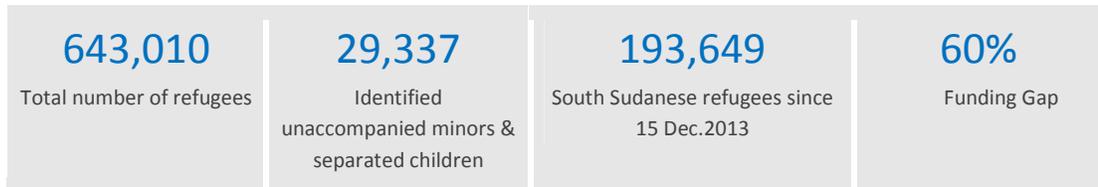




ETHIOPIA FACTSHEET

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HIGHLIGHTS



Population of concern

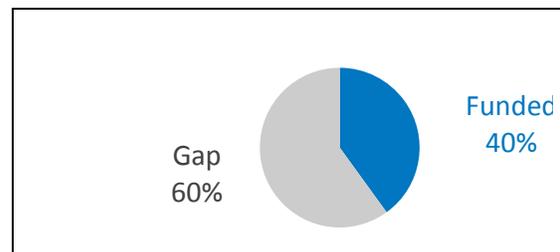
A total of **643,010** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
South Sudan	250,528
Somalia	245,850
Eritrea	106,859
Sudan	35,410
Other nationalities	4,363
Total	643,010

Funding

USD 290.6 million requested



UNHCR Presence

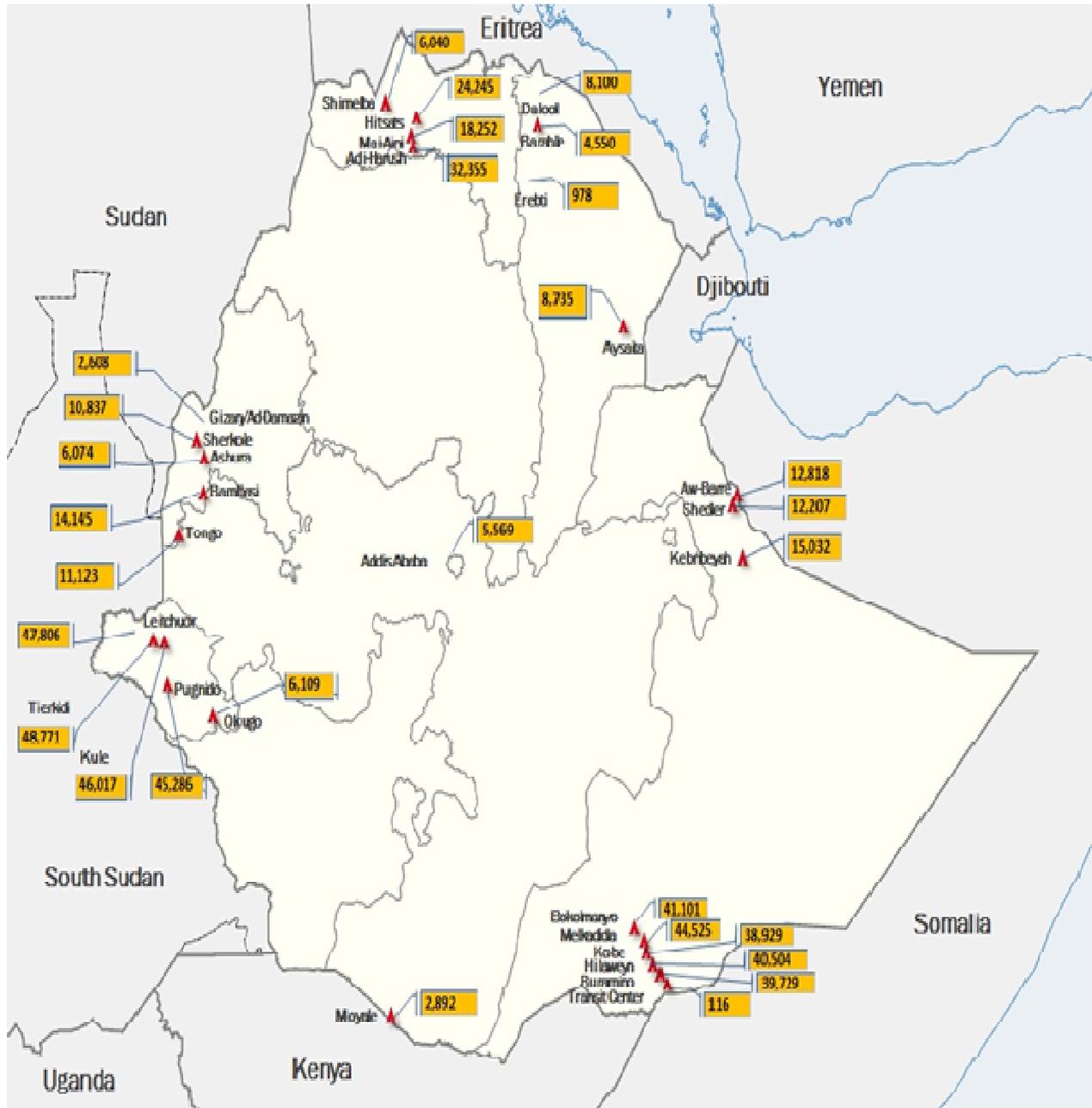
Staff:

