

# Somalia

1-31 October 2017



Ongoing extension of a primary school Khasab Berdale School (four classrooms and four latrines) in Baidoa. In 2017, UNHCR has already rehabilitated eight schools and continued with rehabilitation of two schools. © AVORD / Baidoa, October 2017

## Highlights

### Main achievements during the month of October

Number of returnees <sup>1</sup>	1,086 Somalis returned to Somalia
Core relief items	257 CRIs distributed to 216 households (605 persons)
Reinstallation grants	1,034 returnees provided with reinstallation grants
Education	2,990 newly enrolled students
Shelters	39 shelters and 28 latrines constructed
Community-based projects	2,717 beneficiaries of community-based projects

<sup>1</sup> Figure shows all returnees that have been recorded by the UNHCR. Those who have returned with the UNHCR support and are entitled to receive the enhanced return package and those who have returned spontaneously and are therefore not entitled to receive the enhanced return package.

## Working with Partners

**The UNHCR Representative in Somalia and the Mogadishu Governor of Benadir Region signed a Project Partnership Agreement** to enable temporary employment for 1,000 persons (700 returnees, 200 members of host community and 100 IDPs) through a cash for work programme to beautify the town of Mogadishu and to extend five schools and one technical and vocational education training (TVET) training centre. Renovated educational premises will strengthen access to education to around 9,000 students.



*The UNHCR Representative and the Governor of Benadir Region signing the Project Partnership Agreement to support 1,000 persons. © UNHCR / Mogadishu, October 2017*

**UNHCR has shared the Country of Origin Information (COI)** for the month of August-September with the Help Desk in Refugee Camps in Kenya and Yemen. The COI includes information about the humanitarian, security and political situation in Somalia. The COI helps Somali refugee make an informed decision about their return.

**On 28 September, the State of Jubaland imposed new landing fees on UN flights.** UNHCR met with the counterparts of the State of Jubaland to discuss the suspension of flights. It was agreed that the State of Jubaland will meet with UN agencies to discuss support for the maintenance of the Kismayo airport. On 28 September, the last return flight from Kenya to Kismayo with returnees was received.

## Updates on Achievements

**UNHCR continue to provide assistance to Somali refugees** who decided to voluntarily return home. In order to ensure sustainable reintegration of Somali refugee returnees, UNHCR provides the enhanced return package<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> The enhanced return package consists of unconditional core relief item kits (one to three, depending on the family size), an unconditional one time reinstallation grant in amount of US\$ 200 per person, unconditional monthly subsistence allowance in the amount of US\$ 200 per households for six months, an unconditional monthly grant for food rations for six months (provided

Throughout the October several factors have impacted the repatriation: deteriorating humanitarian situation in Baidoa, security concerns on the border between Kenya and Somalia (Dhobley town) and newly imposed landing fees in Kismayo. Due to these factors return movement to listed locations remained temporarily suspended.

## Return Figures

As of 31 October 2017, a total of 108,498 Somalis returned to Somalia; 73,943 from Kenya, 33,921 from Yemen (33,511 spontaneous and 418 assisted) and 626 from other countries of asylum (589 from Djibouti, 34 from Eritrea, two from Tunisia, and one from Pakistan).

- In October, 1,104 Somalis returned home, 775 from Yemen (490 spontaneous and 285 assisted) and 329 from Kenya.

### Return Trends by Country of Asylum

Country of Asylum	1-31 October 2017	1 January - 31 October 2017	Cumulative
Kenya	329	34,055	73,943
Yemen (A) <sup>3</sup>	285	418	418
Yemen (S) <sup>4</sup>	490	4,036	33,511
Other	-	524	626
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>39,033</b>	<b>108,498</b>

### Persons with Specific Needs

Of those who returned during the reporting period, 85 were identified as having a specific needs.

- This includes 24 women at risk, 16 separated children, nine persons with disabilities, eight elderly persons at risk and six cases with serious medical conditions. Of the 85 persons with specific needs, 64 were immediately received by relatives on arrival.

## Core Relief Items

In the October, UNHCR provided 257 kits of core relief items<sup>5</sup> (CRIs) to 216 returnee households (605 persons).

- 136 kits were distributed to 111 households (329 persons) from Kenya and 121 kits to 105 households (276 persons) from Yemen.

by WFP), a conditional education grant up to US\$ 25 per school-going child, a conditional grant in of up to US\$ 1,000 for shelter per household and conditional enrolment in self-reliance and livelihood projects.

<sup>3</sup> Somali refugee returnees from Yemen who opt to be voluntarily repatriated to Somalia under the Assisted Spontaneous Return programme.

<sup>4</sup> Spontaneous Somali returnees from Yemen.

<sup>5</sup> One CRI kit consists of three blankets, two 10 litres jerry cans, seven boxes of BP-5, three soap bars, three sleeping mats, one plastic sheet, two cooking pots, one large spoon and kitchen knife, five table spoons, plates and metal cups.

## Cash Assistance

In the October, a one-time reinstallation grant of US\$ 200 per persons was distributed to 1,034 returnees (363 households).

