

# UNHCR Operation In Somalia Fact Sheet | January 2011

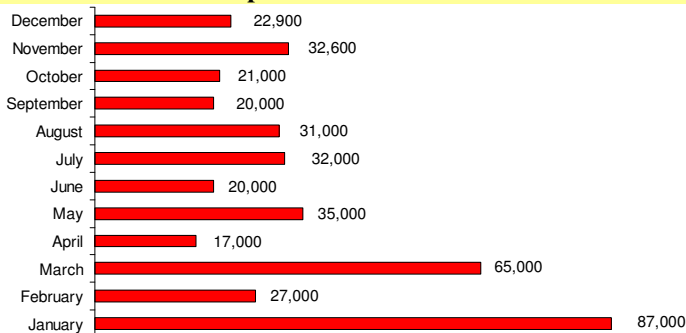
## UNHCR Operational Highlights

- ✓ Somalia is the country generating the highest number of refugees in the world, after Afghanistan and Iraq
- ✓ Somali people are facing one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world today. One in every seven Somali children dies before the age of five and one in every five children living in the South-Central region is malnourished
- ✓ UNHCR leads humanitarian agencies' protection and shelter/non food items interventions targeting almost 1.5 million IDPs, in addition to delivering protection and assistance to over 1,900 refugees in Somalia
- ✓ Most of Somalia is in security phase IV (program suspension), with Mogadishu and other areas of South-Central in Phase V (evacuation). Limited access significantly hampers humanitarian agencies' capacity to deliver aid

### Population of concern

	IDPs	Asylum Seekers	Refugees	Total
<b>Somaliland</b>	67,000	19,852	1,700	88,552
<b>Puntland</b>	139,000	4,259	237	143,496
<b>South Central</b>	1,259,000	0	0	1,259,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,465,000</b>	<b>24,111</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>1,491,048</b>

### Internal Displacement of Somalis in 2010



### UNHCR Somalia Major Donors in 2010

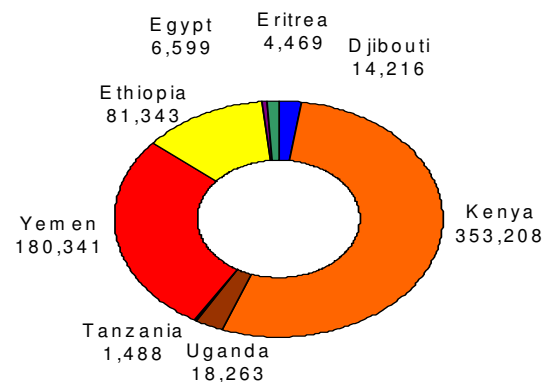
Central Emergency Response Fund, European Commission, Italy, Japan, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Australia.

### Mixed Migration

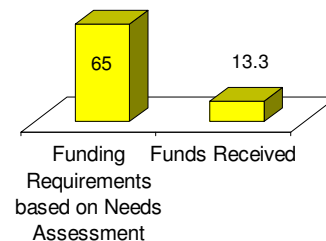
Every year, tens of thousands of people, mainly Ethiopians and Somalis, cross the Gulf of Aden from Somalia, hoping to find a better future in Yemen. Many refugees and asylum seekers die during this journey in search of better economic opportunities. UNHCR raises awareness on the dangers and the human rights violations involved in the migration movement, and ensures access to asylum procedures for potential asylum seekers, while encouraging them to apply for asylum in the Somali regions of Puntland and Somaliland.

Year	Total Departures	Somalis	Non Somalis
2007	29,360	17,785	11,575
2008	50,091	33,019	17,072
2009	77,802	32,988	44,744
2010	53,487	18,873	34,614

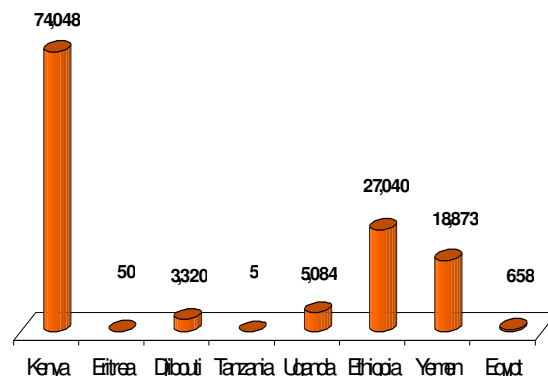
### Somali refugees in the region as of Dec. 2010 Total 658,773



