

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #32

5 – 11 August 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, a total of 163 individuals arrived in Somalia from Yemen to Berbera, Somaliland (131 persons) and Bossaso, Puntland (32 persons). According to data collection by the authorities at the Ports of entry, a total of 28,596 persons have arrived in Somalia from Yemen as of 27 March 2015. Out of those, 17,265 were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in Berbera, Bossaso and Mogadishu Reception Centers.
- Two boats arrived in Bossaso; a boat named *Fathul Khayr* on 5 August 2015 carrying 19 individuals (15 Somalis and 4 Yemenis) and a boat named *Shamis 4* on 9 August 2015 carrying 13 individuals (all Somalis).
- On 8 August 2015, a commercial vessel named *Asadadin* carrying 131 individuals (119 Somalis, 10 Yemenis and 2 Ethiopians) arrived in Berbera, Somaliland.
- UNHCR Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Yemen Situation, Ms. Claire Bourgeois, is visiting Nairobi and Somaliland between 6 and 13 August to assess response and coordination of the impact of Yemen crisis.

KEY FIGURES

28,596

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

2,309

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March

17,265

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

55%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

8,389

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

FUNDING

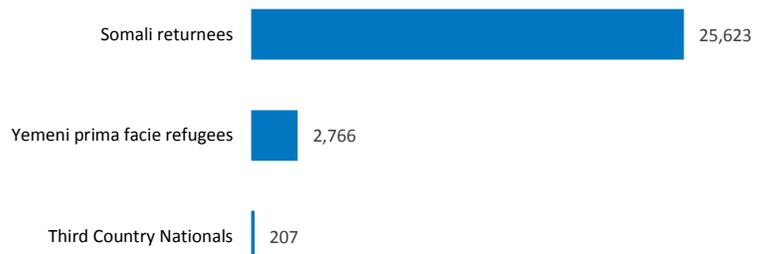
USD 64 million

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

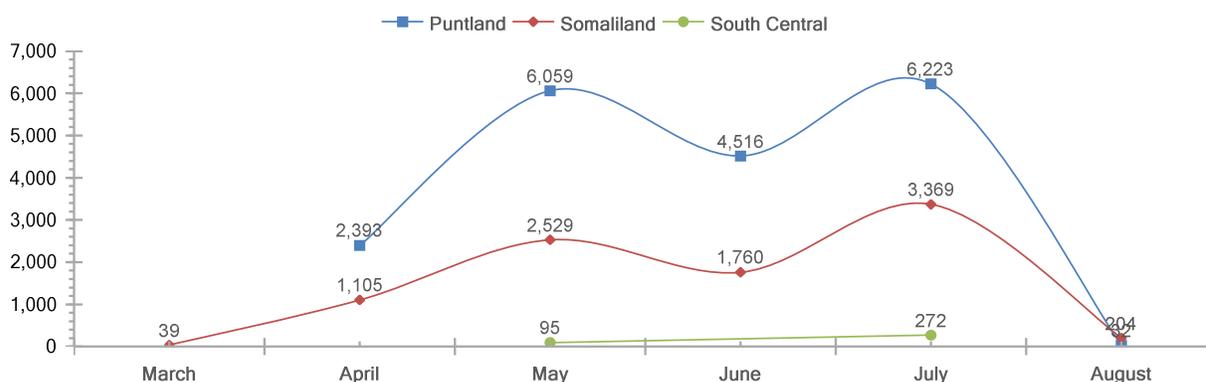


Population of concern

A total of **28,596** 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 %
Ethiopia	65	104		169	1 %
India	2			2	0 %
Kenya	7			7	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	17,655	7,601	367	25,623	90 %
Sudan	1			1	0 %
Syria		8		8	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
UK	3			3	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,482	1,284		2,766	10 %
Total	19,223	9,006	367	28,596	100 %
	67.22 %	31.49%	1.28 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,105	4,321	23	12,449	44 %
Females	5,852	2,448	123	8,423	30 %
Males	5,146	2,237	112	7,495	26 %
Total	19,103	9,006	258	28,367	100 %
	67.34 %	31.75 %	0.91 %		

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	4,501	4,989	0	9,490	55 %
Hargeisa	323	1,538	0	1,861	11 %
Bossaso	630	239	0	869	5 %
Baidoa	364	148	0	512	3 %
Kismayo	328	174	0	502	3 %
Afgooye	221	124	0	345	2 %
Other locations	1,884	1,740	62	3,686	21 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	8,251	8,952	62	17,265	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

During the reporting period, security in Puntland remained calm but unpredictable.

