

Somalia

1-31 July 2017



Somali refugee returnees from Kenya welcomed by the UNHCR staff in Kismayo, Somalia. © UNHCR / July, 2017

Highlights

Number of returnees	1,970 Somali refugees returned to Somalia
Core relief items	429 CRIs distributed to 392 households (1,282 returnees)
Reinstallation grants	1,876 returnees provided with reinstallation grants
Shelters	184 shelters and 64 latrines constructed
Community-based projects	1,694 beneficiaries of community-based projects

Return trends

Country of asylum	1-31 July 2017	1 January - 31 July 2017
Kenya	1,430	30,187
Yemen	540	2,888
Other	-	260
Total	1,970	33,335

Update on achievements

Operational context: Repatriation of Somali refugees from Kenya continued in June with flights only to Mogadishu and Kismayo. A deterioration in the humanitarian situation in the Bay region was not favourable for returns throughout July. Road convoys remained suspended due to the elections in Kenya.

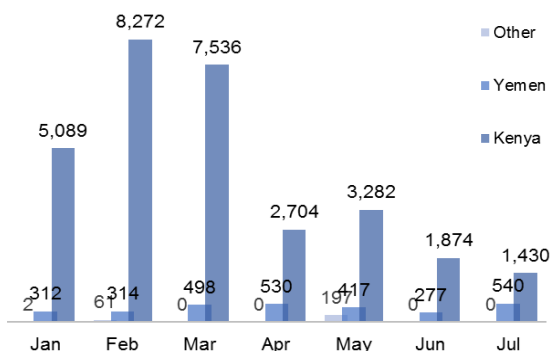
Consultative meeting: UNHCR Somalia and Kenya held a consultative meeting to review the repatriation of Somali refugees from Kenya.

Country of Origin Information: UNHCR Somalia shared the Country of Origin Information (COI) for the month of June with the help desk in Kenya. The June COI included updates on the humanitarian situation, insecurity, drought, displacement, health and nutrition situation.

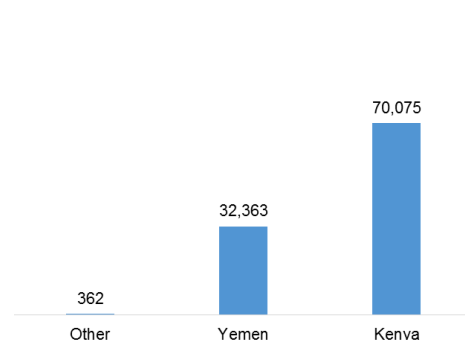
Return figures

- In the month of July 1,970 Somali refugees were repatriated 1,430 from Kenya and 540 from Yemen.
- In this year a total of 33,335 Somalis returned from Kenya; 2,888 from Yemen, 258 from Djibouti and two from Tunisia.
- Cumulatively, 102,800 Somali refugees have returned to Somalia since December 2014. 70,075 have returned from Kenya since the beginning of the voluntary repatriation in December 2014. 32,363 have returned since March 2015 from Yemen as a result of the crisis. Between 2014 and 2017, 362 Somalis returned from other countries of asylum (326 from Djibouti, 33 from Eritrea, two from Tunisia and one from Pakistan).

Return trends by month in 2017



Cumulative returns by country of asylum



Transit assistance

- In July, UNHCR provided information on assistance available in areas of return, transport options, information on the security situation, mine risk education, accommodation with sanitation facilities, hot meals, drinking water and medical assistance to 1,541 Somali returnees (386 households) from Kenya at the Home Way Stations; 1,339 returnees (327 households) in Kismayo and 202 returnees (59 households) in Mogadishu.



UNHCR staff briefed returnees about the assistance and services in Somalia. © UNHCR / July, 2017

- In July, UNHCR provided hot meals, drinking water, accommodation, information counselling, medical screening and access to sanitation facilities at the Reception Centres to 285 Somali returnees from Yemen; 214 in Mogadishu, 70 in Berbera and one in Bossaso.
- In July, 385 Somali returnees from Yemen opted to continue their journey to other destination within Somalia; 349 to South Central, 35 to Puntland and one to Somaliland.

