

Somalia

1-30 September 2021

The operational environment in Somalia continued fluid throughout September. Somalia's operational context remains extremely challenging due to largescale insecurity and countrywide fragility, in particular

due to the delayed electoral process. Internal displacements continued throughout the month, as a result of conflict and insecurity, flooding and drought. Further challenges were posed by the pandemic, although country-

wide vaccination has started. UNHCR continued to provide protection, assistance, and solutions to persons of concern across the country, as well as to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

KEY INDICATORS

 **2.97** million IDPs

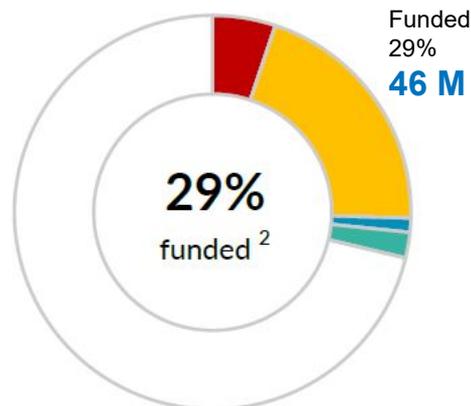
 **12,915** refugees
14,943 asylum-seekers

 **133,375** refugee returnees

FUNDING (AS OF 28 SEPTEMBER)

USD 157.1 M

requested for the Somalia operation



To celebrate World Peace Day and to promote peace and interactive programs for youth, UNHCR partner organized a sports day for youth from various backgrounds.

Update on Achievements

Operational Context

The operational context in Somalia remained complex in September, due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, insecurity leading to populations displacement as well as the current political situation and delayed elections.

The security situation in the country remained volatile with regular attacks against military bases, as well as civilians. Despite security challenges, UNHCR continued to provide protection and assistance to its persons of concerns, including refugees, asylum-seekers, refugee returnees and IDPs across the country - directly and through partners.

According to PRMN report, conflict and drought has displaced 593,000 people between January and September 2021. Most of the displaced have arrived in Banadir, Baidoa, Jowhar, Beletweyne, Luuq, Doolow, Gaalkacy, Cadaado, and Xudur districts. Displaced families are in dire need of food, shelter and NFIs, and are faced with multiple protection risks. Directly and through the UNHCR-led clusters, UNHCR continued to respond to the immediate needs of the families.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Multipurpose cash assistance

- In September, UNHCR provided multipurpose cash grants to 4,750 PoCs.

Prevention and response to SGBV

- In Somaliland 11 advocacy sessions on GBV prevention and response were conducted.
- UNHCR, through partners, also continued regular activities on the identification, prevention and response to SGBV. Survivors of SGBV were provide various types of assistance. In September, 38 PoCs received medical assistance, 7 PoCs received legal assistance, 23 PoCs received material assistance (such as dignity kits), and 54 PoCs received psychosocial counselling.

Legal assistance and counselling

- In September, 521 PoCs, including refugees and asylum-seekers, received legal assistance through UNHCR partner-operated legal clinics.

Assistance to persons with specific needs

- In September, 33 PoCs with specific needs received physiotherapy Services, psychosocial counseling, were referred for follow-up services; and were provided with mobility Devices.

Somali refugee returnees

- In September, under the voluntary repatriation programme from Kenya, 51 individuals returned from Dadaab refugee camp to Somalia, bringing the total number of individuals returned from Kenya to Somalia to **85,369**. All refugee returnees received return packages and temporary accommodation, if required.
- The Assisted Spontaneous Return (ASR) programme from Yemen continued to be on hold.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- In September, a total of 5,528 refugee and 353 returnee students attended primary and secondary schools with UNHCR's support.
- UNHCR, through a partner, conducted Refugees and Asylum Seekers Community Committee (RASCC) meetings in Galkayo, Garowe and Gardo, which were attended by 25 RASCC members (16 women and 9 men). The meetings focus on identifying and addressing various challenges faced by refugee and asylum-seeker children in their access to education, as well as promoting the enrolment of all children, in particular of girls.
- UNHCR, through a partner, conducted teachers training on alternative and positive disciplinary approach; provision of psychosocial and psychological first aid support; PSEA policy; as well as teachers Code of Conduct and ethics for 25 teachers in Bossaso.
- In Somaliland, UNHCR provided school fees, textbooks and transportation cost to 59 refugee and asylum-seeker students (34 female) attending universities.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- As part of UNHCR's regular healthcare activities in September, a total of 2,162 refugees, asylum-seekers, IDPs and hosting communities were provided with primary healthcare, 133 individuals with secondary healthcare, and 76 were referred to further care, including tertiary healthcare.



SHELTER, INFRASTRUCTURE AND NFIS

Shelter/NFI Achievements and Impact

- In Somaliland, 1,650 HHs (benefitting 12,311 individuals) received standard NFI Kits in seven identified hotspot areas (faced by eviction) during the month of September. This is part of a larger project to provide emergency assistance to IDPs living in nine sites across Somaliland.
- A total of 1,000 wooden pallets were distributed to 100 IDP HHs in Kulmis centre, Mogadishu.
- Through a partner, UNHCR distributed 30 refugees and asylum-seekers with sanitary kits (including soap, headscarf, shampoo, sanitary pads etc.) in Mogadishu.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Peaceful coexistence

- Activities in the partner-operated Peaceful Coexistence Center in Somaliland continued in September. Activities included psychosocial counseling, assistance to persons with specific needs, vulnerability assessment, general counselling, as well as vocational training and language classes.