Following the relative stability newly reported in Aden Port, Yemen, Somali nationals are now reported to be arriving in Aden by sea coming from Mukalla Port, in the Hadhramaut coastal region of Yemen, where thousands of Somalis had previously moved to embark towards Somalia. Assessments are ongoing to find out whether they wish to return to Somalia from Aden or they want to remain in Aden. IOM is working on arranging sea evacuations from Aden in case many Somalis opt to return to their country.

Achievements



Protection

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Achievements and Impact

- Out of the 19 new arrivals in Bossaso on 5 August, 10 persons (4 Yemenis and 6 Somalis, 2 females and 8 males) went to the Reception Center. The group had no significant negative conditions upon arrival and reported that the main reason for leaving Yemen was the ongoing conflict. The group of 13 persons that arrived in Bossaso on 9 August comprised of 2 females and 11 males. All passengers were Somalis who rejoined their relatives without going to the Reception Center in Bossaso.
- During the reporting period UNHCR Bossaso registered 228 Yemeni refugees (101 households) into UNHCR's registration system ProGres. A total of 1,377 Yemeni refugees (486 households) have been registered in Bossaso since late March until 11 August.
- Upon registration, three months of subsistence allowance is given to Yemeni refugees (100 USD per head of household per month, plus 20 USD per additional adult family member and 10 USD per child). UNHCR distributed subsistence allowance to 81 families in Gardo to assist them in vacating the East Africa University, which they had been using for accommodation. The subsistence allowance has been increased in order to facilitate the refugees to rent their own houses.
- UNHCR's implementing partner NRC provided information counseling through their information counseling and legal assistance (ICLA) program to 46 new arrivals (33 females and 13 males).
- UNHCR's implementing partner Gruppo per le Relazioni Transculturali (GRT) provided psychosocial counseling to 3 individuals and 9 households received emotional support. Counseling was provided to 4 individuals by GRT staff.
- Registration training for Puntland Immigration officers is planned for next week. IOM procured laptops, printers, necessary furniture and registration equipment for Puntland Immigration Department and will soon hand them over the equipment.

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Achievements and Impact

- The 131 new arrivals that reached Berbera on 8 August reported coming from Kharaz refugee camp, Aden and Sana'a in Yemen. They travelled to Mokha Port by bus paying between USD 25-50 and reported several check-points on the road. Most stayed in Mokha for 15 days with limited financial means, waiting for free passage by boat. Their sea trip was for free, but 10 Yemenis with more financial resources paid USD 150 for reserving a better space onboard, while the rest were accommodated in narrow and overcrowded rooms. The sea journey took 23 hours and food/water was provided.
- A total of 76 Yemeni refugees (41 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa in the reporting period by the Somaliland Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRRR), in collaboration with UNHCR. A total of 932 Yemeni refugees (485 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa since 28 March until 11 August 2015.
- UNHCR continued advocating for an out-of-camp approach, which was also supported by the DSRSG/HC/RC Peter de Clercq during his visit to Berbera and Bossaso. In this line, UNHCR is strengthening its solutions/livelihoods-oriented projects for Yemeni refugees. UNHCR has already included 100 most vulnerable Yemenis in its partner Action Africa Help International (AAH-I)'s livelihood project in Hargeisa and is reviewing with AAH-I to increase the number of beneficiaries to 300. Larger projects are foreseen in 2016.
- UNHCR, NRC, DRC and AAH-I drafted awareness raising messages on the dangers to cross to Yemen. It was agreed that posters/boards will be positioned within eight locations in Somaliland. Also, radio messages, leaflets and phone sms messaging are in the process to be developed jointly with partners of UNHCR-funded Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN) and Somaliland New Arrivals Task Force.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The rehabilitation of the registration room at Berbera Reception Center is not yet completed.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS

Achievements and Impact

- According to PRMN report, an estimated 30 households (HHs) of 178 Somali returnees from Yemen have settled in Shibis district of Mogadishu. In Baidoa, UNHCR and partners verified 10 HHs of 49 Somali returnees arrived in Berbera and Bossaso and supported with onward transportation assistance to Baidoa and their return assistance package is being processed. The total number of arrivals who returned to Baidoa is 120 HHs and 52 HHs qualified to have access to return package, based on vulnerability criteria agreed at inter-agency level in Berbera and Bossaso. The same package, harmonized with the one provided to returnees from Kenya, was provided in Luuq Way Station to 3 HHs of 16 Somali returnees from Yemen. The package includes: 3-month food ratio, NFIs, mobile phone with sim card, and cash grant of USD 100 per person (to be wired to the phone accounts). So far, a total of 9 HHs of 41 Somali returnees from Yemen have received return assistance in Luuq.
- UNHCR, in collaboration with the National Commission for Refugees and IDPs (NCRI), is setting up a Reception Center/Way Station in Mogadishu for reception, registration/verification and assistance to Somali returnees from Yemen as well as from Kenya. In the next two weeks, UNHCR will install rub halls and toiled facilities in the identified site. In the interim, returnees are being accommodated at IOM manned reception facility in Mogadishu.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Somali returnees from Yemen have approached UNHCR in South Central regions requesting for reintegration support and rehabilitation of their shelters.



