

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #37

8 – 14 September 2015

KEY FIGURES

29,079

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

3,216

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March

17,624

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

54%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

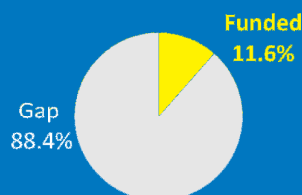
8,917

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

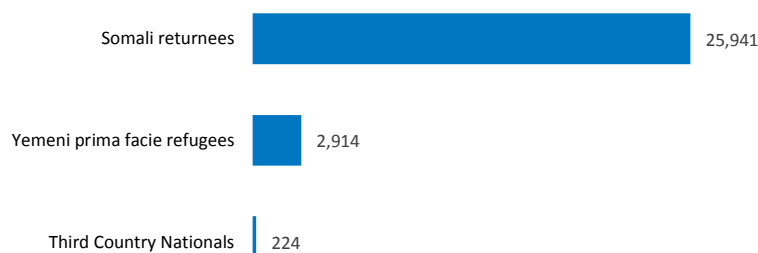
- During the reporting period, a total of six boats carrying 59 individuals arrived in Somalia from Yemen to Berbera and another remote location in Somaliland (25 persons) and Bossaso, Puntland (34 persons). Out of them, 42 individuals (17 in Bossaso and 25 in Berbera) were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in Berbera and Bossaso Reception Centers.
- The most recent arrivals were on 14 September 2015 in Bossaso: a boat carrying 12 individuals (one Yemeni, two unaccompanied minor Somali children and other 9 Somalis); and a boat carrying three passengers of Somali nationality. On 10 September a boat arrived in Bossaso carrying 19 passengers (15 Somalis and four 4 Yemenis). The latest arrival in Berbera was on 11 September, two boats carrying 21 individuals (16 Yemenis and 5 Somalis). On 13 September, a family of four Somali nationals approached the Reception Center in Berbera for assistance after travelling from Yemen on a fishing boat and disembarking in a remote area of the Somaliland coastline.
- A total of 165 Somali returnees from Yemen (29 families) have reached South Central regions of Somalia, during the reporting period: 119 individuals of 20 families returned to Mogadishu, Hodan district; 30 individuals of five families to Baidoa; eight individuals of two families to Luuq and eight individuals of two families to Kismayo. All were verified and 21 vulnerable returnees in Baidoa received the assistance package by UNHCR.



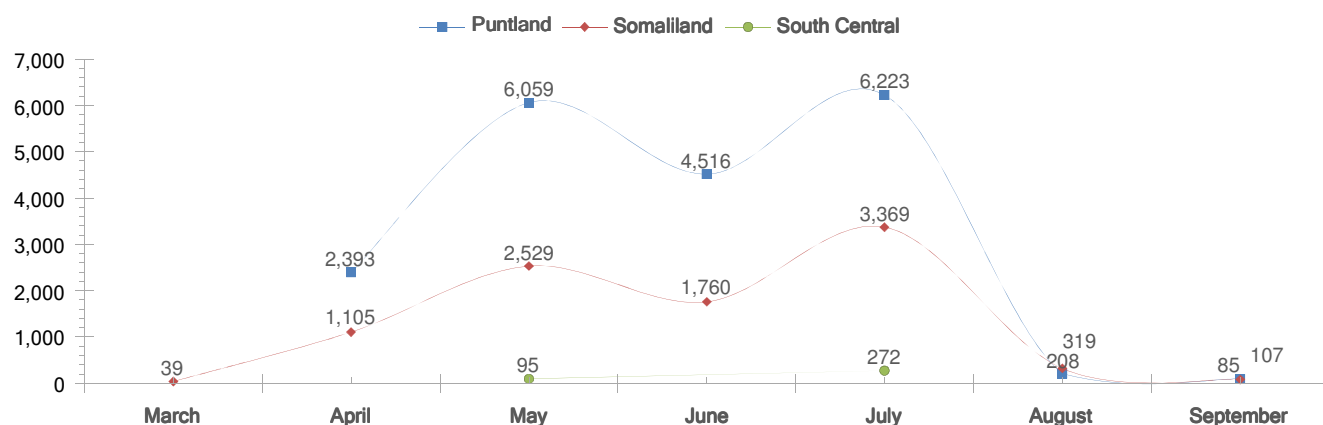
Somali returnees from Yemen receiving assistance by UNHCR at Baidoa Way Station © UNHCR