- 327 national staff
- 81 international staff
- 147 individual contractors
- 29 deployees
- 7 IUNVs

Offices:

26 offices, including the **UNHCR Representation in Ethiopia**, the **UNHCR Representation to the AU and ECA** as well as 24 Sub-and Field-Offices located in five Regional States: **Afar** (Semera) **Benishangul-Gumuz** (Assosa, Bambasi, Sherkole, Tongo), **Gambella** (Gambella, Dimma, Itang, Nyn-yang, Pugnido), **Somali** (Jijiga, Melkadida, Aw-barre, Sheder, Kebribeyah, Dollo Ado, Bokolmanyo, Kobe, Hilaweyn, Buramino) and **Tigray** (Shire, Mekele, Embamadre, Shimelba).

Ethiopia-Map of Refugee Camps and other refugee sites



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR is fully engaged in the Humanitarian Country Team in Ethiopia, where the refugee programmes are discussed strategically to ensure that the needs of refugees are adequately presented and addressed. The Office is also building on well-established coordination forums such as the Refugee Task Force, donor and NGO and inter-agency meetings at the field and camp levels.
- UNHCR's main Government counterpart and implementing partner in Ethiopia is the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) and the Office works well with it in ensuring continued protection of the refugees.
- About 40 partners, including government agencies, national and international non-governmental organization and UN agencies work closely with UNHCR to support the refugees in the country.
- An effective coordination environment was established in response to the Level 3 emergency with refugees arriving from South Sudan; a Regional Refugee Response Plan was developed

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- The Government of Ethiopia generally maintains open borders for refugees seeking protection in the country. A party to both the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugee and the 1969 OAU Convention, the Government provides protection to refugees from over 13 countries, with the majority originating from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea and Sudan.
- Most asylum-seekers are granted refugee status on a prima facie basis, i.e., based on their region and/or country of origin. Individual refugee status determination is undertaken for all others through a government Eligibility Committee, on which UNHCR sits as an observer.
- Refugees and asylum-seekers are generally expected by the Government to reside in camps, although some are permitted to reside in urban areas for medical, security, or humanitarian reasons. The Government's "Out of Camp Policy" provides many Eritrean refugees the opportunity to live in Addis Ababa and other locations if they have the necessary financial support. It is hoped that this programme can be improved upon and expanded. Overall, there are some 5,570 registered refugees in Addis Ababa.
- Key protection concerns for the country operation include child protection and sexual and gender-based violence. The situation of Eritrean unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) in the north is of particular concern, given the large numbers and limited family-based care options, with additional resources devoted to these children in 2014 under the Child Protection Regional Initiative. Data-collection and case management tools are also being rolled out in the different operations, including the Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS) (in coordination with UNICEF, the Gender Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) and the Education Management Information System (EMIS).
- UNHCR is also working closely with the government and key partners to address the issue of trafficking and smuggling of refugees. Livelihoods opportunities are considered a key component of these efforts, as are increased information campaigns and improved services. In addition to implementing UNHCR's Strategy and Regional Action Plan to address Smuggling and Trafficking from the East and Horn of Africa (issued in March 2013), UNHCR is also contributing to efforts by the Government of Ethiopia and the UN Country Team in this area.

Education

- An all-out effort is being exerted to provide education to as many refugees as possible, but emergency response and shortage of funds would mean that only 52% of the total of over 250,000 school-age children could actually go to school in the various camps. In 2014, the number of school-age children grew by 64% because over 48% of the new arrivals from South Sudan fall under that category.
- The Ethiopian Government has offered tertiary education scholarships to more than 1,800 refugee students with UNHCR covering only 25% of total cost. One hundred and ninety-eight others are benefitting from the DAFI scholarship programme which is supported by the Government of Germany. Two hundred sixty-four have already graduated with degrees and diplomas, some of whom have secured in employment in the informal sectors, including in hotels and automotive garages.
- In the Gambella camps, 56,300 children between the ages of 3 and 18 have been enrolled in school at various levels, including in pre-school, primary and secondary schools. This has brought the gross enrollment rate to 52%, which is higher than the target of 40%, but still on the lower side given the needs.

