

SOMALIA

FACT SHEET

1-31 May 2017

46,000

Individuals displaced by the drought

149,327

Drought affected individuals assisted

53,754

Individuals benefited from cash assistance¹

2,369

Individuals enrolled in community-based projects

PEOPLE OF CONCERN

A total of **1.23 million** people of concern

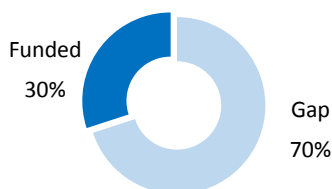
| Category | Total |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Internally displaced people | 1,106,751 |
| Returnees | 98,555 |
| Refugees | 12,705 |
| Asylum-seekers | 13,376 |
| Total | 1,231,387 |

DROUGHT DISPLACEMENTS

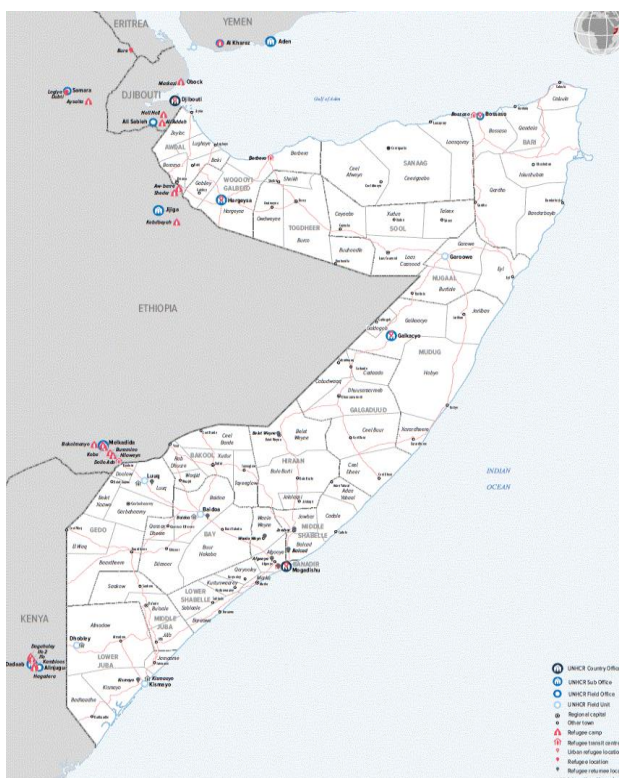
| Region of arrival | Total |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Sanaag | 14,361 |
| Banadir | 9,049 |
| Bakool | 5,352 |
| Bay | 4,904 |
| Sool | 3,925 |
| Other | 8,354 |
| Total | 45,945 |

FUNDING

USD **118.7 M** requested for Somalia



UNHCR PRESENCE



148 Staff

90 National staff

39 International staff

13 Affiliate workforce

6 IUNVs

11 Offices

1 Representation Office in Mogadishu

1 Support Office in Nairobi

3 Sub-offices in Galkacyo, Hargeysa and Mogadishu

1 Field Office in Bossaso

5 Field Units in Baidoa, Dhobley, Garowe, Kismayo and Luuq

¹ Cash assistance is provided at household (e.g. subsistence allowance) or at individual (e.g. reinstallation grant) level. The figure represent a total number of individuals benefited from cash assistance where the provision of subsistence allowance is presented as a total number of individuals comprising of all households provided with subsistence assistance. Detailed figures are shown below under the section Response to drought and chapter Cash assistance.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

- Response to drought:** In May, UNHCR provided assistance to 149,327 individuals affected by the drought: 49,640 individuals were temporarily provided with drinking water²; 48,348 individuals benefited from core relief items (CRIs)³; 41,408 individuals benefited from newly established supply of potable water and improved sanitation and hygiene conditions⁴; 8,530 individuals benefited with one-time unconditional cash grants⁵; and 1,401 individuals were reached with gender-based violence (GBV) interventions⁶.



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UNHCR distributing leaflets on hygiene in IDP settlements [left] and constructed 14 shallow wells [right].

- Drought displacements:** In May, UNHCR recorded around 46,000 individuals newly displaced by the drought. Bay and Banadir regions remain the two areas most affected by new arrivals with 4,900 and 9,000 arrivals, respectively, during May. Since November 2016, around 739,000 drought displacements has been recorded, the majority of them arrived to Bay (162,000 individuals) and Banadir regions (160,000 individuals).

PROTECTION

The Protection Cluster

- Response:** In May, the Protection Cluster, led by UNHCR, reached 43,991 individuals affected by the drought through protection and prevention activities and interventions: 12,882 with general protection activities;

² In May, 23,910 individuals were provided with water in Togdheer region, 22,440 individuals in Lower Juba region, 2,400 in Sanaag region and 890 in Sool region.

