

SOMALIA TASK FORCE ON YEMEN SITUATION

WEEKLY INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #40

29 September – 5 October 2015

KEY FIGURES

29,319

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

3,725

Yemeni prima facie refugees registered in Somalia since 27 March

17,823

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

54%

Registered arrivals expressing intention to return to Mogadishu

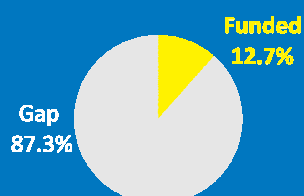
9,033

Somali returnees provided with onward transportation assistance since 27 March

FUNDING

USD 64 million

requested for the Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April-September 2015)

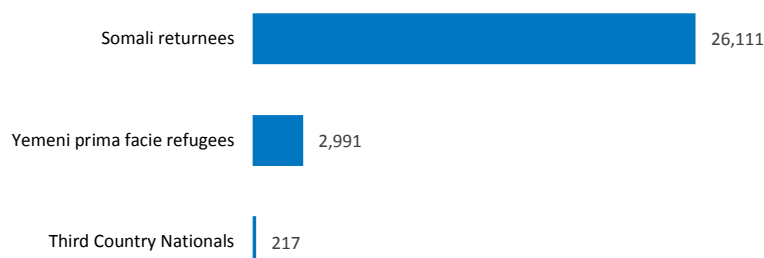


HIGHLIGHTS

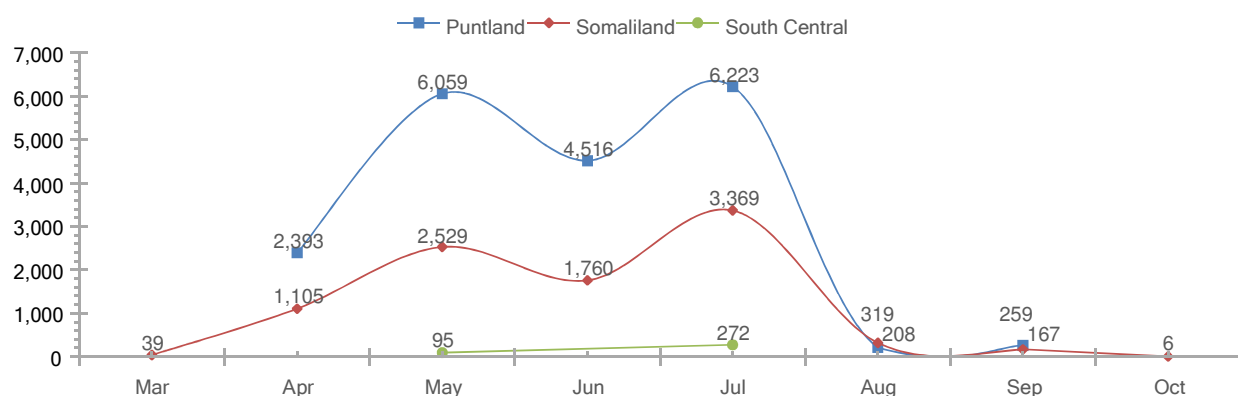
- A total of two boats carrying nine individuals arrived in Somalia from Yemen to Berbera, Somaliland, during the reporting period. Out of them, UNHCR registered three individuals in collaboration with local authorities and partners in Berbera reception centres, while the other new arrivals directly re-joined their families and were not in need of immediate assistance.
- On 30 September, a boat named *Al Hamsa* arrived in Berbera carrying three Yemeni refugees. Another boat called *Asaladiin* arrived in Berbera on 5 October carrying six individuals (five Yemeni and one Somali nationals).
- During the reporting period there have been no new arrivals from Yemen in Bossaso. However, on 4 October, a boat carrying 13 young men and three girls (all 16 Somali nationals), who reportedly left Puntland and were traveling to Yemen with intention to go to Libya via Sudan and cross the Mediterranean Sea, arrived at Bossaso port after their families brought them back.
- On 3 October, Bossaso police reported that a boat carrying passengers from Bossaso to the Gulf of Aden capsized, killing approximately 60 alleged migrants.
- During the reporting period, a total of 484 Somali returnees from Yemen (97 families) have reached South Central regions of Somalia. 439 individuals (88 families) have arrived in Hodan, Howlwadag and Karan districts in Mogadishu. 45 individuals (9 families) arrived in Baidoa and were verified as recipient of onward transportation assistance from Berbera and Bossaso. 52 individuals (18 families), arrived in Baidoa during the previous weeks, have now received the return assistance package.

Population of concern

A total of **29,319** people of concern



ARRIVALS PER MONTH



ARRIVALS PER NATIONALITY AND GENDER/AGE

Nationality	Arrived to			Total	
	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central		
Djibouti	6	1		7	0 %
Ethiopia	66	109		175	1 %
India	2			2	0 %
Kenya	7			7	0 %
Lebanon		1		1	0 %
Libya		2		2	0 %
Pakistan		1		1	0 %
Palestine		2		2	0 %
Somalia	18,019	7,725	367	26,111	89 %
Sudan	1			1	0 %
Syria		11		11	0 %
Tanzania		1		1	0 %
UK	3			3	0 %
USA	2	2		4	0 %
Yemen	1,552	1,439		2,991	10 %
Total	19,658	9,294	367	29,319	100 %
	67.05 %	31.70 %	1.25 %		

G/A	Arrived to			Total	
	PL	SL	SC		
Children	8,266	4,389	23	12,678	44 %
Females	5,952	2,507	123	8,582	30 %
Males	5,297	2,398	112	7,807	27 %
Total	19,515	9,294	258	29,067	100 %
	67.14 %	31.97 %	0.89 %		

