

Somalia

1-31 October 2021


The operational environment in Somalia continued fluid throughout October, shaped by the ongoing elections as well as several large-scale internal displacements. UNHCR, together with partners, responded to the

internal displacement from Lasanood to other parts of the country, as well as armed conflict in Guriel, Galmudug which resulted in large-scale civilian displacement.

UNHCR continued to provide protection, assistance, and solutions to persons of concern across the country, as well as to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

KEY INDICATORS

 **2.97** million IDPs

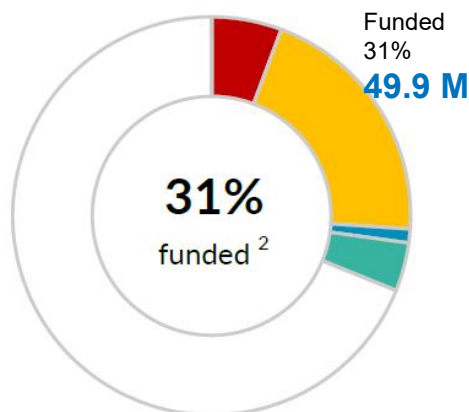
 **13,203** refugees
15,081 asylum-seekers

 **133,529** refugee returnees

FUNDING (AS OF 26 OCTOBER)

USD 157.1 M

requested for the Somalia operation



Update on Achievements

Operational Context

The operational context in Somalia remained complex in October, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, insecurity and climate-related displacement as well as delayed elections and related political instability. The UN and international partners continued to call for a swift finalization of the elections.

The security situation in the country remained volatile with regular attacks against military bases, as well as civilians. Despite security challenges and limited access to parts of the country, UNHCR continued to provide protection and assistance to its persons of concerns, including refugees, asylum-seekers, refugee returnees and IDPs across the country - directly and through partners.

In mid-October, fighting broke out between the Somali National Army and its former ally Ahlu Sunnah Wal Jama'a (ASWJ) in the town of Guriel, in Galmudug State but was brought to halt towards the end of the month due to successful mediation efforts. The conflict caused civilian displacement and severe humanitarian suffering to the people of the area, while also further hindering the already delayed electoral process. UNHCR and partners provided urgent assistance, including NFI kits to the displaced families in the region.

October witnessed another large-scale displacement from Lasanood region, Somaliland, to other parts of the country. UNHCR responded to the needs of the arriving families in Galkayo and Baidoa with emergency assistance.

In October, 137,000 new internal displacements were monitored by the UNHCR-led Protection and Returns Monitoring Network (PRMN). Drivers include conflict and insecurity (119,000), drought related (13,000), flood (0), and 6,000 displaced due to other triggers.

Galgaduud received the highest number of displaced persons (101,000 individuals) followed by Hiraan (14,000



Distribution of NFIs to displaced families in Galmudug State. © UNHCR

individuals), while Lower Juba (4,000), Lower Shabelle (3,000) and Banadir (3,000) regions also received relatively high numbers. Displaced families are in dire need of food, shelter and NFIs, and are faced with multiple protection risks. Directly and through the UNHCR-led clusters, UNHCR continued to respond to the immediate needs of the families.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Multipurpose cash assistance

- In October, UNHCR provided multipurpose cash grants to 9,636 IDPs, refugees and asylum-seekers.

Prevention and response to SGBV

- In Mogadishu, a GBV awareness-raising session was organized, reaching 80 IDPs. In addition, three awareness-raising campaigns were conducted in Somaliland, reaching 287 PoCs.
- UNHCR, through partners, also continued regular activities on the identification, prevention and response to GBV. Survivors of GBV were provided with various types of assistance. In October 11 PoCs received medical assistance, eight PoCs received legal assistance, 44 PoCs received material assistance (such as dignity kits), and 106 PoCs received psychosocial counselling.



Participants attending a GBV awareness-raising session in Mogadishu. © UNHCR/DRC

Legal assistance and counselling

- In October, 407 PoCs, including refugees and asylum-seekers, received legal assistance through UNHCR partner-operated legal clinics.

Assistance to persons with specific needs

- In October, 17 refugees and asylum-seekers with specific needs received physiotherapy, psychosocial counseling, referral follow-up and mobility devices, according to their individual needs.

Registration

- A total of 237 refugees and asylum-seekers were registered with the minimum set of data required in the course of the month.

