

Key figures

 **2.1M**

Beneficiaries reached

 **5M**

People in Need

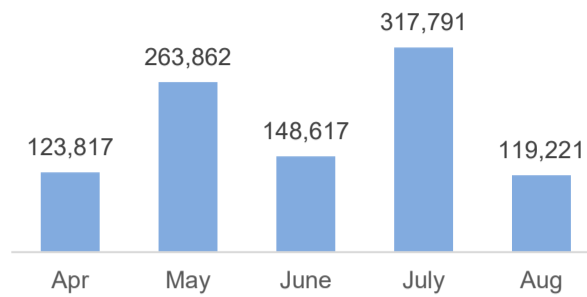
 **3.2M**

Targetted people

 **115**

Partner

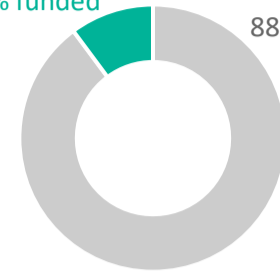
Monthly Beneficiaries trend



Funding status

2023 Requirement : USD 211M

USD 23.8M
11.3% funded



USD 186.7M
88.7% funding gap

Response Overview

In July & August, the protection cluster reached 437,012 individuals through its response. Banadir (53,485) received the highest number of beneficiaries followed by Baydhaba district (54,230). Hargeysa (28,650), Luuq (27,511), Jowhar (26,238), Afgooye (23,352) and Belet Weyne (16,736) received also relatively high numbers

Key Highlights

July

- ❖ The Protection Cluster took part in the Humanitarian Response Planning (HRP) for August - December 2023 due to the low funding for the HRP 2023. As such, the cluster plans to reach 270K of targetted population in the conflict affected districts, having prioritised (i) Provision of protection analysis, (ii) identification of persons with specific needs (iii) capacity strengthening in community protection and complaint & feedback mechanisms.
- ❖ The Protection Cluster's Working Group on Disability Inclusion technically led by Humanity & Inclusion, as part of its Leave No One behind, phase 3 project is planning a series of capacity building activities to disability inclusion working group (DIWG) to transfer technical disability inclusion skills and knowledge to the working group members in line with IASC guideline on inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action.
- ❖ **Gender Based Violence AoR:** partners in South West State reported tremendous increase in trend incidents across the state (Bay, Bakool, and Lower Shabelle), particularly Forced marriage, FGM, and physical assault, due to the crisis and conflict. The Standard Operating Procedures for Prevention and Response to Gender Based Violence in Jubaland state of Somalia has been developed, endorsed and UNFPA has planned a workshop on its operationalization.

Immediate Needs

- Increased provision of basic hygiene material women and girls in IDP camps.
- Flexible cash assistance to meet immediate food and other basic survival needs.
- Rape kits and available CMR actors to provide rape services.
- Safe shelters to reduce the risks of GBV for women and girls.

- ❖ **Child Protection AoR:** Together with Nutrition Cluster jointly conducted training on Nutrition and Child Protection Integrated framework in Banadir, Baidoa and Galkayo.

Rolled out the Children Associated with Armed Forces and Groups (CAAFAG) Programme Development Toolkit.

The Cabinet of Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) approved the Child Rights Bill. The bill demonstrates commitment of the FGS in ensuring the rights of children are protected.

August

- ❖ The Somalia National Protection Cluster was requested by the ATMIS drawdown Joint Technical Assessment (JTA) to undertake an ex-post analysis of the community perceptions toward the first 9 Forward Operation Basis (FOBs) handed-over or closed in June 2023 during the ATMIS drawdown first phase. The Protection Cluster report and recommendations have been integrated in the JTA report to be submitted to the UN Security Council as part of the UN Security Council in Resolution 2687 (2023)
- ❖ UNHCR-led Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN) has integrated into its data collection process the [15 priority protection risks](#) from the Protection Cluster and Areas of Responsibility. The integration of these protection risks will enable the Protection Cluster to carry out systematic risk-based analysis across Somalia. This new approach is currently being piloted in Kismaayo district with the objective of producing a Protection Analysis Update (PAU) in October this year
- ❖ Protection Cluster – with UNHCR's logistical and financial support- is partnering with the Protection Cluster Explosive Hazards (EH) Area of Responsibility to set up a response in Laas Caanood after the cease of hostilities. As immediate actions, the EH AoR is organizing trainings to 50 humanitarian staff on explosive ordinance risk awareness and risk education
- ❖ **Gender Based Violence AoR:** As a preparedness action for the incoming El Nino, the GBV AOR is currently mapping stocks across all its hubs and has disseminated key messages to ensure preparedness.