Health

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Achievements and Impact

- Tadamun Social Society (TASS), UNICEF's local partner, provided emergency medical support to 4 Yemeni children, 2 boys and 2 girls. TASS/UNICEF provided HIV testing to confirm the positive status of two HIV positive children and they further referred one boy for tuberculosis treatment after testing positive for tuberculosis.
- UNHCR's implementing partner GRT referred two persons with mental illness for further treatment.

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Achievements and Impact

- The IOM medical team visited 72 patients during the reporting period; over five years old (27 male and 23 female) and 22 patients below five years old (12 male 10 female). One patient was referred to the hospital and five women pregnant.



Food Security and Nutrition

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Achievements and Impact

- DRC provided emergency water and biscuits to 19 arrivals at the Port and at the Reception Center in Bossaso.
- WFP continued to provide three daily hot meals to new arrivals at the Bossaso Reception Center and to register arrivals for issuing e-transfers through smart cards to purchase food to complement the cooked meal. During the reporting period, WFP topped up 34 smart cards with money for food assistance and registered 133 individuals (29 households) in their system.

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Achievements and Impact

- The kitchen construction at Berbera Reception Center has been finalized.



Water and Sanitation

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Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, at Bossaso Reception Center, TASS/UNICEF distributed 5 sanitary kits to young girls, while DRC distributed 254 sanitary pads (2 sanitary pads containing 10 pieces each) for 127 individual vulnerable women and girls.

- NRC continued a garbage collection program and hygiene awareness campaign and undertook a de-sludge campaign by unloading solid waste from latrines in Bossaso Reception Center.

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Achievements and Impact

- Construction of additional toilet and bathroom facilities at both Reception Centers in Berbera continued, and construction of laundry facilities at the 1st Reception Center will commence by the next week.



Shelter and NFIs

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Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR distributed 38 Non Food Item kits to Yemeni refugees in Gardo and NRC provided 200 mattresses to the Bossaso Reception Center for new arrivals.
- UNHCR's implementing partner DRC has neared completion of the 2nd Reception Center in Bossaso. In addition to the rehabilitation of 10 existing latrines, 12 latrines were constructed to serve new arrivals in the Center. UNHCR has provided four rub halls and two of them have been erected, while the remaining two are to be installed in the coming days. All construction is expected to be completed in course of the current week.

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Achievements and Impact

- 50 vulnerable household received Non Food Item kits at Berbera Reception Center on 9 August out of the group of 131 persons that arrived on 8 August 2015.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- UNHCR Hargeisa continued to receive information that Yemeni refugees are struggling to find and afford accommodation in Hargeisa, Somaliland. Discussions to resolve this issue are ongoing with authorities and partners.



Logistics

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Achievements and Impact

- From the arrivals in Bossaso on 5 and 9 August 2015, none was in need of onward transportation assistance.

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Achievements and Impact

- Out of the group of 131 persons that arrived on 8 August in Berbera, UNHCR, in partnership with IOM, provided 120 Somali returnees with onward transportation assistance mainly to South Central districts (114 persons) including Baidoa, Belet Hawa, Marka and Mogadishu, with the vast majority (80 persons) having as final destination Mogadishu. IOM also arranged travel documents and transport of one Ethiopian national to Jijjiga where further assistance is provided by IOM Ethiopia.

Working in partnership

- Two Puntland New Arrivals Task Force meetings were held in Bossaso on 5 and 6 August 2015. Issues of health referrals were addressed and solved and greater coordination of food assistance has been agreed to. The Puntland Task Force members agreed to conduct another assessment to identify Somali returnees from Yemen who already joined IDP settlement in Bossaso. The Puntland Task Force members also decided to start using waivers for risk acknowledgement and data sharing between key agencies in order to harmonize registration process and avoid duplications.
- UNHCR met with Somaliland Senior Government officials, including Police, Immigration and Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRRR) to discuss about protection principles, especially non refoulement and the right to seek asylum. It was agreed that UNHCR's partner Legal Clinic will conduct detention screening in order to identify any asylum seeker/refugee and UNHCR will recruit a training staff in order to train coast guards, immigration and authorities all over Somaliland.

