

# SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

## INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #5

1 - 14 March 2016

### KEY FIGURES

**31,538**

Arrivals from Yemen since 27 March at the early onset of the crisis

**4,688**

Yemenis registered in Somalia since 27 March (including Somalis with dual Yemeni-Somali citizenship)

**19,672**

Arrivals registered at Reception Centers in Berbera, Bossaso and Mogadishu since 27 March

**52%**

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

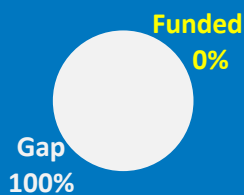
**9,921**

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

### FUNDING

**USD 39.3 million**

Requested for the Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (January-December 2016)

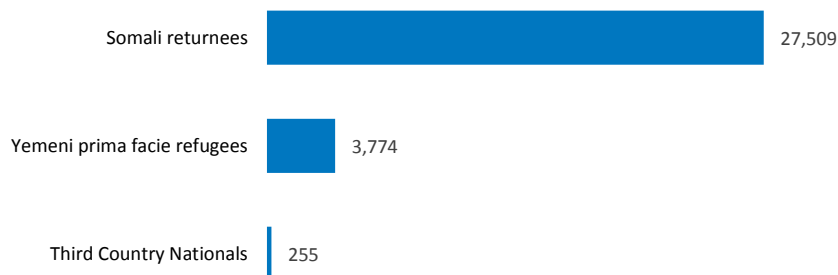


### HIGHLIGHTS

- During the reporting period, a total of 113 individuals have arrived in Somalia through the ports of Berbera, Somaliland (57 persons), and Bossaso, Puntland (56 persons). Out of this total, 66 individuals have been registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in the Berbera and Bossaso Reception Centers.

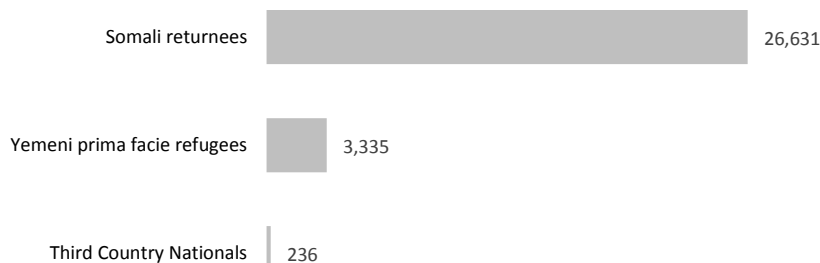
#### Population of concern

A total of **31,538** people of concern

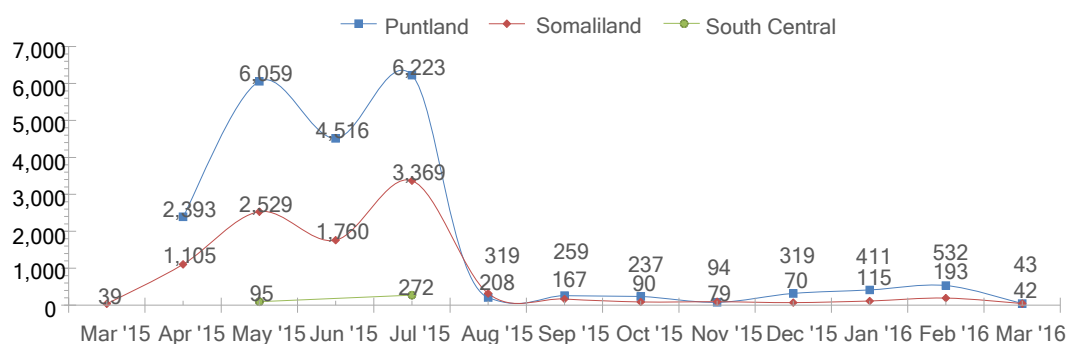


#### 2015 Population of concern

A total of **30,202** people of concern in 2015



## ARRIVALS PER MONTH



Month	Total # of Arrivals
Mar 2015	39
Apr 2015	3,498
May 2015	8,683
Jun 2015	6,276
Jul 2015	9,864
Aug 2015	527
Sep 2015	426
Oct 2015	327
Nov 2015	173
Dec 2015	389
Jan 2016	526
Feb 2016	725
Mar 2016	124
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,538</b>

## ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

Nationality	Arrived to			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Bahrain	5			5	0 %
Djibouti	7	1		8	0 %
England	3	1		4	0 %
Ethiopia	82	114		196	1 %
India	2			2	0 %
Iraq	1			1	0 %
Kenya	7			7	0 %
Lebanon		1		1	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	19,276	7,866	367	27,509	87 %
Sudan	3			3	0 %
Syria	4	11		15	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
Turkey	1			1	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,883	1,891		3,774	12 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,278</b>	<b>9,893</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>31,538</b>	<b>100 %</b>
	<b>67.47 %</b>	<b>31.37 %</b>	<b>1.16 %</b>		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,796	4,552	23	13,371	43 %
Females	6,413	2,644	123	9,180	29 %
Males	5,926	2,697	112	8,735	28 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,135</b>	<b>9,893</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>31,286</b>	<b>100 %</b>
	<b>67.55 %</b>	<b>31.62 %</b>	<b>0.82 %</b>		

Note: not all individuals that arrived remained to be registered. The figures shown here reflect those who have chosen to have their bio data collected

## INTENDED AREAS OF RETURN OF REGISTERED ARRIVALS

Areas of Intended Return	First Point of Entry from Yemen			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Mogadishu	5,166	5,152	0	<b>10,318</b>	<b>52 %</b>
Hargeisa	375	1,982	0	<b>2,357</b>	<b>12 %</b>
Bossaso	833	251	0	<b>1,084</b>	<b>6 %</b>
Kismaayo	440	192	0	<b>632</b>	<b>3 %</b>
Baidoa	474	156	0	<b>630</b>	<b>3 %</b>
Afgooye	289	124	0	<b>413</b>	<b>2 %</b>
Other locations	2,197	1,979	62	<b>4,238</b>	<b>22 %</b>
<b>Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers</b>	<b>9,774</b>	<b>9,836</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>19,672</b>	<b>100 %</b>

## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

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### Operational Context

#### PUNTLAND

The number of persons arriving from Yemen to Bossaso remains unpredictable despite the heavy fighting that has been affecting the strategic area of Taiz, which may yet result large displacement.

#### SOMALILAND

Since March 2015, 9,908 new arrivals (3,278 families) have been recorded in Somaliland, including 1,898 Yemenis, 7,863 Somalis, 114 Ethiopians and 22 people of other nationalities. Although the number of boats arriving from Yemen is steady, the total number of new arrivals remains relatively low.

### Achievements



#### PUNTLAND

During reporting period, two boats arrived at the port of Bossaso, with a total of 56 individuals, fewer new arrivals than the previous reporting period: 34 (22 Yemenis and 12 Somalis) on 7 March and 22 (21 Somalis and one Yemeni) on 10 March. All were registered by UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners in Bossaso.

At their point of entry, the new arrivals were assisted with refreshments provided by Danish Refugee Council (DRC), transport from the port to the Reception Centre provided by IOM and biometric registration by UNHCR. Three meals a day for five days was provided by WFP and onward transportation assistance was provided for Somali refugee returnees who wanted to return to their areas of origin.

#### SOMALILAND

On 06 of March, 13 new arrivals (seven Yemenis and six Somalis) from nine households reached the port of Berbera on the “Al Daha”. Most of the new arrivals have left behind family members who are expected to join them in Somaliland if the situation in Yemen does not improve. On 8 of March, 30 new arrivals (20 Yemenis and 10 Somalis) from 15 households reached Berbera on board the “Noba One” commercial vessel. Finally, on 9 March, 14 new arrivals (all Yemenis) from 14 Households reached Berbera on board the “Al Hilaal”.