Somali refugee returnees

- There were no new returnees from Kenya under the Voluntary Repatriation programme in October.
- The Assisted Spontaneous Return (ASR) programme from Yemen continued to be on hold. Nevertheless, the Reception Centre in Berbera received 154 spontaneous refugee returnees in October.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- In October, a total of 5,659 refugee and 172 returnee students attended primary and secondary schools with UNHCR's support. Refugee and returnee children are mainstreamed in host schools in Somalia.
- In Midnimo, UNHCR supports a school directly. The school is currently attended by 394 boys and 424 girls.
- Through a partner, UNHCR rehabilitated eight classrooms, provided them with desks, and constructed six latrines and two handwashing units in three supported schools in Mogadishu. In addition, disability ramps were constructed in a primary and secondary school in Mogadishu.
- UNHCR attended the Education Sector Mid-Year Review Meeting on 6-9 October in Hargeisa, during which the education plans of individuals organizations were reviewed, with participation from education partners, UNHCR, UNICEF and the Ministry of Education (MoE).
- UNHCR provided technical review and comments to the federal MoE policy priorities for the development of the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP).
- UNHCR, through a partner, conducted Refugees and Asylum Seekers Community Committee (RASCC) meetings in Galkayo, Garowe and Gardo,

which were attended by 26 RASCC members (17 women and 9 men). The meetings focused on identifying and addressing various challenges faced by refugee and asylum-seeker children in their access to education, as well as promoting the enrolment of all children, in particular of girls.

**HEALTH****Achievements and Impact**

- As part of UNHCR's regular healthcare activities in October, a total of 2,216 refugees, asylum-seekers, IDPs and hosting communities were provided with primary healthcare, 74 individuals with secondary healthcare, while 24 refugees and asylum-seekers were referred to further care, including tertiary healthcare.

COVID-19 prevention and response

- UNHCR donated 8,600 PPEs to various government offices, hospitals and healthcare centres.
- UNHCR provided COVID-19 awareness and prevention materials to six schools in Kismayo and Baidoa. The provided items consisted of handwashing units and IEC materials to enhance the pandemic preventive measures and to raise awareness in the supported schools.
- UNHCR continued to support a quarantine and isolation facility at Berbera regional hospital, in Somaliland.
- UNHCR, through a partner, conducted COVID-19 prevention awareness raising in 20 IDP sites in Baidoa, Dinsor and Hudur, reaching a total of 105 IDP HHs (690 individuals).
- In Mogadishu, 146 refugees and asylum-seekers were provided with COVID-19 PPEs (face masks and hand sanitizers) to prevent the spread of the virus.
- UNHCR distributed one-time emergency cash assistance to 471 vulnerable refugee and asylum-seeker HHs (734 individuals) under its COVID-19 emergency response in Somaliland.



SHELTER, INFRASTRUCTURE AND NFIS

Shelter/NFI Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR provided 4,000 NFI kits to displaced families in Galmudug.
- A total of 7,620 IDPs were provided with cash-for-shelter.
- In Baidoa, 330 IDPs were provided with emergency shelter.



Ongoing emergency shelter construction Baidoa ©

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CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Camp coordination and management activities

- UNHCR conducted a three-day Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) capacity-building training for 30 IDP camp leaders, local authorities, NGO and government partners. The training focused on the responsibilities of camp leaders, site care and maintenance, community participation, protection and GBV mainstreaming, information sharing at site level as well as fire mitigation.
- Through a partner, UNHCR distributed maintenance tools to IDP sites in South Galkayo, Abudwak, Adado, and Guriel. The distributed tools comprised of 50 rakes, 20 pickaxes, 30 hammer, 60 wheelbarrows, 50 spades, 200 gloves, and 200 visibly materials. Proper maintenance of sites leads to decreased risk of communicable diseases and increased safety of residents.
- UNHCR facilitated service monitoring in 19 camps across Galmudug state, identifying major gaps: 97% of IDP communities are in need of shelter and NFI, while 17% have inadequate access to healthcare. Th site monitors conducted door-to-door information campaigns to increase awareness of the existing services.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Peaceful coexistence

- Activities in the partner-operated Peaceful Coexistence Center in Somaliland continued in October. Activities included psychosocial counseling, assistance to

persons with specific needs, vulnerability assessment, general counselling, as well as vocational training and language classes. In October, a total of 751 refugees (440 individuals) and asylum-seekers (295 individuals) as well as returnees (16) benefitted from these services.

- In Baidoa, 75 returnees, 45 IDPs and 30 host community members were reached with reintegration and peaceful coexistence training.

Livelihoods

- In Mogadishu, 100 (54 women, 46 men) refugees, returnees, IDPs and host community members were registered for phase four livelihood trainings. The selected beneficiaries will receive vocational training in various fields (including beauty therapy, catering, hospitality, homemade shampoo, tie and dye and mobile repairing) as well as provided with business skills training.
- In Baidoa, a Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) training was conducted for 100 households, comprising of 50 returnees HHs, 30 IDP HHs and 20 vulnerable host community HHs.
- In Puntland and Galmudug, 145 PoCs, including refugees, returnees, IDPs and host community members, finalized their vocation training and were provided with toolkits to start their own business.
- In Berbera, 16 PoCs whose businesses have been particularly affected by COVID-19 pandemic were provided with a refresher training and a cash grant to recover from the pandemic.
- In Somaliland, 20 IDP, refugee and host community women started their on-the-job training on beauty therapy, with the goal of the students adopt the marketplaces and exercise their new skills learnt.



