

Somalia

1-30 September 2017



Returnees and members of host community in a workshop on carpentry obtaining new skills to be able to produce furnitures. © UNHCR / Baidoa, September 2017

Highlights

Number of returnees	2,274 Somali refugees returned to Somalia
Core relief items	697 CRIs distributed to 543 households (2,004 returnees)
Reinstallation grants ¹	2,941 returnees provided with reinstallation grants
Shelters	17 shelters and 40 latrines constructed
Community-based projects	1,486 beneficiaries of community-based projects

Return trends

Country of asylum	1-30 Sep 2017	1 Jan - 30 Sep 2017	Cumulative
Kenya	1,509	33,725	73,612
Yemen (A) ²	133	133	133
Yemen (S) ³	399	3,546	33,021
Other	233	524	626
Total	2,274	37,928	107,392

¹ Due to the verification process of cash assistance some returnees that have arrived near the end of August have received their reinstallation grants in September.

² Somali refugee returnees from Yemen who opt to be voluntary repatriated to Somalia under the Assisted Spontaneous Return programme.

³ Spontaneous Somali returnees from Yemen.

Update on achievements

UNHCR in Somalia started with the Assisted Spontaneous Returnee (ASR) program aimed at assisting Somali refugees in Yemen to return to Somalia. Returnees who decided to be voluntary repatriated are entitled to receive an enhanced return package⁴ at their final destination.

UNHCR Somalia met with UNHCR Kenya in Dadaab, at the Somalia-Kenya cross-border meeting. Health, education and housing were identified as the key sectors that require a more strategic approach in term of assisting returnees. Kenyan authorities confirmed that road convoys will remain suspended until such time as a security assessment can be conducted.

A team of 11 Somali refugees from the refugee camp in Kakuma (Kenya) conducted a four-day Go and See visit to Somalia. The team observed the repatriation assistance for Somali refugees as delivered in Somalia and reported back to the Somali refugee population in Kakuma to enable them to make a voluntary and informed decision about their return to Somalia.

The final components of the initial pilot of an updated post-returns monitoring system were put in place for implementation in October through a consortium of implementing partners. The updated system will provide much-needed data on progress towards reintegration for returning refugees, establishing an evidence base for UNHCR Somalia to provide more targeted, area-based assistance to support sustainable reintegration.

Return figures

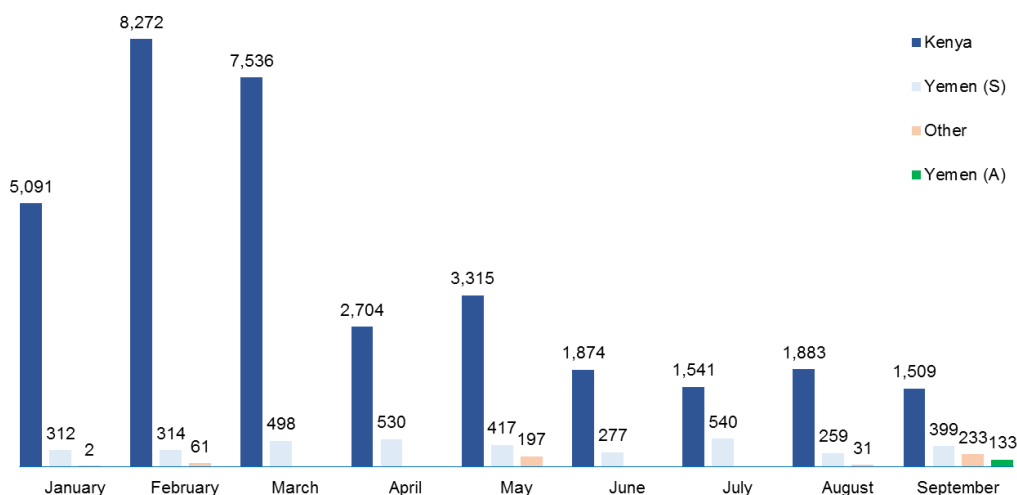
Since 2014, a total of 107,392 Somali refugees have returned to Somalia; 76,612 from Kenya, 33,154 from Yemen (33,021 spontaneous and 133 assisted) and 626 from other countries of asylum.

- In September 2017, a total of 2,274 Somali refugees returned to Somalia, 1,509 from Kenya, 532 from Yemen⁵, 232 from Djibouti and one from Eritrea.

⁴ The enhanced return package consists of unconditional core relief item kits (one to three, depending on the family size), an unconditional one time reinstallation grant in amount of US\$ 200 per person, unconditional monthly subsistence allowance in the amount of US\$ 200 per households for six months, an unconditional monthly grant for food rations for six months (provided by WFP), a conditional education grant up to US\$ 25 per school-going child, a conditional grant in of up to US\$ 1,000 for shelter per household and conditional enrolment in self-reliance and livelihood projects.

⁵ Out of 532 returnees, 399 were spontaneous returnees and 133 returned under the assisted spontaneous return programme.

Return trends by month in 2017



Core relief items

UNHCR provided 697 kits of core relief items⁶ (CRIs) to 543 returnee households (2,004 individuals).

- 529 kits were distributed to 404 households (1,575 persons) from Kenya, 90 kits to 83 households (197 persons) from Yemen and 78 kits to 56 households (232 persons) from Djibouti.

