



HIGHLIGHTS

22,456

Identified unaccompanied minors

9

Households provided with cash grants in year 2015

98,596

NFIs distributed since January 2015

184

Shelters distributed since January 2015

Population of concern

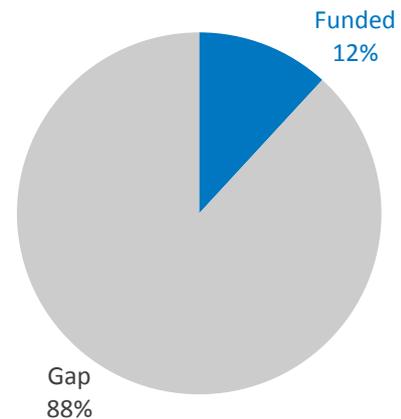
A total of **549,733** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Somalia	420,970
Ethiopia	21,209
Sudan	3,378
DR Congo	9,419
Rwanda	822
Eritrea	1,309
Burundi	643
South Sudan	91,300
Uganda	597
Other	86
Total	549,733

Funding

USD 251,196,144 million requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

353 national staff, 29 NUNVs
63 international staff, 11 IUNVS, 15 Consultants

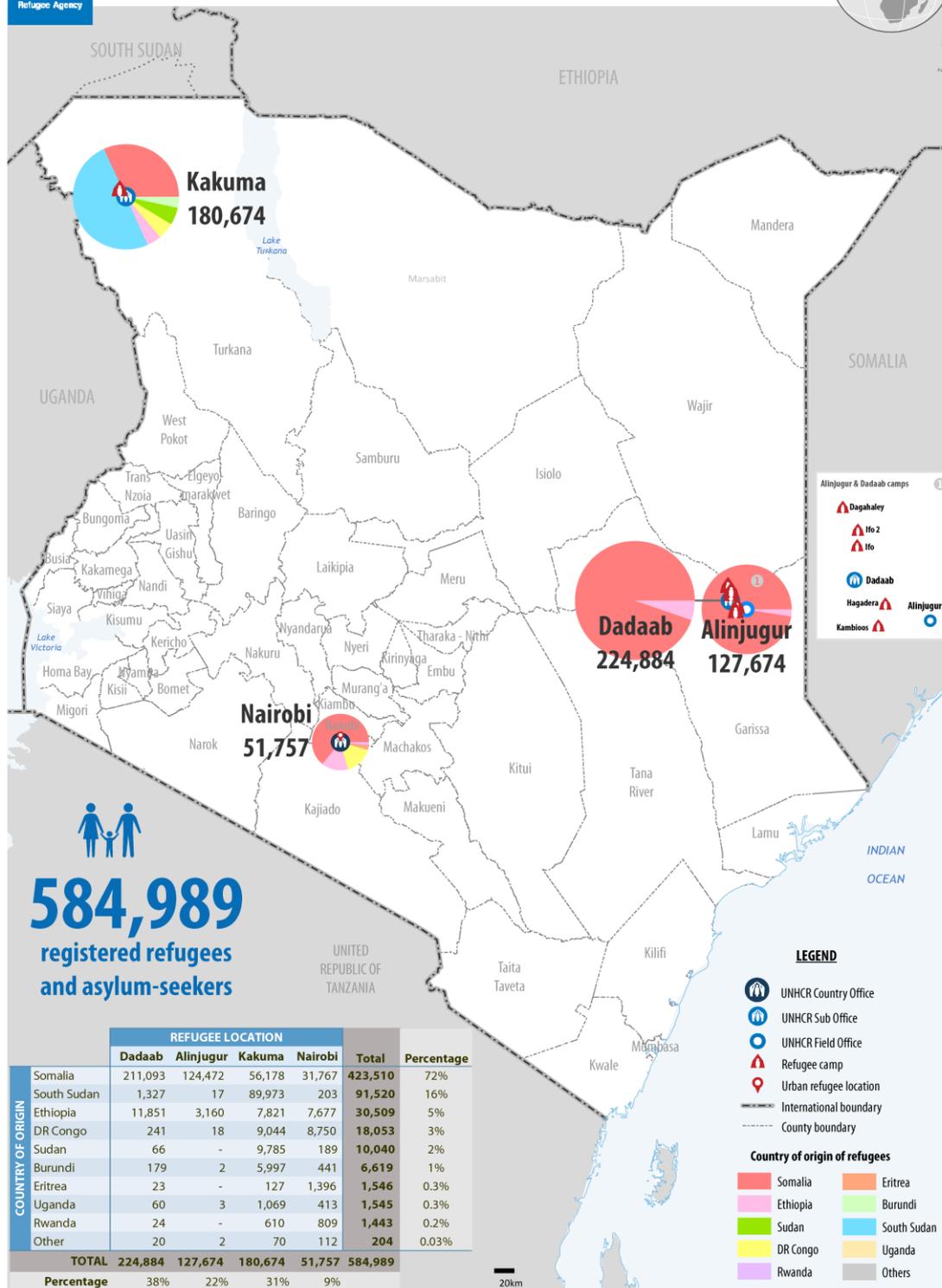
Offices:

