

Djibouti

January 2024

Following community consultations conducted by the [African Development Bank \[AfDB\]](#) at the refugee villages of Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl in December 2023, a high-level "Public-Private Dialogue" workshop was held from January 30th to 31st, 2024 in Djibouti-city. The aim of the workshop was [to explore and promote initiatives to improve the investment climate for the economic empowerment of refugees and host communities in Djibouti](#), and was jointly organized by the [AfDB](#), [UNHCR](#), [IGAD](#) and the [Tutwa](#) consultancy firm. The workshop brought together members of government, representatives of the private sector, civil society, diplomats, and other dignitaries. The expected outcome of this dialogue was to identify suitable solutions for [including refugees in local and regional economic value chains](#).

KEY INDICATORS - 31 Jan. 2024

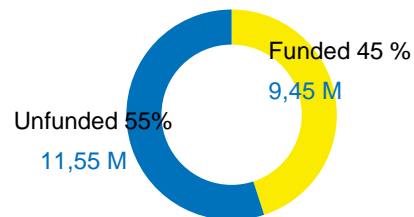
- 31 524 refugees & asylum seekers in Djibouti
- which 23 166 are refugees & 8 358 asylum seekers
- 85% live inside refugee villages.

POPULATION BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Somalia	13 528
Ethiopia	13 019
Yemen	3 420
Eritrea	1 478
Others	79
TOTAL:	31 524

FUNDING STATUS (as of 15 dec. 2023)

The Funding requirements for 2023 were \$ 21 millions



KEY MISSIONS

- **January 21st, 2024:** Visit to the Ali-Addeh refugee village by the European Union's Head of Cooperation and the First Counsellor of the French Embassy in Djibouti. This visit is part of the bilateral contribution agreement signed between the EU and the UNHCR to support refugees and host communities in Djibouti. The visit to the various activities was enriched by fruitful exchanges with the beneficiaries of the IGAs and GEAs, as they bear witness to the impact of such interventions in the lives of the beneficiaries.
- **January 23rd, 2024:** A team from the Saudi King Salman Foundation visited the refugee village of Markazi, home to most Yemeni refugees. The mission held talks with refugee leaders who expressed their concerns about the supply of drinking water, the state of housing and the health issues.
- **January 25 - 29, 2024:** A "Results Oriented Monitoring" (ROM) mission was undertaken by the European Union as part of the bilateral contribution agreement signed between the EU and the UNHCR for Support to Refugees and Host Communities in Djibouti. PARTICIP's international consultant visited refugee villages and held meetings with beneficiaries, stakeholders and UNHCR implementing partners to measure the project's impact on the lives of beneficiaries.



- **January 29th – 30th, 2024:** A mission of the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration [PRM] visited the refugee sites Holl-Holl, Ali Addeh and Markazi. This mission is part of the donor's regular program evaluation visits to vulnerable populations. At the end of their talks with community leaders, the mission took careful note of the concerns raised by the refugees, such as: the reduction in food rations offered by the WFP, problems linked to the health sector, access to tertiary education, access to resettlement in third countries, etc. As usual, appropriate follow-up will be carried out with the stakeholders concerned.
- **January 31st, 2024:** visit to Ali-Addeh refugee village by the World Bank team, accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Education.

ACHIEVEMENTS

PROTECTION

- During the period under review, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR] renewed 293 attestations and 50 additional ones were collected for renewal.
- In January 2024, a total of 44 individual cases were received, appropriately advised, and referred to the relevant departments within the framework of reception, follow-up, and advice for individual cases. Grievances mainly concerned requests for resettlement to a third country, assistance with basic needs, requests to add newborn, medical assistance, and BIMS takeover.

Refugee status Determination [RSD]

- The Nationale Eligibility Commission [CNE] held four [4] sessions and processed a total of 67 households from 149 individual cases, of which 66 households of 148 individuals were accepted and 1 case adjourned of 1 individual. During this session, 17 households were absent.

Gender Based Violence [GBV]

- For the GBV prevention component, UNHCR's partner in gender-based violence response and prevention, the Union Nationale des Femmes Djiboutiennes [UNFD] organized awareness campaigns and community activities during January 2024 for 172 people (90 people in Holl-Holl and 82 people in Ali Addeh) on gender-based violence.
- As for the response component, the partner received 10 new cases of GBV (including cases of denial of resources, psychological and sexual violence) in the various refugee sites and in the urban environment. The cases were reported to the competent authorities (cadi of the respective village and to the police).

Protection Monitoring

- January 9th to 11th, 2024, a joint physical verification exercise of the 300 housing units of Yemeni refugees was carried out by HCR and its governmental partner ONARS in the refugee site of Markazi (Obock). The aim of this exercise is part of regular protection activities and appropriate follow-up in terms of assistance. The joint team sought to verify the occupants of the prefabs to determine, reflect the exact addresses and members of households residing in the camp. The expected results were to reassess protection needs, reallocate housing to suit each household and update the proGres database for data integrity and beneficiaries eligible for humanitarian assistance.

 **FOOD SECURITY**

- In January 2024, **20,837** individuals were served with food and cash at the three (3) refugee sites.
- The British charitable NGO **Ethar Relief** has carried out a food distribution for **500 households** including 320 Yemeni refugees and 180 Eritrean asylum seekers at the Markazi refugee site in the north of the country. The distributed food package included flour, rice, sugar, small weights, oil, and powdered milk.

 **EDUCATION**

- The 2nd term exams for the different levels of education (kindergarten, middle school, and high school) were successfully conducted in the refugee village schools of Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl. In Ali-Addeh, **1,345** pupils (including 537 girls) and **593** pupils (including 240 girls) in Holl-Holl took part in the periodic examinations.
- School principals from the refugee villages of Ali Addeh and Holl-Holl benefited from a training session on the use and mastery of IT tools: how to enter student, teacher, and staff data in the GOSE database, a system used by all Ministry of Education and Vocational Training [MENFOP] schools.

 **HEALTH**

- UNHCR's health implementation partner, the Ministry of Health, continues to ensure access to healthcare for people under UNHCR's mandate living in refugee sites and urban areas.

 **WATER & SANITATION**

- UNHCR's implementing partner for water and sanitation issues [DHR] continued the supply of drinking water to refugee sites.
- Water storage capacity has been boosted in Markazi with the repair of the damaged reservoir and the installation of four (4) new standpipes.
- UNHCR's partner for the implementation of community mobilization, child protection and care for people with special needs [CIAUD Canada], proceeded with the distribution of waste collection equipment aimed at contributing to a total sanitation of the Markazi refugee site and reinforcing community commitment to sanitation. Committee members were made aware of their responsibility and committed to implementing an effective strategy to keep the camp clean.



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