Cash assistance

- In September, UNHCR provided a one-time reinstallation grant of US \$200 per person to 2,941 persons (807 households)⁷; 2,473 returnees (642 households) from Kenya, 366 persons (115 households) from Djibouti, 102 persons (50 households) from Yemen.
- In September, UNHCR has also distributed subsistence allowance in amount of US \$200 per household per month to 7,821 households⁸ (39,011 persons); 6,770 households (33,756 persons) from Kenya, 972 households (4,860 persons) from Yemen and 79 households (395 persons) from Djibouti.

⁶ 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.

⁷ Some returnees arriving near the end of the month will receive their reinstallation grants in the following month.

⁸ The figure represents the total number of households who have arrived between 1 January and 31 August 2017 from Kenya, Yemen, Djibouti and other countries of asylum.

Education

In the month of September, UNHCR enrolled a total of 5,418 students in the new 2017/2018 school year, including 2,604 in lower primary, 2,486 in upper primary and 328 in secondary education.

- In the 2017/2018 school year, a total of 6,561 students were newly enrolled; 3,471 in lower primary, 2,670 in upper primary and 5,418 in secondary education.

Total enrolments per region in school year 2017/2018

Region	Primary lower	Primary upper	Secondary	Total
Banadir	486	152	98	736
Bay	788	2,000	252	3,040
Lower Juba	2,175	518	70	2,763
Woqooyi Galb.	22	-	-	22
Total	3,471	2,670	420	6,561



Newly enrolled children in Baidoa © UNHCR / September 2017

Shelter

UNHCR constructed another 17 shelters and 40 latrines in Lower Juba region.

- In September, 10 shelters and 40 latrines were built in Afmadow and seven shelters in Kismayo.
- In 2017, UNHCR has so far constructed 963 shelters and 370 latrines (809 shelters and 230 latrines in Kismayo, 124 shelters and 40 latrines in Afmadow and 30 shelters and 100 latrines in Baidoa).



Ongoing construction of the final 100 shelters and 100 latrines in Kismayo. © UNHCR / 2017

Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

In September UNHCR supported a total of 1,486 beneficiaries (1,167 returnees, 139 IDPs and 180 members of host community) with livelihood projects. Out of the 1,486 persons, 162 were part of a cash for work programme, 572 were enrolled in vocational training, 536 in small-business programme, 202 were assisted with self-employment opportunities and 14 in peaceful-coexistence forum.

Rehabilitation of public infrastructure

- In Afmadow, UNHCR started with cleaning the surroundings of a district with 100 beneficiaries (60 returnees, 20 IDPs and 20 members of the host community) and cleaned bushes along the main road to the airport and levelling of a football stadium.
- In Kismayo, various works were done under the rehabilitation of a football stadium, such as a VIP lounge, players substitute couch, audience seats, changing rooms, administration block, wash rooms and lighting system.
- In Baidoa, UNHCR started with extension of a primary school with 62 beneficiaries (43 returnees and 19 members of host community) in a cash for work programme and constructed additional three classrooms and four latrines.



In September three classrooms and four latrines were constructed at a primary school in Baidoa. © UNHCR / Baidoa, September 2017

Vocational training

- In Baidoa, UNHCR started with vocational training for carpentry for 60 beneficiaries (42 returnees and 18 members of host community).
- In Hargeysa, UNHCR continued with vocational training for 132 Somali returnees in plumbing, electricity, tailoring, soap making, painting and cooking.
- In Kismayo, UNHCR has prepared a chicken egg hatchery to hatch and raise chickens for the second group of 103 beneficiaries out of 220 beneficiaries (132 returnees, 44 IDPs and 44 host community). Each beneficiary should receive between 10-20 chickens along with chicken coop.
- In Mogadishu, 160 beneficiaries (128 returnees and 32 IDPs) graduated from vocational training in computers, tailoring, beauty therapy, catering, mobile repair, handicrafts and mechanics. Out of 160 individuals, 50 have received their start-up kits and remaining 110 beneficiaries enrolled in IT (50), beauty salon (20), catering (10), mobile repair (10), handcrafting (10) and mechanics (10) will received their start-up kits to enable them to establish their business in October.

Peaceful co-existence

- **In Luuq, UNHCR conducted one peaceful coexistence meeting with 14 persons** (two members of the host community, two IDPs and 10 returnees) to discussed community needs prioritizations.



*In Mogadishu 128 returnees and 32 IDPs graduated from the three months vocational trainings.
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Small-business programme

- UNHCR registered 343 returnees from Yemen (155 in Bossaso and 188 in Garoowe regions) in a small-business programme. Returnees will be trained and supported with start-up kits to establish their businesses.
- In Kismayo, UNHCR started with a small-business programme with 50 beneficiaries (30 returnees, 10 IDPs and 10 members of the host community). Beneficiaries received training on microfinance and on how to build their business.
- In Hargeysa, UNHCR continued with a small-business programme targeting 143 Somali returnees from Yemen who are undergoing a completion of their business plans that will be funded.

Access to self-employment, information and communications technologies

- In Kismayo, a total of 111 individuals (60 returnees, 31 IDPs and 20 members of host community) were assisted at the Return Centre with information on available opportunities in the region, education and also had access to psychosocial support.
- In Hargeysa, 91 individuals (44 returnees and 47 members of the host community) visited the Peaceful-Coexistence Centre where they had access to various classes (24 to computer, 32 to language and 18 to literacy) and access to a library (nine) and play group (eight).

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