



Refugee children in the Tsore refugee camp register for the next school year. UNHCR/D. Diaz

# ETHIOPIA

## FACT SHEET

August 2016

### HIGHLIGHTS

<b>743,732</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>22,449</b>	<b>38,615</b>
refugees registered in the country	refugees newly registered in August	new arrivals registered since January 2016	Un Accompanied and Separated Children

### Population of concern

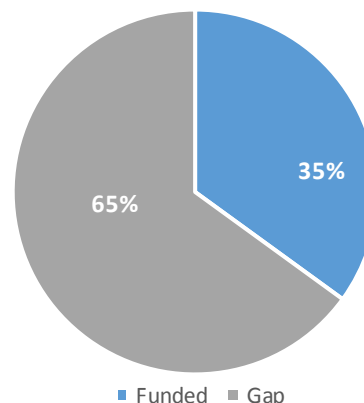
A total of **743,732** population of concern  
(As of 31 August 2016)

#### By country of origin

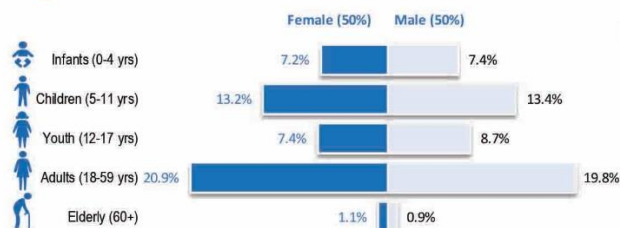
Country	Total PoC
South Sudan	281,612
Somalia	254,277
Eritrea	161,615 <sup>1</sup>
Sudan	39,317
Yemen	1,554
Other Nationalities	5,357
<b>Total</b>	<b>743,732</b>

### Funding (as of 6 September 2016)

**USD 280.0 million** requested



### Age/Gender breakdown



#### Staff:

- 299 national staff
- 92 international staff
- 115 individual contractors
- 17 deployees
- 8 IUNVs

#### Offices:

24 offices, including the **UNHCR Representation in Ethiopia (in Addis Ababa)**, as well as Sub and Field-Offices located in five Regional States: **Afar** (Samara) **Benishangul-Gumuz** (Assosa, Bambasi, Sherkole, Tongo), **Gambella** (Gambella, Dimma, Itang, Jewi, Pugnido), **Somali** (Jijiga, Melkadida, Aw-barre, Sheder, Kebribeyah, Dollo Ado, Bokolmanyo, Kobe, Hilaweyn, Buramino) and **Tigray** (Shire, Mekele, Emba madre, Shi melba).

Total: **531**

<sup>1</sup> 81,084 Eritrean refugees previously registered as living in the camps are believed to have spontaneously settled in Ethiopia. This figure will be subjected to verification

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- The **Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)** is UNHCR's main government counterpart with which close cooperation is maintained to ensure the protection of refugees.
- UNHCR is fully engaged in coordination fora to mainstream the needs of refugees within humanitarian and national plans. These coordination mechanisms include the Humanitarian Country Team, the Refugee Task Force, donor, NGO and inter-agency meetings at the field and camp levels. This has ensured the effective environment within the Level 3 Emergency for South Sudanese refugees as well as the development of a Regional Refugee Response Plan in an event of an influx.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### Protection

- A party to both the **1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees**, its **1967 Protocol** and the **1969 OAU Convention**, the Government provides protection to refugees from some 20 countries, with the majority originating from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea and Sudan. Asylum-seeker from Yemen have also been registered.
- Individual refugee status determination is undertaken by the government Eligibility Committee, on which UNHCR sits as an observer. **The South Sudanese, Eritreans, Yemenis and Somalis originating from South and Central Somalia are granted automatic recognition.**
- The Ethiopian Government maintains a policy requiring refugees to reside in **24 refugee camps** in the country. However, the Government allows certain refugees to reside in the urban areas, primarily Addis Ababa. They include **refugees in need of special medical attention unavailable in camps; refugees with serious protection concerns or inability to stay in camps for humanitarian reasons; and Eritrean Refugees enrolled in the Out of Camp Policy (OCP).** A total of 19,150 such refugees reside in Addis Ababa, including 13,159 Eritreans who were recently verified in the capital.

### Education

- With close to 50 percent of school-age refugee children still out of school in the different camps, UNHCR and its partners have launched the 'back to school' campaign to achieve 60 percent enrolment rate in the 2016/2017 academic year. The campaign targets children and their parents in all 24 refugee camps with results expected at the beginning of the new academic year in late September.

### Health

- So far in 2016, a total of **450,657** persons benefitted from consultations in all health centers in all refugee camps, **14.2% of whom were from the host communities.** Health facility utilization rate reached 1.2 consultation per refugee per year (standard: 1.4 consultations). **Mortality rates in children under five is 0.1/ 1,000/ month** and remains within the expected range in all camps. 96% of all deliveries in the camps were conducted with the help of skilled birth attendants.
- Increased numbers of Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) have been observed in several regions. Whilst refugee camps are currently not affected, they are considered at high risk of outbreaks due to high population density and poor living conditions. Regional government outbreak preparedness plans, which also include refugee camps, are currently being updated jointly by health and WASH partners under the leadership of the respective regional health bureaus.

### Nutrition and Food Security

- Despite general food distribution, malnutrition remains high. A total of 5,096 cases with severe acute malnutrition and 8,133 cases with moderate acute malnutrition amongst refugee children aged 6-59 months have been treated in the nutrition centers across all the camps over the past seven months. 1,165 pregnant and lactating women with moderate acute malnutrition have also been treated and monitored for recovery to normal nutrition status.

### Durable Solutions

- Given the lack of opportunities for voluntary repatriation and local integration, increasing the number of resettlement submissions is a priority for the operation. Resettlement needs stand at **50,200** persons for 2016 among whom **6,465** have been prioritized for submission this year. A total of **1,217 cases (4,372 individuals)** have been submitted for resettlement while **775 cases (2,347 persons) have reached the resettlement countries** as of end of August.

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