

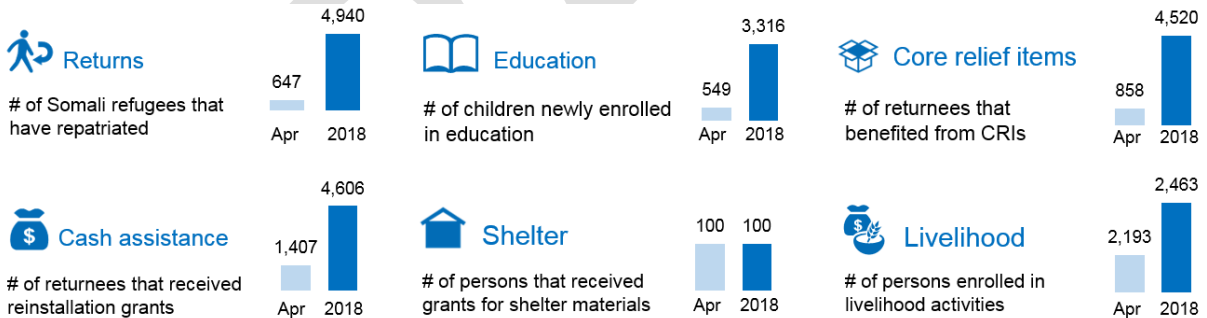
Somalia

1-30 April 2018



A vocational training in tailoring, targeting 100 women (42 returnees, 45 IDPs and 13 members of the host community) in Mogadishu. © UNHCR/April 2018

Main achievements



Updates on achievements*

UNHCR together with governmental counterparts and partners assist and coordinate repatriation of Somali refugees. Since the beginning of the voluntary return programme in December 2014, 81,677 Somali refugees were supported to repatriate from eight countries of asylum (4,940 this year). Each Somali family receive the enhanced return package¹ that supports returnees in restarting their lives and restoring their livelihoods after return.

* Figures in this report are provisional and might change after verification.

¹ The enhanced return package, endorsed on 1 July 2016, consists of unconditional core relief item kits (one to three, depending on the family size), an unconditional one-time reinstallation grant in the amount of US\$200 per person, unconditional monthly subsistence allowance in the amount of US\$200 per household for six months, an unconditional monthly grant for food rations for six months (provided by WFP), an education grant up to US\$25 per school-going child per month for one year, a conditional grant of up to US\$ 1,000 for shelter per household and conditional enrolment in self-reliance and livelihood projects based on a set of selection criteria and availability of resources.

Protection and return management

During April, Somali refugees have repatriated by air (from Kenya) and sea (from Yemen). Road convoys from Kenya remain suspended as roads are impassable due to the *Gu* rains. The last road convoy was received on 14 March.



UNHCR receiving Somali refugee returnees from Yemen at the port of Berbera (left) and at the airport in Mogadishu (right). © UNHCR/April 2018

Country of Origin Information

The Country of Origin information (COI) supports Somali refugees that decision to return is taken freely and voluntarily in the exercise of an informed decision. The COI contains information on situation and available services in Somalia, and is available at the Return Help Desks in countries of asylum for Somali refugees.

- On 15 April, UNHCR shared the COI for the month of March with partners and UNHCR operations in Djibouti, Kenya and Yemen. The March COI included up-to-date information on the security situation, political development, humanitarian situation and access to basic services, health, food and nutrition, water, displacement, forced evictions, drought, security, housing, land and property and the economic situation.

Cross-border coordination

The cross-border coordination meeting aimed to review the coordination between the two countries and ensures that proper mechanisms are in place a return in safety and dignity.

- On 10 April in Nairobi, UNHCR Somalia hosted the second cross-border coordination meeting this year on voluntary return of Somali refugees from Kenya to Somalia..
- UNHCR, government counterparts and NGOs discussed absorption capacity in Somalia and the needs of the repatriates regarding education, health, livelihood, and the humanitarian situation in Kenya and Somalia.

Returns

As of 30 April 2018, UNHCR has assisted 81,677 Somali refugees to repatriate from eight countries of asylum.² During April, 647 Somalis were repatriated, 380 from Kenya and 267 from Yemen. As of 30 April 2018, UNHCR also recorded 35,287 Somalis who returned from Yemen spontaneously, out of whom 277 returned in April (1,111 in 2018).³

Country of Asylum	Before 1 Jan 2018	1-30 April 2018	2018 cumulative	Since Dec 2014
Kenya	75,297	380	3,930	79,227
Yemen (ASR) ⁴	814	267	940	1,754
Other	626	-	70	696
Sub total	76,737	647	4,940	81,677
Yemen (S) ⁵	34,176	277	1,111	35,287
Grand total	110,913	924	6,051	116,964

Services for groups with specific needs

During April, UNHCR also started providing support to 50 children (eight returnees, 15 IDPs and 27 members of the host community) with specific needs. Persons with specific needs will be receiving cash assistance in amount of US\$ 50 per month to meet their basic needs for a period of six months.

