

Somalia

1-31 July 2017



UNHCR staff provides water and information on assistance in Somalia to Yemeni refugees and Somali returnees from Yemen at the port in Berbera. © UNHCR / July, 2017

Highlights

Number of new arrivals	598 new arrivals from Yemen
Core relief items	146 CRI kits distributed to 142 households (284 individuals)
Reinstallation grants	335 individuals provided with reinstallation grants
Subsistence allowance	892 households (2,043 individuals) received subsistence allowance
New enrolments	140 students enrolled
Community-based projects	1,071 beneficiaries of community-based projects

New arrivals

Nationality	1-31 July 2017	1 Jan - 31 Jul 2017	Cumulatively
Somalis	540	2,888	32,363
Yemenis	57	520	5,492
Third country nationals	1	20	333
Total	598	3,428	38,188

Update on achievements

In July, the [King Salman Centre for Humanitarian Aid and Relief \(KS-Relief\)](#) delegation visited Somalia to assess the progress on activities funded by KS-Relief. UNHCR and partners briefed KS-Relief on services and activities provided by UNHCR for people of concern fleeing from Yemen.

Return figures

- **New arrivals:** In July, 598 new arrivals reached Somalia from Yemen, including 540 Somalis, 57 Yemenis and one Ethiopian. In 2017, 3,428 new arrivals were recorded, including 2,888 Somalis, 520 Yemenis and 20 third country nationals. Since the beginning of the conflict in Yemen 38,188 individuals arrived to Somalia, including 32,363 Somalis, 5,492 Yemenis and 333 third country nationals.
- **Final destination:** In July, 385 Somali returnees from Yemen opted to continue their journey to other destinations within Somalia: 349 to South Central, 35 to Puntland and one to Somaliland.

Reception assistance

- Upon arrival to Somalia, UNHCR provided 475 new arrivals (440 Somali returnees, 35 Yemeni refugees and one Ethiopian asylum-seeker) with hot meals, drinking water, accommodation, information counselling, medical screening and access to sanitation facilities.
- In July, 214 new arrivals (214 Somali returnees from Yemen) were received in Mogadishu, 187 new arrivals (156 Somali returnees and 31 Yemeni refugees) were received in Bossaso and 75 new arrivals (70 Somali returnees, four Yemeni refugees and one Ethiopian asylum-seeker) were received in Berbera.
- Out of 598 new arrivals, 475 went to reception centres where they were provided with initial assistance, while 123 new arrivals continued their journey on their own.

Protection

- **Registration:** UNHCR registered 240 people of concern; 129 Somali returnees and 111 Yemeni refugees, including 94 new arrivals, nine in-situ and eight new-borns. In Mogadishu UNHCR registered 28 persons of concern, six returnees and 22 Yemeni refugees (nine in-situ, seven new arrivals and six new-borns), in Bossaso 150 individuals (123 Somali returnees and 27 Yemeni refugees) and in Berbera 62 people (60 Yemeni refugees and two new-borns).
- **Legal assistance:** UNHCR provided legal assistance to 12 Yemeni refugees, including seven in Puntland and five in Somaliland.

- **SGBV:** 272 Yemeni refugees were supported with sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) interventions, 175 with psychosocial counselling, 58 participated at awareness raising sessions and 39 received dignity kits.

Core relief items

- In July, UNHCR distributed 146 core relief item (CRI) kits to 142 Somali returnee households (284 individuals); 146 CRI kits to 142 households (284 returnees) in Mogadishu and 31 CRI kits to 31 households (70 returnees) in Berbera.

Health

- UNHCR provided health care assistance to 1,695 Yemeni refugees, 1,687 were provided with primary health care (1,469 in Banadir region, 117 in Bari region, 80 in Woqooyi Galbeed region and 21 in Nugaal region) and eight with referrals to secondary and tertiary health care (six in Woqooyi Galbeed region and two in Banadir region).

Education

- Most of the schools in July remained closed due to the summer break. Enrolments took place in Woqooyi Galbeed region only where UNHCR enrolled 140 Yemeni refugees, 125 in primary and 15 in secondary education.

Cash assistance

- UNHCR provided subsistence allowance to 892 Yemeni refugee households (2,043 individuals), including blanket subsistence allowance for 886 Yemeni refugee households (2,022 individuals) and emergency assistance for six households (21 individuals).
- In July, UNHCR provided a one-time reinstallation grant in the amount of US\$ 200 per person to 160 Somali refugee returnee households from Yemen (335 individuals).

Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

Small-business entrepreneurship

- In Hargeysa, 145 Somali returnees from Yemen continued with the trainings on small business entrepreneurship.
- In Garoowe and Bossaso, 555 beneficiaries (444 Somali returnees and 111 host community) started to set up their small businesses after receiving start-up grants in June.
- In Bossaso, 145 Yemeni refugees established their businesses after completing a small-business entrepreneurship training programme and receiving their start-up grants.



Yemeni refugees at the training on entrepreneurship. © UNHCR / June, 2017

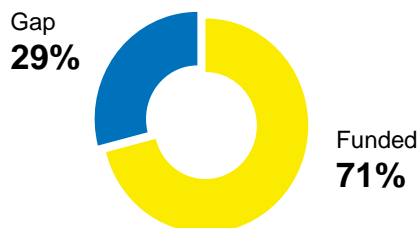
Technical and vocational training

- In Hargeisa, UNHCR enrolled 90 returnees from Yemen in various classes; 40 in plumbing, 25 in electricity and 25 in cooking to obtain vocational skills, while 96 returnees completed with trainings.
- In Bossaso, 40 Yemeni refugees that were part of technical and vocational trainings established their businesses after they received small-business grants in amount of US\$ 500 per person.

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