



ERITREA

FACT SHEET

January 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

31 Identified unaccompanied and separated children	2,469 Individuals received food and cash assistance	0 Tents distributed since January	0 Shelters distributed since January
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Population of concern

A total of **2,469** people of concern

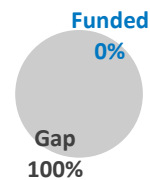
By country of origin

Country	Total PoC*
Somalia (Camp-based prima facie refugees)	2,469
Others (Urban mandate refugees)	65
Total	2,534

Note: *PoC stands for "persons of concern"

Funding

USD 4,891,037 requested



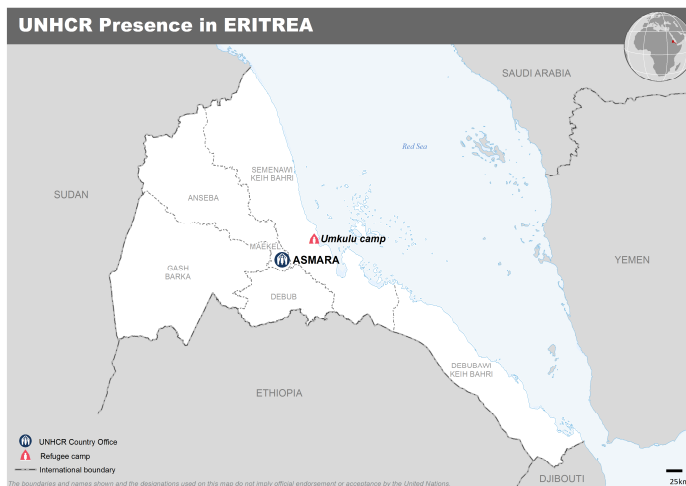
UNHCR Presence

Staff:

- 10 national staff
- 3 international staff
- 2 affiliate staff (International)

Offices:

Asmara and Refugee Camp in Umkulu, Massawa



DEVELOPMENTS

- The president of the nation gave a key note address on the currency change situation and explained the intention and end goal of the whole process. The media video link of this interview can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALPJg37IHck>
- The UN Country Team converged in Istanbul to deliberate on the UN Engagement Strategy in Eritrea, taking a closer look at progress made so far under the current cooperation framework agreement with the GoSE, the SPCF (2013-2016) and the emerging issues that would need to be embraced within the new SPCF (2017-2021), and how the team could deliver better for the country.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR and ORA have signed a three months partnership agreement (LOMI) for the months of January – March 2016, pending a conclusion on ongoing discussions on the Project Partnership Agreement for 2016.
- ICRC assisted with the issuance of 46 Travel documents for refugees bound for Slovakia and onward resettlement to the United States of America.
- IOM Regional Office Nairobi staff (cultural orientation and departure operations) were on mission in country to assist with related resettlement operations.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

International Protection

- During the monthly continuous registration mission of January: 2 deaths, 1 New Born Baby and 1 marriage were registered in the ProGres Database. 3 spontaneous departures were also realized in the course of separate protection interviews.

- 9 families (49 individuals) were assessed for protection interviews during the month of January.

Durable Solutions

- 14 refugees departed for resettlement in the month of January. 6 to Australia and 8 to Canada.
- In the month of January, a group of 38 individuals bound to travel to Australia undertook a cultural orientation session conducted by the IOM AUSCO team.
- As part of the resettlement process, 37 US bound cases (213 individuals) were updated and the necessary documentation attached for their onward submission to the United States of America from the Emergency Transit facility (ETF) group 7. In addition, 11 Best Interest Assessments (BIA) for resettlement were completed.

Education

- The number of Somali refugee students in the academic year 2015/2016 are Kindergarten: 80, (38 male and 42 female); Primary level (Grade 1 to Grade 5) 540, comprising of 270 male and 270 female; Junior Secondary (Grade 6 to Grade 8) 300 pupils, comprising of 168 male and 132 female and Senior Secondary (Grade 9 to Grade 12) 54 pupils. In total, there are **974 refugee students**. Out of these, the school director reported that 74 students had already dropped out as of the end of Jan 2016. In the upcoming mission, continuous follow up and individual counseling through home visits will be conducted to make an effort to have these children return back to school.

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