Core relief items

- In July, UNHCR provided 429 core relief items (CRIs) to 392 returnee households (1,282 individuals); 283 CRIs were distributed to 250 households (998 returnees) from Kenya and 146 CRIs to 142 households (284 returnees) from Yemen.

Education

- Most of the schools in July remained closed due to the summer break. New enrolments will resume in August with new school year.
- In the 2016/2017 school year 10,815 students were newly by UNHCR. This figure consisted of 10,227 in primary and 588 in secondary education; 7,801 of which were (7,495 in primary and 306 in secondary education) in Lower Juba region, 2,066 in Banadir region (1,840 in primary and 226 in secondary education), 867 (811 in primary and 56 in secondary education) in Bay region and 81 in primary education in Gedo region¹.

New enrolments per region in school year 2016/2017

Region	Primary education	Secondary education	Total enrolments
Banadir	1,840	226	2,066
Bay	811	56	867
Gedo	81	-	81
Lower Juba	7,495	306	7,801
Total	10,227	588	10,815

Cash assistance

- In July, UNHCR provided a one-time reinstallation grant in the amount of US\$ 200 per person to 1,876 returnees (546 households), 1,541 returnees (386 households) from Kenya and 335 returnees (160 households) from Yemen.

Shelter

- Throughout July, UNHCR constructed an additional 184 shelters and 65 latrines. 160 of the shelters and 65 of the latrines were built in Kismayo and 24 in Afmadow.
- In 2017 UNHCR constructed a total of 759 shelters and 330 latrines. 605 of the shelters and 230 of the latrines were built in Kismayo, 124 shelters in Afmadow and 30 shelters and 100 latrines in Baidoa.

¹ The numbers are provisional and are subject to the data verification.



Newly constructed shelters and latrines in Kismayo. Shelters will become new homes for returnees to help them to restore their lives in Somalia. © UNHCR / July, 2017

Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

Rehabilitation of public infrastructure

- In Baidoa, after UNHCR completed the rehabilitation of a Mother Child Hospital (MCH) Centre, UNHCR provided medical drugs to MCH Centres in Baidoa and Diinsoor, and 50 mosquito nets and two delivery beds to a MCH Centre in Baidoa.



UNHCR supplied the MCH centre in Baidoa with medical drugs. © UNHCR / July, 2017

Technical and vocational training

- In Mogadishu, 160 beneficiaries (127 returnees and 33 IDPs) continued with technical and vocational training in computers, tailoring, beauty therapy, catering, mobile repair, handicrafts and mechanics.



Somali returnees and IDPs in Mogadishu obtaining skills in tailoring for the second month. © UNHCR / July, 2017

- In Baidoa, UNHCR continued to monitor the progress of a 450 agricultural farms with plants and started with the preparation for the harvest in August. The agriculture project targets 450 beneficiaries (110 returnees, 100 IDPs and 240 members of the host community).
- In Hargeisa, UNHCR continued with technical and vocational training for 157 Somali returnees in carpentry, plumbing, tailoring, beauty therapy, hair dressing, fabric dying, soap production and cooking. In July, UNHCR provided new enrolment to 90 returnees from Yemen in various classes. 40 of the new enrolments were in plumbing, 25 in electricity and 25 in cooking.
- In Kismayo, UNHCR constructed an additional 54 hen houses for backyard poultry farming for 220 beneficiaries (132 returnees, 44 IDPs and 44 host community) and distributed 450 chickens to 37 beneficiaries. So far, out of 220 hen houses, a total of 171 hen houses were constructed.



UNHCR staff together with partner monitored poultry project in Kismayo. Around 10 to 20 chickens will be distributed to each of 220 beneficiaries. © UNHCR / July, 2017

Small-business enterprise

- In Kismayo, 40 beneficiaries (18 returnees, 12 IDPs and 10 members of the host community) established business after they received business grants. The businesses established were 28 retail shops, seven transport services, three vegetable shops, one restaurant and one tea kiosk.



Somali returnee opened a retail shop in Kismayo after received training on business and microfinance. © UNHCR / July, 2017

- In Garoowe and Bossaso, 555 beneficiaries (444 Somali returnees and 111 host community) started to set up their small business after their received start-up grants.

Peaceful co-existence

- In Luuq, UNHCR organized one peaceful co-existence meeting with 22 individuals (13 members of the host community, five IDPs and four returnees).

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