

# Nov-2013 SOMALIA FACT SHEET



Population of concern:  
**1,119,466**

Zone	Asylum Seekers	IDPs	Refugees
Puntland (PL)	3,764	129,000	405
Somaliland (SL)	7,329	84,000	1,905
South Central (SC)	0	893,000	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,093</b>	<b>1,106,000</b>	<b>2,373</b>

## ACHIEVEMENTS

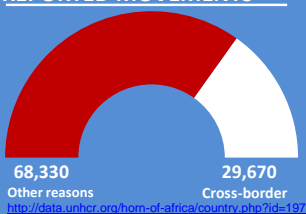
Number of IDPs assisted to return to their villages of origin in 2013

**50,404**

Total IDPs assisted with EAPs and NFIs in 2013

**90,000**

## REPORTED MOVEMENTS



## MIXED MIGRATION

Year	Departures	Somalis	Non-Somalis
2010	53,487	18,873	34,614
2011	103,154	27,350	75,804
2012	107,532	23,086	84,446
2013	50,249	8,182	42,067

## OPERATION

- One Branch Office located in Nairobi
- A Representation Office in Mogadishu
- Two Sub Offices in Hargeisa -Somaliland and Bossaso - Puntland and
- Three Field Offices in Mogadishu, Garowe and Galkayo
- Two Field Units in Dollow and Dhobley
- One planned Field Office in Baidoa

## STAFFING

UNHCR Somalia has a total of 111 staff members. Of these 18 are International, 67 National, 8 UN Volunteers and 18 Affiliates. A total of 78 staff members are field based.

**2013 Budget Requirements**  
(Millions in USD)

Pillar 1:	\$9,028,661.00
Pillar 4:	\$46,280,594.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$55,309,255.00</b>

## Operation Highlights

The number of refugees from Somalia – **1.1 million** – is the third highest in the world after Afghanistan and Syria

UNHCR leads protection and emergency relief interventions targeting 700,000 IDPs out of a total IDP population estimated at 1.1 million and over 2,300 refugees in Somalia.

As at December 18, 2013, there were **999,548, Somali** refugees in the region; mainly hosted in Kenya, Yemen, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Tanzania and Uganda and over **1.1 million** Somalis internally displaced within the country, settled mainly in the South-Central region.

Over **21,517** Somalis have so far sought refuge in neighboring countries in 2013. In the month of October, **8,300** movements were reported in different areas in Somalia due to cross-border movements, IDP eviction, forced return, insecurity, lack of livelihood and clan conflict.

## Assisted IDP Returns

As of November 2013, **10,115 IDP families** have been assisted to return to their villages of origin, mainly in the Bay and Shabelle regions. This is 80% of the total planned returns in tandem with the rainy (Gu) season. Another 1,745 families were also similarly assisted in 2012, totalling **11,860 IDP families** assisted to date. Following the plans by UNHCR and Return Consortium partners to assist about 5,000 IDPs, this number was surpassed by the significant work carried out in Deyr, late in 2013.

In line with providing durable solutions for returning IDPs, UNHCR together with the Somali National Federal Government has established the Somalia Solutions Platform. This Platform is aimed at defining a strategic solution-oriented strategy in support to the safe and sustainable return and reintegration of these people of concern. The Platform will also define its approach in the contribution to peacebuilding and conflict prevention through local integration initiatives and projects.

The Somalia Solutions Platform is part of an umbrella strategy for refugee returns in the Horn of Africa Region.

## Cross-Border Movements

Spontaneous movement of Somali refugees from Kenya, Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia and Yemen continue to be recorded with **3,300** people reported to have moved in October and November, 2013. Over **33,000** cross-border movements have been recorded into Somalia since January 2013.

## Internal Displacement

From October to November, over **12,500** people moved internally, mainly due to **IDP return (5,200), Eviction (2,500), lack of livelihood opportunities (1,300), evictions (760), forced return (1,100), clan conflict (800), reported drought (760), insecurity (600) and partial flooding (160)**. They moved mainly to Shabelle Dhexe, Banadir, Bay, Woqooyi Galbeed, and sanag regions. More than **80,000** people have been displaced since January 2013.

## Spontaneous IDP Returns

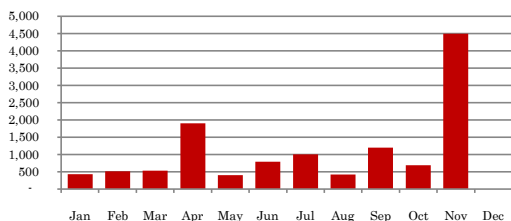
About **5,500** IDPs spontaneously returned to their place of habitual residence mainly within Afgooye district so far. However, in November, this figure sky-rocketed to **4,600** mainly due to the closure of Zona K IDP settlement. About 2,600 also returned home in Jowhar after conflicts between clans calmed. In total, about **13,000** IDPs have spontaneously returned to their place of habitual residence since January 2013.

