

Somalia

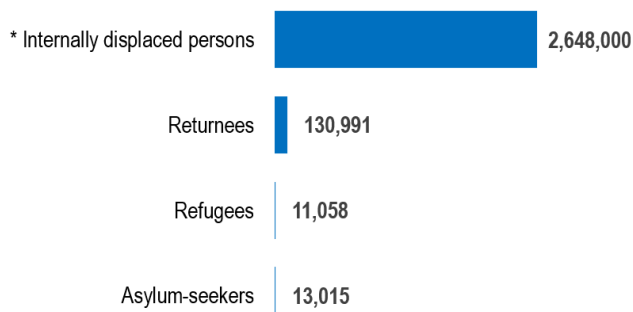
November 2020

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floods and desert locusts, on 23 November, Somalia was struck by **Cyclone Gati**. It was the strongest storm ever to make landfall in the country, leading to vast material damage and

affecting an estimated 180,000 people in Bari region. UNHCR, in addition to its regular **support and assistance**, supported displaced families affected by the storm.

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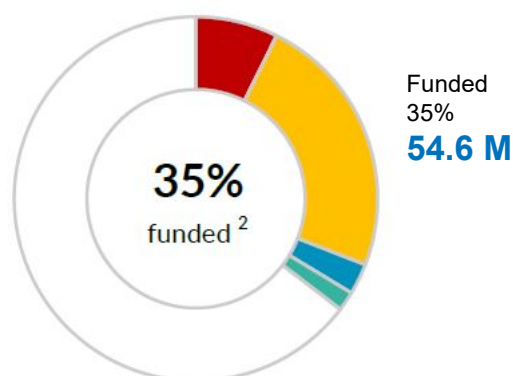


* Estimated number of IDPs as at 31 July 2018 (Source: Information Management Working Group)

FUNDING (AS OF 30 NOVEMBER)

USD 154.4 M

requested for Somalia Operation



A group of women and girls carried out awareness as part of the global campaign on 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence in north Galkayo. © UNHCR

Update on Achievements

Operational Context

The operational context in Somalia remained fluid and complex throughout November 2020. Access remained restricted by conflict and insecurity and was further compounded by challenges associated with the outbreak of Covid-19.

Cyclone Gati, one of the worst cyclonic storms, struck Somalia on 23 November, destroying roads, houses, fishing boats, communication masts, and power lines, as well as resulting in the death of at least eight fishermen. Authorities estimate that 180,000 people were affected by the cyclone, with 42,000 displaced from their homes. The cyclone, which brought along heavy rains with above average strong winds, mainly affected Bossaso and Hafun regions in the north-eastern Puntland State, also causing flooding in the UNHCR Field Office in Bossaso. Site assessment and beneficiary selection for cyclone-affected families took place, in cooperation with partners and other UN agencies.

An increase in the movement of Yemeni (25) and Syrian (12) refugees was reported in Banadir region during the reporting period. UNHCR collaborated closely with local authorities to conduct timely registration and to avoid backlogs from previous arrivals.

Heavy rains destroyed shelters made of sticks and fabrics of some 1,051 IDPs living in Kahda and Daynile Districts of Banadir, Mogadishu, according to partners' reports. The most affected PoCs are elders, persons with disabilities, women and children. Rains washed away latrines and valuable household materials for persons of concern (PoCs), including NFI items. Assessment of needs was initiated in November.



A distribution of solar lanterns to vulnerable women in Kulmiye IDP settlement in north Galkayo.

Access to proper lighting can reduce the risk of SGBV in settlements. © UNHCR

Achievements



PROTECTION

Protection Cluster

In November, the Protection Cluster (co-led by UNHCR) partners reached 39,270 individuals through protection monitoring. Furthermore, 20,857 persons with specific needs and heightened vulnerabilities were provided with protection-oriented support, while 41,333 individuals and 41,252 individuals were reached through awareness raising on protection issues and community awareness campaigns, respectively.

On 9 November a roundtable was held with 16 participants from across the clusters to discuss concerns that minority and marginalized communities in Somalia are being excluded from humanitarian assistance. This discussion will inform the development of a position paper for submission to the HCT on assistance targeting and a common definition of vulnerability.

