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Resettlement in refugee camps: the case of Dadaab

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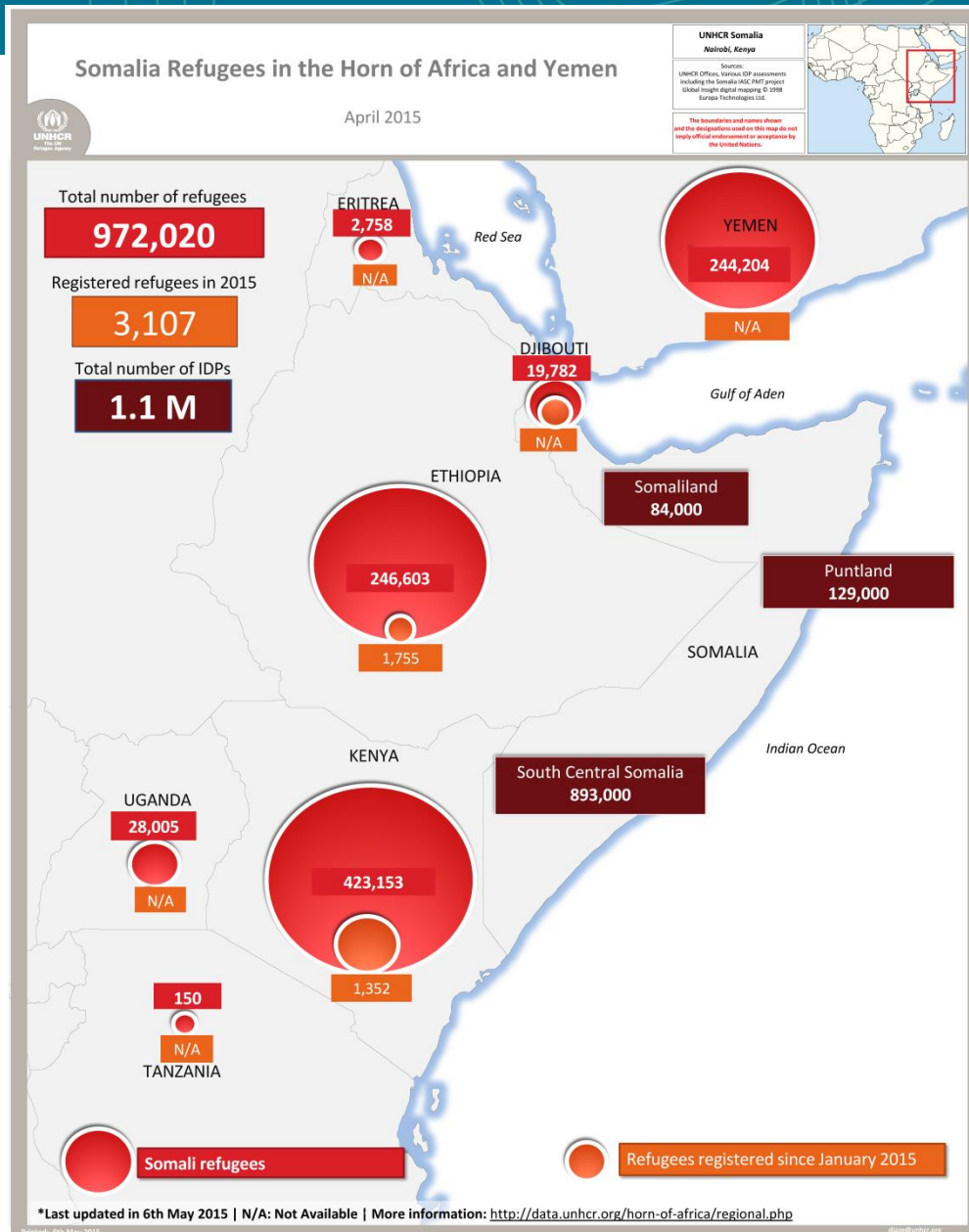
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- Displacement from Somalia
- Dadaab: a protracted refugee situation
- Resettlement: one of a number of solutions
- Towards durable solutions for those in Dadaab
- Four stories
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Displacement from Somalia



