

# Ethiopia

November 2017

Ethiopia **launched CRRF** to further the protection of refugees and promote their self-reliance through a comprehensive and sustainable response, while supporting host communities.

74,392 South Sudanese refugees have been registered in Ethiopia since 1 January. The majority have reportedly **fled conflict**.

Refugees in Addis Ababa continue to be L3 registered. This will ensure **access to rights in line with the NY Declaration**.

## KEY INDICATORS

**893,938\***

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Ethiopia  
[As of 30 November 2017]

**58%\***

Percentage of refugees below the age of 18

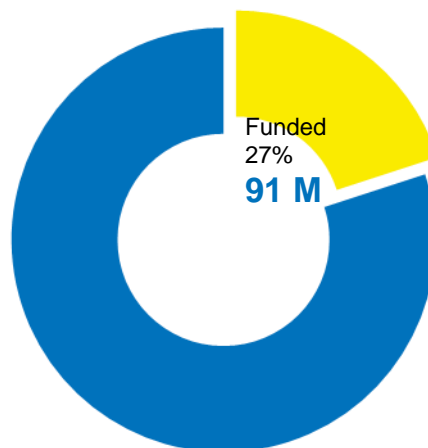
**106,092**

New arrivals registered in Ethiopia so far in 2017  
[As of 30 November 2017]

## FUNDING (AS OF 28 NOVEMBER)

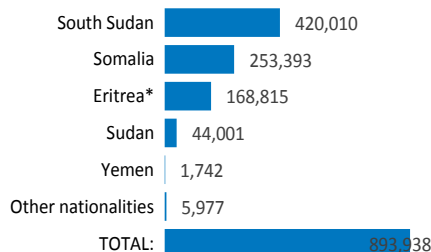
**USD 335.4 M**

requested for the Ethiopia operation



## POPULATION OF CONCERN

### Refugee Nationalities



\* 73,078 Eritrean refugees previously registered as living in camps have settled in urban areas. This confirmed figure represents a reduction of 8,000 refugees, following the conclusion of a comprehensive verification exercise.



Bethlehem Tesfatsiyon, representing the refugees during the CRRF launch, calls for increased support. "This is a milestone and it shows that we were not left behind. Thanks to the government of Ethiopia for piloting the CRRF to help transform our lives for the better, making us productive global citizens." UNHCR/Diana Diaz

# Update On Achievements

## Operational Context

On 28 November 2017, the Government of Ethiopia formally [launched the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework \(CRRF\)](#), paving the way for the implementation of the nine pledges it made at the Leaders' Summit on Refugees in September 2016 in New York.

Through the pledges, which serve as a vehicle for implementing the CRRF in the country, Ethiopia seeks to promote refugees' self-reliance through a comprehensive and sustainable response that combines wider support to host communities, furthering peaceful coexistence and the inclusion of refugees into national development plans.

Ato Solomon Tesfaye, State Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) reconfirmed the government's commitment to a significant shift in the way it responds to the needs of refugees, including a gradual transition from a camp-based protection model to supporting refugees directly within host-communities.



*Members of Ethiopia's Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) steering committee, comprising the Prime Minister's Office, the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs, UNHCR and the Ministry of Finance & Economic Cooperation (MoFEC), answer questions at the CRRF launch in Addis Ababa. UNHCR/Diana Diaz*

## Italian Humanitarian Corridors Programme extends lifeline to vulnerable refugees in Ethiopia



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In last year's New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, 193 Member States of the United Nations acknowledged that protecting those who have been forced to flee and supporting the communities that host them are shared international responsibilities. It set out a new Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), and agreed to develop a global compact on refugees to address refugee situations in a more predictable and equitable manner. A key objective of the CRRF is to expand refugees' access to third countries through resettlement or other forms of admission.

By opening up options for some of the world's most vulnerable people to move to third countries, the Humanitarian Corridors Programme is one way Italy is helping in the global effort for more comprehensive responses to refugee situations. Through the programme, 500 refugees living in Ethiopia who are vulnerable because of their personal situation, age or health, or who may have family ties in Italy will have a chance to rebuild their lives.

The first group of [25 refugees departed from Ethiopia, embarked on a journey to Italy](#) where the community of Sant'Egidio, the Italian Bishops Conference through Caritas Italiana and Migrantes, will help them integrate. With this new opportunity, those people who originally sought refuge in Ethiopia will have a chance to rebuild their lives.