Population of concern

A total of **29,079** 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 | 17,890 | 7,695 | 367 | 25,952 | 89 % |
| Sudan | 1 | | | 1 | 0 % |
| Syria | | 10 | | 10 | 0 % |
| Tanzania | | 1 | | 1 | 0 % |
| USA | 2 | 2 | | 4 | 0 % |
| Yemen | 1,530 | 1,384 | | 2,914 | 10 % |
| Total | 19,506 | 9,206 | 367 | 29,079 | 100 % |
| | 67.08 % | 31.66 % | 1.26 % | | |

| G/A | Arrived to | | | Total | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | PL | SL | SC | | |
| Children | 8,189 | 4,364 | 23 | 12,576 | 44 % |
| Females | 5,913 | 2,488 | 123 | 8,524 | 30 % |
| Males | 5,269 | 2,350 | 112 | 7,731 | 27 % |
| Total | 19,371 | 9,202 | 258 | 28,831 | 100 % |
| | 67.19 % | 31.92 % | 0.89 % | | |

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 | 54 % |
| Hargeisa | 326 | 1,618 | 0 | 1,944 | 11 % |
| Bossaso | 643 | 247 | 0 | 890 | 5 % |
| Kismayo | 338 | 177 | 0 | 515 | 3 % |
| Baidoa | 365 | 148 | 0 | 513 | 3 % |
| Afgooye | 227 | 124 | 0 | 351 | 2 % |
| Other locations | 1,929 | 1,838 | 62 | 3,829 | 22 % |
| Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers | 8,395 | 9,148 | 62 | 17,605 | 100 % |

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

The amount of people arriving in Somalia from Yemen, both Yemenis and Somali returnees, has significantly reduced between August and September 2015. Currently, the average of new arrivals is between 20 to 150 individuals per week. As reported by new arrivals, this decrease may be a consequence of the proximity of the conflict to Mokha and Mukalla, the two main ports of departure for people fleeing Yemen to Somalia, which may prevent people from reaching the ports to travel, or because potential travelers cannot afford to pay for their journeys due to lack of cash resources. One Somali family arrived in a remote location in Somaliland indicated that more new arrivals from Northern Yemen should be expected in due course. They also advised that Mokha Port has not always been fully under the control of the government in recent times, and this is why it has suffered airstrikes. Additionally, it has been reported that some Yemenis who have previously arrived in Somalia intend to return to Yemen, and particularly Aden, which has been recovered by the coalition forces.

Achievements



Protection

PUNTLAND

Achievements and Impact

- Out of the group of 19 persons that arrived in Bossaso on 10 September, two Yemenis were transported by IOM to the Reception Center for registration. The other two Yemenis did not want to be registered as they were not in need of assistance, while the rest of the passengers were Somalis who directly rejoined their relatives without passing from Bossaso Reception Center.
- During reporting period, UNHCR registered seven individuals of two Yemeni families. The total number of Yemeni refugees registered in Bossaso is now 1,621 individuals. Verification is ongoing to remove from the database possible cases of double nationality and to confirm eventual Yemeni arrivals in remote locations, both in Puntland and Somaliland, who may not yet be reflected in the total number of arrivals.
- Save the Children International (SCI) provided psychosocial support for 30 children at Bossaso Reception Center.
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) distributed 1,600 tokens for provision of cash assistance to Somali returnees who joined IDP settlements in Bossaso, in order to facilitate their reintegration.
- In Bossaso, UNICEF assisted three separated children (two boys and one girl) and one unaccompanied child (boy) with psychosocial support and provided access to essential services. All unaccompanied and separated children were reunified with extended families and provided with foster care support. Follow up visits were conducted to assess the wellbeing of separated children living with extend families. Additionally, one child was supported with emergency medical support.

SOMALILAND

Achievements and Impact

- The two boats that arrived in Berbera on 11 September carrying a total of 21 new arrivals mainly from Sana'a, both departed from Mokha, Yemen, and reached the Somaliland coastline on 10 September, but were unable to dock at Berbera Port until the following day due to high winds and a lack of space at the Port. The majority of new arrivals departed on their onwards journeys immediately after registration and food distribution at Berbera Reception Center. They reported difficult situation in Mokha due to long waiting time for boats, and in Sana'a where there is lack of water, health, education and shelter. The travel cost from Mokha to Berbera was 100 USD for adults and children travelled free of charge.
- The Somali family that approached the Berbera Reception Center seeking assistance on 13 September reported that they had departed from a Debab Port in Yemen and landed on the Somaliland coastline in a remote area near Berbera. They travelled by a medium sized fishing boat, paid 100 USD for the trip (including children) and had to spend approximately 10 days at sea, while the boat was fishing, instead of bringing them directly to Somaliland as previously agreed.
- Only one Reception Center is currently operated by UNHCR in Berbera, as the facility previously used as 2nd Reception Center is a school and has been returned to the Government in early September for the start of the school year. Due to the reduction of arrivals in the past weeks, an alternative 2nd Reception Center has not yet been established.
- During the reporting period, 45 Yemeni refugees were registered by the Somaliland Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRRR). A total of 1,595 Yemeni refugees have been registered by MRRR in Hargeisa since 28 March 2015, and UNHCR is verifying the data in collaboration with MRRR to correct eventual cases of double registration. Prima Facie Refugee