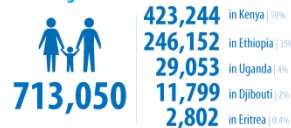
Displacement from Somalia



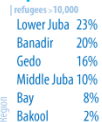
SOMALIA: Areas of origin (regions) of registered Somali refugees and asylum-seekers in the East and Horn of Africa | As of 01 May 2015



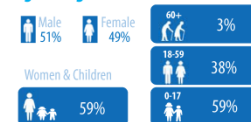
Top registered Somalis



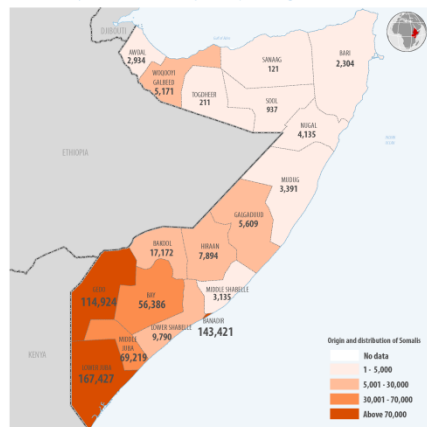
Top areas of origin



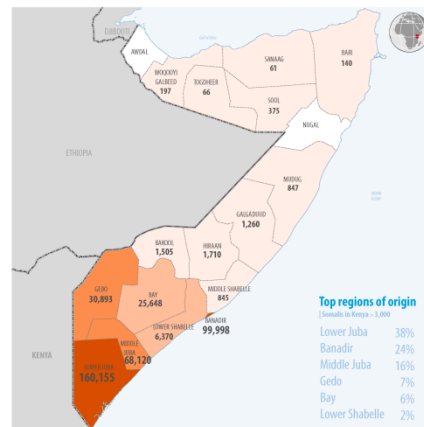
Age and gender breakdown



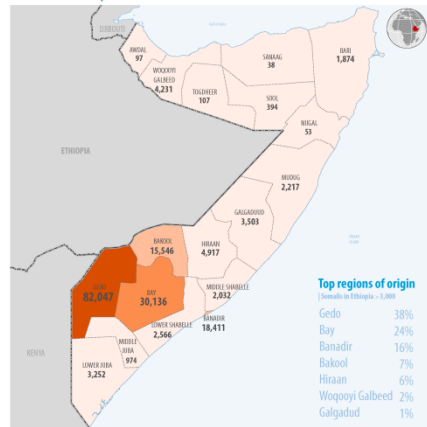
Somalis in Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda



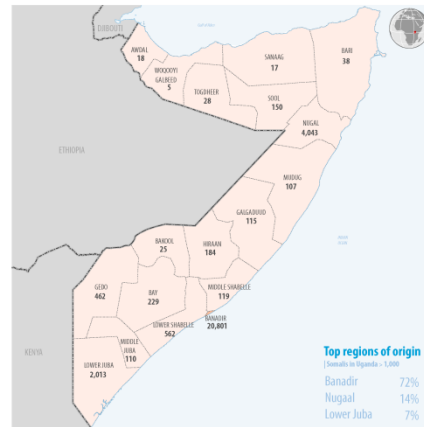
Somalis in Kenya



Somalis in Ethiopia



Somalis in Uganda





Resettlement: one of a number of solutions

Table 1

Future Options for Refugees in Dadaab

Criteria	Options					
	Repatriation	Resettle- ment	Stay in Dadaab	Local integration	Go to Nairobi	Relocation to other camp
Durable solution	3	4	1	1	1	2
Education	1	5	1	2	4	2
Self-reliance	1	5	1	3	4	1
Food/ Economic stability	2	5	1	3	3	2
Security/ Peace	5	5	2	2	2	3
Freedom	5	2	1	2	1	1
Human rights	5	3	1	1	1	1

Participatory Matrix, Workshop Hagadera, May 2000.

