

DJIBOUTI

April - June 2024 [Q2]

Djibouti conducted the third edition of the **General Population and Housing Census** (RGPH-3) throughout the country. This census, which is exhaustive, was also extended to the refugee and asylumseeker population living in the country. The last census was carried out in 2009.

In addition to the four initial commitments made at the **Global Refugee Forum** [GRF] in December 2019, the inclusion of refugees in the general census is one of the two new commitments recently made by the Republic of Djibouti at the GRF in December 2023.

The strategic objective of this census is to provide the country with up-to-date data on the size and characteristics of its population in order to plan and monitor the evaluation of development policies, programs and projects.

KEY INDICATORS (from April, 1st to June, 30th 2024)

23,479 refugees and 8,030 asylum seekers

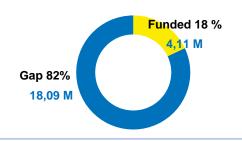
- 171 out of 206 and 75 out of 90 refugee students from the villages of Ali Addeh and Holl-Holl passed the end-of-cycle exams for grades 9 and 12, respectively.
- 590 refugees and asylum seekers with disabilities are biometrically registered in the national database. These registrants will receive a Mobility Inclusion Card, giving them free access to basic services on the same basis as nationals.



Under the auspices of the Ministry of the Interior, UNHCR and ONARS organized an event to commemorate World Refugee Day at the Palais du Peuple in Djibouti City. The event brought together refugees from different locations, including persons with disabilities, who were invited to the event. Activities included stalls with products made by refugees and the sharing of local delicacies.

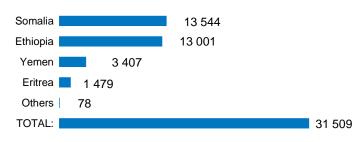
FUNDING STATUS

Funding requirements in 2024 of USD 22.2 million



POPULATION OF CONCERN BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

4 main countries



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 30 national staff
- 16 international staff

UNHCR PRESENCE:

- 1 Country office in Diibouti-ville
- 1 field office in Ali-Sabieh
- 1 Field Unit in Obock

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ACHIEVEMNTS

PROTECTION

- In the second quarter of 2024, new arrivals registration and refugee status determination (RSD) activities have been on hold since February 2024.
- The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR] continued to update and renew identity certificates and documents.
- Every Wednesday in Djibouti City, UNHCR devotes time to the weekly reception and follow-up of individual cases of refugees and asylum-seekers with complaints. Reception at refugee sites is carried out by its partner, the international NGO CIAUD, for child protection, community mobilization and care of people with special needs. Between April and June 2024, 149 individual cases were received and counseled. The complaints mainly concerned requests for resettlement to a third country, assistance with basic needs, requests for newborn babies, medical assistance, resumption of BIMS and renewal of identity documents.

Protection Monitoring

- Thirteen (13) community leaders (9 women and 4 men) were briefed in Markazi on the latest measures taken by the regional authorities regarding the return of refugees to Yemen. From the perspective of international protection and national law, this could lead to the renunciation of refugee status.
- Fifty-four (54) persons with special needs benefited from financial assistance of <u>10,000</u> FDJ/person/month for the second quarter. This financial support from UNHCR effectively contributes to the support and improvement of the living conditions of people with special needs (PBS).
- UNHCR facilitated the release of <u>12</u> people under its mandate who had been arrested and taken to Nagad detention center by the national police as part of an identity check operation. Advocacy and awareness-raising reminders on the freedom of movement of refugees throughout the country continue to be delivered to the national police.
- UNHCR assessed new shelter needs in Markazī. This assessment identified the need to replace 67 tents for Eritrean asylum seekers.

Child Protection

- o In order to familiarize children with their rights, UNHCR's partner, the international NGO CIAUD, organizes regular awareness-raising sessions. During the reporting period, <u>175</u> children between the ages of 7 and 10 (59 girls) were informed of their fundamental rights. At the same time, <u>90</u> adults (65 women) were made aware of child protection.
- The African Child Day 2024 was celebrated in all three refugee sites. On this occasion, UNHCR's child protection partner, the international NGO CIAUD, organized recreational and competitive activities focusing on children's rights for 115 refugee children between the ages of 8 and 14. At the same time, 89 adults participated in a workshop and exchange on "Constraints and Challenges to Access to Education in Refugee Villages".



