

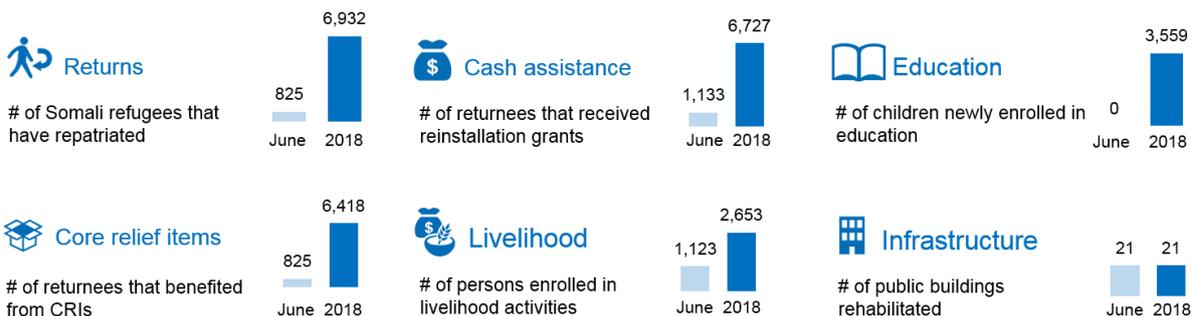
Somalia

1-30 June 2018



On 12 June, UNHCR together with partners welcomed 141 Somali returnees from Yemen in Berbera. © UNHCR/June 2018

Main achievements



Updates on achievements

Over 819,000 Somalis are living outside their country as asylum-seekers and refugees. The majority (767,500) live in neighbouring countries of Ethiopia (256,000), Kenya (255,500) and Yemen (256,000). UNHCR strives to find durable solutions for Somali refugees to enable them to rebuild their lives either in the country of asylum, resettle to a third country or by supporting voluntary return. So far, UNHCR has assisted 83,669 refugees to return to Somalia in safety and dignity from nine different countries of asylum.

Returns¹

During the period under review, **825 Somali refugees returned from Kenya (655), Yemen (141), Tunisia (28) and Ukraine (one)**. Since the beginning of the voluntary return programme, on 8 December 2014, 83,669 Somalis have repatriated to Somalia.²

- As of 30 June 2018, UNHCR also recorded 35,622 Somalis who returned from Yemen spontaneously, out of whom 186 returned in June (1,446 in 2018).

Country of Asylum	Before 1 January 2018	1-30 June 2018	2018 cumulative	Since December 2014
Kenya	75,297	655	5,473	80,770
Yemen (ASR) ³	814	141	1,205	2,019
Other	626	29	254	880
Sub total	76,737	825	6,932	83,669
Yemen (S) ⁴	34,176	186	1,446	35,622
Grand total	110,913	1,011	8,378	119,291

- In the first half of 2018, 6,932 Somali refugees have repatriated, representing eight per cent of the total refugees who have repatriated. The majority returned from Kenya (79 per cent), followed by Yemen (17 per cent), Libya (three per cent) and some from other countries of asylum.

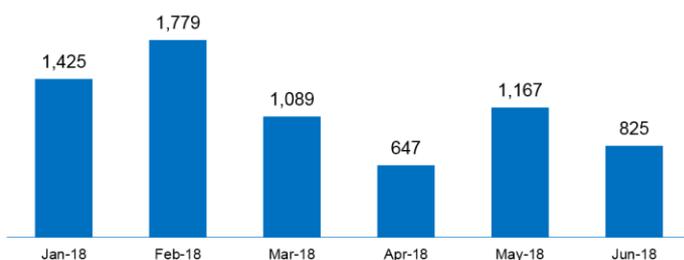


Table 1: Number of Somali returnees per month

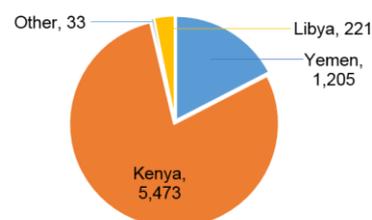


Table 2: Number of Somali returnees per country of asylum



Somali returnees from Libya upon arrival in Hargeisa. © UNHCR/June 2018

¹ Figures in this report are provisional and might change after verification.

² Out of total 83,669 who have repatriated, 80,770 were from Kenya, 2,019 from Yemen, 617 from Djibouti, 221 from Libya, 34 from Eritrea, three from Tunisia, two from Gambia, one from Cambodia, one from Pakistan and one from Ukraine.

³ Somali refugee returnees from Yemen who opt to voluntarily repatriate to Somalia under the Assisted Spontaneous Return (ASR) programme.

⁴ Spontaneous Somali returnees from Yemen, outside the ASR programme.

Return management and support provided

Throughout the month of June, Somali refugees who opted to voluntarily return travelled by air (from Kenya, Libya and Ukraine) and sea (from Yemen). On 20 June, the Field Unit in Dhobley, together with the local authorities and partners, conducted an assessment on road accessibility. The assessment team concluded that roads to Afmaodw and Kismayo are accessible, while roads to Baidoa and Luuq are still impassable. Return road convoys (from Kenya) had been suspended after the road become inaccessible due to the heavy *Gu* rains (March-May).