## Expanding protection for South Sudanese refugees in Nguenyyiel Camp



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While the number of new arrivals from South Sudan has decreased, with the highest peak registered in late September 2017, UNHCR and its partners continue their contingency planning in preparation for possible future influxes. In this respect, Nguenyyiel Camp – recently expanded to accommodate 90,000 refugees and currently hosting almost 83,000 – will be divided in two camps and administrative zones, each to host a total of 60,000 persons. This decision was made to facilitate shelter for some 120,000 refugees, up to 35,000 of whom are foreseen to arrive by the end of 2017.

Amongst the critical outstanding needs in the camp is health, with 83,000 refugees currently relying on one health centre managed by ARRA and a recently established health post managed by Medecins Sans Frontieres. UNHCR and partners hope to expand health services to provide equitable access to a combined population of 120,000 refugees as well as to potentially support surrounding host communities.

Additional challenges include safeguarding the health status of refugees' livestock, which form an important part of an individual family's coping mechanism, reinforcing their nutritional status. Efforts to ensure the animals' physical wellbeing are underway.

## Achievements

### GAMBELLA

- With the support from partner HelpAge International, elderly refugees in Nguenyiel Camp with eye conditions underwent simple eye surgeries in order to improve their sight.



### JIJIGA

- UNHCR through partner IOM began the distribution of assistance to Internally Displaced Persons in Ethiopia. 550 families displaced to the Qoloji 2 site received cash to facilitate the procurement of essential non-food items.



### MELKADIDA

- With the support of UNHCR, an airstrip was open in Melkadida where UNHAS flights will be able to land. This will significantly improve the scope of humanitarian operations in the area, thereby reducing road-travel time to and from Dollo Ado town.



### SHIRE

- A solar powered water pump was installed and became operational in Hitsats Camp. The reservoir is currently being filled thanks to this water pump.



### ASSOSA

- 98 refugee families in Gure-Shombola Camp received smart cards with 600 ETB as part of a cash pilot project to enable refugees to access a variety of essential non-food items.





## Refugee Voices

Access to secondary education opens new doors for refugees in Ethiopia



*By Jeny Pathak in Bokolmanyo Camp, Melkadida*

As a refugee girl, Kurosho Borow Bule, 19, feels responsible to work extra hard to obtain an education and change her life. “There are many girls in Bokolmanyo Refugee Camp who are told that the classroom is not for them,” she said. Yet, Kurosho believes in the power of education and spreads the famous saying “If you educate a man, you educate an individual, but if you educate a woman, you educate the family.”

**“I feel so proud to be able to continue my education”**

Globally, 3.7 out of the six million primary and secondary school-age refugees under UNHCR’s mandate do not have access to education. This means that less than half of the world’s refugee children go to school; in Ethiopia, the figures are bleaker. Whereas 49% of the refugee children are enrolled in primary education, only 13% attend secondary schools, 8% of them are girls. And only a few refugees like Kurosho continue to tertiary education.

“I feel so proud to be able to continue my education,” she said. Kurosho passed her 12th grade examinations and has received a partial scholarship from the Ethiopian government and the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative Fund (DAFI) to further her studies. 100% of the students (75 refugee students and 30 students from the host community) who sat for grade 12 national examination at DICAC Secondary School in Bokolmanyo in 2017 qualified for government scholarships and have all been placed in

various universities in the country. “It is the improved access to facilities such as libraries, science laboratories and extra support from our teachers that helped us prepare and pass the exam,” said Kurosho.

UNHCR is taking steps to address the refugee education gap for the Somali refugee adolescents in camps under Sub-Office Melkadida by improving the quality in existing schools and increasing access to additional secondary schools. To date, the area has three secondary schools of which two are boarding schools (Kobe and Bokolmanyoy) and one (Hilaweyn) day school, bringing education closer to refugee and host community students. Additionally, UNHCR has formalized its partnership with the local government to provide secondary education to refugees and host communities on a 50:50 basis starting in 2018 in a secondary school in Melkadida camp. By 2018, refugees and host community youth will have increased access to quality secondary education in the region.