The Protection Cluster/UNHCR supported the inter-agency rapid assessment carried out 24-30 November to assess the needs of individuals affected by Cyclone Gati. In addition, protection monitoring networks were requested to respond to the area and GBV AOR partners are ensuring the needs of women and girls are addressed in a timely manner through emergency supplies, dignity kits, reproductive health kits and Covid-19 supplies.

25 November marked the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, that kicks off the global campaign for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. Activities in November raised awareness on the rights of women and girls as well as particular issues of concern in Somalia, such as domestic violence, child labor, female-genital mutilation and child marriage.

The HLP AOR and partners conducted a post-eviction assessment in two IDP sites in Daynille district, Banaadir region of Somalia, that were forcefully evicted on 28 November. The assessment was shared and underlines the multi-sector needs of the registered 311 households that were affected by the evictions.

Covid-19 response

- In November, no new confirmed Covid-19 cases were recorded among UNHCR's PoCs. In Hargeisa, 20 refugees departing for countries of origin were tested for Covid-19 at a UNHCR partner-operated clinic, as a travel prerequisite.
- UNHCR distributed food as part of Covid-19 pandemic response to 169 assisted returnees in Bossaso in November. Furthermore, in Hargeisa, a total of 11,641 refugees and asylum-seekers received food, concluding the four-month food distribution to all refugees and asylum-seekers.
- Covid-19 related restrictions have further hindered the already inadequate socio-economic situation of persons of concern. To help displaced families meet their

basic needs, in November, UNHCR distributed cash grants to 2,128 refugee households, 58 asylum-seeker households and 30 returnee households.

- To increase awareness on Covid-19 prevention and response, 150 refugees and asylum-seekers were consulted through a protection hotline. While the phone calls concerned general protection issues PoCs were facing, all refugees and asylum-seekers were also reminded about Covid-19 health protection measures. UNHCR's healthcare partners also continued Covid-19 awareness-raising, addressing a total of 120 refugees and asylum-seekers who visited the supported clinics during reporting period in Bossaso town.
- In order to prevent the spread of the virus, UNHCR distributed 1,700 medical face masks to partner staff working at frontlines and healthcare authorities in Galmudug region. Furthermore, 138 refugees and asylum-seekers received Covid-19 consultation at the UNHCR partner-ran health center as part of the provision of primary healthcare services in Galmudug.
- UNHCR, through partners, reached more than 153,000 IDPs, returnees and host community members with combined SGBV prevention and Covid-19 awareness-raising sessions, carried out in IDP settlements and surrounding host communities across the country, involving community leaders.
- To improve livelihoods and respond to the increased need of personal protective equipment, 42 former graduates from UNHCR's vocational skills training are producing non-clinical face masks, certified by the Ministry of Health, in South West Somalia. In Hargeisa, 25 small scale business (SSB) beneficiaries were each supported with USD 400 during Covid-19.
- In Bossaso, the families of 2,452 refugee, asylum-seeker and returnee children received cash for scholastic materials. Furthermore, the distribution of cash grants to cover the school fees for 222 returnee children for three months (October-December), was completed in November.

Registration

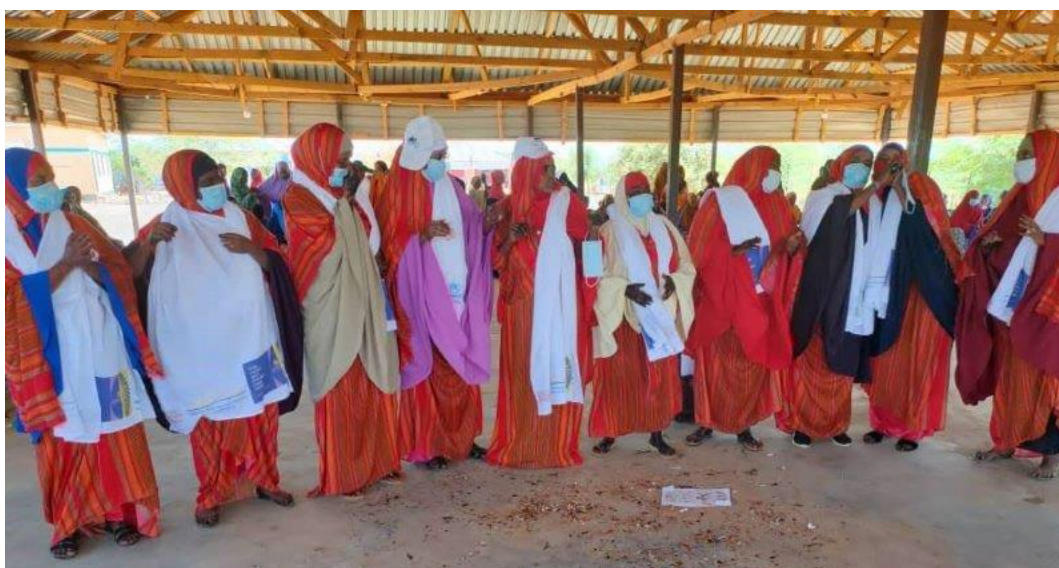
- As of 30 November, UNHCR recorded a total of 24,073 refugees and asylum-seekers, out of whom 11,058 are refugees and 13,015 asylum-seekers. Most of the refugees and asylum-seekers are from Ethiopia (71%) and Yemen (26%). In November, UNHCR registered 164 new refugee and asylum-seeker arrivals, including 54 newborn babies.