Livelihoods

- Through a partner, UNHCR conducted the closing ceremony of Phase Three for 100 households (48 returnees, 25 refugees, 15 IDPs and 12 vulnerable host communities) who graduated from various vocational training skills and business development (beauty salon, catering, hospitality, homemade shampoo, tie-dye and mobile repairing). The beneficiaries have received their certificates and start up grants.
- On 21 September, World Peace Day, UNHCR partner organized football matches in Mogadishu, Baidoa, Kismayo and Dollow between refugees and returnees from Kenya, Yemen and Djibouti, with the aim to promote peace and interactive

programs for youth. After the match, the teams received awards, medals, and Cups.

- In Galkayo, a mentoring and business education session was provided to 70 IDPS, refugees, asylum-seekers and host community members who also attend vocational skills training (electricians, hairdressers, beauty therapists, and tailors).
- Across the country, various activities aiming to improve the livelihoods of PoCs continued, with the attendance of 164 IDPs, 138 vulnerable host community members, 127 refugees and asylum-seekers, 21 returnees. Activities include vocational training, provision of entrepreneur skills, business training and other means to improve self-reliance of PoCs.
- In Somaliland, 360 adult learners continued to attend basic literacy classes, with good level of attendance and performance.
- In Somaliland, eight households received cash grants for establishment of a small-scale business; and 22 small-scale business owners affected negatively by COVID-19 received cash grants, to help them restock, pay utility bills and to cover other costs.



Cluster coordination and leadership

Protection Cluster

In September, the Protection Cluster, led by UNHCR, provided the following services:

A total of **23,167** individuals were reached through protection monitoring and **358** individuals referred to specialized services.

A total of **12,656** individuals were provided with community based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support services.

A total **135,821** people, inclusive of **95,996** children, were reached with various child protection services (i.e. child protection messaging, psychosocial support services, case management, Family Tracing and Reunification (FTR), alternative care and reintegration of children associated with armed forces and groups (CAAFAG)).

A total of **29,727** individuals received information on available GBV prevention and mitigation services; out of which **11,940** were children.

A total of **3,435** individuals were provided with legal aid including dispute resolution - formal and informal justice forums, legal counselling and advice, referrals, accompaniment of extremely vulnerable individuals and representation of clients reporting Housing Land and Property specific cases.

A total of **2,803** individuals were provided with Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE), out of whom **2,263** were children.

In September, the Protection Cluster conducted workshops on the Somalia Protection Monitoring System (SPMS) for **48 protection monitors** in Somaliland and Banadir.

The **2022 HNO** overall People in Need (PiN) for the Protection Cluster is **4 million**, of which 1.9 million (48%) are non-IDPs, and 2 million (52%) are IDPs, while 30,800 are refugees and 132,117 are refugee returnees. For General Protection, the PiN is **2.7 million**, of whom 63% are children, and 49% are women and girls. Out of the total people in need, 1.2M (46%) are in IDP camps/settlements, 1.5M (54%) are non-IDPs, 30,800 are refugees and 132,117 are refugee returnees, in 74 districts.

Shelter Cluster

The **Somalia Shelter Cluster, led by UNHCR**, is a coordination mechanism that supports people affected by conflicts and natural disasters.

In September 2021, the Cluster Partners reached **16,806** people with non-food items (NFI) kits; and **1,942** people with shelter assistance. Cumulatively in 2021, the Shelter Cluster partners have reached **216,011** individuals (9%) of the targeted 2.3 million with NFI assistance, and **132,749** individuals (6%) of the targeted 2.4 million with shelter assistance.

Around **3.2 million** individuals are in need of shelter and NFI assistance in Somalia. Additional funding is urgently required to respond to the displacements and to pre-position the NFI and shelter items for potential displacements in near future.

The Shelter Cluster drafted the 2022 Shelter HNO based on new data available (using various sources such as JMCNA, PRMN, eviction monitoring, detailed site assessments, eviction dashboards). The **2022 HNO** overall People in Need (PiN) for the Shelter Cluster is **3.7 million** individuals, who are projected to be in need of shelter and NFI assistance in 2022.

CCCM Cluster

The Somalia **CCCM Cluster, co-led by UNHCR**, strengthens services at site level through improved site management and coordination; improves living conditions through site development and strengthens community self-management.

In September, the Cluster Partners carried out **five site verification assessments** covering 84 IDP sites and a total of 30,120 households (173,678). Comprehensive reports have been shared with partners and authorities to guide future operations.

In September, the cluster facilitated a training for **52** CCCM partners, inter-cluster partners and local authorities. Topics covered included CCCM approaches, State level roles, CCCM programming and activities, cluster reporting requirements, as well as various tools and templates.

CCCM partners carried out regular site monitoring checks in a total of **995** IDP sites in Baidoa, Kismayo, Hargeisa, Kahda, Daynile, Sool and Sanaag to identify existing service provision gaps and advocate for a coordinated and timely response to the

needs. Out these assessed sites, 75% reported a gap in food security, 65% a gap in shelter and 50% a gap in WASH.

In September, information campaigns on the risks of COVID-19 reached a total of **37,138** individuals living in IDP sites.

To improve the maintenance of IDP sites, CCCM partners distributed Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) tools, including: 200 wheelbarrows, 200 shovels and 200 pickaxes. In Bossaso, partners planned the rehabilitation of 80 street solar lights within IDP sites.

Lastly, CCCM partners distributed cash assistance to **558** vulnerable displaced households facing food insecurity in Belethawa, Kismayo and Baidoa, enabling them to cover the cost of food and other basic needs.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Somalia operation in 2021 amount to some **US\$ 46 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.

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