4 offices located in:
Nairobi, Kakuma, Dadaab, Alinjugur



KENYA: Registered refugees and asylum-seekers

As of 01 March 2015



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WORKING WITH PARTNERS

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- Assistant Secretary of State and Head of US State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), Ann Richard visited Dadaab on 11 February. During her visit, Ms. Richard met refugee representatives and held meetings with UNHCR and other humanitarian agencies working in Dadaab. Ms. Richard was in Kenya for a high-level event on the “Humanitarian Crisis in South Sudan and its Impact in the Region”, where concerned countries discussed better ways of assisting displaced communities.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- At the end of February, Kakuma had received 45,222 new arrivals from South Sudan, with a total camp population of 180,674
- In Dadaab, 185 new arrivals/unregistered refugees were registered by Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA) and UNHCR database, majority of whom being persons of concern relocated from Nairobi. The camp population for Dadaab complex stands at 352,558.

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Refugee Bill

- On 26 February 2014 the Task Force (TF) on the Refugee Bill chaired by DRA met to discuss the Draft Bill. The TF agreed to draft a joint Memorandum to the Senate Committee on National Security and Foreign Relations on key concerns on the Bill and proposing amendments and rationale for the same.
- Additionally the task force agreed to organize a meeting with the Senate Committee followed by a mission of Parliamentarians and Senators to Dadaab during the first and second week of March respectively. It should however be noted that the Government has been adamant to turn the new Bill into a security piece of legislation by including restrictive provisions aimed at limiting access to asylum and strengthening the encampment policy.

Protection Monitoring

- The arrest and detention of Persons of Concern (POCs) in February increase by 19%, from 41 POC's arrested in January to 49 Persons of Concern (POC's) arrested in February. This brings the cumulative total number of POC's (asylum seekers and refugees) arrested in 2015 to 91. Of the 49 POC's, 34 were Ugandans. They were released after

the intervention of the protection unit with the Officer Commanding Station of satellite areas, who released them without arraigning them in court.

- UNHCR and Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) jointly conducted a joint border monitoring mission to Moyale, through Isiolo, Laisamis and Marsabit in North Eastern part of Kenya. They held meetings with officials from the Department of Immigration, Judiciary, Police, Prisons, Probation, Children's Office, Gender Office and Civil Society Organizations. The aforementioned departments expressed the need to have DRA office at the border to provide necessary documentation to enable PoCs to travel safely to and from the camps and Nairobi.

RSD Transition to DRA

- Two Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings recommended recognition of 441 cases /1144 individuals as refugees. The decisions were channeled to the Commissioner for Refugee Affairs for endorsement. The recommendations emanated from the three joint DRA/UNHCR RSD teams in Kakuma, Dadaab and Nairobi. Joint UNHCR/DRA decision issuance exercises are ongoing in DRA's premises. The Refugee Appeal Board (RAB) is yet to be gazetted.
- UNHCR staff from Kakuma, Nairobi and Dadaab participated in a one-day National RSD workshop at the Regional Support Hub on 17 February. The forum focused on continued capacity development for DRA staff, joint DRA/HCR RSD procedures, and harmonized RSD case management approaches aiming at eradicating RSD backlogs. As at end of February, the RSD backlogs stood at 7,061 in Nairobi, 24,650 in Kakuma and 3,545 in Dadaab.
- An RSD-specific sub-project will be annexed to the Comprehensive Protection Capacity Development Strategy for Kenya to appeal for additional funds. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of ensuring that UNHCR has sufficient staffing capacity to build DRA's capacity in 2015, noting that dedicated Capacity Building staff will be required in all locations in order to permit UNHCR's technical staff to focus on core RSD functions.

SGBV & Persons with Specific Needs

- Plans are underway in Dadaab to roll out 'Engagement of Men in Accountable Practices' (EMAP) approach that seeks to make men more aware and transform their harmful behaviours and become women's allies. The roll-out will begin with the training of 25 staff who will carry out the 12 months implementation plan.
- UNHCR chaired the first GBV working group meeting of the year under the Urban Refugee Protection Network (URPN). The meeting deliberated on revision of standard operating procedures for SGBV survivors, the work plan and the upcoming GBVIMS training for partners and UNHCR staff in Kakuma and Dadaab.
- The Office also received allegations of fraud and trafficking of Ugandans under the guise of LGBTI to access assistance and resettlement. The Office is investigating and reviewing its procedures with partners to reinforce control measures and ensure the available scanty resources benefit genuine LGBTI and other extremely vulnerable asylum seekers and refugees.
- UNHCR partner, HIAS, identified 76 UASCs (new arrivals) from DRC who have spontaneously, self-identified foster families. All have been registered by DRA while UNHCR's registration is still ongoing. Best Interest' Assessments have been conducted and the coordination theme group is working towards finding durable solutions.
- During the first two months of the year, UNHCR has observed a significant increase of new LGBTI arrivals. A total of 186 were received in the first two weeks of February alone, while on the 19 February it was registered the largest single group of 76 individuals belonging to this category, arriving together. The Office also received allegations from reliable sources including asylum seekers and refugees belonging to this particular group, of fraud and trafficking of Ugandans under the guise of LGBTI. The Office is investigating and reviewing its procedures with partners to reinforce control measures and ensure that the limited available resources benefit genuine LGBTI cases and other extremely vulnerable asylum seekers and refugees.

