



Construction of the Teacher Training College in Dollo Ado supported by the Ikea Foundation funds

# ETHIOPIA

## FACT SHEET

July 2016

### HIGHLIGHTS

<b>741,288</b> refugees registered in the country	<b>1,696</b> refugees newly registered in July	<b>20,304</b> New arrivals registered since January 2016	<b>13,159</b> Urban Eritrean refugees verified during the reporting period
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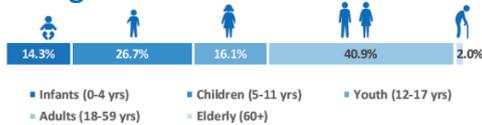
### Population of concern

A total of **741,288** population of concern  
(As of 31 July 2016)

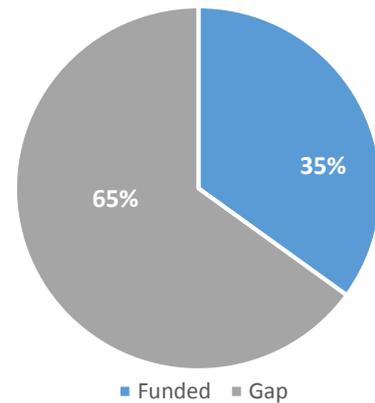
#### By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
South Sudan	280,301
Somalia	252,959
Eritrea	162,180 <sup>1</sup>
Sudan	39,092
Yemen	1,526
Other Nationalities	5,230
<b>Total</b>	<b>741,288</b>

#### Age breakdown



**Funding** (as of 25 July 2016)  
**USD 280.0 million** requested



### UNHCR Presence

#### Staff:

- 320 national staff
- 122 international staff
- 84 individual contractors
- 38 deployees
- 9 IUNVs

Total: **564**

#### Offices:

24 offices, including the **UNHCR Representation in Ethiopia (in Addis Ababa)**, as well as Sub and Field-Offices located in five Regional States: **Afar** (Semera) **Benishangul-Gumuz** (Assosa, Bambasi, Sherkole, Tongo), **Gambella** (Gambella, Dimma, Itang, Jewi, Pugnido), **Somali** (Jijiga, Melkadida, Aw-barre, Sheder, Kebribeyah, Dollo Ado, Bokolmanyo, Kobe, Hilaweyn, Buramino) and **Tigray** (Shire, Mekele, Embamadre, Shimelba).

<sup>1</sup> 81,084 Eritrean refugees previously registered as living in the camps are believed to have spontaneously settled in Ethiopia. This figure will be subjected to verification

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- The **Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)** is UNHCR's main government counterpart with which close cooperation is maintained to ensure the protection of refugees.
- UNHCR is fully engaged in coordination fora to mainstream the needs of refugees within humanitarian and national plans. These coordination mechanisms include the Humanitarian Country Team, the Refugee Task Force, donor and NGO and inter-agency meetings at the field and camp levels. This has ensured the effective environment within the Level 3 Emergency for South Sudanese refugees as well as the development of a Regional Refugee Response Plan in an event of an influx.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### Protection

- A party to both the **1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees**, and its **1967 Protocol** and the **1969 OAU Convention**, the Government provides protection to refugees from some 20 countries, with the majority originating from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea, Sudan and Yemen.
- Individual refugee status determination is undertaken by the government Eligibility Committee, on which UNHCR sits as an observer. **The South Sudanese, Eritreans, Yemenis and Somalis originating from South and Central Somalia** are granted **prima facie recognition**.
- UNHCR has completed the verification exercise of Eritrean urban refugees in Addis Ababa. A total of **13,159** persons were verified. As of the end of July a total of **19,393** refugees live in Addis Ababa. UNHCR will continue the exercise in other urban locations.
- The Ethiopia Government maintains the policy requiring refugees to reside in **24 refugee camps** in the country. However, the Government allows certain refugees to reside in the urban areas, primarily Addis Ababa. They include, **refugees in need of special medical attention unavailable in camps; refugees with serious protection concerns or inability to stay in camps for humanitarian reasons; and Eritrean Refugees enrolled in the Out-of-Camp Policy (OCP)**. A total of **4,262** in Addis Ababa and **425** in Tigray Region are currently under COP. **Yemeni nationals** and **other non-African refugees** are also in the urban programme.

### Health

- A total of **344,952** persons benefited from consultations in all health centres in the refugee camps, **14.5% of whom were from the host communities** during the first half of the year. Major health problems treated were upper respiratory tract infections (16%), lower respiratory tract infections (12%), malaria (13%) and watery diarrhoea (10%). Consultations for mental health disorders and chronic diseases accounted for 2% of the total consultations. **Mortality rates in children under five is 0.1/ 1,000/ month** and remains within the expected range in all camps.
- A significant increase in malaria patients was observed in **Gambella, Assosa and Shire** in June. Actions against the prevalence of malaria including indoor residual anti-mosquito spraying campaigns have been carried out in close coordination with the regional health offices. The similar campaigns are under preparation for the remaining camps in the three regions.

### Nutrition and Food Security

- During the first half of the year, **3,630 new cases of children aged 6-59 months with severe acute malnutrition** were admitted in the nutrition programme for treatment, as were **6,180 new cases of children aged 6-59 months with moderate acute malnutrition** throughout the refugee camps in Ethiopia. **977 pregnant and lactating women** were identified and treated for moderate acute malnutrition.