### UNHCR Somalia Funding Situation in million USD as of December 2010



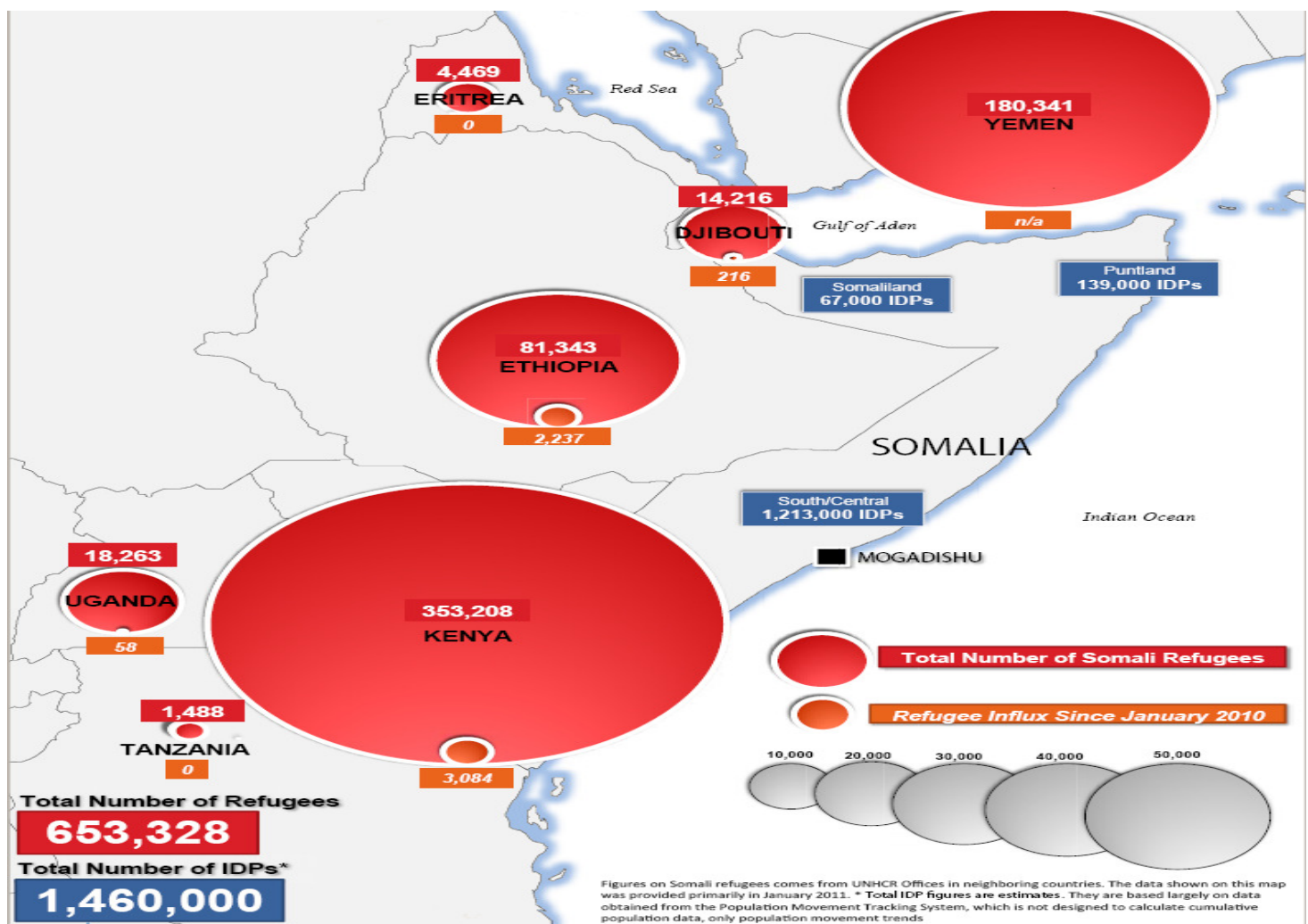
### Somali refugees received in countries of asylum in 2010 Total 129,078





## Achievements:

- ✓ 170,899 internally displaced people received emergency relief items including blankets, mattresses, jerry cans, plastic sheets, kitchen sets and sanitary materials in 2010
- ✓ 13,260 IDPs received livelihood assistance through UNHCR projects in 2010
- ✓ 29,000 IDPs benefited from UNHCR temporary shelter projects in 2010
- ✓ 26,338 refugees and vulnerable asylum seekers families received protection and education/medical assistance



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