The AoR commenced a series of programmes involving Helpdesk that offers confidential GBViE Technical Orientation and Coaching Support to humanitarian actors responding to and preventing GBV in crisis-affected contexts. This is a tailored, short-term remote assistance that offers technical guidance on a range of GBV-related topics.

- ❖ **Child Protection AoR:** In ensuring enhanced children's access to justice and to safeguard their rights during legal procedure, the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs endorsed and signed the Age Verification Policy and Harmonized Checklist of Age Verification.

The AOR has published the [mid year bulletin January - June 2023](#)

Human Cost of Inaction

July

❖ Conflict:

- **Laas Caanood:** Partner access is restricted particularly from the Somaliland side, as the reach is up to Cadhi Cadeye village, west of Las Caanood town.
- On 30th July, fighting between Somaliland forces and a clan militia was reported at Gacan-Libah mountains, Sahil region (Deri-Maraa village of the Mandera district). Tension remains high with the risks of further confrontations and displacement.
- **Kismaayo:** Ongoing fighting between the Government security forces and AS around Kismaayo town resulted in the displacement of over 1,205 households (approx 7,230 individuals) mainly pastoralists and farmers. The displaced persons arrived in Luglow located 35kms North of Kismaayo. There are reports of indiscriminate attacks on civilians and livestock and restrictions on freedom of movement.
- **Inter-clan conflict** in Horufadhi and Dhaalmayagag villages in Buhoodle district, Togdheer region caused the death of one person, injuries of 5 others and the displacement of over 1,900 individuals.
- Inter-clan conflict over land in Adale District, Middle Shabelle Region of Somalia resulted in the displacement of over 12,700 individuals (approx 2,118 households). 12 deaths and 13 are injuries were reported. Most of the affected are pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities who were also affected by floods before the conflict and are now seeking safety in Masjid Ali Gadud, Xaaji Cali, Adale, Biyo-Adde, Warcise, and Buslo-Sheek villages.

❖ Housing, Land & Property AoR (HLP):

- Garowe: 3 IDP sites {Jiingada, Shabelle, Jilab 4} are facing eviction threats due to their expired land tenure agreement.
- Banadir: evictions in Maydoog IDP, Deynile (301 HHs), Koorsan IDP in Wadajir (850 HHs), Hamarweyne and Deynile (76 HHs).
- Afgooye: 7 IDP sites in Afgooye affected by eviction (Bungalow, Geedisoor, Allaweyn, Busleey, Nasrullah, Buulo Sidow and Daru-Rahma) affecting 238 HHs.
- Baidoa: forced eviction in Anshur IDP site affecting 190 HHs.
- HLP advocacy meeting planned in Kismaayo - the focus is on the increased evictions and way forwards.
- HLP AoR working with authorities and eviction task force in Banadir and Baidoa to strengthen HLP response.

❖ Explosive Hazards AoR (EH)

In Herale district of Galgaduud region, an Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) explosion killed two children and injured seven others after the children tampered with it.

On 17 July, 3 civilians (men) were killed in Ali Heli, Gal'ad District, when the motorcycle they were riding was struck by an IED. The area has seen increased risks of IEDs, ERWs with continued fighting between the Government Forces and AS.

