

DJIBOUTI

08 May 2025

FORCIBLY DISPLACED PERSONS

33 345

Refugee and Asylum
seekers as of 30
Avril¹

24 472

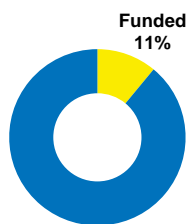
Refugees

8 873

Asylum seekers

FUNDING

20.6 M \$ needed for
Djibouti operation in
2025²



2.2 M \$ received as
of 31 March 2025

¹Statistics

²Djibouti-funding-update

OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

UN Agencies in Djibouti published their annual report. On 28 April, UN agencies in Djibouti presented their annual report to the minister of foreign affairs and other partners. The report highlights efforts and progress made towards sustainable development goals and the journey to the 2030 Agenda. The report contains the achievements from different agencies including success stories from refugees. Commendable efforts were made in the fight against genital mutilation, and other areas such as education, creation of employment for the youth as well as health and nutrition. The government also commended excellent relations between the UN and the government.



Refugee woman with her legal documents © UNHCR

REFUGEE RESPONSE

UNHCR conducted a special document renewal operation for refugees and asylum seekers. Following the announcement from the minister of interior made on TV on 3rd April calling all foreign nationals without legal status in Djibouti to leave the country voluntary and peacefully in one month time, which resulted in a significant demand from forcibly displaced people to renew their expired documents, UNHCR, since 9 April has initiated a large document renewal activity of already registered refugees and asylum seekers. A total number of 1,501 documents have been produced with 828 refugee certificates, 309 asylum seeker certificates and 364 refugee ID cards. UNHCR also continues to raise awareness among refugees and asylum seekers to carry with them their legal documents as requested by the minister.

UNHCR and ONARS discussed refugee vocational education. On 4 May, a technical meeting between ONARS and UNHCR was held to discuss vocational training for refugees as a path to development. The vocational training choices were discussed, and it was agreed that refugees should have more than one choice in their training including Multi-skilled Handling Agent, Industrial Vehicle Mechanic-Repair, construction, Electricity and Solar Installation as well as Digital Skills and Online Business Training. About 100 refugees will be selected soon to start training through Djibouti Skills Development for Employment Project funded by the World Bank, the project will support productive transformation of refugee hosting areas. Challenges affecting vocational training such as social and economic integration of refugees and ways to tackle them were also discussed to ensure success.

UNHCR continued to meet with forcibly displaced people to listen to and address their concerns. A reception session was held on 30 April, during which 14 individuals were received, listened to, and then referred to appropriate protection services. The main concerns expressed were relating to medical assistance, possibility of resettlement, and requests for documents renewal.

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