³ In May, 12,651 plastic sheets were distributed to 12,651 households comprising of 22,651 individuals (10,651 plastic sheets were distributed to 10,651 individuals in Bay region, 1,050 plastic sheets were distributed to 1,050 households (6,300 individuals) in Sool region, 600 plastic sheets to 600 households (3,600 individuals) in Woqooyi Galbeed region and 350 plastic sheets to 350 households (2,100 individuals) in Sanaag region); 4,006 CRI kits to 4,006 households comprising of 24,197 individuals (1,956 CRI kits were distributed to 1,951 households (11,736 individuals) in Lower Juba region, 1,000 CRI kits were distributed to 1,000 households (6,000 individuals) in Banadir region and 850 CRI kits to 850 households (5,261 individuals) in Sool region) and 250 family tents to 250 households comprising of 1,500 individuals (150 family tents were distributed to 150 households (900 individuals) in Sool region and 100 family tents to 100 households (600 individuals) in Sanaag region. In some cases figures of individuals are reflected according to standard one households consist of six individuals.

⁴ Newly established supply of potable water and improved sanitation and hygiene conditions includes: constructed 120 twin latrines, 14 shallow wells and 10 waste disposal pits, distributed 102 waste disposal kits and 5,000 leaflets in 33 IDP settlements consist of 41,408 individuals in Bay region.

⁵ In May, 1,550 households were provided with one-time unconditional cash grant in amount of US\$ 100 per households, assuming a household is composed of six members, this benefited to 8,530 individuals.

⁶ In May, 550 individuals received dignity kits in Mudug region and 851 individuals participated in awareness raising session on various GBV topics in Bay region.

11,696 with explosive hazards interventions; 9,620 with GBV activities; 9,244 with child protection activities; and 549 with housing, land and property activities.

- **Needs and gaps:** Protection needs remain critical for the most vulnerable group especially women, children, persons with disabilities, elderly persons, and minority communities. Protection partners continue to provide limited support to drought affected populations through existing programs attributed to financial constraints.

Capacity building

- In Mudug region, 32 governmental officials of the Galkacyo district participated in house, land and property (HLP) workshop, and 40 participants, including traditional elders, representatives from IDP communities and governmental counterparts, attended a workshop on promotion of local integration and peaceful coexistence.

GBV survivors

- In May, UNHCR identified and assisted to 116 GBV survivors with legal, medical, psychosocial and counselling support.

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **Arrivals from Yemen:** In May, 504 individuals (417 Somalis, 78 Yemenis, eight Ethiopians and one Djiboutian) arrived from Yemen to Somalia by boat. Since the beginning of the conflict in Yemen in March 2015, 37,267 new arrivals were recorded in Somalia: 31,546 Somalis; 5,394 Yemenis; and 327 third country nationals.
- **Refugee status determination:** In May, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination for 21 cases comprising of 94 Ethiopian individuals.
- **Resettlement:** In May, 10 cases comprising of 46 Ethiopians departed from Somalia, nine cases (39 individuals) departed to Sweden and one case (7 individuals) departed to France.
- **Registration:** In May, UNHCR registered 480 individuals, including 156 Ethiopians, 165 Yemenis, 158 Somalis, and one Syrian.
- **Legal assistance:** Access to legal assistance was provided to 49 refugees and asylum-seekers, including 26 Yemenis, 22 Ethiopians, and one Palestinian. In May, 245 individuals participated on awareness raising sessions, 210 community members 210 attended sessions on right to asylum in Woqooyi Galbeed region, and 35 community leaders and youth attended participated in mediation sessions to address recurrent conflicts among refugees and asylum-seekers in Mudug region.

Returnees

- **Temporary suspension of road convoys:** Repatriation continued in May with flights only because road convoys remained suspended due to impassable roads as a result of the *Gu* seasonal rain (April-June).
- **Repatriation:** In May, 3,769 Somali refugees returned to Somalia, namely, 3,158 from Kenya, 414 from Yemen, and 197 from Djibouti. In 2017, a total of 29,087 Somali refugees returned, including 26,759 from Kenya, 2,068 from Yemen, 258 from Djibouti, and two from Tunisia. Cumulatively, 98,552 Somali refugees have returned to Somalia: 66,647 from Kenya since the beginning of the repatriation in December 2014: 31,543 from Yemen since the beginning of the crisis in Yemen in March 2015; and 362 Somalis from other countries of asylum between 2014 and 2017 (326 from Djibouti, 33 from Eritrea, two from Tunisia, and one from Pakistan).
- **Country of Origin Information:** UNHCR shared the Country of Origin Information (COI) for the month of April with the help desk in Kenya. The COI included information on drought, AWD/Cholera, rain forecast and drought-related displacement, and included links to further information and primary sources.

IDPs

- **IDP returns:** Some 7,700 IDPs returns were recorded in May primarily from IDP sites in Baidoa town to previous location of residency within Baidoa district and elsewhere in Bay region.