- 717 returnees (255 households) from Kenya, 272 returnees (98 households) from Yemen, 44 returnees (nine households) from Djibouti and one returnee from Eritrea<sup>6</sup>.

In the October, a subsistence allowance in amount of US\$ 200 per household was distributed to 2,877 households (14,374 persons).

- 2,768 households (13,829 persons) from Kenya, 97 households (483 persons) from Yemen and 12 households (62 persons) from Djibouti.

## Education

UNHCR has newly enrolled 11,215 students in school year 2017/2018 and supported them with education grant to continue attending classes.

- In October, UNHCR newly enrolled a total of 2,990 students: 1,931 in lower primary, 632 in upper primary and 427 in secondary education.

### Total Enrolment per Region in School Year 2017/2018

Region	Primary lower	Primary upper	Secondary	Total
Banadir	1,194	525	393	2,112
Bay	2,921	672	314	3,907
Gedo	109	-	1	110
Lower Juba	3,960	892	212	5,064
Woqooyi Galbeed	22	-	-	22
Total	8,206	2,090	920	11,215

## Shelter

In 2017, UNHCR constructed 1,002 shelters (848 in Kismayo, 124 in Afmadow and 30 in Baidoa) and 398 latrines (236 in Kismayo, 100 in Baidoa and 62 in Afmadow).

- In October, 39 shelters (in Kismayo) and 28 latrines (22 in Afmadow and six in Kismayo) were constructed.

### Total Number of Shelters and Latrines per Location

Location	Kismayo	Afmadow	Baidoa	Total
Shelters	848	124	30	1,002
Latrines	236	62	100	398

<sup>6</sup> Some returnees that have arrived on the end of September have received their reinstallation grants in October.



*Newly constructed shelters in Kismayo. © ARC / Kismayo, October 2017*

## Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

**In October, UNHCR provided livelihood opportunities for a total of 2,717 persons (1,938 returnees, 344 IDPs and 435 members of host community).**

- Out of the 2,717 persons, 1,322 were part of a cash for work programme, 488 were enrolled in vocational training, 643 in small-business programme, 218 were assisted with self-employment opportunities and 46 in peaceful-coexistence forum.

### Rehabilitation of Public Infrastructure

- In Afmadow, UNHCR continued with cleaning the surroundings of a district with 100 beneficiaries (60 returnees, 20 IDPs and 20 members of the host community) and cleaned bushes around district.
- In Kismayo, rehabilitation works of a football stadium continued throughout October.
- In Baidoa, UNHCR completed with extension of the primary school Qasab Bardale (three classrooms and four latrines) and continued with extension work (four classrooms and four latrines) for the primary school Sheikh Osman with 62 beneficiaries (43 returnees and 19 members of host community) in a cash for work programme.
- In Baidoa, UNHCR registered 60 persons (40 members of host community, 12 IDPs and eight returnees) for cleaning the district of Baidoa.
- In Luuq, UNHCR started with the cleaning of the district of Luuq with 100 beneficiaries (49 returnees, 36 members of host community and 15 IDPs).
- In Galkacyo, UNHCR started with the construction of two schools and two community centres.

### Vocational Skills Training

- In Baidoa, UNHCR continued with vocational training for carpentry for 60 beneficiaries (42 returnees and 18 members of host community).
- In Hargeysa, 138 beneficiaries (113 returnees and 25 members of host community) continued with vocational skill training: 25 in electricity, 25 in painting/decoration, 15 in plumbing, 54 in cooking and 19 in tailoring.

- In Kismayo, UNHCR distributed a chicken egg hatchery and 10 to 20 chickens per individual for the second group of 103 beneficiaries out of 220 beneficiaries (132 returnees, 44 IDPs and 44 host community). Also, in the October, additional 50 returnees were identified for the poultry project.

### Small-business Programme

- In the October, UNHCR continued with small-business programmes for 400 persons (188 in Garoowe, 155 in Bossaso, 40 in Kismayo and 37 in Hargeysa), to educate them to establish and run their businesses. While in Luuq, UNHCR started to support a small-business programme for 50 beneficiaries (34 returnees, 13 members of host community and three IDPs).
- In Mogadishu, UNHCR started with a village savings and loans programme targeting 65 beneficiaries (59 returnees and six IDPs). Beneficiaries are divided in 13 groups of five. Each group will exercise to save and loan among themselves.



Beneficiaries in the class on village savings and loans programme. © COOPI / Mogadishu, October 2017

### Access to Self-employment, Information and Communications Technologies

- At the Return Support Centre in Kismayo, 112 persons (54 returnees, 34 IDPs and 24 members of host community) were assisted: 69 with information on available opportunities in the region and education, while 43 were enrolled in various classes (20 in literacy, 15 in tailoring and eight in computers).
- In Hargeysa, 106 persons (58 members of host community and 48 returnees) accessed the Peaceful-Coexistence Centre where they attended various classes (50 in language, 23 in computer and 21 in literacy) and 12 accessed a library.

### Peaceful Co-existence

- In Hargeysa, two meetings were held with 46 persons (18 returnees and 28 members of host community) on sensitization on communication equality and non-discrimination and value based relation.

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