Core relief items

The enhanced return package consist of an unconditional package of core relief items (CRIs). Depending on the family size, each family receive from one to three kits of CRIs. A package of CRIs equips a family with shelter, cooking, health and sanitation items⁶. Provision is provided in-kind or as a conditional cash grant to purchase CRIs. Conditional cash grants in lieu of CRIs are between US\$ 60 and US\$ 66 to support the purchase of one kit of CRIs depending on market prices.

- In April, 858 persons (307 families) benefited from CRIs: 192 kits were distributed to 176 families (378 persons) from Yemen and 169 kits to 131 families (480 persons) from Kenya. So far, 1,566 households (4,520 persons) received their kits of CRIs as part of the enhanced return package.

Number of CRI kits distributed per country of asylum

Country of asylum	1-30 April 2018			2018 cumulative		
	# of kits	# of households	# of individuals	# of kits	# of households	# of individuals
Kenya	169	131	480	1,320	1,069	3,529
Yemen	192	176	378	471	433	921
Other	-	-	-	65	64	70
Total	361	307	858	1,856	1,566	4,520

² Out of total 81,677 who have repatriated, 79,227 were from Kenya, 1,754 from Yemen, 589 from Djibouti, 67 from Libya, 34 from Eritrea, three from Tunisia, two from Gambia and one from Pakistan.

³ See UNHCR "Somali returnees from Kenya at 30 April 2018" and "Arrivals from Yemen at 30 April 2018", 28.5.2018.

⁴ Somali refugee returnees from Yemen who opt to voluntarily repatriate to Somalia under the Assisted Spontaneous Return (ASR) programme.

⁵ Spontaneous Somali returnees from Yemen, outside the ASR programme.

⁶ One kit of CRIs consists of three blankets, two 10 litre 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.

Education

UNHCR provides each child of school-going age fees to cover school fees for one school year, scholastic materials and a school uniform. With UNHCR support Somali refugee children are able to continue with their education in country of origin.

- During April, 549 students have resumed their education, 513 with primary and 36 with secondary education. In 2018, 3,316 students were newly enrolled in education, 3,224 in primary and 92 in secondary schools.

Total enrolment per location and level of education

Location	1-30 April 2018			2018 cumulatively		
	Primary	Secondary	Total	Primary	Secondary	Total
Afmadow	204	12	216	368	14	382
Baidoa	120	-	120	274	3	277
Kismayo	119	6	125	1,857	18	1,875
Mogadishu	70	18	88	702	57	759
Hargeysa	-	-	-	23	-	23
Total	513	36	549	3,224	92	3,316

Cash assistance

UNHCR provides also two types of cash assistance to address immediate needs of returnees: the reinstallation grant and subsistence allowance. The reinstallation grant is provided to each returnee in the amount of US\$ 200, as a one time grant, right after the arrival to Somalia. The subsistence allowance is provided one month after arrival and is paid for the duration of six months in the amount of US\$ 200 per month per family.

Reinstallation grants

- During April, 1,407 Somali refugee returnees (470 families) have received their reinstallation grants: 1,240 returnees (387 families) from Kenya and 167 returnees (83 families) from Yemen. In 2018, UNHCR has already distributed reinstallation grants to 4,606 returnees (1,630 families).

Number of returnees who received reinstallation grant per country of asylum

Country of asylum	1-30 April 2018		2018	
	# of individuals	# of households	# of individuals	# of households
Kenya	1,240	387	3,836	1,240
Yemen	167	83	700	326
Other	-	-	70	64
Total	1,407	470	4,606	1,630

Subsistence allowance

- In April, 96 families (165 persons) started to receive their subsistence allowance: 61 families (66 persons) who returned from Libya and 35 families (99 persons) who returned from Yemen. In 2018, a total of 180 families (378 persons) started receiving their allowance.

Shelter

Access to adequate shelter is also a key to restoring personal security, self-sufficiency and dignity. Under certain conditions UNHCR provides a conditional grant of up to US\$ 1,000 for shelter per household.

- In Baidoa, after the third month of a vocational training on construction of shelters each beneficiary of the training (70 returnees, 20 IDPs and 10 members of host community) has received a cash grant in the amount of US\$ 700 to rehabilitate or construct its own shelter.

Community empowerment and self-reliance

The most vulnerable persons of concern are provided with opportunities to restore their livelihood, generate income or gain new skills to facilitate their self-reliance. Through four different small-scale activities beneficiaries can gain new knowledge (technical and vocational education trainings (TVET)), generate income and improve public infrastructure (cash-for-work (CfW)), establish their own business (small-business enterprise (SbE)) or access information on employment. Each activity comprises of all three different categories of persons of concern, namely, returnees, IDPs and the members of host community, to promote peaceful co-existence in a diverse society.

- During April, 2,193 persons (1,343 returnees, 472 IDPs and 378 members of the host community) were enrolled in total of 12 activities in five locations, in Afmadow, Baidoa, Hargeysa, Kismayo and Mogadishu. In 2018, a total of 2,463 persons (1,478 returnees, 570 IDPs and 415 members of the host community) have already participated in 14 activities.