Community outreach

- UNHCR continues to work closely with NCK and National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) in mobilizing refugees to register for NHIF medical scheme. 5,150 households were registered by end of February 2015, 50 households short of the target of 5,200 households. NHIF have already issued 88 cards to refugees who have already started benefiting from the scheme. The remaining cards will be issued in two weeks.

Legal Assistance

- The Chief Magistrate's Court in Dadaab handled 35 cases in February bringing the total to 72 cases against an annual target of 900 that have come before the monthly mobile court sessions in Dadaab and in Garissa magistrate's court this year. 40 survivors of violence that have appeared in court since January have received legal counselling, against an annual target of 100.
- The Kadhi's Court complements the Magistrates courts and deals with questions of Muslim law on personal status, marriage, divorce and inheritance where both parties are Muslims. So far, two visits have been conducted since January 2015.

Education

- Dadaab complex has 35 primary and Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centres with an enrolment of 89,194 learners. There are 1,183 teachers, 69% consisting of 812 teachers are untrained, while 371 are trained. Only 5% of the teaching force are termed as qualified teachers and recognized by Ministry of Education.
- Andrew Dunnett (*Director, Vodafone Foundation*) and Lee Wells, (Vodafone Foundation, Head of Programmes) visited Dadaab on Wednesday 25 February to assess the impact of the Vodafone funded Instant Network School (INS) project as well as at identifying room for improvement in the project. The team visited two INS centres, Dadaab YEP centre and Mwangaza Primary School.
- Enrolment in Kakuma stands at 66,047 learners which is an increase of 10% from last year's 57,700 students. Of the total learners, 54,564 learners (33,630 boys 20,934 girls) are in primary level while 11,483 children (5,947 boys and 5,536 girls) are enrolled in pre-schools. Only 25% of eligible children aged between aged between 3-5 years are enrolled in pre-schools while 65% of children aged between 6 –13 are in primary schools. 2% of eligible children are enrolled for secondary education.

Health

- The health status of refugees in Kakuma remained stable during the month. Under mortality rates remained within 0.2/10,000/day while crude mortality rate was 0.05/10,000/day. GAM rate was 20.5% while SAM was 11.1%

Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR in collaboration with WFP in Dadaab have introduced sack gardens for persons of concern at the protection area in Kambioos to strengthen self-reliance and livelihood for individuals.

Water and Sanitation

- Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) installed solar panels on two boreholes in Ifo 2 camp with funding from the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department (ECHO).
- In Dadaab, the daily water production 29 operation boreholes was 10,939,359 litres translated to an average daily per capita water allocation of 25 litres per refugee. The total water storage capacity remained 6,050 m³ in 47 tanks, distributed through a pipeline network of 304 km and 844 tap stands and 3,811 taps, scattered around the five camps.
- 1,825 family shared latrines and 1,325 household latrines had been constructed by NRC in Kakuma 4 by end of February. The latrine user ratio stands at 1:17, which is within the UNHCR sphere standard. The average water distribution for the same area was 17.6 l/p/d.

Shelter and NFIs

- 184 transit shelters have been constructed for new arrivals in Kakuma since January 2015. Kakuma camp has 6,306 durable shelters and 6339 emergency shelters in Kakuma 4.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

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- 9 cases of SGBV survivors in Kakuma were issued with cash assistance for income generating activities.

Durable Solutions

Repatriation

- UNHCR, the Government of Kenya (GoK) and partners supported 497 refugees to return home from Kenya to Somalia under the current voluntary return pilot project. Five convoys left Dadaab for Somalia in February. Since 8th December 2014 when the process was launched, a total of 1,771 Somali refugees have voluntarily returned to Somalia.
- More than 5,250 individuals have approached the UNHCR Return Help Desks since they were opened in December 2013 while 5,214 have expressed interest to return.

Resettlement

- On 18 February, resettlement staff in Nairobi attended an Anti-Fraud meeting organized by the US Embassy. Participants were drawn from the Regional Support Hub, the Resettlement Support Centre, IOM and the Embassies of Sweden and Canada. All offices present shared information and best practices to combat different types of resettlement related fraud taking place in the urban areas. Similar meetings will be organized four times a year.
- Between 23 and 27 February the Senior Resettlement Officer and the Associate Resettlement Officer undertook a training mission to Kakuma. A total of 67 staff from UNHCR units and external partners were trained on identification and referral systems for resettlement as well as on anti-fraud.
- During the month of February the resettlement unit submitted a total of 215 Cases / 515 Persons from Nairobi, Kakuma and Dadaab. The cases were submitted to the U.S.A., Sweden, Norway and the U.K.

Logistics

- A total of 19 new rub halls are under construction in Ifo 2 and Ifo. The current storage space for NFIs and other necessary items is inadequate and with completion of the new rub halls, NFI for new arrivals and for the ongoing repatriation will have sufficient space. So far, 17 foundation slab have been casted in Ifo 2 and two are in Ifo.

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