Gender-Based Violence [GBV]

UNFD (Union Nationale des Femmes Djiboutiennes), UNHCR's partner in responding to and preventing gender-based violence, raised awareness of gender-based violence among more than 620 refugees, the majority of whom are women. In terms of response, 27 new cases were reported and received appropriate services.

Sustainable Solutions

UNHCR continued to support the Resettlement Support Center (RSC) and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), in particular in coordinating the activities of their pre-screening missions, such as the mobilization of refugees, fingerprint verification, selection of interpreters, etc. During its mission to Djibouti, the Resettlement Support Center (RSC) conducted <u>216</u> pre-screening interviews for <u>523</u> individuals.

FOOD SECURITY

- UNHCR and its partners continued to provide food and cash assistance to people under its mandate living in refugee sites. From April to June, more than 60,000 people were provided with food and cash assistance.
- In the same period, 2,325 households with 11,550 people were supplied with firewood in the villages of Ali Addeh and Holl-Holl. In Markazī, 424 households with 1,413 people were provided with kerosene. This activity is part of the assistance provided by government partners (ONARS and DHR) with funding from UNHCR to support refugee households. The Global Distribution Tool (GDT) for biometric verification was used in these distributions to ensure that the right people were served and to minimize fraud attempts.
- In early June, the Sanabil-Kheir Association distributed 300 food baskets to the Eritrean and Yemeni communities in the Markazi camp. Later in June, on the occasion of the "Aïd El-Kébir" holiday, more than 60 refugee households benefited from a meat distribution in the Ali-Addeh and Markazi refugee sites. This distribution was made possible by the Association des Jeunes du Chateau d'Eau d'Ali Sabieh [AJCD] and the Turkish NGO AL RAHMA.

HEALTH

- In the second quarter of 2024, UNHCR's implementing partner in the health sector, the Ministry of Health, will continue to ensure access to health care for UNHCR-affected people living in refugee sites and urban areas.
- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR] in Djibouti has donated 117 pallets containing <u>3,489</u> cartons of essential medicines to refugees and asylum seekers. This donation is part of the partnership between UNHCR and the Ministry of Health to include refugees and asylum seekers in Djibouti's national health programs.
- A UNHCR monitoring mission was conducted by Ms. Amina Mohamed Abdille, Deputy Nutrition and Food Security Officer (Regional Office) and Mr. Daniel Bukasa, Public Health Officer (Djibouti). The objective was to assess the progress of the refugee health programme, with particular emphasis on nutrition-related aspects. The mission held discussions with local medical staff and visited health posts in refugee villages. At the end of the visit, the mission took stock of the nutrition programs in place, access to primary health care, availability of medicines in the community pharmacy, and treatment of malnutrition.





■ The Markazī refugee site hosted the WHO mental health mission to support (local) professionals trained in the mental health framework. The team interacted with CSI staff and met some of the cases identified at the site.

LIVELIHOODS

- Discussions are underway between UNHCR and the World Bank in the context of the World Bank's new social protection project entitled "Djibouti Integrated Adaptive Social Protection System and Community Resilience Project". The aim is to include refugees in this project, in particular through the "host and refugee window".
- UNHCR provides ongoing support and advice to UNHCR-sponsored refugee micro-enterprises. As of May 2024, six have been visited, of which five (5) are operational, with net monthly profits ranging from DJF 70,000 (USD 400) to DJF 150,000 (USD 900).
- As part of the regional project "Greening the Humanitarian Response in Displacement Settings", UNHCR has started the selection of refugees in the villages of Ali-Addeh and Holl-Holl who will benefit from the donation of 2,500 fruit trees (mango trees). The list of successful candidates will be shared with FAO.

WATER AND SANITATION

- UNHCR's water and sanitation implementing partner [DHR] continues to provide drinking water to refugee sites.
- UNHCR has submitted a request to partner NRC for the purchase of a new RSI inverter to get the solar system up and running again. Note that the partner has a fund of \$50,000 that will be used to construct family latrines in the refugee village of Ali Addeh.

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