Certificates with UNHCR and MRRR logos have been printed and will be distributed in September. Proof of registration documents are now provided by UNHCR and MRRR to all new arrivals in Berbera Reception Center.

- Due to the increase of identified vulnerable new arrivals living in Hargeisa, UNHCR, in collaboration with its local partner Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Somaliland (CCBRS), continued providing emergency financial assistance and a monthly subsistence allowance on a temporary basis to the most vulnerable Yemeni refugees. Livelihoods support to Yemeni refugees is also being provided by UNHCR through its partner Action Africa Help International (AAH-I).
- Due to ongoing conflict in Yemen, UNHCR continues to advocate for a non-return advisory to Yemen. In the meantime, anyone who wishes to return to Yemen can inform UNHCR in case voluntary repatriation support could be agreed in the future, as the situation in Yemen gets more stable. Currently, 43 Yemeni nationals have spontaneously returned from Berbera to Yemen by boat.
- Children arriving from Yemen were assessed for potential protection concerns at the Child Protection Desks supported by UNICEF at Berbera Reception Centre. During the reporting period, UNICEF supported nine children and 15 women with psychosocial support at Berbera Reception Centre.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- During a monitoring visit conducted in the reporting period, UNHCR was informed that several Somali returnee families are living in IDP settlements in Hargeisa. UNHCR and its partners started to conduct an assessment of the living conditions of Yemeni refugees and Somali returnees in Hargeisa. The results will be compiled at the beginning of October.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS

Achievements and Impact

- 17 Somali returnee families from Yemen who have arrived during the past months were absorbed in the ongoing cash for work (CFW) reintegration project in Baidoa, implemented by UNHCR through its partner DRC. The project is aimed to increase the purchasing power of the beneficiaries and enhance peaceful co-existence between returnees, IDPs and host community.



Health

PUNTLAND

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, SCI provided medical referrals to five individuals from Bossaso Reception Center to Bossaso General Hospital.

SOMALILAND

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR, through its local partner Horn Youth Development Association (HYDA), continued to provide Yemeni refugees with access to primary health care services in Hargeisa.
- From the group of 21 people that arrived in Berbera on 11 September, the IOM medical team attended to seven people (all males). There was no case of pregnancy or referral required.



Food Security and Nutrition

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Achievements and Impact

- WFP continued to provide three meals a day to new arrivals at the Reception Center in Bossaso.

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Achievements and Impact

- The kitchen at Berbera Reception Center is fully operational and new arrivals are provided with wet food by WFP. A food storage room has also been set-up and is being used.



Water and Sanitation

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Achievements and Impact

- SCI provided clean drinking water to returnees and refugees at Bossaso Reception Center.
- NRC continued their water, sanitation and hygiene campaign at Bossaso Reception Center and began the construction of two twin latrines with hand washing facilities at the Bossaso Port, near the rub hall donated by UNHCR and installed by IOM to provide shade and protection to new arrivals. NRC also began the construction of elevated water tanks for the 2nd Reception Center in Bossaso and started a training on nutrition and hygiene targeting 1,600 Somali returnees who joined IDP settlements in Bossaso and will be benefiting from reinstallation cash assistance provided by NRC.

SOMALILAND**Achievements and Impact**

- The additional toilets and the connection to water pipes in Berbera Reception Center have been finalized by NRC, and the laundry should be operational in a week.

**Shelter and NFIs****PUNTLAND****Achievements and Impact**

- During the reporting period, UNHCR distributed 17 Core Relief Item (CRI) kits to Yemeni refugees in Bossaso.

SOMALILAND**Achievements and Impact**

- UNHCR distributed 65 CRI kits to Yemeni refugees in Somaliland.

**Logistics****PUNTLAND****Achievements and Impact**

- The groups that arrived in Bossaso on 14 and 10 September did not require onward transportation assistance.

SOMALILAND**Achievements and Impact**

- From the group that arrived in Berbera on 5 September, following registration and vulnerability assessments, UNHCR, through its partner IOM, provided onward transport assistance to 44 Somali returnees who reported that they wanted to travel to Mogadishu, Borama, Hargeisa, Kismayo, Galkayo and Baidoa.
- The group that arrived in Berbera on 11 September did not require onward transportation assistance.