Prevention and Response to SGBV

- On 25 November, UNHCR offices across the country kicked off activities for the global campaign on 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Events included speeches emphasizing the importance of combatting GBV, role plays, radio programs as well as traditional music and dance performances, engaging a

variety of participants from UNHCR, partners, local authorities as well as displaced and host communities.

- As part of regular SGBV response activities, a total of 316 SGBV survivors were provided with medical assistance, 310 survivors were provided with legal assistance, 479 survivors with material assistance such as dignity kits, and 336 survivors received psychosocial counselling. Furthermore, 40 survivors with specific needs accessed the UNHCR partner-facilitated trauma relief sessions at a safe space for GBV survivors in Dhobley, Gedo region.
- To strengthen identification and prevention of SGBV, advocacy interventions, including mass awareness-raising campaigns, reached a total of 3,871 individuals across refugee, IDP and host communities. In addition, 40 members of displaced communities as well as local authorities were trained on SGBV prevention and response.



On 25 November, UNHCR, partners and local authorities celebrated the launch of activities commemorating 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence in the Qansahley IDP site in Dollow. © UNHCR

Other protection activities

- Community structures were in place to respond to non-Covid-19 and Covid-19 activities at 71 IDP Sites monitored by UNHCR, in coordination with other partners.
- Legal assistance, in the form of increasing legal awareness in south central and via legal clinics in Somaliland, was provided to 781 persons of concern, including IDPs, refugees and asylum-seekers.
- To enhance child protection, a group therapy session was conducted for 30 mothers in Mogadishu, during which they took part in a five-day psychosocial

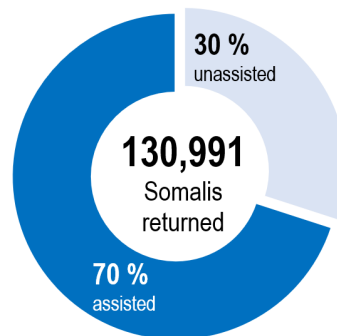
support training where they were taught about the effects of trauma and healthy parenting skills, while participating in experience-sharing sessions.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Returns to Somalia

- As of 30 November, UNHCR has received a total of 130,991 Somali returnees from 14 countries of asylum. Out of the total 91,831 who repatriated with UNHCR's support, 84,981 were from Kenya, 5,416 from Yemen, 773 from Djibouti, 469 from Libya, 143 from Sudan, 34 from Eritrea, and the remaining 15 from various countries. In addition, 39,160 Somalis have returned on their own from Yemen.
- In November, UNHCR supported the return of two Somali refugees from Pakistan. During the same time, 203 Somalis returned spontaneously from Yemen.



TYPE OF RETURN	BEFORE 2020	November	2020	TOTAL
ASSISTED RETURN	91,497	2	334	91,831
UNASSISTED RETURN	38,420	203	740	39,160
TOTAL	129,917	205	1,074	130,991



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- In south central, school fees and breakfast were provided to 634 refugee children. In Somaliland, 388 refugee students (including 207 girls) received school uniforms.
- In south central, 173 refugee students were newly registered.
- In Mogadishu, UNHCR, through Mercy Corps, rehabilitated/constructed two blocks of toilets with separate units for boys and girls, two separate septic tanks and two elevated storage water tanks.
- The second instalments of small grants were provided to the Community Education Committees for 37 schools in south central. The grant modality aims to maintain enrolment of children, especially girls, and improve teacher motivation in the Ministry of Education target schools.

