

Key figures

 **2.21M**

Beneficiaries reached

 **5M**

People in Need

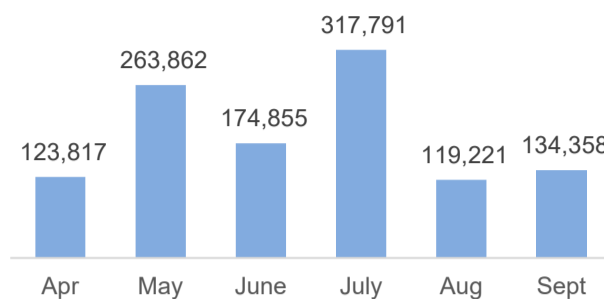
 **3.2M**

Targetted people

 **115**

Partners

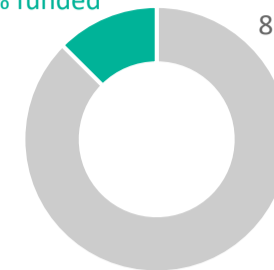
Monthly Beneficiaries trend



Funding status

2023 Requirement : USD 211M

USD 30.1M
14.3% funded



USD 180.3M
85.7% funding gap

Response Overview

In Sept, the protection cluster reached 134,358* individuals through its response. Banadir (26,762) received the highest number of beneficiaries followed by Baydhaba district (9,381). Galkayo (9,052), Doolow (6,196), Garbahaarey (5,613), Hargeysa (5,347) and Belet Weyne (5,021) received also relatively high numbers

Key Highlights

As part of the anticipatory action for 'El Niño' response – a minority led organization and partner of the Protection Cluster has been awarded with a Somalia Humanitarian Fund grant. Marginalized Communities Advocacy Network (MCAN) will work during the upcoming flooding emergency response on a integrated approach with other sectors to ensure the inclusion of minorities in the overall humanitarian response. MCAN area of intervention will be in Middle Shabelle

Protection Cluster and the Explosive Hazards AoR in Laas Caanood has published a Protection Analysis Update focusing on the Explosive Hazard risk in Laas Caanood. For access to the analysis, contact aristing@unhcr.org.

Durable Solutions

On September 10th, an internal UN agency meeting was held to discuss and identify approaches to harmonize IDP definition and data collection, management, and reporting systems. The deliberations included the challenge pertaining to IDP data definition and reporting, being the presence of multiple sources of contradictory data with varying methodologies, which significantly impacts the accuracy of IDP estimates for effective response.

In addressing these challenges, key priorities include harmonizing data collection efforts, categorizing IDPs based on their needs, and streamlining information to inform Durable Solutions (DS) programming, in line with international standards such as the International Recommendation on IDP Statistics (IRIS).

Private and Public Land Opportunities: A Durable Solutions Opportunities tool, created by UNHCR, serves the purpose of evaluating opportunities for long-lasting solutions in relation to land use, whether it be on privately-owned or publicly-owned land

A government-to-government peer learning event on Durable Solutions was held on the 20th and 21st of September in Kismayo, Somalia. The aim of the event was to bring together all relevant Somali authorities at FGS, FMS and District level, to engage and address specific issues, exchange experiences, and share lessons to inform a collective outcome on durable solutions programming in Somalia.

Gender Based Violence (GBV AoR)

The GBV AoR conducted an orientation of service providers - PSS, CMR in the locations where El Niño is likely to impact to ensure timely mobilization to mobile service delivery.

The GBV AoR is Mapping of GBV service centers in locations that will be impacted to a) enable advice service providers and prepare them for relocate and b) Ensure that service sites that will not be affected have service providers with updated capacity and supplies to meet the needs of women and girls

UNFPA, through the national GBV AoR and its state sub-national coordination, organized workshops in Kismayo, Garowe, Baidoa, and Hargeisa, aimed to operationalize and familiarize participants with the GBV SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures).

The GBV AoR With support from Ifrah Foundation & The Gov't of Japan, conducted a SASA! Together training was a crucial step towards combating Violence Against Women. Targeting women, girls, men & boys, the training aims to reshape social norms and behaviors surrounding gender and GBV.

The GBV AoR partner HDC distributed a total of 2,400 dignity kits in Ladan, Kaxarey & Qansaxley IDP camps, 400 kits had previously been distributed in Kabasa IDP camps, these kits aim at ensuring essential hygiene is improved and this thus restores a sense of dignity for Women and girls.

The Dignity Kits task force under the GBV AoR is currently carrying out a second round of mapping exercise. Thus exercise is to ensure that partners have accessed the sheet and updated the information regarding the prepositioned and distributed Dignity Kits across the riverine regions.

