Somalia

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Growing steadily, UNHCR's operational footprint in Somalia dates back thirty years. Today, UNHCR is present in ten countrywide locations, with its Representation Office based in Mogadishu. Despite many gains, Somalia's operational context remains extremely challenging due to large-scale insecurity and climate challenges.

Somalia is prone to multiple crises, particularly climate shocks such as flooding and drought, reoccurring and persistent conflict, that contribute to protracted and new displacements. The worsening drought conditions continued to displace civilians and at the end of March presented a risk of famine, and by June more than 6 million are projected to be severely as a result.

UNHCR provides protection, and assistance for refugees and asylum-seekers, IDPs, refugee returnees and vulnerable hosting communities. The operation is also working closely with the Federal Government of Somalia and partners to support durable solution initiatives for returnees and displaced population. Emergency humanitarian response within Somalia is also central to UNHCR's mandate.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

2.95 million IDPs

14,771 asylum-seekers
17,368 refugees

134,710 refugee returnees

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

121 National Staff
48 International Staff
29 Affiliated Workforce

Offices:

1 Country Office
3 Sub Offices
1 Field Office
6 Field Units
1 Support Office in Nairobi

- UNHCR Country office
- UNHCR Sub Office
- UNHCR Field office
- UNHCR Field Unit
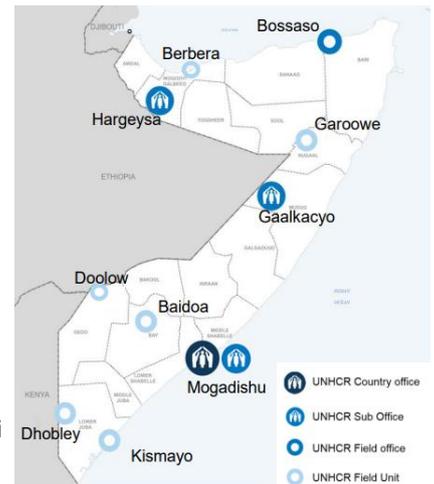
FUNDING UPDATE

USD 157.5 M

Requested for the Somalia Operation

5% funded[2]

5% funded
8.2 M

- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
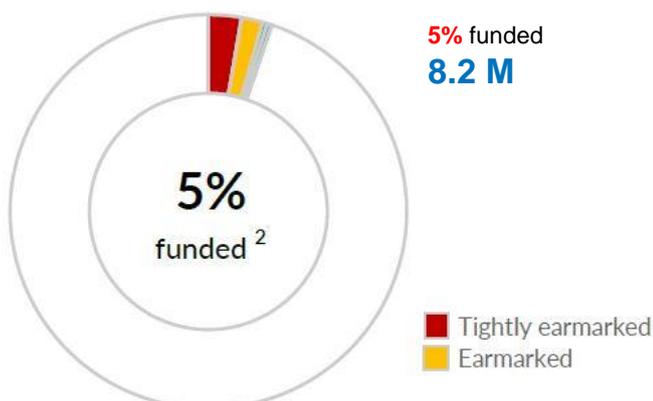
Working with Partners

In Somalia, UNHCR is delivering protection and assistance services through 27 partners that include 8 from the government, 12 national and local NGOs, and 7 INGOs. Furthermore, UNHCR also leads the Protection and Shelter Clusters and co-leads the CCCM Cluster.

Main Activities and Achievements

Refugees and asylum-seekers

- Under its core mandate, UNHCR **monitors** the situation of refugees and asylum-seekers in Somalia, including the new arrivals, to ensure their adequate protection and well-being. Majority of refugees and asylum-seekers are from Ethiopia followed by Yemen and Syria. The latest dashboard for refugee and asylum seeker can be accessed here.
- UNHCR provides **legal assistance** services, including counselling, representation before the court, mediation, and advocacy for release from custody.
- UNHCR provides access to **essential services,** including education and healthcare, as well as **material and financial assistance** to the most vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers.
- UNHCR has scaled up the use of **cash-based interventions (CBIs)** as a tool for delivery of assistance across all thematic areas.
- UNHCR assists refugees in Somalia to find **durable solutions**, such as local integration and resettlement to a third country.

Somali refugee returnees

- Between 2014 and March 2022, UNHCR has assisted **safe and dignified return** of 92,663 Somali refugee returnees through the Assisted Spontaneous Returns (ASR) programme, including 85,545 from Kenya and 5,416 individuals from Yemen, while smaller numbers of Somalis have also returned from other countries. The latest monthly report on refugee returnees can be accessed here.
- UNHCR provides refugees returnees with a **support package** to ensure their **reintegration** in the community. This includes reintegration and subsistence cash allowance, access to livelihoods that includes vocational training and business start-up grants, and education, health, and other material assistance upon return.
- UNHCR carries out **post-return monitoring** (PRM) of refugee returnees. Through PRM, UNHCR and partners assess the level of reintegration of returnees and address the causes of any challenges in reintegration. In 2022, UNHCR will carry out two rounds of PRM; the latest PRM snapshot can be accessed here.

IDPs

- The humanitarian response to the internal displacement in Somalia is a coordinated effort by various stakeholders including the authorities, international organizations, as well as national and international NGOs. UNHCR leads the **Protection Cluster** and the **Shelter Cluster** and co-leads the **CCCM Cluster**.

- The **PRMN (Protection and Return Monitoring Network)** is a UNHCR-led project that reports on internal displacements, protection risks, and incidents underlying such movements. The data is shared with the widely including other humanitarian partners and is used for IDP programming, advocacy, and external publication.

- UNHCR and partners provide **shelter and NFI assistance**, either in-kind or through cash grants, to IDPs and vulnerable host communities across the country. NFIs and emergency shelter are **lifesaving** interventions in the face of climate or conflict-based emergencies.

- Eviction and limited housing, land, and property (HLP) rights remain a significant protection concern in Somalia. UNHCR continues to support and work closely with local authorities and IDPs to promote **land tenure** and **adequate documentation** for IDPs.

- Among other UNHCR's responses for IDPs are **capacity-building** of authorities, partners and community leaders, peaceful coexistence projects, as well as prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence.

Drought affected IDPs receive NFIs in, Galmudug State. © UNHCR

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Somalia Operation in 2022 amount to some US$ 8.2 million. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have already contributed to this Operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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