Number of persons enrolled in livelihood activity per modality

Modality	1-30 April 2018	2018 cumulative
Improvement of public infrastructure (CfW)	1,100	1,300
Technical and vocational education training (TVET)	750	750
Small-business enterprise (SbE)	150	220
Access to self-employment	193	193
Total	2,193	2,463

Improvement of public infrastructure

In April, 1,100 persons (750 returnees, 230 IDPs and 120 host community) were enrolled in two cash for work activities to improve public infrastructure, one in Afmadow and one in Mogadishu.

- In Afmadow, 100 persons (50 returnees, 30 IDPs and 20 host community) continued with beautifying the district and cleaned around 200 metres of the route and 20 metres of bushes leading to the airstrip.
- In Mogadishu, rehabilitation and construction of 10 buildings and beautifying of 12 districts of Benadir region through a CfW project targeting 1,000 persons in on progress.

Technical and vocational education and training

During April, a total of 750 persons (432 returnees, 175 IDPs and 143 members of the host community) took part in six TVET activities in Baidoa, Hargeysa, Kismayo and Mogadishu.

- In Baidoa, after the third month of a vocational training on construction of shelters each beneficiary of a training (70 returnees, 20 IDPs and 10 members of host community) has received a cash grant in the amount of US\$ 700 to rehabilitate or construct its own shelter.
- In Baidoa, UNHCR partners continued to facilitate two simultaneous programmes; 60 persons (30 returnees, 24 IDPs and six members of host community) were trained on carpentry and 20 persons (10 returnees, eight IDPs and two members of host community) on metal fabrication.
- In Hargeysa, 90 persons (58 returnees and 32 members of the host community) continued with training in catering, electronics, plumbing and tailoring.
- In Mogadishu, UNHCR partner started with training in aluminium application technologies, automotive mechanic, beauty salon, catering, fishery, information technology, tailoring, and tie and dye for 400 beneficiaries (229 returnees, 95 IDPs and 76 members of host community).



A group of 60 Somalis (30 returnees, 24 displaced persons and six members of host community members) in a class on carpentry in Baidoa. The group finished third month of the trainings, theory and practice. © UNHCR/April 2018

Small-business enterprise

During April, 150 persons (63 returnees, 34 IDPs and 53 members of host community) have been enrolled in two SbE activities in Kismayo and Mogadishu.

- In Kismayo, UNHCR registered 50 persons (20 returnees, 20 IDPs and 10 members of host community) in a livelihood program on entrepreneurship.
- In Mogadishu, 100 persons (43 returnees, 14 IDPs and 43 members of host community) started with their business development training.



A group of 100 persons (43 returnees, 14 IDPs and 43 members of the host community) started with training to establish their own business. © UNHCR/April 2018

Access to self-employment, information and communication technologies

During April, 193 persons (98 returnees, 33 IDPs and 62 members of the host community) continued with TVET at centres, in Hargeysa and Kismayo. At the centres persons of concern are provided with information on employment and can obtain skills outside the UNHCR programmes.

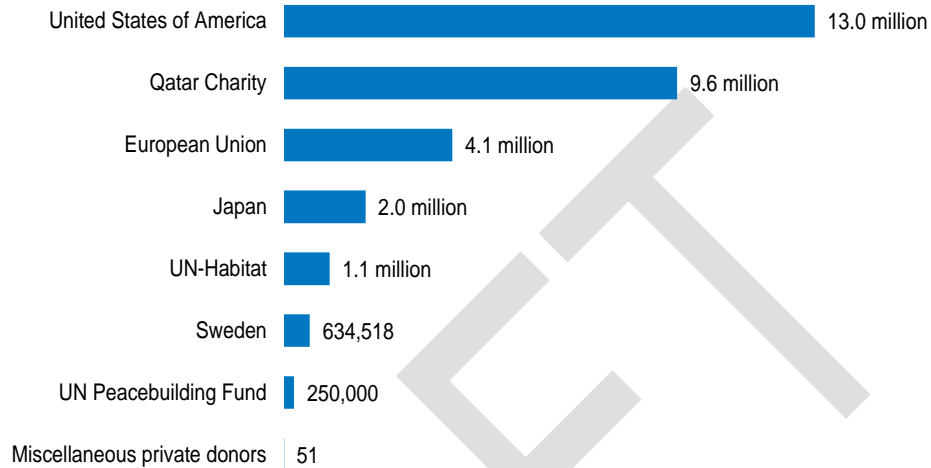
- In Hargeysa, 53 persons (22 returnees, five IDPs and 26 members of the host community) continued with trainings in computer, international computer driving license (ICDL) training, language and literacy.
- In Kismayo, 140 persons (76 returnees, 28 IDPs and 36 members of the host community) continued with TVET in computers, information technology, literacy and tailoring. During April, 70 persons (30 returnees, five IDPs and 35 members of the host community) were newly registered and provided with assistance on employment opportunities in the region, of whom one person so far found employment.

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