August

❖ Conflict:

- **Laas Caanood:** The displaced people from Laascaanood living in Puntland main towns have started returning. Local transportation companies {Bixin, Dallmar, Yasmin, and Rays} have recorded 206 HHs.
- Between 25 and 30 August, violent clan conflicts erupted in the Ceel Afweyn district, located in the Sanaag Region of Somaliland leading to the displacement of over 11,700 individuals, with 19 fatalities including a six year old child and 26 injuries (PRMN)
- **Galmudug:** According to PRMN report, over 8,000 individuals have been forced to flee their homes in Ceelbuur district in Galgudud region, due to the intervention of federal government forces and security forces against non-state armed actors.
- The Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs & Disaster Management (MoHADM), OCHA and state level clusters have developed a contingency plan to respond to the displacement and humanitarian impact of the second phase of operations against non-state armed actors. The contingency plan ensures adherence to the HRP, or national disaster preparedness and response strategy.

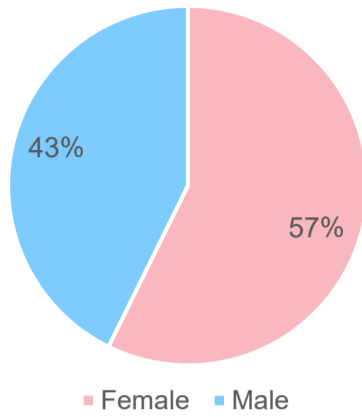
❖ Housing, Land & Property AoR (HLP):

- Laas Caanood: 2 children were killed and 2 others injured in Ogdagoye after an ERW they were playing with exploded. There are increased risks of EH during the return of those displaced to Laas Caanood.
- An IED exploded in a residential home claiming lives of a mother and two children, while injuring 2 more individuals in El-Lahelay neighborhood. Government soldiers took in the injured children and provided first aid care.

❖ Gender Based Violence (GBV):

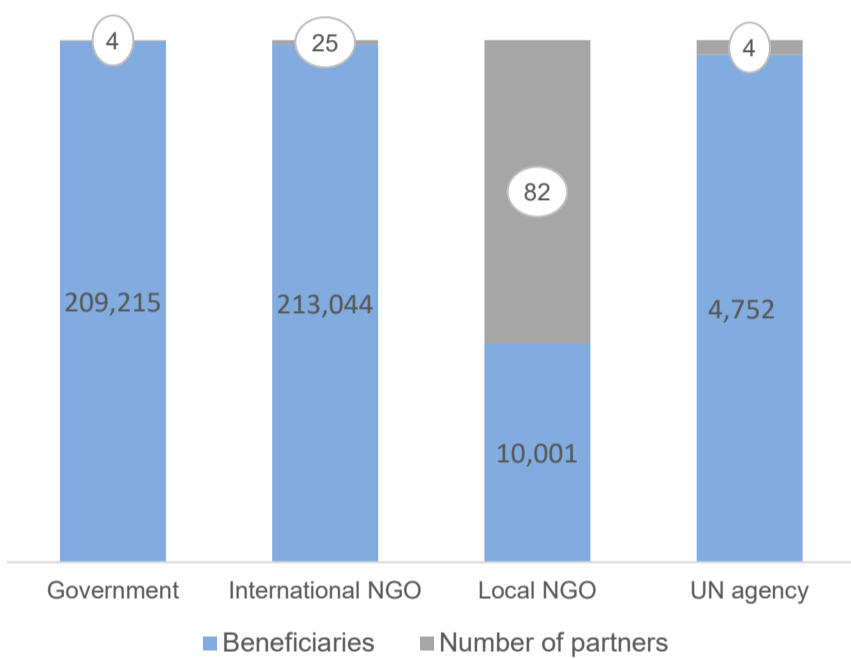
- Laas Caanood: protection concerns (rape, attempted rape incidents) have been reported in Kalabeydh IDP site hosting IDPs from Laas Caanood including shortages of PEP kits.
- North Galkacyo: Increase of FGM cases have been reported in Jeexdin site.