- On 10 August 2015, UNHCR Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Yemen Situation, Ms. Claire Bourgeois, had a meeting in Nairobi with the country-level inter-agency Somalia Task Force on Yemen Situation, to present the consultation process on the Response Plan for the Yemen crisis beyond September 2015, which will be agreed in a regional workshop in Djibouti on 18-19 August, and exchange views about the coordination mechanism for the Yemen response in Somalia.

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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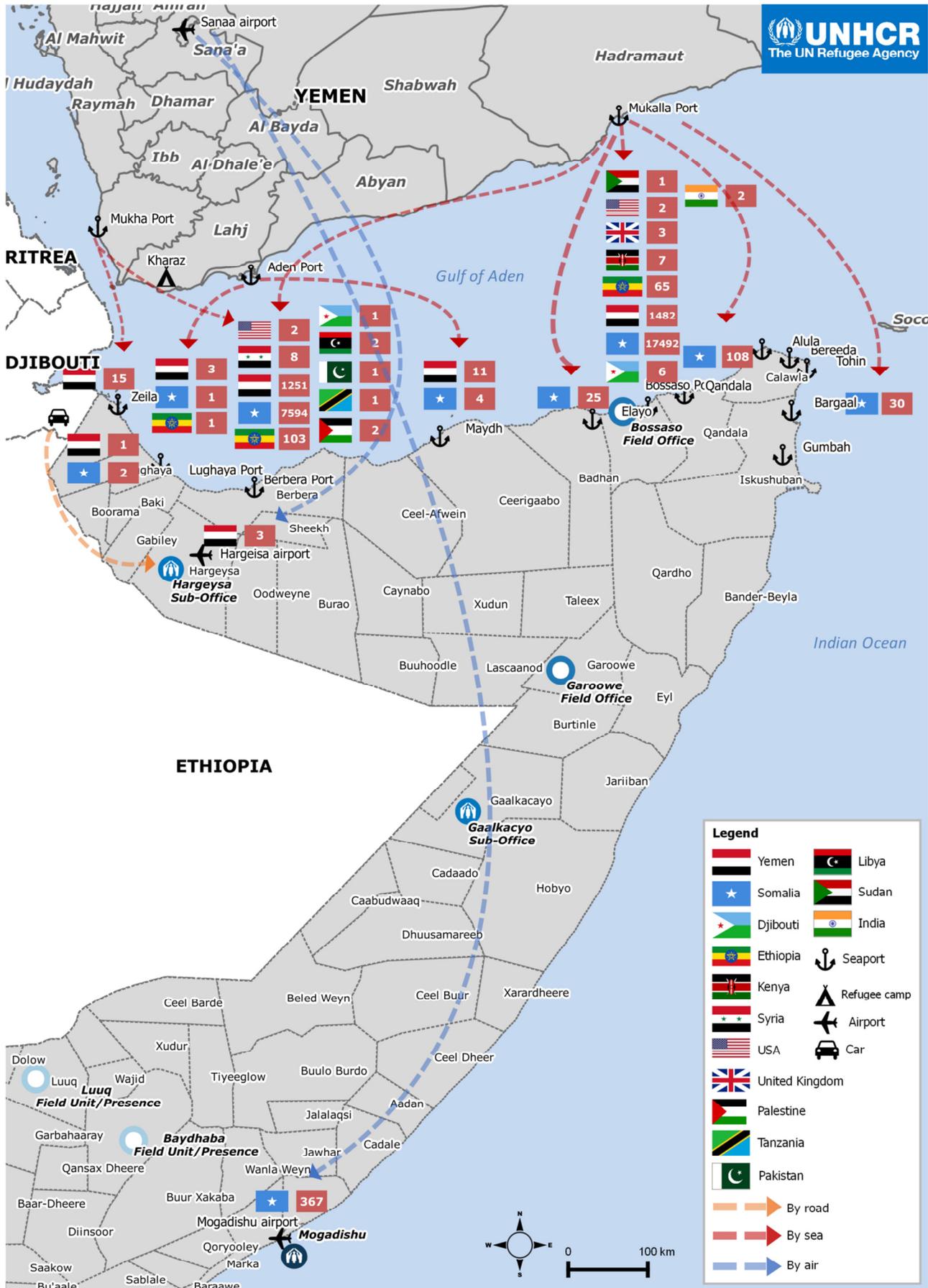
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