Immediate Needs:

- Availability of rape kits and CMR actors to provide rape services.
- Provision of safe shelters to reduce the risks of GBV for women and girls.
- Increased provision of basic hygiene materials to improve the dignity and personal protection of women and girls in IDP camps.
- Flexible cash assistance to address immediate food and other essential survival needs.
- Provide mobile GBV services for affected populations who are unable to access services at facility centers.

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Child Protection (CP AoR)

Rollout of the Nutrition and Child Protection Integration Framework: The CP AoR continues the operationalization of the nutrition and child protection integrated framework at subnational level. Last month the AoR organized workshops for CP and Nutrition partners based in Jubaland and Hirshabelle States, respectively.

Field Deployments and Supervision visits to Hirshabelle and Jubaland States with the aim to: (i) Provide technical support to subnational coordination structures and improve the response coordination, (ii) Strengthened the CP referral pathway at subnational level, (iii) Implementation of the El Nino preparedness plan, (iv) Monitor the ongoing CP services e.g., child-friendly spaces.

El Niño Preparedness: CP AoR has been engaging with the members and community-based child protection structures preparedness activities such as providing life-saving prevention messages. The subnational CP AoR coordination has been strengthened and referral pathways are updated as part of the preparations. A Rapid Response Mobile Team has been established in selected districts to provide timely response to flood-affected communities. A community-based prevention messages has been developed.

Housing, Land & Property (HLP AoR)

The HLP AOR in South-West State in close collaboration with the CCCM cluster coordinated and led eviction risk mapping exercise which was concluded last week, data cleaning is underway and result will be shared once finalized.

Human Cost of Inaction

Conflict:

South West State: Reports of heavy fighting between Ethiopian ATMIS forces and AS militants in Boo'oo village near Rabdhuure district in Bakool region were observed. The reported incident occurred in the early morning hours of Sunday, September 17, 2023. According to local sources, a fierce gun battle broke out after AS militants ambushed an ENDF convoy crossing the border into Wajid district. AS is said to have launched an offensive against foreign and Somali military bases in regions of South-West State; the number of casualties has not yet been determined.

Galmudug: The military operation against Alshabaab in Galmudug state of Somalia made significant progress in the last weeks as the SNA and Galmudug forces took over villages under Hobyo and Xaradheere districts. Around 8,620 families are affected by the fighting, and they require urgent humanitarian assistance.

On 5th September 2023, an IED explosion in a residential home claimed the lives of a mother and two children and injured 2 more in El-Lahelay in Galmudug state. Government soldiers reportedly took in the injured children and provided first aid care. Additionally, according to reports government soldiers captured the town.

According to the recent PRMN report, there has been a significant escalation in the Laas Caanod conflict in early September within the Oog District, Sool region resulting in the displacement of over 8,700 individuals.

El Niño:

Balbaley village (1 km north of Afgooye) was flooded by the river, displacing more than 1,500 people and damaging 24 homes and 13 latrines. Most families arrived in Afgooye town and its corridor in search of humanitarian assistance.

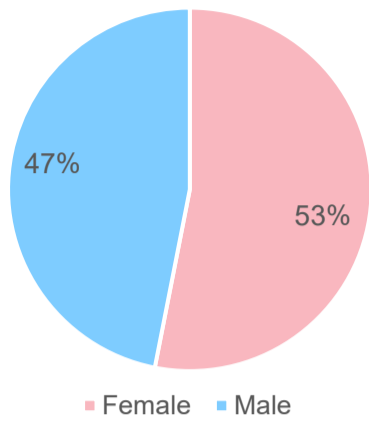
Jubaland S-ICCG completed the development of the state level Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan with participation of the Protection Cluster.

Jubaland Protection Cluster developed flood risks mitigation messages and the dissemination is ongoing in collaboration with the AoRs and CCCM Cluster. Protection Cluster also plans to conduct protection mainstreaming training for other clusters in Jubaland.

