

# Somalia

1-30 June 2017



*Somali refugee returnee from Kenya received by UNHCR in Kismayo, Somalia. © UNHCR / June, 2017*

## Highlights

Number of returnees	2,151 Somali refugees returned to Somalia
Core relief items	674 CRIs distributed to 513 households (1,975 returnees)
Education	283 newly enrolled students
Reinstallation grants	2,434 returnees provided with reinstallation grants
Shelters	140 shelters constructed
Community-based projects	1,979 beneficiaries of community-based projects

## Return trends

Country of asylum	1-30 June 2017	1 January - 30 June 2017
Kenya	1,874	28,757
Yemen	277	2,348
Other	-	260
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>31,365</b>

## Update on achievements

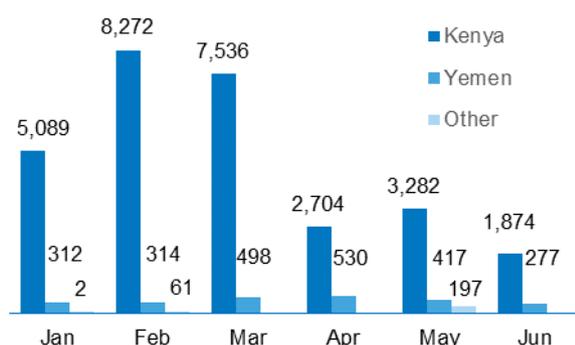
**Operational context:** Road convoys remained suspended and repatriation continued throughout the June with flights only. Assessment of road conditions on the Kenya side of the border have yet to take place following the *Gu* rains, owing to security concerns and the upcoming elections. Returns to Baidoa remained suspended in light of the acute humanitarian situation prevailing in the region.

**Country of Origin Information:** UNHCR Somalia shared the May monthly Country of Origin Information (COI) with the help desk in Kenya. The update includes information on the general humanitarian situation, the drought, displacement, and the health and nutrition situation.

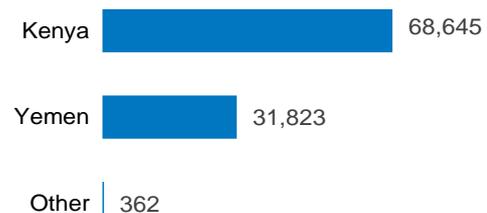
### Return figures

- In June 2,151 Somali refugees returned to Somalia, 1,874 from Kenya and 277 from Yemen.
- In 2017 year-to-date, a total of 31,356 Somali refugees returned, including 28,757 from Kenya, 2,348 from Yemen, 258 from Djibouti and two from Tunisia.
- Cumulatively, 100,830 Somali refugees have returned to Somalia since December 2014. 68,645 have returned from Kenya since the beginning of the voluntary repatriation exercise in December 2014. 31,823 have returned since March 2015 from Yemen as a result of the crisis, and between 2014 and 2017, 362 Somalis from other countries of asylum (326 from Djibouti, 33 from Eritrea, two from Tunisia and one from Pakistan) have returned to Somalia.

Return trends by month in 2017



Cumulative returnees by country of origin



### Transit assistance

- In June, 1,875 Somali returnees (464 households) from Kenya were provided with transit assistance at the Home Way Stations; 1,327 returnees (302 households) in Kismayo and 548 returnees (162 households) in Mogadishu. At the Home Way Stations returnees were provided information on assistance available in areas of return, transport options, information on the security situation, mine risk education, accommodation with sanitation facilities, hot meals, drinking water and medical assistance.

- 206 Somali returnees from Yemen were provided with transit assistance at the Reception Centres; 205 in Bossaso and one Berbera. At the reception centres UNHCR provides returnees with hot meals, drinking water, accommodation, information counselling, medical screening and access to sanitation facilities.
- In June, 210 Somali new arrivals from Yemen chose South Central as their final area of return, four Puntland and two Somaliland.

## Core relief items

- UNHCR distributed 619 core relief items (CRIs) to 464 returnee households (1,875 individuals) from Kenya; 417 CRI kits were distributed to 302 returnee households (1,327 individuals) in Kismayo and 202 kits to 162 returnee households (548 individuals) in Mogadishu. One CRI kit consists of three blankets, two 10 litre jerry cans, seven boxes of BP-5, three soap bars, three sleeping mats, one plastic sheet, two cooking pots, one large spoon and kitchen knife, five table spoons, plates and metal cups.
- In Hargeisa, UNHCR distributed 31 CRI kits to 25 returnee households (25 individuals) as well as provided 24 conditional cash grants in the amount of US\$ 60 per household to 24 returnee households (75 individuals) to enable them to purchase CRIs locally. 20 grants were given to 20 households (68 individuals) in Bossaso, and four grants were given to four households (seven individuals) in Garoowe.