Participants of a tie-dye livelihoods training in Mogadishu. © UNHCR/COOPi

Cluster coordination and leadership

Protection Cluster

In October, the Protection Cluster, led by UNHCR, provided the following services:

A total of **139,770** individuals were reached through protection monitoring and **215** individuals referred to specialized services.

A total of **9,050** individuals were provided with community based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support services.

A total **166,599** people, inclusive of **117,034** children, were reached with various child protection services (i.e. child protection messaging, psychosocial support services, case management, Family Tracing and Reunification (FTR), alternative care and reintegration of children associated with armed forces and groups (CAAFAG)).

A total of **40,686** individuals received information on available GBV prevention and mitigation services; out of which **14,873** were children.

A total of **4,388** individuals were provided with legal aid including dispute resolution - formal and informal justice forums, legal counselling and advice, referrals, accompaniment of extremely vulnerable individuals and representation of clients reporting Housing Land and Property specific cases.

A total of **6,575** individuals were provided with Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE), out of whom **3,910** were children.

The Protection Cluster organized a workshop on the revision of the HCT centrality of Protection Strategy for 2022 on 26th of October, during which the participants discussed the objectives of the HCT Centrality of Protection strategy.

Shelter Cluster

The **Somalia Shelter Cluster, led by UNHCR**, is a coordination mechanism that supports people affected by conflicts and natural disasters.

In October 2021, the Cluster Partners reached **24,296** people with non-food items (NFI) kits; and **40,900** people with shelter assistance. Cumulatively in 2021, the Shelter Cluster partners have reached **240,307** individuals (10%) of the targeted 2.3 million with NFI assistance, and **174,249** individuals (8%) of the targeted 2.4 million with shelter assistance.

Around **3.2** million people are in need of shelter and NFI assistance in Somalia. According to PRMN report, conflict and drought has displaced 730,000 people between January and October 2021. Most of the displaced have arrived in Banadir, Dhuusamarreeb, Baidoa, Beletweyne, Jowhar, Luuq, Doolow, Gaalkacy, Xudur, Cadaado, Saakow, Hobyo, Afgooye and Afmdhow districts. On 16th October, about 18,500 households and approximately 111,000 individuals fled from Guriel in search for safety to Laanle, Celdera, Shalaqbeen, Hodola, Gabon, Dabara, Biyagudud, Mataban, El-Baraf, Calanlale and nearby villages. The displacement was prompted by armed conflict between SNA/Galmudug forces and ASWJ forces. The displaced are in urgent need of shelter and NFI assistance.

The Shelter Cluster, in conjunction with its partners, is currently working on the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for the Shelter needs identified in the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) 2022.

CCCM Cluster

The Somalia **CCCM Cluster, co-led by UNHCR**, strengthens services at site level through improved site management and coordination; improves living conditions through site development and strengthens community self-management.

In October, the Cluster Partners carried out **five site verification assessments** covering **50** IDP sites and a total of 24,922 households (153,355 individuals).

Cluster partners, including UNHCR, trained a total of **234** IDP camp leaders, local authority representatives, and NGOs in Dhobley. The topics covered included site maintenance, planning, and management, coordination, conflict management, use of CFM, and roles and responsibilities of CMCs.

Partners held site-level coordination meetings across IDP sites in Kahda, Baidoa, Kismayo, Hargeisa, Erigavo and El-Afweyn. Discussions related to service delivery gaps and challenges, with participation from the community members. In Luuq, the Jubaland Commission for Refugees and IDPs (JUCRI) organized site level

coordination meetings for IDP communities, topics included service provision gaps, strengthening of CFMs and improving RCCE activities within the sites.

Site monitoring was carried out in **862** IDP sites across **26** districts, with the participation of 15 partners. Further details can be accessed through the online dashboard [Site Monitoring Online Dashboard](#).

In October, **4,358** complaints were raised through the CFMs, which is a 14% increase compared to that of September and the highest number of complaints recorded this year. Most of the complaints raised in October were from the Food Security and Livelihood (FSL) sector (29%), Shelter (30%) and WASH (15%). Further detailed can be accessed through the online [CFM Online Dashboard](#).

Cluster partners carried out a cash-for-work campaign across **5** IDP sites in Belehawa. In North Galkayo, unconditional cash grants were provided to 100 HHs.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Somalia operation in 2021 amount to some **US\$ 46 million**. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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