- **Awareness raising:** In IDP settlements in Mudug region, UNHCR conducted GBV awareness raising through a radio talk show reaching over 3,000 subscribers, and conducted an awareness raising sessions on GBV with another 40 IDPs.

CORE RELIEF ITEMS

Returnees

- In May, UNHCR provided 1,146 CRIs to 889 returnee households (3,317 individuals) from Kenya, 146 CRI kits to 141 returnee households (221 individuals) from Yemen and 75 CRI kits to 62 returnee households (197 individuals) from Djibouti. In Bossaso, UNHCR provided conditional cash grants in amount of US\$ 50 per household to 47 returnee households (129 individuals) to purchase CRIs locally.

EDUCATION

Returnees

- **Access to education:** In May, most schools ended their school year. Still, UNHCR enrolled 549 new students: 470 in primary and 79 in secondary education (539 in Banadir region and 10 in Gedo region). New enrolments will be at the beginning of a new school year in August.
- **Improved educational infrastructure:** In Gedo region rehabilitation of a Salama primary school was completed.

HEALTH

- In May, 4,142 persons of concern were provided with the **access to health:** 2,585 refugees and asylum-seekers; 968 IDPs; and 589 members of host community.

CASH ASSISTANCE

Returnees

- UNHCR provided one-time **reinstallation grant** to 3,433 returnees (2,927 from Kenya, 309 from Yemen and 197 from Djibouti) and **subsistence allowance** to 7,522 returnee households (35,931 individuals): 7,360 returnee households (35,564 individuals) from Kenya; 100 returnee households (170 individuals) from Yemen; and 62 returnee households (197 individuals) from Djibouti⁷.

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- UNHCR provided **subsistence allowance** to 2,061 refugee and asylum-seeker households (5,890 individuals), including one time **emergency subsistence allowance** to 37 refugee and asylum-seeker households (157 individuals).

SHELTER

The Shelter Cluster

- **Response:** In May, the Shelter Cluster, led by UNHCR, provided assistance to 68,160 individuals: 57,120 benefited from emergency shelter kits and 11,040 individuals from CRI kits.

⁷ During the reporting period all pending substance allowances for the previous months in 2017 and 2016 were released. The figure show cumulative payments released in May.

- **Gaps:** Limited funding and logistical constraints, including high costs of transport, inaccessible roads, and insecurity, affected the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

Returnees

- The 2016-2017 shelter project in Bay and Lower Juba regions has commenced with the construction of the remaining 26 shelters and latrines. Through 2016-2017, 605 shelters and 275 household-level latrines were constructed in Bay and Lower Juba.
- Construction of another 124 shelters has started in Lower Juba region.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

- The Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) cluster, co-led by UNHCR was activated on 10 May to ensure coordination of multi-sectorial interventions and advocate for the respect of common minimum standards across all sites and settlements. Due to severe drought conditions and the underlying security risks and conflicts that have forced more than 739,000 people to leave their homes across Somalia since late 2016.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- **Technical and vocational training:** 50 refugees and asylum-seekers (40 in Bari region and 10 in Mudug region) continued with technical and vocational trainings in tailoring, beauty therapy, electrical training, carpentry, tailoring and mechanic program.

Returnees

- **Cash for work:** 315 beneficiaries (208 returnees, 60 IDPs, and 47 host community) were enrolled in cash for work programmes: 150 in cleaning IDP settlements; 50 in rehabilitation of mother-child health centre; and 15 in a market rehabilitation in Bay region, and 100 in road rehabilitation in Lower Juba region.
- **Small-business enterprise:** 705 beneficiaries (541 returnees, 30 IDPs, and 134 host community) were involved in small business enterprise: 170 (out of 555) were trained on simple book keeping in Bari and Nugaal; 80 beneficiaries continued with trainings in Lower Juba; and 70 individuals completed with trainings in Gedo region.

- **Technical and vocational training:** 947 beneficiaries (503 returnees, 168 IDPs, and 276 host community) received technical and vocational training: 450 in agricultural production in Bay region; 180 in fish preservation, construction, fabric dyeing, IT, baking and tailoring in Lower Juba region; 160 in IT, tailoring, beauty salon, catering, mobile repair, handcrafting and in mechanics in Banadir region; and 157 in carpentry and joinery, plumbing, tailoring, beauty therapy, hair dressing, fabric dyeing, soap production and cooking in Woqooyi Galbeed region.



Returnees trained on farming [*left*] and in tailoring [*right*].

- **Poultry production:** 220 beneficiaries (132 returnees, 44 IDPs, and 44 host community) continued with trainings on backyard poultry farming and constructed additional 30 poultry houses in Lower Juba region.
- **Peaceful co-existence:** Four peaceful co-existence meetings were organized with 22 individuals (13 members of a host community, five IDPs, and four returnees) in Gedo region.

IDPs

- In Mudug region 70 IDP youth continue with **technical and vocational training**, namely, on welding, tailoring and construction, and another 40 IDP adults completed with trainings in **small-business management**.

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