The new arrivals did not report any case of armed, physical violence or GBV during their journey. All adults reported that they paid \$100 for the crossing, while the “Noba One” apparently charged 50 dollars for the children.

Reception services were provided by DRC, UNHCR and Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) teams. The entry formalities were duly conducted by the Government agencies and the Immigration office operating at the sea-port of entry. There were no undocumented foreigners among the newly disembarked. All persons were in good health condition and, after provision of food and water, were accommodated in the reception center.

Basic needs including water, food and emergency health care facilities were made available to the new arrivals at the Centre. IOM and other partners proceeded with the vulnerability assessment for the provision of Onward Transportation Allowance (OTA). Most new arrivals reported that the ongoing war in Yemen had forced them to leave their homes and that transportation between towns and cities inside Yemen is very difficult, if not altogether impossible in some provinces.



Yemeni New Arrivals receiving information have been given at the reception center. ©UNHCR/R.Awaleh/ March 2016



Yemeni New Arrivals receiving information on the documentation that they session on their rights and obligations in Somaliland. ©UNHCR/R.Awaleh/ March 2016

**Message promoting respect for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Somaliland displayed in Hargeisa.**

The message includes a reference to Article 8 (paragraphs 2 and 3) of the Somaliland Constitution, which reads as follows : “ Paragraph 2 : Precedence and discrimination on grounds of ethnicity, clan affiliation, birth and residence is prohibited; and at the same time programmes aimed at eradicating long lasting bad practices shall be a national obligation. Paragraph 3: Save for the political rights reserved for citizens, foreigners lawfully resident in Somaliland shall enjoy rights and obligations before the law equal to those enjoyed by citizens”.



Message on billboard in Hargeisa advocating respect and the non- discrimination of Refugees and Asylum Seekers. ©UNHCR/M.Bakal / March 2016

**Registration**

Between 1 and 10 March 2016, a total of 58 Yemeni refugees (36 cases) have been registered in Hargeisa by the Ministry the Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (MRR&R). Since 28 March 2015 a total of 2,888 Yemeni refugees (1,527 cases) and 3,006 Yemeni prima facie refugees (1,566 cases) have been registered with UNHCR SO Hargeisa.



**PUNTLAND**

Yemeni refugees continue to receive medical assistance through UNHCR Implementing partner Gruppo per le Relazioni Transculturali (GRT). This happens during biometric registration, in case of medical emergency, and after registration in all other cases.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps:

There is a room at the Reception Centre that is used as a clinic for those affected by emergency medical conditions that are identified and referred to the nearest Mother and Child Health Clinic (MCH) run by Medecins du Monde (MDM). However, there is no agency to handle medical referrals for all new arrivals.

## SOMALILAND

New Arrivals in need of medical assistance continue to receive assistance from IOM. No serious medical cases have been reported for the last boats arrivals.

## Food Security and Nutrition

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### PUNTLAND

The Puntland Students Association, contracted by WFP, provides cooked meals to all new arrivals that are welcomed in Reception Centre 2 in Bossaso.

### SOMALILAND

Danish Refugee Council (DRC), in collaboration with WFP, provides cooked meals for all new arrivals.

## Water and Sanitation

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### PUNTLAND

Water, both drinking and for other uses, is provided at the Reception Centre in Bossaso. Sanitation is provided by UNHCR through the Ministry of the Interior, which has hired staff to improve sanitation at the Reception Centre.

## Shelter and NFIs

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### SOMALILAND

Since the beginning of the Yemeni crisis, 855 Non Food Item (NFI) kits have been distributed to vulnerable new arrivals.

## Logistics

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### PUNTLAND

On 12 March, 28 Somali returnees from South and Central Somalia were provided with Onward Transport Assistance (OTA) to enable them to reach their places of origin in a safe and dignified manner.