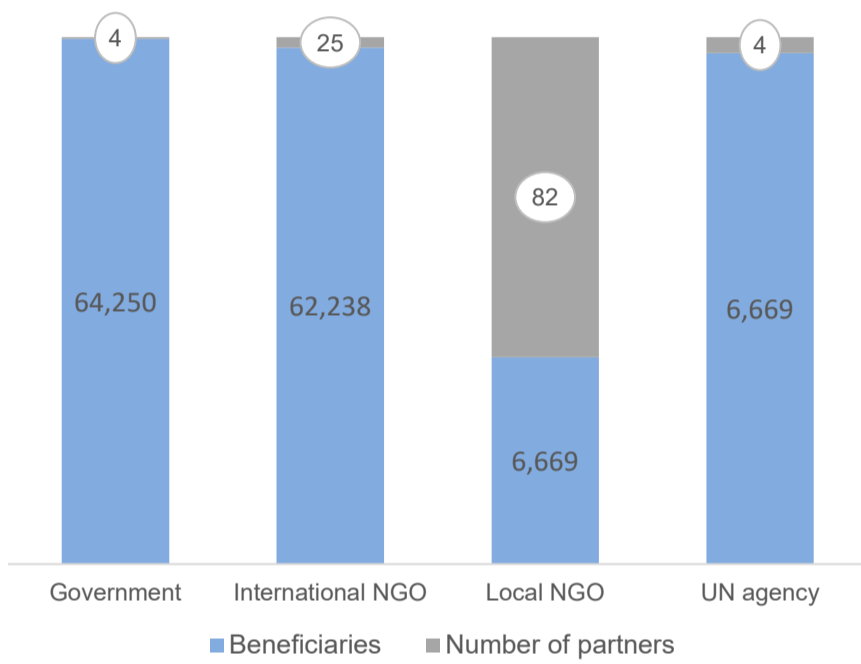
Hirshabelle Flood taskforce is established with the leadership of OCHA and Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management (MoHADM). Mapping of possible evacuation areas completed.

Hirshabelle – The Community Engagement & Accountability task force (CEA TF) has developed common message for El Nino risks mitigation, MCAN translated the message to both Mai and Mahatiri in audio and writing.