Resettlement: one of a number of solutions

I thought of it first here in Hagadera, when bandits came to the blocks at night, killing an old man and raping and torturing a virgin young woman. Some days later, five of them came to my own block and went out with a heavy load on their backs having robbed my neighbours. Since I have recently married, fear and worry have multiplied in me because if bandits attempt to rape my wife in my presence, I will definitely defend her, which may be my death. On top of that, I do not want to lose my children's future, though mine has already been lost.

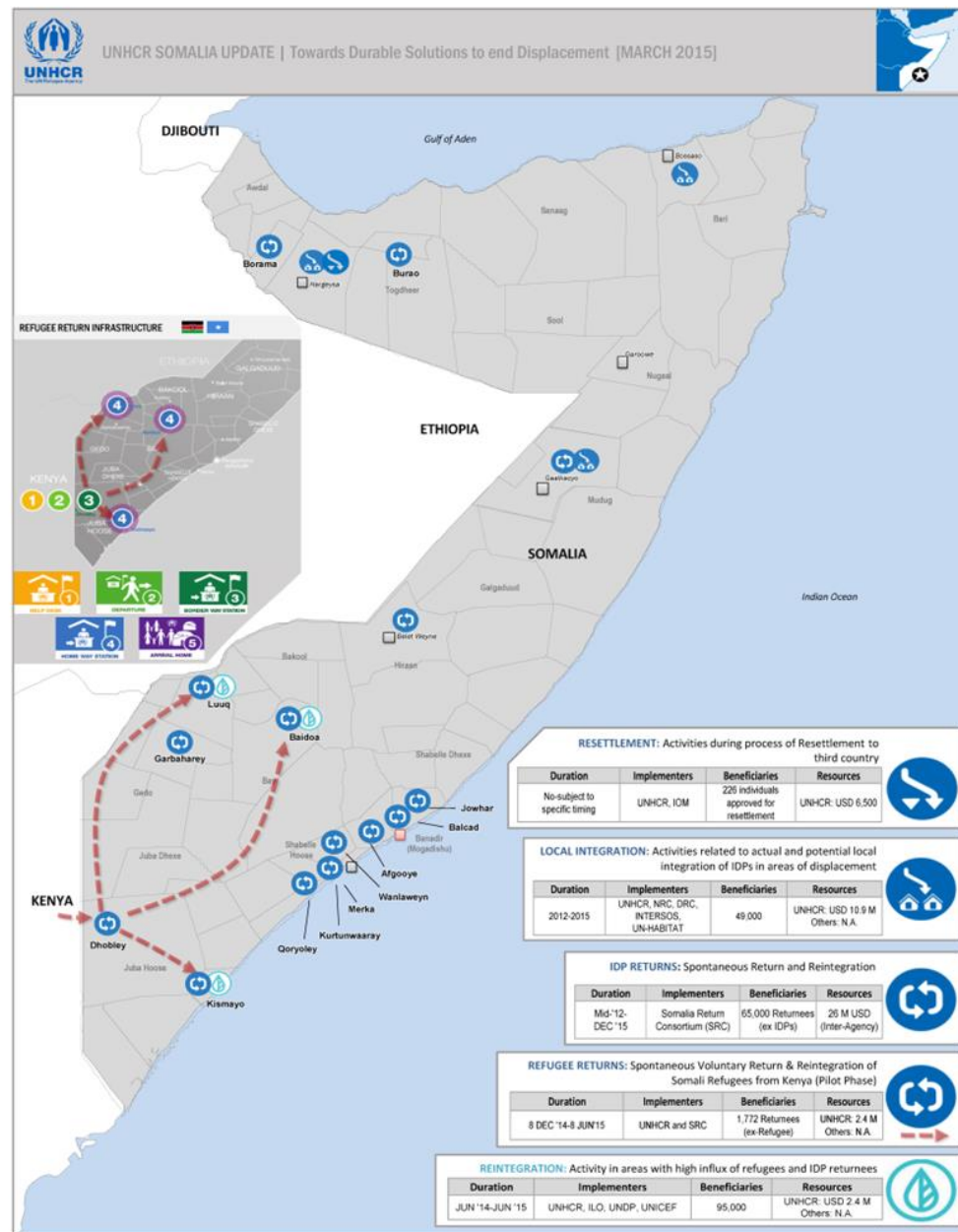
Abukar Warsame, Dadaab

Resettlement: one of a number of solutions

Refugees strongest wishes:

