602	0	7,617	54 %
Hargeisa	249	1,423	0	1,672	11 %
Bossaso	454	201	0	655	5 %
Baidoa	316	93	0	409	3 %
Kismayo	289	79	0	368	3 %
Garowe	211	77	0	288	2 %
Other locations	1,639	1,498	62	3,199	22 %
Total Registered Arrivals	7,173	6,973	62	14,208	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

White City security alert ended after Eid and regular working arrangements for UN staff have resumed, but in Galkayo where security alert level is still high.

Achievements



Protection

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Achievements and Impact

- Out of the 15 new arrivals to Bossaso on 16 July, six of them, all Yemeni nationals, were registered at the Reception Centre by UNHCR and the Puntland Ministry of Interior (MOI).
- During the reporting period, UNHCR Bossaso registered 90 Yemeni individuals (29 households) as prima facie refugees. The total number of Yemeni nationals registered in Bossaso is currently 1,005 (356 households). There are no individuals currently awaiting registration interview.
- The construction and renovation of the 2nd Reception Centre in Bossaso is well underway, and UNHCR's implementing partner DRC is aiming for it to be functional within the first week of August. The following renovation work has been already completed: construction of 12 new latrines, rehabilitation of existing 10 latrines, site leveling, completion of local guard's room and generator room, and installation of barbed wire on existing perimeter.
- UNHCR's implementing partner DRC, in collaboration with Puntland Ministry of Interior (MOI), has conducted two capacity building workshops in Garowe and Bossaso for Government institutions on the rights of returnees and migrants in Puntland. There were a total of 80 participants.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- It has been noted that the amount of subsistence allowance currently being provided to Yemeni refugees, based on SOPs, is not enough to cover basic expenses of the new refugees. UNHCR Bossaso is planning to conduct a living standard survey to better inform the financial scale for subsistence allowance.
- The capacity of the registration team is stretched, both in terms of initial registration of new arrivals and registration of Yemeni nationals wishing to claim asylum. UNHCR is finalizing recruitment of new registration staff and biometric registration equipment had been procured from Geneva and will be delivered by the end of July. Enhanced registration system will be in place in Bossaso, Berbera and Mogadishu by the first week of August.
- Another large boat organized by the Federal Government of Somalia (the same one that arrived on 2 July to Bossaso carrying 3,502 persons) is expected to arrive in Bossaso on Tuesday 28 July.

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Achievements and Impact

- 55 Yemeni refugees were registered during the reporting period by Somaliland Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRRR), in collaboration with UNHCR.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS

Achievements and Impact

- IOM continued discussion with the National Commission for Refugees and IDPs (NCRI) to support the manifesting of Somali nationals to be evacuated by boat from Mokha, Yemen to Berbera, Somaliland.
- Preparations are underway in Mogadishu to receive evacuation flights organized by IOM from Yemen, which have now been postponed till 26 July due to problems with transit clearance in Djibouti.



Health

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Achievements and Impact

- WHO-led medical team provided polio vaccinations to all new arrivals at Bossaso Port and measles vaccinations to children.
- The Somali Red Crescent Society provided first aid to five individuals (three below the age of six) during the reporting period.

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Achievements and Impact

- Provision of emergency health screening and treatments is ongoing for the arrivals of 20 July at Berbera Reception Center.



Food Security and Nutrition

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Achievements and Impact

- WFP confirmed that, through its implementing partner Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA), it will take care of the construction and management of the kitchen at the 2nd Reception Centre in Bossaso.



Shelter and NFIs

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Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Approximately 70 individuals who opted to remain in Bossaso, including Yemeni nationals, have been assessed to be in need of shelter and NFIs. Discussions are ongoing among UNHCR and partners on how to support them.



Logistics

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, Save the Children provided onward transportation assistance to 137 individuals. The majority of these individuals travelled to Mogadishu. Cumulatively, the Puntland New Arrivals Task Force has assisted approximately 4,303 Somali returnees with onward transportation to return to their areas of origin.

Working in partnership

- A Puntland New Arrivals Task Force meeting was held on 15 July at UNHCR Office in Bossaso. A completed matrix outlining available resources and services was presented for discussion, to identify and correct possible duplication in services. Other agenda points included an update from UNHCR's implementing partner DRC on the progress of rehabilitation of the 2nd Reception Centre in Bossaso; discussion on the establishment of focal points per sector/activity; and reports indicating movement of people from Somalia to Yemen. On the latter, the Mixed Migration Task Force (MMTF) members (UNHCR, IOM and DRC) will meet to further discuss.
- The second assessment of Somali returnees joining IDP settlements in Bossaso carried out by the Protection Cluster on 13 July is pending compilation of data. Once the information is validated, it will be circulated widely.
- A Somaliland New Arrivals Task Force meeting took place on 21 July in Hargeisa. Different points have been discussed including:
 - Management of Core Relief Items (CRI) distribution;
 - Monitoring of the coast area and data collection (registration of the new arrivals) from the secondary entry points along the coast areas;
 - Mechanism to trace the returnees once they reached their area of return;
 - Yemeni Community aid mechanism within Hargeisa.