## Non-Food Items Distributed

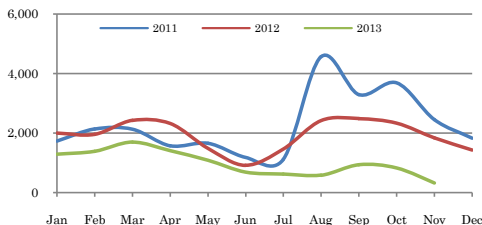
In 2013, UNHCR has reached over 90,000 people in Somalia with non-food item (NFI) kits that contain plastic sheeting, blankets and jerry cans. In the South-Central region, 70,669 people received 12,521 varying kits, while in the Puntland area, 20,161 individuals received a total of 3,351 kits. Of these, 1,000 were distributed in the Nugaal region, and another 1,531 kits distributed in partnership with the Danish Refugee Council, to those affected by the cyclone that hit Puntland early in November.



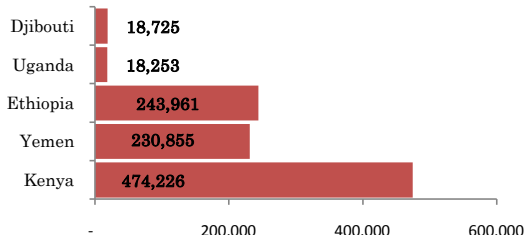
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## Somali Arrivals in Yemen



## SOMALI REFUGEES IN THE REGION (as of 18 Dec 2013.)



## Protection

UNHCR continues to support the Protection Cluster missions to Al Shabaab vacated areas such as Dhobley, Raskamboni, and Kismayo, in order to understand the refugee and IDP return dynamic and to assess possible protection needs. Currently, UNHCR together with the Protection and Shelter Clusters, are in discussion on the best approach to take to provide assistance and services, to those who have returned as well as those who have remained in-situ historically.

The Protection and Shelter Clusters created a two stage plan for inclusion of IDPs and Cluster members into the Mogadishu IDP relocation plans. The two stage plan is designed primarily to identify information gaps and distinctly vulnerable groups of IDPs. The latter will be targeted for one to one information sharing and consultations about the relocation plan, as well as finding out what their distinctive needs are and how best they can be supported.

## Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Somalia hosts a total of **2,373 refugees including 63 Zanzibari refugees in Mogadishu and 11,093 registered asylum seekers**, mainly from Ethiopia. UNHCR's refugee operation is focused in the regions of Somaliland and Puntland, with the overwhelming majority of the refugees and asylum seekers being hosted in Somaliland and Puntland.

In the absence of a formal national asylum framework, the situation of refugees in Somaliland and Puntland is essentially insecure and the overall protection context remains weak. This is particularly highlighted by arbitrary detention of recognized refugees, as well as the hostility and discrimination towards "foreigners" which impedes access to the (limited) socio-economic opportunities available to the local population. Refugees do not have legal rights to work, and access to protection through law enforcement and justice mechanisms are limited. Puntland adopted IDP policy guidelines in December 2012.

UNHCR carries out refugee status determination (RSD) under its mandate and also provides health, education, shelter and legal assistance to all recognized refugees, in addition to targeted assistance to extremely vulnerable households of asylum seekers.

## Mixed Migration

Thousands of people from the Horn of Africa, mainly from Ethiopia and Somalia, undertake a dangerous journey across the Gulf of Aden to reach Yemen and beyond. They risk their lives escaping conflict, poverty and recurrent drought, in search of asylum, better economic opportunities and a better life. Many die during the journey, while others are subjected to abuse and injury at the hands of unscrupulous smugglers.

**As of November 2013, 64,869 people including 10,867 Somalis crossed the Gulf.** 2012 saw the highest number of people undertaking this journey since 2010, when over 107,000 people crossed the Gulf.

UNHCR Somalia, together with IOM, leads the Mixed Migration Task Force (MMTF); a task force of humanitarian agencies in developing policies and coordinating responses to protect migrants and asylum seekers who could potentially be smuggled.

All the activities implemented try either to prevent smuggling or to respond to urgent needs of its victims.



One of the victims of human smuggling from Somalia to Yemen being buried on the Yemeni shore of the Gulf of Aden. A. Webster/UNHCR

To improve the protection of the migrating population, local authorities are trained and sensitized to respect their (migrants) rights. Through radio messages and leaflets, UNHCR tries to inform as many people as possible about the asylum procedures existing in the regions of Somaliland and Puntland, to make all potential refugees aware of the fact that there is an alternative to risking their lives trying to cross the Gulf of Aden.

The information campaign also warns against the dangers of crossing and the limited opportunities available in Yemen, especially for Ethiopians, who are not recognized as prima facie refugees and, in some instances, are reportedly forcibly returned to their country of origin.

UNHCR also carefully registers all potential asylum seekers. All new mothers and expectant women, as well as all female headed families and elderly people, receive special items and shelter material. Psycho-social support and medical assistance is also provided to the vulnerable. In particular, HIV positive asylum seekers receive special attention and assistance in medical centers. In some cases, UNHCR provides subsistence allowances to vulnerable

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