

Somalia

1-31 September 2017



Somali returnees supported under the Assisted Spontaneous Return receiving leaflets on services available while disembarking at the Port in Berbera. © UNHCR / September 2017

Highlights

Number of new arrivals	579 new arrivals from Yemen
New enrolments	155 students enrolled in school
Subsistence allowance	2,781 households (11,285 persons) received subsistence allowance
Access to health	707 persons provided with health care assistance
Community-based projects	566 beneficiaries of community-based projects

Update on achievements

In September, UNHCR launched the **Assisted Spontaneous Returnee (ASR) program** to support Somali refugees in Yemen to return to their country. Upon arrival in Somalia, returnees are provided with an enhanced return package¹.

New arrivals

Throughout September, **579 individuals arrived in Somalia by sea from Yemen**. 532 were Somalis arriving either simultaneously or through UNHCR's assisted ASR. Yemenis refugees consisted of 47 individuals.

- In 2017, 4,357 new arrivals reached Somalia including 3,679 Somalis, 648 Yemenis and 30 third country nationals.
- Since the beginning of the conflict in Yemen in 2015, 39,117 individuals have so far arrived in Somalia. This includes 33,154 Somalis, 5,620 Yemenis and 343 third country nationals.

New arrivals trends

Nationality	1-30 Sept 2017	1 Jan - 30 Sep 2017	2015 - 2017
Somalis (S) ²	399	3,546	33,021
Somalis (A) ³	133	133	133
Yemenis	47	648	5,620
Third country nationals	0	30	343
Total	579	4,357	39,117

Core relief items

- In September, UNHCR provided 102 core relief items to Somali returnee and Yemeni refugee households. 182 Somalis returnees and 16 Yemen refugees were assisted.

¹ The enhanced return package consists of unconditional core relief item kits (one to three, depending on the family size), an unconditional one time reinstallation grant in amount of US\$ 200 per person, unconditional monthly subsistence allowance in the amount of US\$ 200 per households for six months, an unconditional monthly grant for food rations for six months (provided by WFP), a conditional education grant up to US\$ 25 per school-going child, a conditional grant in of up to US\$ 1,000 for shelter per household and conditional enrolment in self-reliance and livelihood projects.

² Spontaneous Somali returnees from Yemen.

³ Somali refugee returnees from Yemen who opt to be voluntary repatriated to Somalia under the Assisted Spontaneous Return programme.

Education

- In September, 155 Yemeni refugees were enrolled in school as follows. 98 in lower primary, 49 upper primary and eight in secondary education.

Cash assistance

- UNHCR assisted Yemeni refugees with cash grants in the reporting period as follows: 6,323 individuals were provided with subsistence allowance, 67 got a one-time emergency cash assistance and 35 people benefited from cash grants for livelihoods
- During the course of the month, UNHCR also distributed subsistence allowance to 972 households (4,860 individuals) from Yemen. Each household was given US \$200.
- In September, UNHCR provided a one-time reinstallation grant of US \$200 per person to 102 persons from Yemen.

Health

- In the reporting period, UNHCR provided 707 Yemeni refugees with access to health care services. 631 accessed primary healthcare while the remaining 76 were given referrals to secondary and tertiary care.

Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

Technical and vocational training

- In Hargeysa, 132 Somali returnees continued with vocational training in plumbing, electricity, tailoring, soap making, painting and cooking.

Small-business enterprise

- In Bossaso and Garoowe UNHCR registered 343 returnees from Yemen (155 and 188 respectively) in a small-business programme. Under the programme, returnees will receive training on enterprise. They will also be provided with start-up kits to open their businesses.
- In Hargeisa, 143 Somali returnees who fled the war in Yemen continued with their UNHCR funded business program. After completing the training, UNHCR will fund their business plans.

Access to self-employment, information and communications technologies

- In Hargeysa, 91 persons (44 returnees and 47 members of the host community) visited the Peaceful-Coexistence Centre where they had access to various classes including computer, language and literacy skills. Beneficiaries also had access to the library and play group.



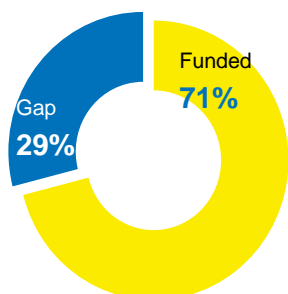
In Berbera, a UNHCR staff together with the Somali returnees. Returnee children draw pictures of their journey from Yemen to Somalia. © UNHCR / September, Robleh Nouh Awaleh

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