







SOMALIA

REPATRIATION UPDATE

1-31 May 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

	<b>3,769</b> Somali refugees returned to Somalia
	<b>1,414</b> core relief items distributed to 1,139 households (3,864 returnees)
	<b>549</b> newly enrolled students
	<b>3,433</b> returnees provided with reinstatement grants
	<b>26</b> shelters and <b>40</b> latrines constructed
	<b>2,209</b> beneficiaries enrolled in community-based projects

RETURN FIGURES

Country of asylum	1-31 May 2017	1 January - 31 May 2017
Kenya	3,158	26,759
Yemen	414	2,068
Djibouti	197	258
Tunisia	-	2
Total	3,769	29,087



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UNHCR welcoming Somali refugee returnees upon arrival in Kismayo.

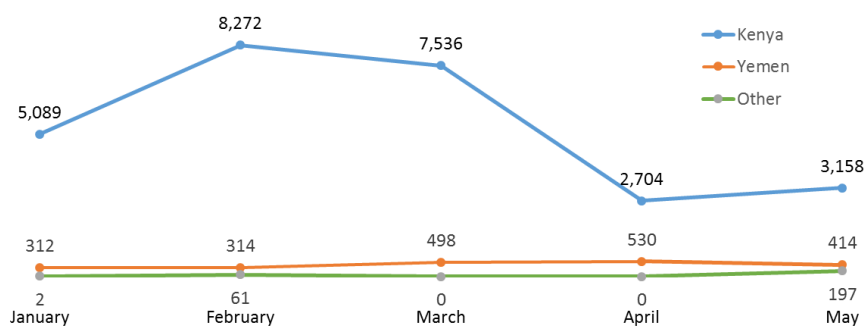
## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Operational context:** Repatriation continued in May with flights only because road convoys remained suspended for impassable roads as a result of the *Gu* seasonal rain (April-June).
- **Country of Origin Information:** On 8 May, UNHCR shared the Country of Origin Information (COI) for the month of April with the help desk in Kenya. The COI included information on drought, AWD/Cholera, rain forecast and drought-related displacement, and included links to further information and primary sources.
- **Cross-border meeting:** On 30 May, the cross-border meeting took place with counterparts to review the repatriation process from Kenya to Somalia. At the meeting, participants established the Thematic Working Group to address issues and found solutions to particular issues.

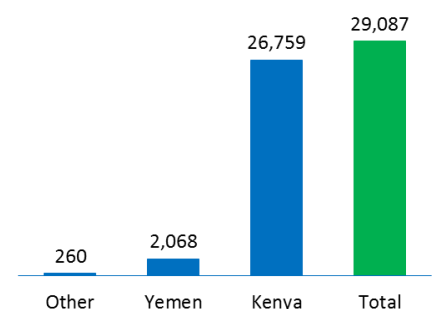
## RETURN FIGURES

- During the month of May, 3,769 Somali refugees returned to Somalia, namely, 3,158 from Kenya, 414 from Yemen and 197 from Djibouti. In 2017, a total of 29,087 Somali refugees returned, including 26,759 from Kenya, 2,068 from Yemen, 258 from Djibouti and two from Tunisia.
- Cumulatively, 98,552 Somali refugees have returned to Somalia; 66,647 from Kenya since the beginning of the repatriation in December 2014, 31,543 since the beginning of the crisis in March 2015 in Yemen and between 2014 and 2017, 362 Somalis from other countries of asylum (326 from Djibouti, 33 from Eritrea, two from Tunisia and one from Pakistan).

### Return trends by month in 2017



### Total returns in 2017



## RETURN ASSISTANCE

- Upon return to Somalia, UNHCR with its partners provided returnees with information on: assistance available in areas of return, transport options, and security situation en route. Returnees also received mine risk education, accommodations with sanitation facilities, hot meals, drinking water, and medical assistance. In May, 3,317 refugee returnees from Kenya, 197 from Djibouti and 170 from Yemen benefited from the initial assistance at Home Way Stations (2,677 in Kismayo and 1,007 in Mogadishu).
- Somali refugee returnees from Yemen were received at the Reception Centres in Bossaso and Berbera where UNHCR, together with partners, provided 382 refugee returnees (224 in Berbera and 158 in Bossaso) with hot meals, drinking water, accommodations, information counselling, medical screening and access to sanitation facilities.


**CORE RELIEF ITEMS**

- UNHCR through partners provided 1,146 core relief items (CRIs) to 889 returnee households (3,317 individuals) from Kenya, 146 CRI kits to 141 returnee households (221 individuals) from Yemen and 75 CRI kits to 62 returnee households (197 individuals) from Djibouti. One CRI kit consists of three blankets, two 10 litres jerry cans, seven boxes of BP-5, three soap bars, three sleeping mats, one plastic sheet, two cooking pots, one large spoon and kitchen knife, five table spoons, plates and metal cups.
- UNHCR in Bossaso provided 47 conditional cash grants in amount of US\$ 50 per households to 47 returnee households (129 individuals) to purchase CRIs locally.