- The opening of the Gambella Public University this academic year has opened up a new window of opportunity for qualified refugees to access tertiary education closer to the refugee camps where they would continue to enjoy family support. Already, 38 refugees got placement in the same university as part of the Ethiopian government-sponsored programme.

Health

- UNHCR, ARRA and health partners continue to undertake routine health activities in all refugee camps across the operation.

Food Security and Nutrition

- The joint UNHCR, WFP and ARRA-led assessment mission (JAM) has been completed with the participation of other UN agencies, donors and UNHCR's NGO partners operating in different sectors. The assessment focused on the impact all other assistances have on the food security of the refugees. The project comprised field missions for collection of primary information directly from the refugees and reviews of existing information such as reports of participatory assessments, surveys, assessment reports and other pertinent data. The report is under compilation and will be ready by the end of this year.
- So far all refugees in Ethiopia are receiving the normal food basket from WFP. However, there is a growing concern of eventual food shortage as the World Food Program announced it may face a pipeline break very soon unless it secures donor funding quickly.

Water and Sanitation

- UNHCR and its WASH partners continued with flood response activities in Leitchuor, Nipnip and Matar, by following refugees in self-relocated higher ground in villages and providing water, sanitation and hygiene services. A design for the integrated water supply system for Kule & Tierkidi camps was finalized and pertinent partners have commenced implementation in the camps.
- In shire, UNHCR and its WASH partners are responding to increased new arrivals from Eritrea by improving services at reception and camp level to meet minimum UNHCR standards.
- In Dollo Ado, the Genale River has over-flooded its banks impacting water supply to nearby refugee camps. Access to the water pumping station in Boramino was constrained, whereas pumps in both Melkadida and Kobe had to be moved to higher points to ensure their safety and continued water supply in camps.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- The Government of Ethiopia (ARRA) manages all refugee camps in Ethiopia. UNHCR and ARRA work together with partners to ensure proper and coordinated delivery of protection and assistance. Camp coordination meetings generally happen both at the zonal and camp level. In addition, technical working groups also meet regularly on such issues as child protection, SGBV, education, WASH and Health.

Access to Energy

- 336, 657 liters of Kerosene, 242,100 liters of ethanol, 35 tons of wood fuel, 12,000 kerosene stoves and 6,635 fuel-saving stoves were distributed for a total of 274,490 refugees for cooking and lighting purposes. Moreover, 10,842 solar lanterns were distributed while 417 street lights were installed in different camps. In addition, tree-planting and environmental conservation activities were done on over 1000 hectares of land to restore degraded forest lands in and around refugee camps.
- Thanks to these interventions, a growing number of refugee women can now spend more of their time doing their household chorus as well as some livelihoods activities instead of collecting firewood. Moreover, this has contributed to the protection of female refugees against SGBV and reduces the strain on the physical environment around the camps. The street lights and the solar lanterns in particular have enabled refugees to undertake some livelihoods activities while students can now do their homework at night.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR's self-reliance programme in Dollo Ado, Ethiopia, supported by donors, including the IKEA Foundation, complements the Government's development programme and includes refugee and host communities. This programme prioritizes activities that increase refugees' self-reliance through a comprehensive livelihoods programme, in a shift away from long-term aid dependency. The programme aims to build refugees' resilience in anticipation of their return to their places of origin in Somalia. A resulting increase in household income including the ownership of animals and agriculture activities has already been noted since 2013 and is expected to continue. Innovative approaches to refugee shelters, renewable energy and camp

lay-out are also being piloted in Dollo Ado for eventual implementation in other operations. In addition to providing training on cooperative development and business management, business grant support has been made available by UNHCR to improve the livelihood of refugees. UNHCR is piloting an agricultural project focusing on improving the livelihoods of over 200 000 Somali refugees in the Dollo Ado area.

- In the Jijiga area where there are three camps hosting more than 40,000 Somali refugees, UNHCR engages refugees and host communities in self-reliance activities under its Development Assistance for Refugees (DAR) project. Refugees and members of the host communities around the camps have begun harvesting agricultural outputs for consumption and for the local market.

Durable Solutions

- Resettlement remains the only viable durable solution in the Ethiopia operation, as conflict continues in countries of origin (Sudan, South Sudan, DRC, and Somalia) effectively precluding voluntary repatriation, while local integration remains elusive. Ethiopia's resettlement referral target for 2014 is 3775 individuals.
- As of October 2014, a total of 1001 cases (2986 individuals) were referred to the Hub in Nairobi for onward submission to resettlement countries.
- 932 cases (2690 individuals) have been submitted to resettlement countries by the Hub in Nairobi.
- 1149 cases (3659 individuals) have departed Ethiopia to third countries through UNHCR facilitated resettlement program.

Logistics

- UNHCR Ethiopia carried out disposal of 26 vehicles and various other PPEs generating an income of US\$ 1 million
- UNHCR Ethiopia carried out physical verification of the inventory for the whole country.

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