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 3.5 M (approximately 5% of total approved budget).

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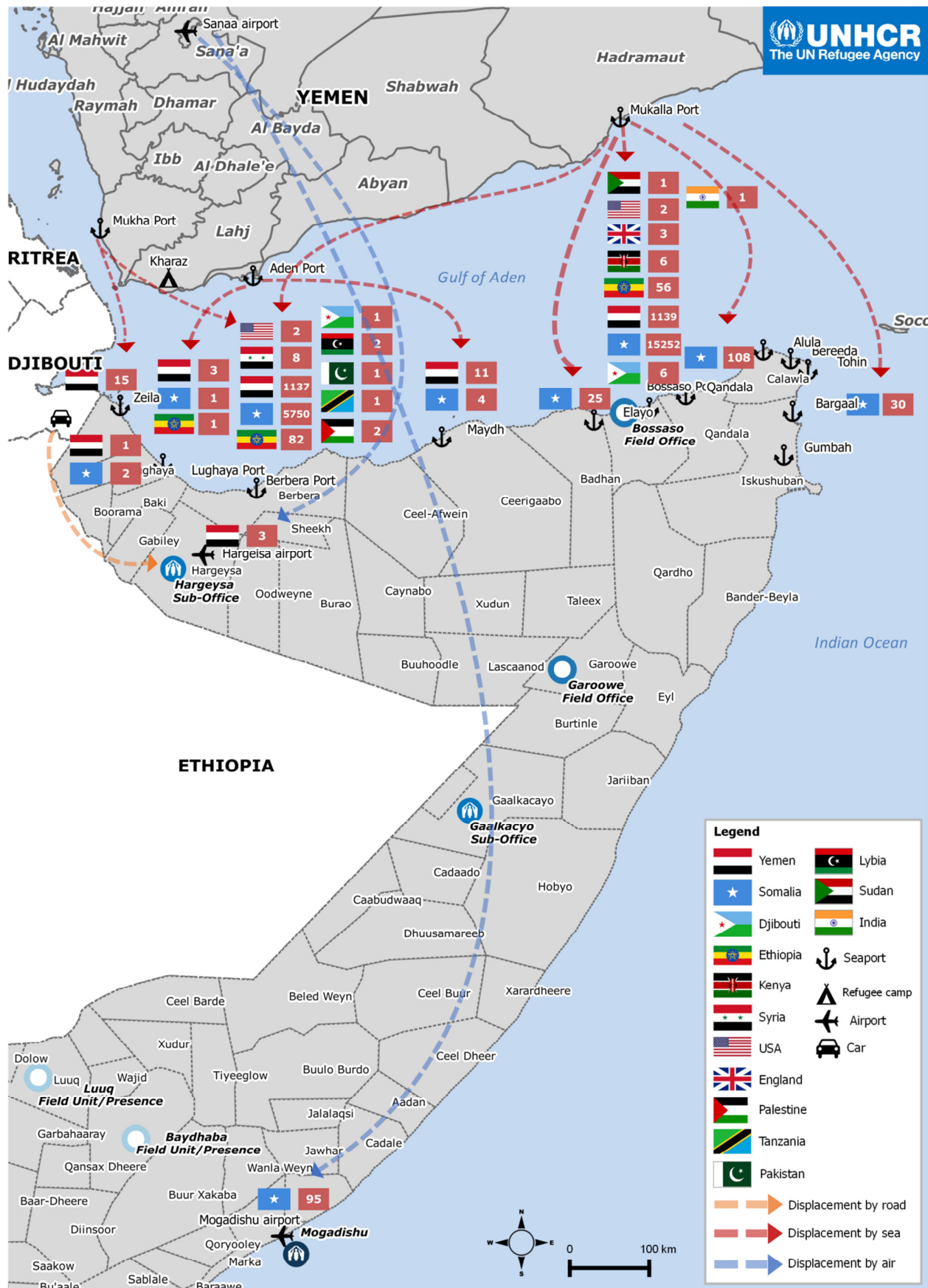
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