Monthly Beneficiaries reached by gender

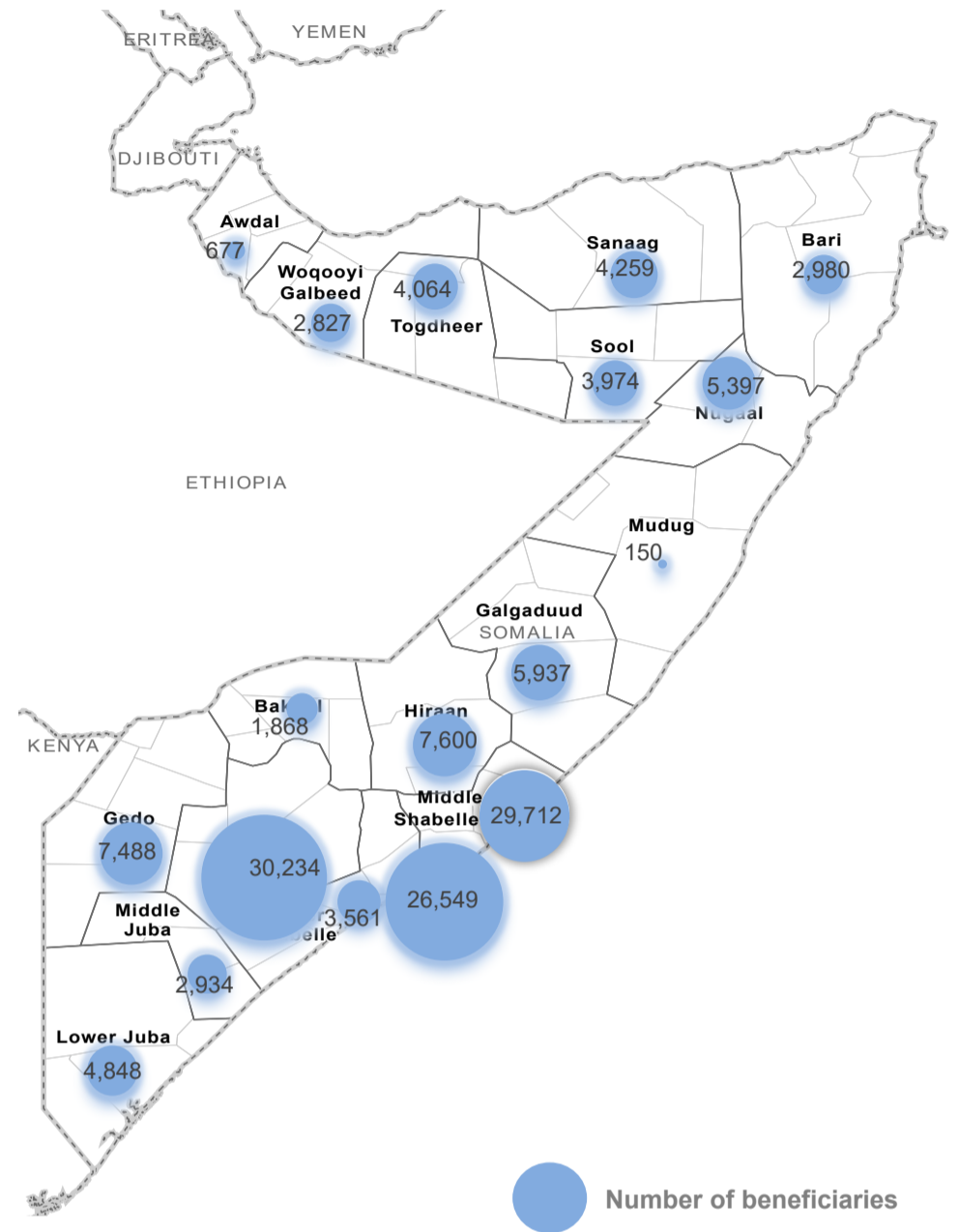


■ Female ■ Male

Protection partners



Protection response coverage in August by Region



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% of beneficiaries reached by activities