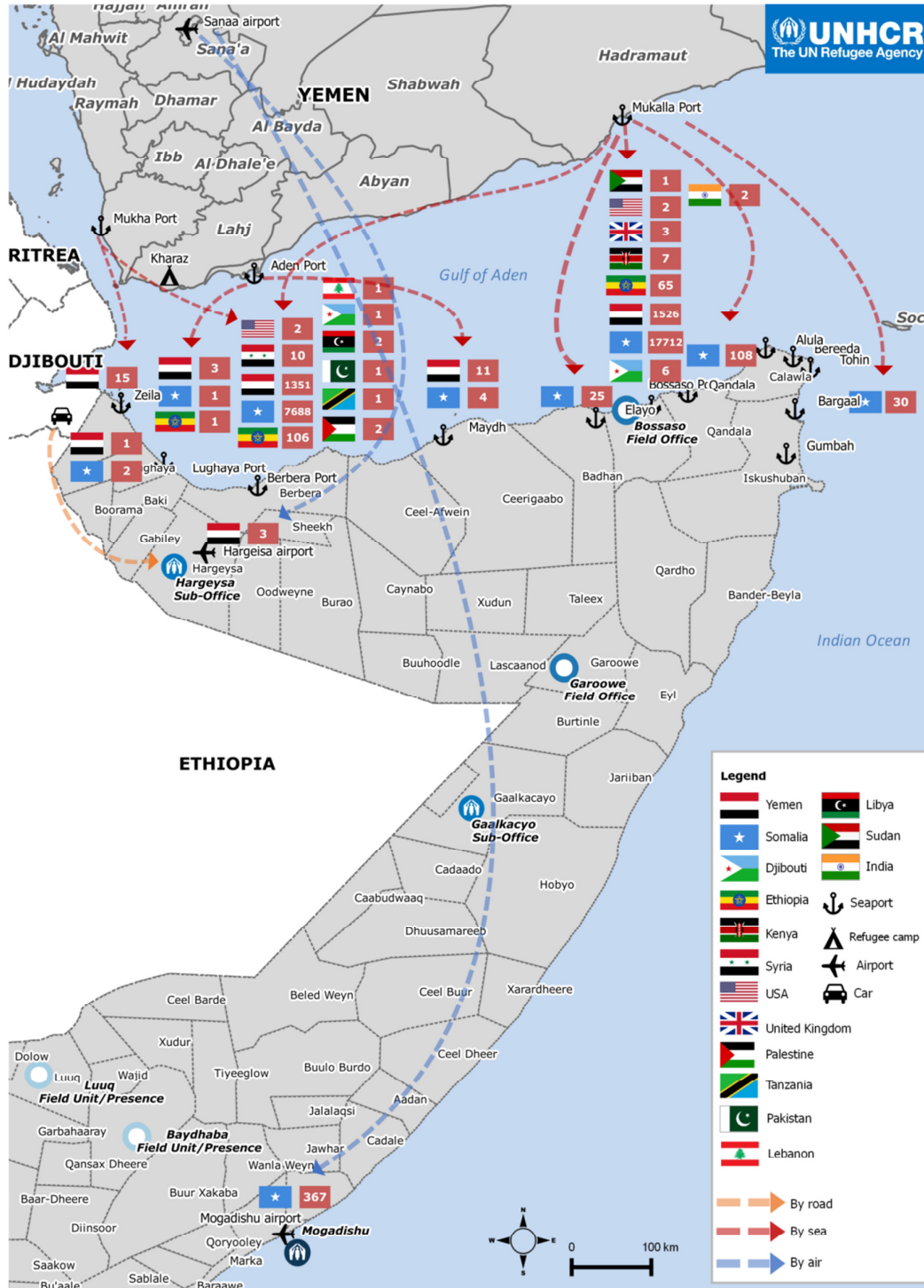
Working in partnership

- In Puntland, UNHCR continues to work in close coordination with Government, NGOs and UN agencies through the Puntland New Arrivals Task Force, which conducts weekly meetings to coordinate the response to the influx of arrivals from Yemen.
- On 8 September 2015, a Somaliland New Arrivals Task Force Meeting was held in Hargeisa. A number of bilateral meetings between partners have been planned in order to work collaboratively and to avoid duplication of services and assistance. Due to the decrease in the number of new arrivals travelling to Berbera, and owing to the fact that all activities and services at the Reception Centers in Berbera are now well established, the Task Force members agreed to meet once per month in the future.

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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