- UNHCR provides the operational cost for the school in Midnimo settlement, hence allowing access to primary education for 793 (425 girls and 368 boys) IDP and returnee children, and secondary school for 19 students (12 boys and 7 girls).



A joint monitoring exercise in a UNHCR-supported school in Mogadishu. © UNHCR



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- In November, a total of 1,588 PoCs received primary healthcare, 1,718 PoCs received secondary healthcare and 275 PoCs were referred to partner-supported secondary and tertiary healthcare facilities.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Shelter and NFIs Cluster

The Shelter Cluster partners continued to construct shelters and distribute NFIs as part of efforts to decongest shelter and settlements to reduce the spread of Covid-19. Human Appeal has completed the construction of shelters along with site development works in Sir Maqabe IDP site in Kaxda District in Banadir region and the hand-over of shelters to beneficiaries is planned for mid-December.

Achievements and Impact

- In November, 70 refugee, asylum-seeker, returnee and host community households received multipurpose cash grants.



- UNHCR's partner distributed plastic sheets to 2,100 internally displaced households (approximately 3,127 individuals) in Mogadishu, as part of the emergency response to floods. A total of 82 women received dignity kits or female sanitary materials.

- In November, 53 IDP, 100 returnee and 14 host community households in Dollow and Baidoa benefitted from the construction of Refugee Housing Units (RHUs). Out of the beneficiary families, 50 families also received land ownership letters, an activity carried out in coordination with local authorities. This event was attended by CCCM and Shelter cluster members, the Danish Refugee Council, camp leaders and local authorities.

UNHCR and DRC staff jointly supervising the construction of RHUs at the Qanasaxley IDP site in Dollow. © UNHCR



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

CCCM Cluster

In November, CCCM partners continue to provide inclusive Covid-19 awareness raising in 921 IDP sites out of 2,344 IDP sites nationally, covering close to 1.9 million IDPs (42% out of total 2.6 million) since the beginning of the Covid-19 outbreak. Partners closely collaborated with Radio Ergo to conduct community sessions on Covid-19 and air-out awareness messages. CCCM cluster members continued to work closely with multimedia partners to allow CCCM partners' access to media content, such as video, to help sensitize communities residing at IDP sites.

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR, through partner Wise, conducted a five-day capacity-building training for community management committees (CMCs) in three locations in Galmudug State on the roles and responsibilities of CMCs, humanitarian standards, protection principles, effective camp coordination and camp management, as well as the importance of community engagement.



Displaced women participating in a CCCM training in the Galgaduud region of Galmudug state. © UNHCR



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR distributed solar lamps to 136 vulnerable IDPs, refugees and asylum-seekers residing in north Galkayo. Beneficiaries included persons with disabilities and vulnerable women.



Disabled men with wheelchairs received solar lanterns at an IDP settlement in North Galkayo. © UNHCR



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Livelihoods

In November, UNHCR and partners provided 978 beneficiaries with various forms of livelihood support across the country. Strengthening access of UNHCR's persons of concern to livelihoods and income generation opportunities is increasingly vital, due to economic challenges caused by the outbreak of Covid-19. Livelihoods activities provided to beneficiaries included:

- 595 individuals were provided with vocational training in areas including electricity masonry, tailoring, IT/computing and beauty therapy
- 270 individuals continued to be enrolled in small-scale business development training
- 72 individuals were provided with cash grants for small business development
- 41 youth were registered in the return support centre (RSC) for coaching, counseling and provision information on the available opportunities at the centre.

Working in partnership

- All UNHCR Sub and Field Offices conducted meetings with partners, including local authorities and implementing partners, as part of the planning of activities for 2021.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the UNHCR Somalia Operation amount to some **US\$ 54.6 million**.

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

External / Donors Relations

Earmarked contributions to the Somalia operation in 2020

United States of America 31.3M | CERF 2.8M | Republic of Korea 1.9M | Japan 1.8M | Denmark 1.5M | Germany 1.1M | European Union 0.9M | Sweden 0.5M | UN-Habitat 0.4M | France 0.2M | United Arab Emirates 0.1M

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