## Education

- In June, UNHCR newly enrolled 283 students, 211 in primary and 72 in secondary education in Mogadishu. In a time of a summer break most schools remained closed. Enrolment of students will resume with new academic year.

## Cash assistance

- Reinstallation grants: In June, UNHCR provided a one-time reinstallation grant in the amount of US\$ 200 per person to 2,434 returnees (641 households); 2,328 returnees (592 households) from Kenya and 106 returnees (49 households) from Yemen.
- Subsistence allowance: In June, UNHCR provided subsistence allowance in the amount of US\$ 200 per households to 126 returnee households (296 individuals) from Yemen; 94 returnee households (241 individuals) in Bossaso, 25 returnee households (31 individuals) in Hargeysa, four returnee households (18 individuals) in Garoowe and three returnee households (three individuals) in Galkacyo.

## Shelter

- In June, UNHCR constructed 140 shelters, 100 in Kismayo and 40 in Afmadow.

## Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

### Rehabilitation of public infrastructure

- In Baidoa, UNHCR completed the rehabilitation of a Mother Child Hospital (MCH) and the rehabilitation of a market through a cash for work programme. A total of 217 beneficiaries (148 returnees, 40 IDPs and 29 members of the host community) were part of a programme.



*Finalization of the rehabilitation of a market [left] and a Mother Child Hospital [right] in Baidoa.*

- In Afmadow, UNHCR completed the rehabilitation of a 1.5 kilometre road through a cash for work programme targeting 100 beneficiaries (60 returnees, 20 IDPs and 20 members of the host community).

### Technical and vocational training

- In Kismayo, UNHCR completed technical and vocational training in construction, fabric dyeing, ICT, baking and tailoring for 100 beneficiaries (60 returnees, 20 IDPs and 20 members of the host community). Additionally, 80 beneficiaries (48 returnees, 16 IDPs and 16 host community) were trained in fish preservation.



*Returnees in a plumbing class in Kismayo.*

- In Mogadishu, 160 beneficiaries (127 returnees and 33 IDPs) began technical and vocational training in ICT, tailoring, beauty therapy, catering, mobile repair, handicrafts and mechanics.



*Returnees in the beauty salon class in Mogadishu. © UNHCR / June, 2017*

- In Baidoa, UNHCR continued with an agriculture project targeting 450 beneficiaries (110 returnees, 100 IDPs and 240 members of the host community). Together with beneficiaries, UNHCR monitored the progress; the harvest is expected in August.
- In Kismayo, UNHCR constructed 50 hen houses for backyard poultry farming targeting 220 beneficiaries (132 returnees, 44 IDPs and 44 host community). So far, 117 out of 220 hen houses have been constructed. Each beneficiary receives one hen house and 10 to 20 chickens.



*Growing plants in Baidoa [left] and a constructed hen house in Kismayo [right].*

- In Hargeisa, UNHCR undertook technical and vocational training for 157 Somali returnees in carpentry and joinery, plumbing, tailoring, beauty therapy, hair dressing, fabric dying, soap production and cooking.

#### **Small-business enterprise**

- In Luuq, 70 beneficiaries (49 returnees, 14 IDPs and seven members of the host community) who had completed training in small-business management received a start-up grant in the amount of US\$ 500. With this grant, they have established various businesses including kiosks (29 individuals), groceries (25 individuals), grocery stores (10 individuals) and butchers (six individuals).
- In Kismayo, 80 beneficiaries (48 returnees, 16 IDPs and 16 members of the host community) completed training in small-business management. Three groups comprised of eight people per group received start-up grants in the amount of US\$ 5,000 and established 10 garment shops, seven transport services, six retail shops and one restaurant.
- In Garoowe and Bossaso, UNHCR distributed start-up grants to 555 beneficiaries (444 Somali returnees and 111 host community) to enable them to start their own small business.

#### **Peaceful co-existence**

- In Luuq, UNHCR organized one peaceful co-existence meeting with 22 individuals (13 members of the host community, five IDPs and four returnees).

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