

Somalia

1-31 March 2018



Yemeni refugees who fled the war in Yemen welcomed by UNHCR at the Berbera Port. © UNHCR/2018

Main achievements



Updates on achievements

After three years of conflict in Yemen, over 190,000 Yemenis have sought refuge in neighbouring countries. As of 31 March 2018, 6,383 Yemenis fled to Somalia. Upon arrival to Somalia, Yemeni refugees are assisted by UNHCR and its partners who provide protection assistance and support to Yemeni refugees through access to territory; registration and documentation; education; health; livelihood and self-reliance; cash-based interventions and provision of core relief items; legal support; sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) prevention and response; peaceful coexistence and community-based protection.

New arrivals

Since the beginning of the conflict in Yemen in 2015, a total of 6,383 Yemeni refugees have arrived in Somalia.

- In the month of March 2018, 102 Yemeni refugees arrived in Somalia from Yemen by boat (397 since January 2018).

Number of new arrivals recorded per year

Date	Before 2018	2018	1-31 Mar '18	Since March 2015
Number of arrivals	5,986	397	102	6,383



A two-day protection assessment of situations of refugees and asylum-seekers conducted by UNCHR and partners at the Berbera Reception Center. © UNHCR/March 2018.

Registration

Before Yemeni refugees proceed to their final location, UNHCR conducts registration and issues a registration document for them. After the registration, Yemeni refugees are also briefed on assistance available in Somalia.^{1, 2}

- During the month of March, UNHCR registered 73 Yemeni refugees (521 since January 2018).

Registered Yemeni refugees and asylum-seekers

Legal status	Before 2018	1-31 Mar '18	2018	Since March 2015
Refugees	10,788	73	521	11,309
Asylum-seekers ³	58	-	-	58
Total	10,846	73	521	11,367

¹ See UNHCR, "Monthly report on registered refugees and asylum-seekers March 2018", 3.5.2018.

² The number of registered Yemenis is higher than the number of new arrivals mainly because: Yemenis who came through Djibouti and other ports than Berbera and Bossaso are not captured under new arrivals and a small increase was recorded due to continuous registration of new born babies.

³ These are Yemenis who arrived in Somalia before the Federal Republic of Somalia started granting *prima facie* status.

Legal

UNHCR provides access to legal assistance and legal remedies, and raises awareness on rights and obligations of refugees.

- In the month of March, UNHCR provided legal aid to 16 Yemeni refugees (134 since January 2018).

Education

UNHCR strives to ensure access to safe learning environments for Yemeni refugees. This assistance include provision of school fees, scholastic materials and school uniforms. This year, 133 Yemeni refugees have already been enrolled in schools.

- During March, 12 Yemeni refugees were supported to continue their education at the university level.

Health

UNHCR also provides access to primary health care and referrals to secondary and tertiary health care. Between January and March, a total of 3,282 Yemeni refugees had access to health care services.

- In March, 1,485 Yemeni refugees were able to access to health care services; 1,441 to primary and 44 referrals to secondary and tertiary health care services.

Date	Primary	Referrals	Total
1-31 March 2018	1,441	44	1,485
2018	3,217	65	3,282



Yemeni refugees visiting Hargeysa Group Hospital to seek health care services in Hargeysa. © UNHCR/March 2018

Cash assistance

UNHCR promotes cash-based interventions to fulfil refugees' basic needs in a dignified manner. UNHCR Somalia provides subsistence allowance to vulnerable Yemeni refugee households. The amount of subsistence allowance depends on the family size and vulnerability of the family. Cash assistance can be provided for one time or the duration of three months or six months.

- During March, UNHCR provided subsistence allowance to a total of 1,107 Yemeni refugee households (2,593 persons).

Time	# of individuals	# of households
1-31 March 2018	2,593	1,107
2018	7,033	3,032

Community empowerment and self-reliance

UNHCR also enrolls Yemeni refugees in livelihood programmes to enhance their skills and knowledge to help them become self-reliant. During March, 238 Yemeni refugees were enrolled in livelihood projects.

Modality	1-31 March 2018	2018
Technical and vocational education trainings	54	54
Small-business programmes	167	167
Access to self-employment	17	17
Total	238	238

Technical and vocational education training

- In Hargeysa, 24 Yemeni refugees continued with vocational skills training in electric, plumbing, cooking and tailoring.
- In Bossaso, a group of 30 Yemeni refugees continued with training in beauty salon, carpentry, electric and tailoring.

Small-business programmes

- In Bosasso, 167 Yemeni refugees have been registered for a small-scale business program. At the programme, refugees will receive knowledge and skills on entrepreneurship and a start-up kit to launch their business.

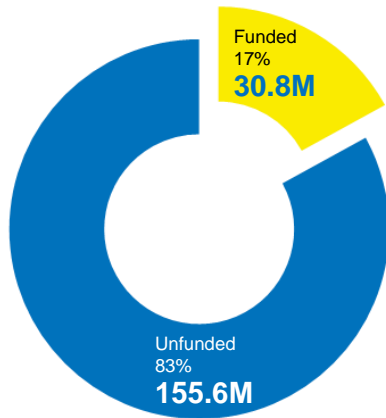
Access to self-employment

- In Hargeysa, 17 Yemeni refugees continued with vocational trainings in computer, literacy and accounting.

Funding (as of 1 May)

USD 186.4 M

requested for Somalia



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