

Overview

Since the beginning of the conflict in Somalia, refugees have spontaneously settled across **13 locations** in Ethiopia's Doolo Zone, taking shelter with the host community, in government facilities and makeshift shelters or in open spaces. Over **400 hectares of land** provided by the Ethiopian Government in Mirqaan is currently being developed to

establish reception centres and other shelter related activities. With the relocation of refugees to Mirqaan Refugee Settlement began on **08 April 2023**, UNHCR in collaboration with RRS and partners have concentrated efforts to ensure refugees have access to adequate emergency shelter and dignified living conditions.

Key figures



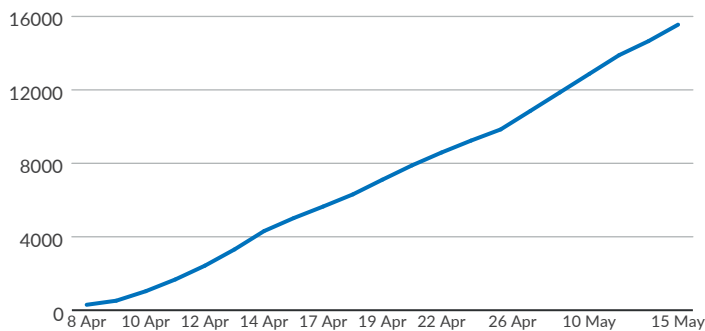
NEEDS

- An estimated **80,000 people** lack access to emergency shelter as new arrivals and those who have not yet been relocated to Mirqaan Settlement still take shelter with the host community, in schools and in makeshift shelters.
- Nearly all individuals who took part in assessments and focus group discussions in Goob and Hegaale villages identified shelter as a **first priority need**.

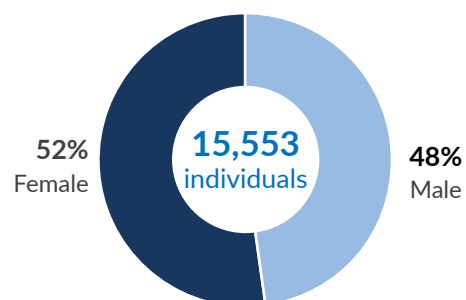
RESPONSE

- Shelter teams continue efforts to develop Mirqaan as the current capacity of the settlement reaches to over **15,000 individuals** with the available land to accommodate up to 45,000 individuals.
- In line with the settlement approach, a marketplace is currently being established that will be utilised both by the refugees and host community to enhance **self-reliance of refugees** and social cohesion with the host community.

People Relocated to Mirqaan Settlement (cumulative)



Gender Distribution of Relocated People



GAPS

- Lack of **funding** hinders efforts to enable refugees' access to long-term solutions for dignified shelter.
- Additional emergency shelter is needed for those **estimated 80,000 individuals** sheltering with the host community and in makeshift shelters.
- Relocation of the refugees have been halted until **additional emergency shelter** is received on the ground.
- With the arrival of the rainy season, the **road conditions** rapidly deteriorate and assessment of the potential impact is urgently needed.

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