

Somalia

1-30 November 2017



UNHCR receiving new arrivals from Yemen before proceeding to the Reception Centre in Berbera. © UNHCR/November 2017

Highlights

Number of new arrivals	246 new arrivals from Yemen
New enrolments	20 students enrolled in school
Subsistence allowance	1,171 households (4,212 persons) received subsistence allowance
Access to health	751 persons provided with health care assistance
Community-based projects	737 beneficiaries of community-based projects

Update on achievements

UNHCR in Somalia provides protection and humanitarian assistance to refugees fleeing from Yemen and Somali returnees who opt for voluntary repatriation.

New arrivals

Since the beginning of the crisis in Yemen in March 2015, 40,290 new arrivals reached Somalia by sea through ports of Berbera (Woqooyi Galbeed region) and Bossaso (Bari region). Out of 40,290 new arrivals 34,085 were Somalis (33,667 spontaneous and 418 assisted), 5,841 Yemenis and 364 third country nationals.

- In 2017, 5,530 new arrivals were recorded by UNHCR; 4,610 Somalis (4,192 spontaneous and 418 assisted), 869 Yemenis and 51 others).¹
- From 1 to 30 November, 246 new arrivals reached Somalia: 156 spontaneous returnees, 86 Yemenis and four others from other nationalities.

New arrivals trends

Nationality	Before 31 Dec 2016	1 Jan-30 Nov 2017	1-30 Nov 2017	Cumulative
Somalis (S) ²	29,475	4,192	156	33,667
Somalis (A) ³	-	418	-	418
Yemenis	4,972	869	86	5,841
Third country nationals	313	51	4	364
Total	34,760	5,530	246	40,290

Education

UNHCR provides access to education to Yemeni refugees by covering their school fees, providing academic materials and school uniforms.

- In November, UNHCR enrolled 20 Yemeni refugees in primary and secondary education.

Health

Yemeni refugees are also provided access to primary health care services and referrals.

- Throughout November, UNHCR provided access to health care services to 751 Yemeni refugees- 739 in primary and 12 referrals to secondary and tertiary health care services.

Cash assistance

UNHCR provides cash assistance to Yemeni refugees and Somali returnees under the enhanced return package to cover their basic needs.

- During November, UNHCR provided subsistence allowance to 683 Yemeni refugee households (1,310 persons) and 488 Somali returnee households (2,902 persons) who returned from Yemen through the ASR programme.

¹ See for more details on new arrivals "Arrivals from Yemen at 30 November 2017": <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/61307>, 26.12.2017.

² Spontaneous Somali returnees from Yemen.

³ Somali refugee returnees from Yemen who opt to be voluntary repatriated to Somalia under the UNHCR-led Assisted Spontaneous Return programme (ASR).

- As part of the enhanced return package, 137 Somali returnees (70 households) received one-time reinstallation grants in November in order to restore their lives upon return home.



UNHCR distributed a mobile phone to a Yemeni refugees for providing subsistence allowances. © UNHCR/Berbera, 2017

Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

UNHCR also responds to the Yemen Situation by providing livelihood opportunities to facilitate reintegration and self-reliance of new arrivals. In November, UNHCR enabled 737 persons (513 returnees and 224 Yemeni refugees) to access to livelihood opportunities. Out of 737 persons, 479 were part of small-business program, 175 were enrolled in technical and vocational training, while 83 persons were assisted with access to self-employment opportunities.

Rehabilitation of public infrastructure

- Construction of two schools and two community centres have come to an end in Galkacyo. The new infrastructure will be used by the returnees and members of host community and will facilitate integration of various returnee families into the host community.

Technical and educational vocational training

- In Hargeysa, 136 returnees have continued with trainings; 25 in electric, 20 in painting/decoration, 15 in plumbing, 53 in cooking and 23 in tailoring.⁴
- In Bossaso, a group of 39 Yemeni refugees continued with trainings in beauty salon, computers, electric and tailoring.

⁴ Six beneficiaries were excluded from trainings because on non-attendance, while four returnees from Yemen have joined the group.

Small-business programme

- Most of the activities have come close to an end. Two groups of beneficiaries including 343 returnees (188 in Garoowe and 155 in Bossaso) and 99 Yemeni refugees (72 in Bossaso and 27 in Garoowe) have finished trainings and received business grants to establish their business.
- In Hargeysa, out of 37 persons, four have established their business, the remaining 33 continued with trainings.

Access to self-employment

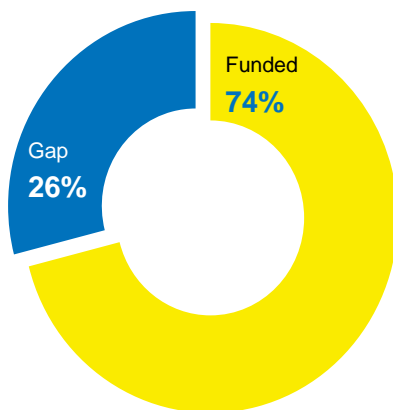
- In Hargeysa, 83 persons (34 returnees and 49 Yemeni refugees) were assisted at the Peaceful Co-existence Centre, 43 attended classes in languages, 13 in computer, 22 in literacy and five in accounting.

Funding

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USD 7.8 M

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