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	4,616	5,030	0	9,646	54 %
Hargeisa	329	1,667	0	1,996	11 %
Bossaso	652	247	0	889	5 %
Baidoa	383	156	0	539	3 %
Kismayo	345	186	0	531	3 %
Afgooye	227	124	0	351	2 %
Other locations	1,978	1,821	62	3,871	22 %
Total Arrivals Registered at Reception Centers	8,530	9,231	62	17,823	100 %

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

The amount of people arriving in Somalia from Yemen, both Yemenis and Somali returnees, has significantly reduced between August and beginning of October 2015. Currently, the average of new arrivals remains between 20 to 150 individuals per week. New arrivals continue to report that this decrease may be a consequence of the ongoing conflict affecting more closely the two main ports of departure from Yemen to Somalia, Mokha and Mukalla, as well as the lack of cash resources which may make people in Yemen not able to afford the travel costs, the rough sea conditions. Additionally, it has been reported that some Yemenis who have previously arrived in Somalia intend to return to Yemen, and particularly Aden, which has been recovered by the coalition forces.

Achievements



Protection

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Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR, through its partner DRC, provided about 100 Yemeni refugee families with monthly subsistence allowance aimed to support their accommodation and utility costs, and distribution of cash assistance is continuing to cover about 500 families.
- UNHCR completed the construction of two room office space at Bossaso 1st reception centre to be used as registration room.
- During the reporting period, in Bossaso, UNICEF through partners identified three separated and unaccompanied children (three boys) and offered psychosocial support and reunified children to their relatives. Additionally children (three boys and one girl) were provided with emergency medical support.

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Achievements and Impact

- The boat that arrived in Berbera on 30 September carrying three new arrivals departed from Mokha, Yemen, on 27 September at 5:00 pm and reached Somaliland coast line at 11:30 am on 30 September. The arrivals are three adult men of Yemeni nationality originating from Taiz. New arrivals reported that after the war started in Yemen they had lost everything including their houses and source of income and therefore decided to move to a safer place and traveled to Somaliland. As per the previous arrivals, they reported that the travel cost from Mokha to Berbera was 100 USD. All passengers were in good medical condition and were transferred to the Berbera reception centre and provided with further assistance. Only one of them stayed at the centre overnight, while the others rejoined their relatives.
- During the reporting period, a total of 38 Yemeni refugees (26 cases) were registered by the Somaliland Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRRR). A total of 1,995 Yemeni refugees have been registered by MRRR in Hargeisa since 28 March 2015.
- A total of 62 Yemeni refugees (23 cases) have been transferred from UNHCR Bossaso to UNHCR Hargeisa database as they spontaneously moved on to Hargeisa. Some of the Yemenis refugees reported that they prefer to live in Hargeisa due to better climate conditions. A total of 2,060 Yemeni prima facie refugees (1,036 cases) are registered with UNHCR Hargeisa so far.
- The weekly case management panel related to assistance given to Yemeni refugees took place during the reporting period, and seven cases were approved for emergency financial assistance (three-month subsistence allowance). They were also referred to UNHCR partner Action Africa Help International (AAH-I) for livelihoods projects. Members of the panel are: UNHCR, AAH-I (for livelihoods), Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Somaliland (CCBRS) for special needs, Horn Youth Development Association (HYDA) for health whenever required, and Legal Clinic for legal cases' follow up whenever required.
- UNICEF continued to support children and women with psychosocial support and vulnerability assessments on their arrival at Berbera reception centre.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- A verification exercise of Somali returnees erroneously registered as Yemeni refugees (cases of double nationality) still needs to be conducted during the prima facie certificate distribution. UNHCR and MRRR agreed to conduct a verification exercise in the next two weeks to clean up the data.
- Planning is underway by UNHCR and partners to address the shelter and emergency needs of Yemeni new arrivals in Hargeisa.

 Education
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- National examination for Yemeni students conducted by officers from the Yemeni Ministry of Education is still ongoing. The mission has been extended for one additional week, and 50 additional students have been registered.



Health

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- Save the Children International (SCI) supported two Somali returnee families who remained in Bossaso due to health related issues to go back to their areas of origin in South Central regions of Somalia, on 3 October.

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- The IOM medical team in Berbera visited one male patient from the group that arrived on 30 September. There was no case of referrals or pregnancy.



Shelter and NFIs

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- UNHCR distributed a Core Relief Item (CRI) kit to one new arrival at Berbera reception centre.



Logistics

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- UNHCR, through its partner IOM, provided one of the arrivals from 30 September in Berbera with onward transportation assistance to travel from Berbera to Mogadishu.

Working in partnership

- In Hargeisa, UNHCR, UNSOM and NRC held a meeting to re-launch the Mixed Migration Task Force (MMTF), which is scheduled to take place on 18 October 2015. The importance and the urgency of re-launching the MMTF was discussed and agreed as well as the agenda of the next meeting, including: 1) revision of the Terms of Reference, looking particularly at the collection of data and the monitoring mechanisms; 2) clarification of the respective roles and competencies of the inter-agency MMTF and the inter-ministerial MMTF, including information sharing mechanisms between both fora; 3) establishment of an action plan, looking at urgent issues such as trafficking and mass information campaign; 4) identification of focal points to participate in the different forums/teleconference at Geneva and Nairobi levels.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Somalia Response Plan for Yemen Crisis (April – September 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 to date is USD 8.2 M (approximately 12.7 % of total appealed budget of 64 M USD).

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