Country of Origin Information

UNHCR Somalia prepares Country of Origin Information (COI) updates on the situation in Somalia to help Somali refugees make an informed and voluntary choice.

- On 25 June, the COI Working Group disseminated monthly update to Return Help Desks in countries of asylum, government and partners. The COI included key developments during the month of May on the security, political and humanitarian situation. In addition information on access to basic services, forced evictions, food security, and *Gu* rainy season was also provided.
- The COI Working Group also finalized the District Profiles of nine (out of 12) designated areas of returns in southern and central Somalia which include Afgooye, Afmadow, Baidoa, Balcad, Beletweyne Diinsoor, Kismayo, Luuq and Mogadishu.



Somali returnees briefed on situation in Somalia and return assistance in Hargeysa. © UNHCR/June 2018

Enhanced return assistance

Upon arrival in Somalia, returnees are provided with an enhanced return package, which consist of: unconditional core relief item kit, an unconditional one-time reinstallation grant of US\$ 200 per person and an unconditional monthly subsistence allowance amounting to US\$ 200 per household for six months, an unconditional monthly grant for food rations for six months (provided by WFP), an education grant of up to US\$ 25 per school-going child per month for one year, a conditional grant of up to US\$ 1,000 for shelter per household and conditional enrolment in self-reliance and livelihood projects based on a set of targeting criteria and availability of resources.

Cash assistance

UNHCR provides two cash grants to support returnees in rebuilding their lives and address their immediate needs. Each returnee receives a one-time reinstallation grant in the amount of US\$ 200 shortly after arrival in Somalia. Each returnee household also receives subsistence allowance in the amount of US\$ 1,200 in six instalments (US\$ 200 per instalment) with first instalment released one month after their arrival.

Reinstallation grants

- In June, UNHCR provided reinstallation grants to 1,133 returnees (337 households): 945 returnees (237 households) from Kenya, 133 returnees (46 households) from Yemen and 55 returnees (55 households) from Libya. From January to June 2018, UNHCR provided 6,727 returnees (2,344 households) with reinstallation grants.

Number of returnees who received reinstallation grant per country of asylum

Country of asylum	1-30 June 2018		2018 cumulative	
	# of individuals	# of households	# of individuals	# of households
Kenya	945	237	5,313	1,540
Yemen	133	46	1,286	593
Other	55	55	128	122
Total	1,133	337	6,727	2,344

Subsistence allowance

- In June, 1,917 households (5,709 returnees) received their subsistence allowance instalments: 1,378 households (4,696 returnees) from Kenya, 419 households (887 returnees) from Yemen, 118 households (123 returnees) from Libya, one household (one returnee) from Gambia and one household (one returnee) from Tunisia.

Education

UNHCR provides school-going children an education grant to resume their education after return. Each school-going child is provided a school uniform, learning materials and tuition fees for one school year. In 2018, UNHCR supported 3,559 school going children who resumed their education after return to Somalia.

- In June, no new enrolments took place as the 2017/2018 school year has ended in most parts of the country. UNHCR will resume with new enrolments for the new 2018/2019 school year in July and August.

Core relief items

Upon arrival in Somalia, each returnee household receives a pack of core relief items (CRIs) to help meet their basic and domestic needs. Returnees receive from one to three CRI kits depending on the size of household.⁵ CRIs are provided in kind or as a cash grant to amount of US\$ 60 to 66,

⁵ One kit of CRIs 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.

depending on local market prices. As of 30 June 2018, UNHCR has provided CRIs to 2,297 households (6,418 returnees).

- In June, 351 households (825 returnees) were provided with CRIs: 295 households (663 returnees) from Kenya, 44 households (133 returnees) from Yemen, 11 households (28 returnees) from Djibouti and one household (one returnee) from Ukraine.

Number of CRI kits distributed per country of asylum

Country of asylum	1-30 June 2018			2018 cumulative		
	# of kits	# of households	# of individuals	# of kits	# of households	# of individuals
Kenya	449	295	663	2,037	1,617	5,092
Yemen	52	44	133	582	547	1,170
Other	14	12	29	136	133	156
Total	515	351	825	2,755	2,297	6,418

Community empowerment and self-reliance

Support to returnees and host communities is provided through livelihood trainings and improvement of public infrastructure. Livelihood activities also offers returnees an opportunity to build their communities and rehabilitate or expand public facilities such as schools, hospitals, roads or law enforcement premises.

- In June, 1,123 persons (583 returnees, 269 IDPs and 271 members of the host community) were engaged in 11 activities across four locations (Baidoa, Hargeysa, Kismayo and Mogadishu).
- In the first half of the year, 2,653 persons benefited from livelihood activities and started rehabilitating 21 public facilities (14 schools, five police stations, one firefighting station and one market).



