Barahale Refugee Camp

Overview
The Barahale refugee camp was established to accommodate mainly ethnic Afar Eritrean refugees seeking international protection.

Recent Developments
- Refugees in Barahale camp benefited from distribution of briquettes for energy produced in Aysaita by Organization for Sustainable Development (OSD).
- Construction of additional classrooms and library in the primary school has been effected.
- Construction of CRI storage is ongoing in the camp.

Education
- 1 primary school and 1 early childhood care and education (ECCE) center and 1 vocational training center available. No secondary school.

2007
- Camp was established in 2007 and officially opened in 2009.
- 952 semi-transitional, 221 traditional, 175 dome-shaped and 113 other traditional forms of shelters available.
- Community Structures: Refugee Central Committee, Women’s Association, Youth Association, Association of Persons with disability.
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Refugee population in Barahale camp
A total of 12,818 persons of concern in Barahale Camp as of March 2018.

Age
- Female (52%, 6,625)
- Male (48%, 6,194)
- Children (63%, 8,041)

UNHCR provides protection and services to refugees in Barahale Refugee Camp in collaboration with:

- Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) - On behalf of the Government of Ethiopia, ARRA implements Camp Management and security; Primary health care, nutrition, food and CRIs distribution; Protection and Community services; Shelter management; logistics; Environment protection; and Primary education.
- Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) Implements: SGBV Prevention and Response; Child Protection; Education (ECCE), and Community based HIV/AIDS support and Shelter.
- World Food Program (WFP) – Takes care of: Food supply, transportation and distribution.
- Organization for Sustainable Development (OSD) – Implements: Environmental protection and rehabilitation, energy.
- EECMY - implements projects in relation to: support for People with Specific Needs, Livelihoods, Vocational skills training including Technical Vocation education and training (TVET).
- GOAL (OP) – Manages Water, Sanitation, Nutrition and Supplementary feeding.

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# MAIN ACTIVITIES

## Health

- **One** Permanent health center is available for refugees where they receive outpatient and inpatient medical care, including:
  - Comprehensive Reproductive health & HIV services and related capacity building
  - Preventive and community-based health care and access to primary health care services
  - Vaccination/immunization
  - Maternity and child health services

## Nutrition

- With support from UNHCR’s partners GOAL Ethiopia, refugees have access to infrastructure and receive nutritional support, including:
  - Therapeutic Supplementary Feeding programme (TSFP) currently given for 45 moderately malnourished children
  - Implementation of Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) for pregnant and lactating mothers, children between 6-55 months and other cases – total 108
  - 349 Lactating and 129 pregnant women benefited from Infant and young child feeding (IYCF) counseling.

## WASH

- Refugees have access to 20 liters of potable water per person per day from 2 boreholes. There are a total of 28 water points in the camp.
- 100 family latrines and 16 communal shower rooms (with 6 rooms) and 11 communal latrines were constructed in 2017.
- Environmental health and hygiene campaigns are implemented in the camp.

## Protection & Community Services

- UNHCR and its partners provide protection to refugees and promote durable solutions to their plight through:
  - Provision of prevention and response services for children at risk, and capacity development on child protection
  - Provision of psychosocial counseling and community-based psychosocial programming
  - Enabling and sustaining community participation in SGBV prevention and response through capacity development
  - Provision of specific services to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)
  - Resettlement to third countries and facilitated process of family reunification
  - Registration and monitoring

## Shelter

- 260 new transitional shelters were constructed and 30 shelter were maintained in 2017.

## Core Relief Items

- Core Relief Items – Blankets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, soap, Jerry cans, plastic buckets and sanitary materials - are distributed to new arrivals.

## Logistics & Site Planning

- Refugees are transported and relocated from border areas to the camp. Barhale refugee camp is comprised of 4 zones.

## Environment

- UNHCR and its partners seek to reduce the environmental impact in areas hosting refugees through:
  - Forest and environmental protection and capacity building on environmental protection. A total of 13000 trees have been planted in both the camp and the host community areas to mitigate the impact of the refugees’ presence in the area.

## Food

- On a monthly basis, food is supplied, transported and distributed to all refugees as well as cash. General food basket comprises Wheat grain, Pulse, famix, vegetable oil, Salt and Cash amounting to ETB 55/person/month since 2017.

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