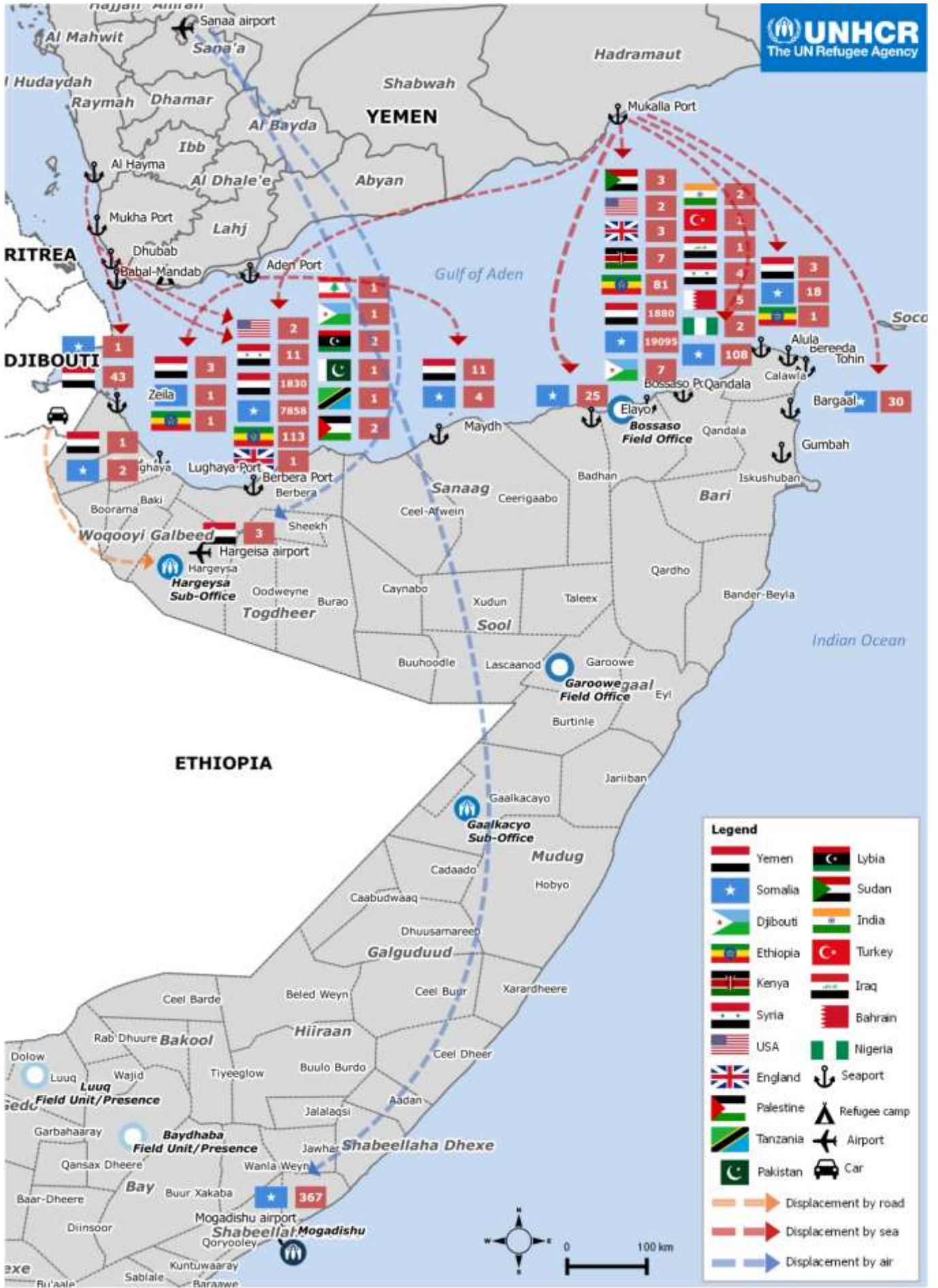
## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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The Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April – December 2015) was released on 4 June and shared with donors, governments and partners. 11 UN agencies and NGOs participate in the inter-agency response. The Response Plan can be accessed at <http://goo.gl/pVH7da>. Total funding received was USD 8.2 M (approximately 10% of total approved budget). The Plan for 2016 has yet to receive funding.

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