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Somali returnees receiving CRI kits in Home Way station in Kismayo [left] and in Mogadishu [right].


**EDUCATION**

- **Access to education:** In May, 549 students were newly enrolled, 470 in primary and 79 in secondary education (539 in Mogadishu and 10 in Luuq). In May most of schools ended their school year. New enrolments will be at the beginning of a new school year in August.
- **Improved educational infrastructure:** In Luuq, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) completed fencing the Salama primary school.


**CASH ASSISTANCE**

- **Reinstallation grants:** In May, UNHCR provided 3,433 returnees (2,927 from Kenya, 309 from Yemen and 197 from Djibouti) with one-time reinstallation grant in the amount of US\$ 200 per person.
- **Subsistence allowance:** Throughout May, UNHCR provided subsistence allowance to 7,522 returnee households (35,931 individuals); 7,360 returnee households (35,564 individuals) from Kenya, 100 returnee households (170 individuals) from Yemen, and 62 returnee households (197 individuals) from Djibouti.


**SHELTER**

- In the month of May in Kismayo, UNHCR partner Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) completed the construction of the final 26 shelters and 40 latrines (from the project for 405 shelters and 175 latrines). This brings a total of 605 shelters and 275 latrines in Lower Juba region (405 shelters and 175 latrines) and Bay region (200 shelters and 100 latrines) over the course of 2016-2017.



- In Kismayo, UNHCR partner American Refugee Committee (ARC) started with the construction of 124 shelters.



Constructed shelters and latrines at Farjano village in Kismayo.

## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

### Cash for work

- In Baidoa, UNHCR partner African Volunteers for Relief and Development (AVORD) started with a cash for work programme of the rehabilitation of a market in Baidoa with 15 beneficiaries (eight returnees and seven members of a host community).



Beginning of a market rehabilitation in Baidoa.

- In Baidoa, UNHCR partner INTERSOS continued with a cash for work programme, targeting 200 beneficiaries (140 returnees, 40 IDPs and 20 members of the host community). The group of 50 individuals continued rehabilitation of the Wadajir Mother Child Hospital (MCH); and the second group of 150 individuals continued cleaning IDP settlements.





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Ongoing rehabilitation of a perimeter wall of a MCH [*left*] and cleaning of an IDP settlement [*rights*].

- UNHCR partner ARC in Afmadow continued rehabilitation of a road in order to improve the drainage system in town, improve the hygiene, and reduce the outbreak of water related diseases in the area through a cash for work programme, targeting 100 beneficiaries (60 returnees, 20 IDPs and 20 host community).



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Road rehabilitation in Afmadow.

### Technical and vocational training

- UNHCR partner ARC in Kismayo undertook technical and vocational training in construction, fabric dying, IT, baking and tailoring for 100 beneficiaries (60 returnees, 20 IDPs and 20 host community).



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Young Somali returnees train in tailoring in Kismayo.

- UNHCR together with its partner African Action Help-International (AAH-I) in Hargeisa, undertook technical and vocational training for 157 Somali returnees in carpentry and joinery, plumbing, tailoring, beauty therapy, hair dressing, fabric dyeing, soap production and cooking. In May, UNHCR provided newly-enrolled 18 returnees from Yemen with technical and vocational training.



Returnees trained in beauty salon [left] and welding [right].

- In Mogadishu, UNHCR with its partner Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI) enrolled 160 beneficiaries (128 returnees and 32 IDPs) in their respective learning courses, namely, 50 in IT, 50 in tailoring, 20 in a beauty salon, 10 in catering, 10 in mobile repair, 10 in handcrafting and 10 in mechanics.
- UNHCR partner ARC in Kismayo conducted technical and vocational training on fish preservation with the second group of 40 beneficiaries of targeted 80 beneficiaries (48 returnees, 16 IDPs and 16 host community).
- In Baidoa, UNHCR partner AVORD continued with the agriculture project, targeting 450 beneficiaries (110 returnees, 100 IDPs and 240 host community) and conducted training on resource management to equip farmers with the skills to manage and maintain correctly the resources that they receive.



First plants after planting the seeds in April [left] and a training on resource management [right].

### Small-business enterprise

- In Luuq, 70 beneficiaries (49 returnees, 14 IDPs and seven host community) completed training in small-business management through UNHCR partner DRC, and have received a start-up grant in amount of US\$ 500 to start their own business.



- In Kismayo, UNHCR partner ARC continued training on a small-business 80 beneficiaries (48 returnees, 16 IDPs and 16 host community) for a small-business enterprise project.
- In Garoowe and Bossaso, UNHCR partner Action Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) started with training on conflict resolution mechanisms and simple book keeping with the first 170 participants out of targeted 555 beneficiaries (444 Somali returnees and 111 host community).

#### Poultry production

- In Kismayo, UNHCR partner ARC continued training on backyard poultry farming with targeted 220 beneficiaries (132 returnees, 44 IDPs and 44 host community) and constructed additional 30 poultry houses.

#### Peaceful co-existence

- In Luuq, UNHCR partner DRC organized four peaceful co-existence meetings with 22 individuals (13 members of a host community, five IDPs and four returnees).

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