

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #8

11 April - 24 April 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, a total of 126 individuals arrived in Somalia from Yemen through the ports of Berbera, in Somaliland (20 persons), and Bossaso, Puntland (106 persons). Out of this total, 105 individuals were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in the Berbera and Bossaso Reception Centers.

KEY FIGURES

32,063

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

5,785

Yemenis registered in Somalia since 27 March (including Somalis with dual Yemeni-Somali citizenship)

20,062

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

52%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

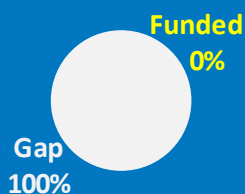
9,975

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

FUNDING

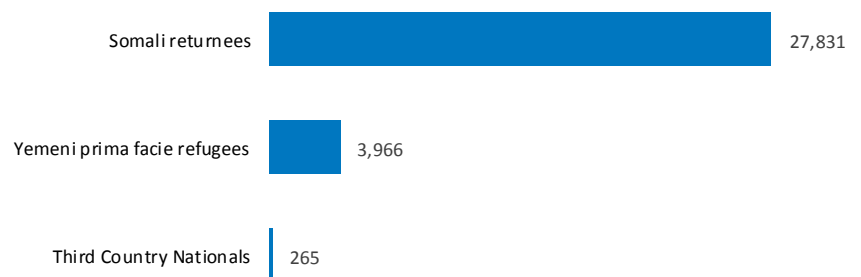
USD 39.3 million

Requested for the Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (January-December 2016)



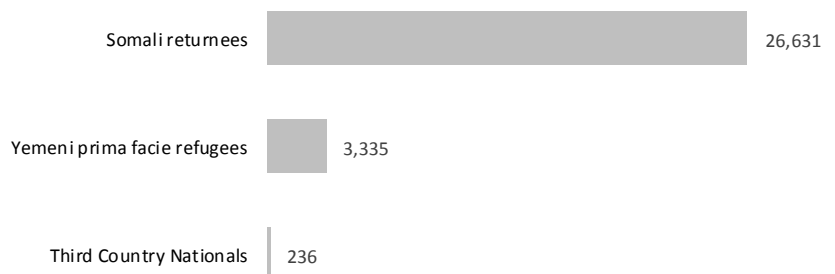
Population of concern

A total of **32,063** people of concern

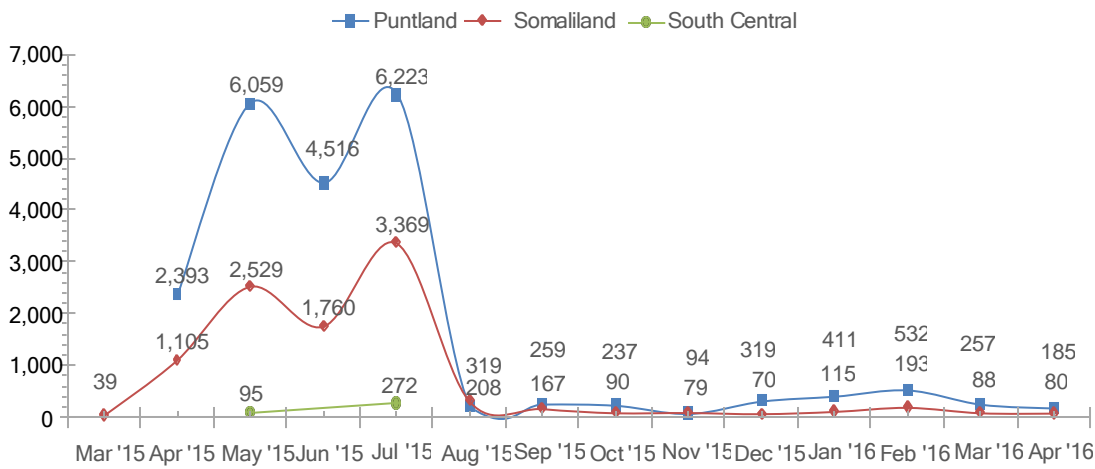


2015 Population of concern

A total of **30,202** people of concern in 2015



ARRIVALS PER MONTH



Month	Total # of Arrivals
Mar 2015	39
Apr 2015	3,498
May 2015	8,683
Jun 2015	6,276
Jul 2015	9,864
Aug 2015	527
Sep 2015	426
Oct 2015	327
Nov 2015	173
Dec 2015	389
Jan 2016	526
Feb 2016	725
Mar 2016	345
Apr 2016	265
Total	32,063

ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

Nationality	Arrived to			Total	
	Punland	Somaliland	South Central		
Bahrain	5			5	0 %
Bangladesh	1			1	0 %
DRC		1		1	0 %
Djibouti	7	1		8	0 %
England	3	1		4	0 %
Ethiopia	89	114		203	1 %
India	2			2	0 %
Iraq	1			1	0 %
Kenya	9			9	0 %
Lebanon		1		1	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Nigeria	2			2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	19,570	7,894	367	27,831	87 %
Sudan	3			3	0 %
Syria	4	11		15	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
Turkey	1			1	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,979	1,987		3,966	12 %
Total	21,678	10,018	367	32,063	100 %
	67.61 %	31.24 %	1.14 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,918	4,579	23	13,457	43 %
Females	6,525	2,670	123	9,283	29 %
Males	6,076	2,769	112	8,882	28 %
Total	21,519	10,018	258	31,795	100 %
	67.68 %	31.51 %	0.81 %		

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	5,311	5,206	0	10,517	52 %
Hargeisa	397	2,040	0	2,437	12 %
Bossaso	853	251	0	1,104	6 %
Kismaayo	455	192	0	647	3 %
Baidoa	478	156	0	634	3 %
Afgooye	292	124	0	416	2 %
Other locations	2,273	1,972	62	4,307	22 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	10,059	9,941	62	20,062	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

PUNTLAND

Numbers of arrivals to Puntland remain low and seem to have stabilised, but the situation remains unpredictable due to the ongoing hostilities in Yemen.

SOMALILAND

Since March 2015, 9,851 new arrivals (3,243 families) have been recorded in Somaliland, including 1,860 Yemenis, 7,844 Somalis, 114 Ethiopians and 22 people of other nationalities. The number of new arrivals in Berbera remains low.

Achievements

Protection

PUNTLAND

During the reporting period, a total of 106 individuals (78 Somali returnees, 27 Yemeni refugees and one third country national) arrived in Puntland from Yemen on two boats which docked in Bossaso on 14 and 20 April.

At their point of entry, the new arrivals were assisted with refreshments provided by Danish Refugee Council (DRC), transport from the port to the Reception Centre provided by IOM and biometric registration for all arrivals implemented by UNHCR. Three meals for five days were provided by WFP upon arrival at the reception Centre. Onward transportation assistance (OTA) for those who wanted to return to their areas of origin was provided by IOM.

SOMALILAND

On 17 April, 20 individuals (15 Yemenis and five Somalis) arrived in Berbera on the ferry “Noba 2”. Reception services were provided by DRC, UNHCR and Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) teams. The entry formalities were conducted by the Government agencies and the Immigration office operating at the sea-port of entry. After provision of food and water, the new arrivals were accommodated in the Reception Centre.

Basic needs -including water, food and emergency health care facilities- have been made available for the new arrivals at the Centre. Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Somaliland (CCBRS) conducted vulnerability assessments for the provision of Onward Transportation Allowance (OTA) by IOM. All people of concern were provided by DRC with non-food item (NFI) kits, water and accommodation at the Reception Centre.

Returns to Yemen

The trend of spontaneous voluntary return of Yemeni *prima facie* refugees is being monitored in the port of Berbera. There is a record of 40 such individuals who ventured to return to the country of origin despite the fact that the conditions of return are neither safe nor dignified. The returnees reported that they were leaving Somaliland due to the lack of basic reception conditions in the country of asylum. They also said that they preferred to return because the countryside appeared to them to be safer in Yemen compared with the risks they faced in Hargeisa. Refugees and asylum seekers have complained recently with UNHCR that they have been victims of extortions, robberies and rapes while sojourning in Somaliland. Prior to their departure, the returnees did not seek advice either from the authorities or UNHCR counselling services.



Health

PUNTLAND

Yemeni refugees continue to receive medical assistance through UNHCR Implementing partner Gruppo per le Relazioni Transculturali (GRT). This service is provided during biometric registration, in case of medical emergency, and after registration in all other cases.

SOMALILAND

A Yemeni refugee passed away in hospital after a long terminal sickness. Despite requests from the community and authorities, UNHCR declined to be involved in covering the expenses related to general process and rules involving bringing a body back to the country of origin for burial. It should be noted that repatriation to Yemen of the remains of a deceased person is a complicated and costly process for the family or community supporting such transfer under the current circumstances. Eventually, the family agreed that the funeral take place in Hargeisa in compliance with religious rules. UNHCR accepted to provide the family of the deceased with a funeral contribution to cover part of the expenses.



Food Security and Nutrition

PUNTLAND

The Puntland Students Association, contracted by WFP, provides cooked meals to all new arrivals that are welcomed in Reception Centre 2 in Bossaso. Three meals a day for a period of up to five days.

SOMALILAND

DRC, in collaboration with WFP, provided cooked meals to all new arrivals.



Water and Sanitation

PUNTLAND

Water, both drinking and for other uses, is provided at the Reception Centre in Bossaso by UNHCR. Sanitation is provided by UNHCR through the Ministry of the Interior.