### Water and Sanitation

- **On average 17.5 litres** of water are provided to refugees daily, four camps meet the UNHCR minimum standard of 20 litres per refugee per day. Permanent water schemes are available in 23 camps; the permanent scheme in the remaining camp Jewi is expected to be completed by the end of August.
- Four springs in Mystebri in Shire region are being rehabilitated to ease pressure on the host community water supplies and increase the quantity of water available for the refugees.
- WASH infrastructure in Assosa and Gambella were negatively affected by the rainy season. Latrines are filling up, vegetation is growing and mosquitoes have increased. UNHCR and partners **decommissioned, replaced and built new family latrines** and have strengthened environment and awareness campaigns.

### Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- UNHCR and ARRA work in close coordination with partners to ensure proper and coordinated delivery of protection and assistance. Camp coordination meetings and technical working groups take place both at the zone and camp levels.

### Access to Energy and Environment Protection

- Energy for cooking has been provided through the access to **ethanol fuel, kerosene and bio-mass wood fuel**. In addition, **solar**

lanterns for households and solar street lights for protection are being provided. However, **only 5% of the refugees' domestic energy needs have been addressed** in Ethiopia.

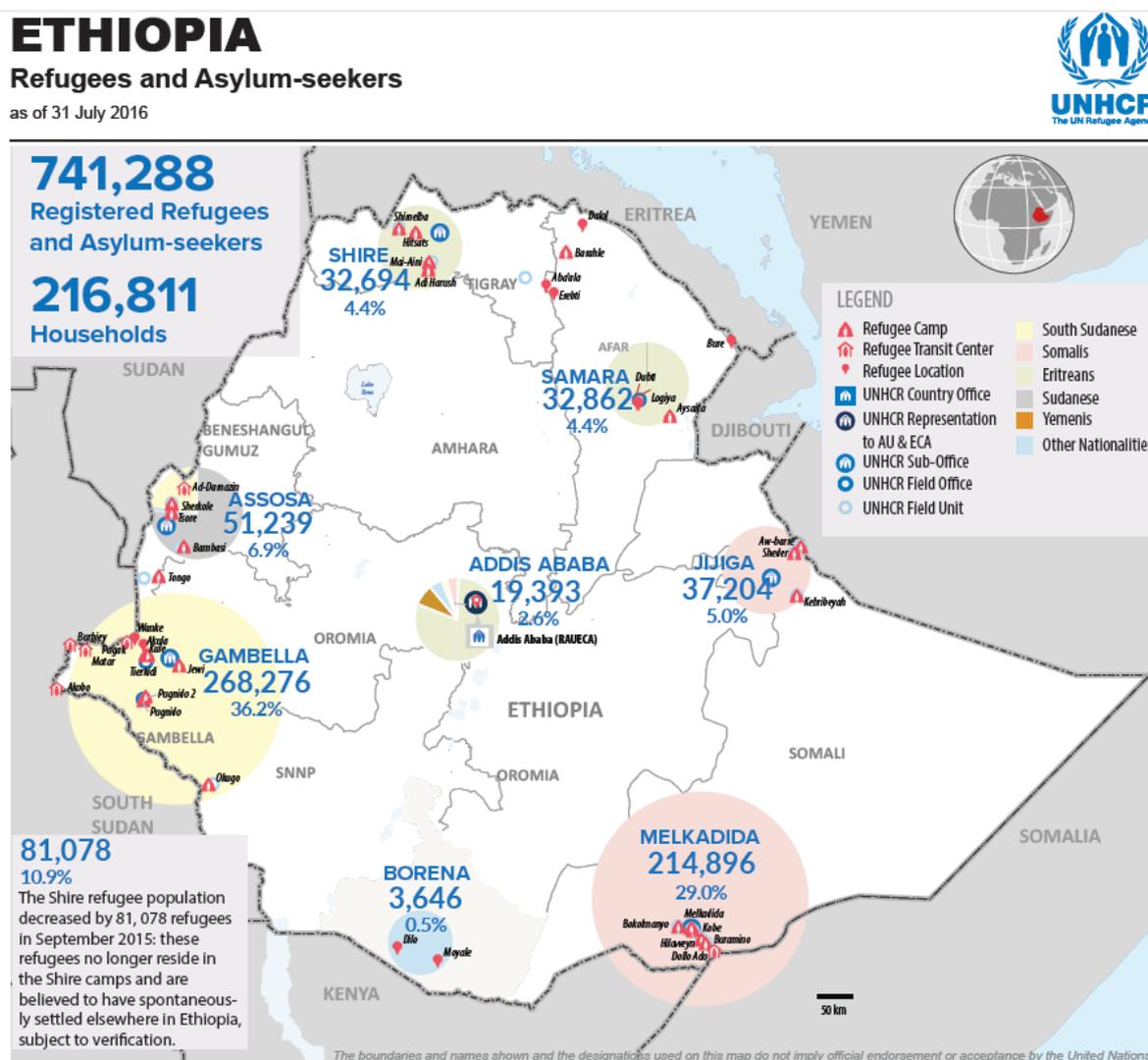
- In order to mitigate land degradation, increase wood lot development and access to food, to date **over one million trees are being planted**, and fruit tree seedlings are being raised in the refugee camps.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Refugees in all camps are engaged in trainings aimed at increasing livelihood and income generation. The Partner, ZOA conducted briquette production training for refugees in Shire during the month of July.

### Durable Solutions

- Given the lack of conditions for voluntary repatriation and local integration, further efforts were made to advocate for increase of the resettlement quota. Resettlement needs stand at **50,200** persons for 2016 amongst whom **6,465** have been prioritized. **A total of 1,036 cases (3,802 individuals) have been submitted for resettlement** while **640 cases (1,989 persons) have reached the resettlement countries** so far this year (as of end of July).



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