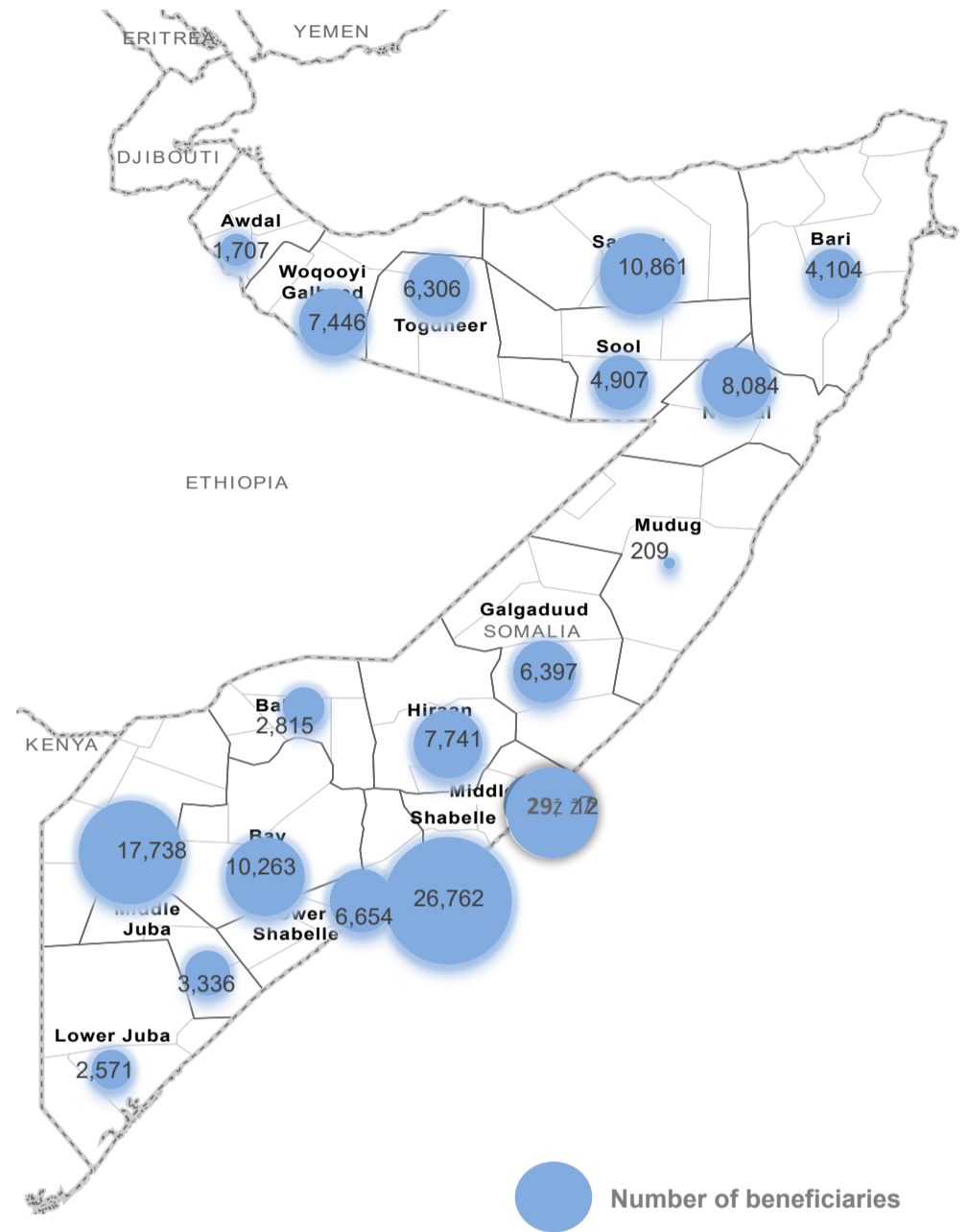
Monthly Beneficiaries reached by gender



Protection partners

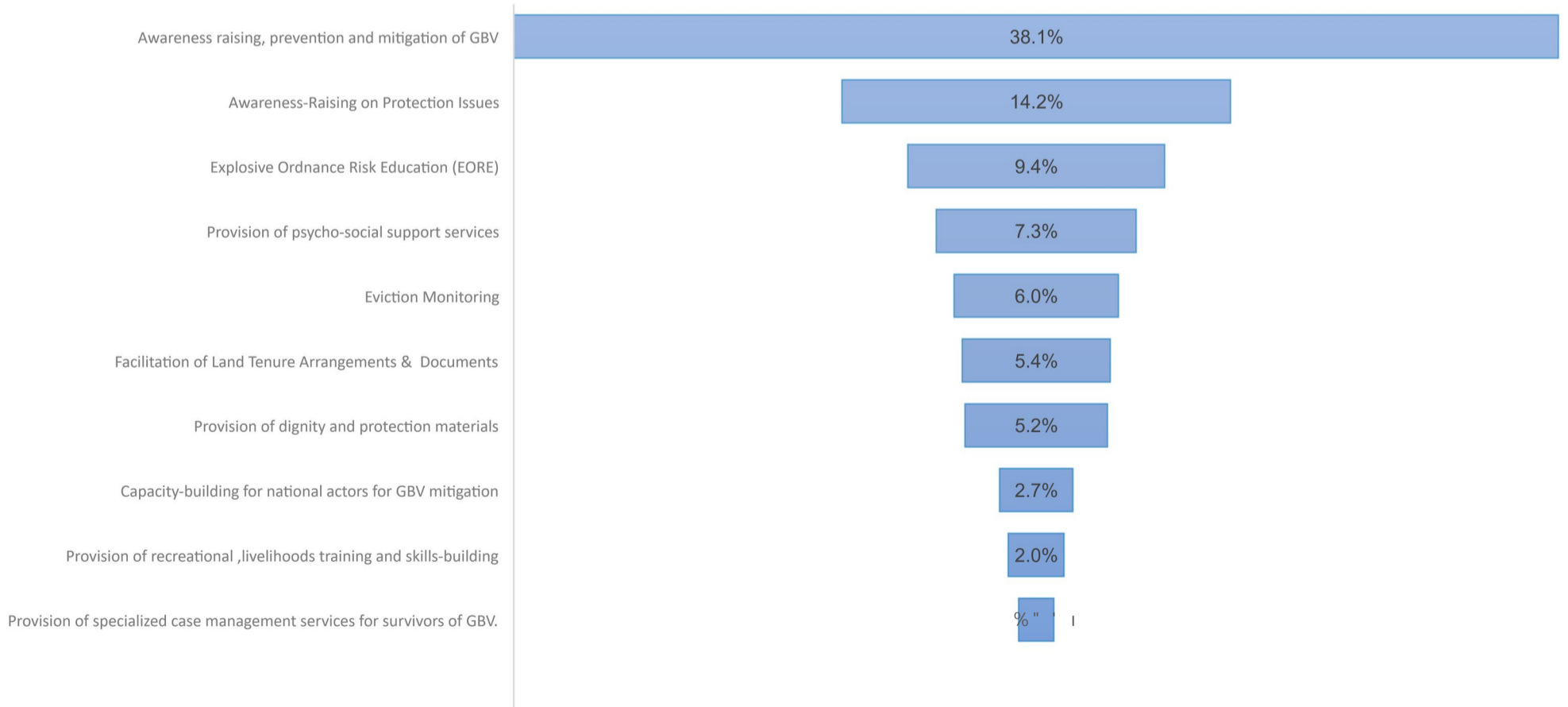


Protection response coverage in September by Region



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% of beneficiaries reached by activities



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