Construction of the Police Station at the new shelter settlement in Kismayo. © UNHCR/June 2018

Number of persons enrolled in livelihood activities per modality

Modality	1-30 June 2018	2018 cumulative
Improvement of public infrastructure	100	1,400
Technical and Vocational Education and Training	630	790
Small-business enterprise	200	270
Access to self-employment	193	193
Total	1,123	2,653

Improvement of public infrastructure

- In Afmadow, UNHCR started rehabilitating two schools: renovating 16 classrooms, building three offices, five latrines and two perimeter walls.
- In Baidoa, UNHCR engaged 100 persons (50 returnees, 40 IDPs and 10 members of the host community) to expand a school and rehabilitate a road. UNHCR also furnished a police post and started rehabilitating four WASH facilities (water tap, water tank, concrete basement and plastic tanks) in four schools.
- In Bossaso, UNHCR completed a firefighting station and started with the rehabilitation of three police stations and three schools.
- In Garoowe, UNHCR started the construction of a new market centre.
- In Kismayo, UNHCR continued the construction of a police station and began rehabilitating four schools by constructing water and sanitation facilities.

Technical and Vocational Education and Training

During the month of June, UNHCR supported 630 persons (352 returnees, 147 IDPs and 131 members of the host community) with Technical and Vocational Education and Training in Baidoa, Hargeysa, Kismayo and Mogadishu.



A group of 20 returnees, 16 IDPs and four members of the host community started classes on computer literacy in Baidoa. © UNHCR/June 2018

- In Baidoa, a group of 40 persons (20 returnees, 16 IDPs and four members of host community) started training on computer literacy. In addition, 20 more persons (10 returnees, eight IDPs and two members of host community) enrolled in metal welding have completed their classes and sat for an exam.

- In Hargeisa, 90 persons (58 returnees and 32 members of the host community) completed training in catering, electronics, plumbing and tailoring.
- In Kismayo, 80 persons (35 returnees, 28 IDPs and 17 members of host community) completed training in tailoring, IT and networking, electrics, construction and catering, and took an exam.
- In Mogadishu, 400 beneficiaries (229 returnees, 95 IDPs and 76 members of host community) continued with training in aluminium application technologies, automotive mechanics, beauty salon, catering, fishery, information technology, tailoring, and tie and dye.

Small-business enterprise

In June, 200 persons (83 returnees, 49 IDPs and 68 members of host community) were provided with entrepreneurship support in Kismayo and Mogadishu.



Beneficiaries have established their small businesses after they received a start-up grant in June. UNHCR/July 2018

- In Kismayo, UNHCR provided one-time cash grants in the amount of US\$ 500 per person to 20 returnees, 15 IDPs and 15 members of the host community to support their businesses. The provision of the cash grants empowered 50 vulnerable female-headed households in a UNHCR funded new shelter site.
- UNHCR continued with trainings in entrepreneurship for 100 persons in Mogadishu (43 returnees, 14 IDPs and 43 members of the host community) and 50 persons (20 returnees, 20 IDPs and 10 members of the host community) in Kismayo.

Access to self-employment, information and communication technologies

During the month of June, 193 persons (98 returnees, 33 IDPs and 62 members of the host community) were supported with training by two educational institutions established by UNHCR. Both groups are expected to graduate from trainings in July after six months of trainings.

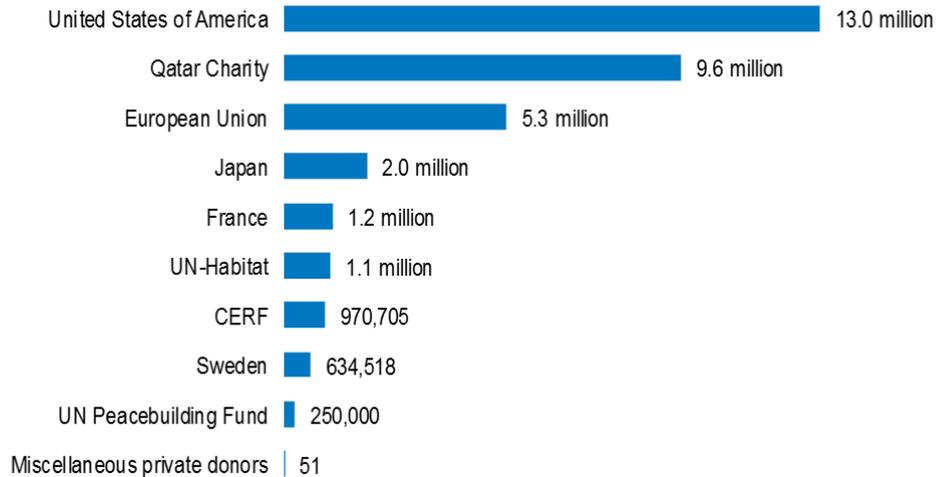
- In Hargeysa, 53 persons (22 returnees, five IDPs and 26 members of the host community) completed their fifth month of computer training, international computer driving license (ICDL) training, language and literacy.
- In Kismayo, 140 persons (76 returnees, 28 IDPs and 36 members of the host community) continued with training in computers, information technology, literacy and tailoring.

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