Shelter and NFIs

SOMALILAND

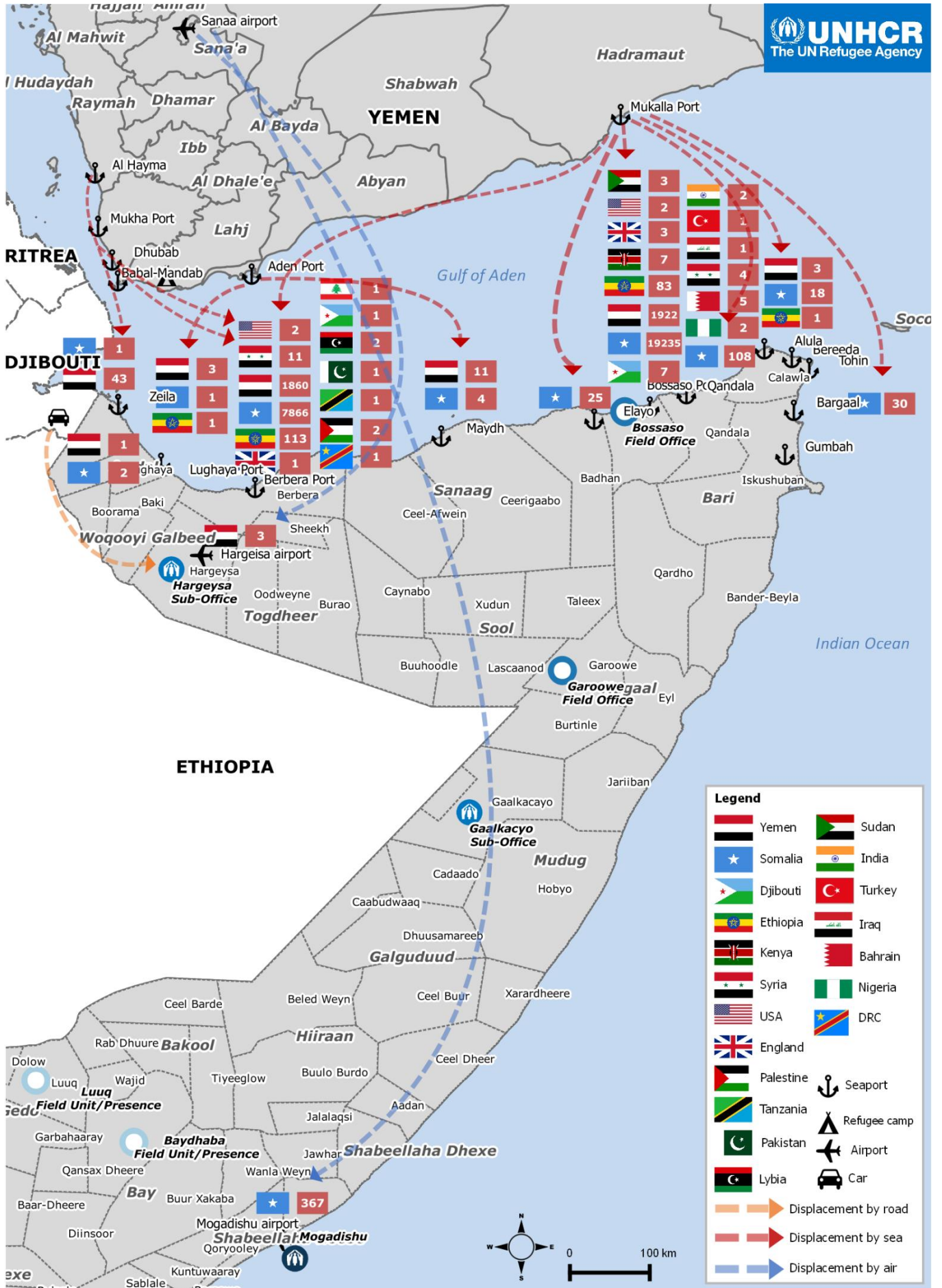
Since the beginning of the Yemeni crisis, Non Food Item (NFI) kits have been distributed to all vulnerable new arrivals, without no difference of treatment between Yemeni refugees, Somali returnees and third country nationals.



Logistics

PUNTLAND

During this reporting period, 41 Somali returnees from South and Central Somalia were provided with Onward Transport Assistance (OTA) to enable them to reach their places of origin in a safe and dignified manner.



Legend

- Yemen
- Somalia
- Djibouti
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Syria
- USA
- England
- Palestine
- Tanzania
- Pakistan
- Lybia
- Sudan
- India
- Turkey
- Iraq
- Bahrain
- Nigeria
- DRC
- Seaport
- Refugee camp
- Airport
- Car
- Displacement by road
- Displacement by sea
- Displacement by air

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April – December 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 8.2 M (approximately 10% of total approved budget). The Plan for 2016 has yet to receive funding.

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