“I sought guidance from my teachers and the Director of DICAC Secondary school on college applications and the scholarship process for refugees,” she said, speaking on how the scholarship came about. Kurosho wishes to help sick people as a nurse and also wants to be an agent of change in the community. Along with 64 other refugee students from DICAC Secondary School, Kurosho left to start their university studies at Jijiga University in November 2017. “I am very fortunate because I have supportive parents who want me to be an educated woman. I want to encourage young girls to attend school and build a future for themselves”, said Kurosho.

Tesfaye Negussie, the Director of the Bokolmanyoy DICAC Secondary School can’t contain his excitement and wishes for his students to excel in university. “These students are role models for other refugee and host community students and we must put in all our efforts to help them succeed”, he said.

When Kurosho is done with her studies, she plays hand ball and keeps up with news in Somalia. “There is so much injustice happening in my country and I continue to pray for peace. I hope to go back and be part of rebuilding Somalia one day”.

## Working in partnership

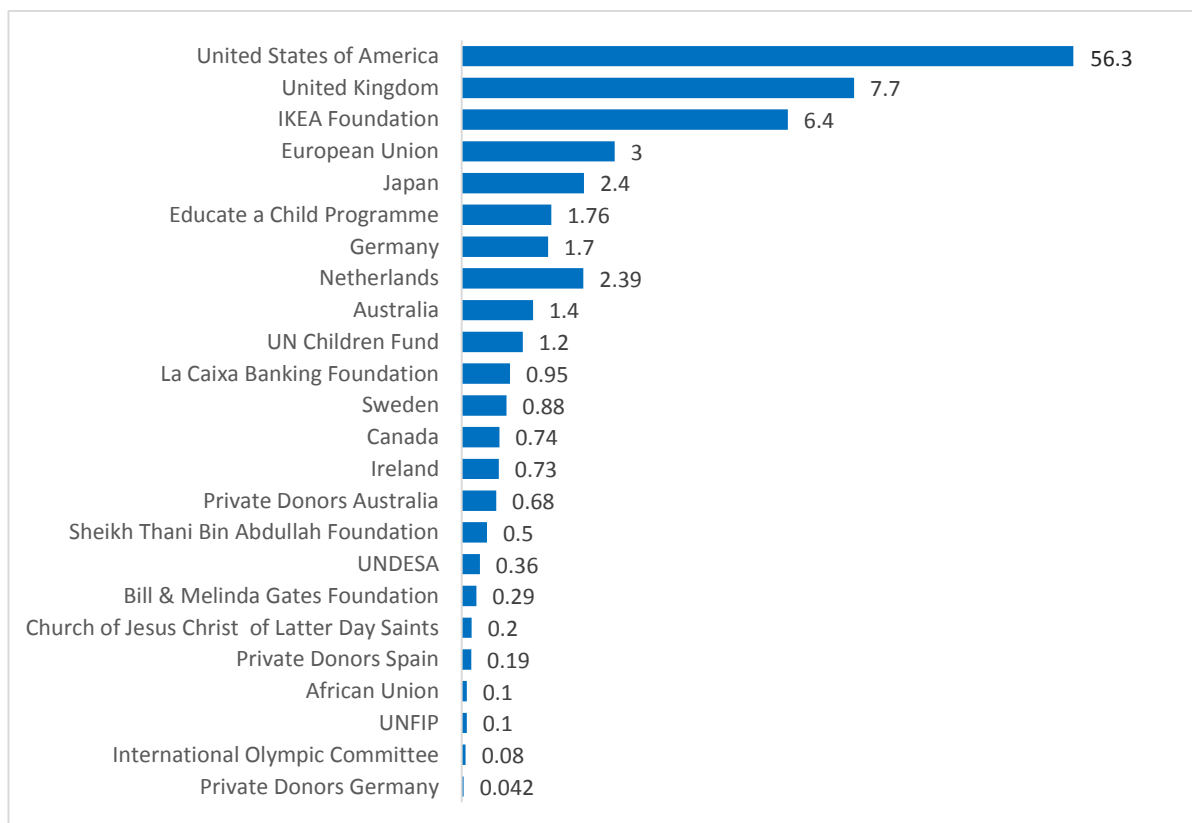
- UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, provides protection, assistance and facilitates durable solutions for refugees in Ethiopia in collaboration with ARRA, the Ethiopian Government, UN Agencies and NGOs.

## Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 91 million**, including **US\$ 32.1** million for the South Sudan and Somalia situations.

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

### Funding received (in million USD)





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