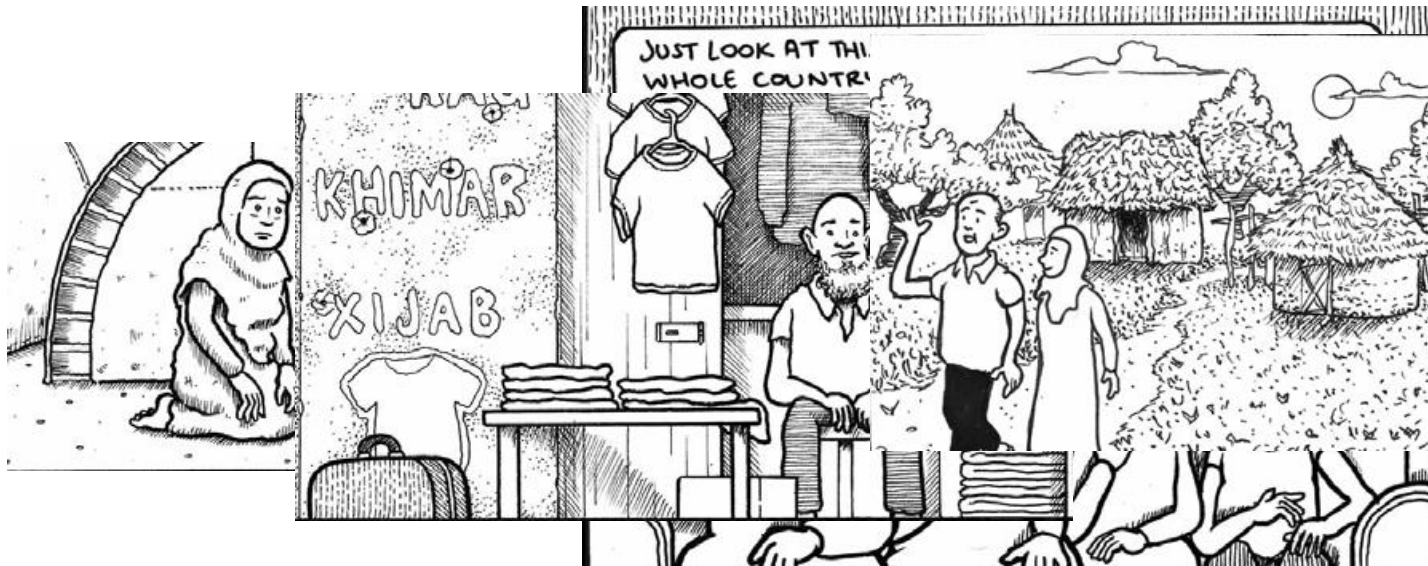
1. *Security, safety*
2. *To be able to provide for their family*
3. *A future for their children*

Towards Durable Solutions (UNHCR 2015)



Four Stories

- Ubah – local politician in Oslo
- Sadio – mother in Dadaab
- Abdulahi – businessman between Nairobi and Ethiopia
- Omar – development worker in Puntland



In conclusion

- As long as real alternatives do not exist, resettlement is a preferred option for many ‘in limbo’ in camps like Dadaab
- Comprehensive Solutions are required for protracted displacement situations like the one in Somalia – resettlement is a crucial element in an ambitious package that also includes local integration and repatriation
- Resettlement remains a crucial element of responsibility sharing, which requires more than financial commitments
- *Responsibility* sharing rather than burden sharing – the potential of resettlement and the resources that resettled refugees bring with them needs to be explored more