KENYA
KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE
15 – 31 MAY 2017
HIGHLIGHTS

- The operation continues to receive refugees from South Sudan at the Kenya – South Sudan border at Nadapal Transit Centre. Majority of the new arrivals are women and children who cite insecurity and famine as the main cause of flight.
- As at 31 May 2017, the operation had registered 176,872 individuals in the UNHCR Database. Out of this, 142,378 individuals are in Kakuma refugee camp while a total of 34,494 are residing in Kalobeyei Settlement.
- As at 31 May, 3 samples cultured Vibrio Cholerae Inaba 01 with sensitivity results guiding drug use. There was no mortality reported during the reporting period.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) sustained increased capacity to register new arrivals at the reception centre therefore reducing the period of stay at the reception centre. This has greatly led to the decongestion in Kakuma reception centre from over 3,000 individuals to less than 1,000 individuals out of which 600 were already registered as at May 31.
- On 22nd May, 1 sample tested positive for Vibrio Cholerae Inaba 01 prompting the announcement of cholera outbreak. As at 31 May, a total of 58 patients had been linedlisted: 28 patients had been attended to at Kakuma refugee camp while 20 were attended to at Kalobeyei Settlement. Intense hygiene campaigns and decontamination exercises have been conducted at the reception Kakuma reception centre and at the community.
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KEY FIGURES

176,872
The camp population as at 15 May. The figure is inclusive of Kalobeyei population.

10,776
Total number of South Sudanese new arrivals registered in 2017.

98,936
Total number of South Sudanese persons of concern (POCs) registered in UNHCR Database as at 31 May 2017.

34,494
The population currently hosted at Kalobeyei Settlement.

FUNDING

USD 65M
The comprehensive budget for Kakuma Operation amounts to USD 65M. Of budget amounts to USD 23M representing 36% of the comprehensive needs.

Priorities

- Movement of new arrivals from Nadapal transit centre to Kakuma
- Monitoring of new arrivals trend
- Development of Kalobeyei settlement
- Maintenance of roads and water network
- Relocation from Dadaab
- Voluntary repatriation (VOLREP)

PHOTO: Patients recovering from Cholera at Cholera Treatment Centre (CTC) in Kalobeyei. Kenya Red Cross doctor (in red visibility vest) attends to a patient. UNHCR/ Samuel Otieno
### Operational Context

- UNHCR conducts border-monitoring visits to Nadapal three times a week to ensure that asylum seekers have unhindered access to asylum procedures. Emergency medical cases are transferred to African Inland Church (AIC) Mission or Lopiding Hospital in Lokichoggio or to Kakuma’s Referral Hospital in Kakuma.
- During the month of May, the operation has recorded the highest number of South Sudanese refugees entering Kenya through Nadapal border since the beginning of January 2017. Cumulatively, a total of 3,594 individuals were received and transported to the reception centre in Kakuma.
- Since the beginning of January, a total of 10,772 new arrivals from South Sudan had been registered in the UNHCR database. 69.7% of the new arrivals are from Central Equatoria region.

### Achievements

#### Protection

- The civil registration department from Lodwar conducted a two-week mission in Kakuma refugee camp to issue civil documents to the persons of concern. A total of 1,529 civil documents were issued (1,298 birth certificates and 231 death certificates). The mission also visited camp hospitals in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement to monitor birth registration in maternity and death notifications. Furthermore, during the same reporting a total of 256 birth certificates were distributed through the field post system.
- The operation hosted a 2-day mission to Kakuma by refugee specialist from the US embassy and LGBTI focal point. The objective of the mission was get familiarized on the protection of sexual minorities in Kakuma Refugee camp. The mission also met with UNHCR Protection unit, partners, and held a community forum with refugees.
- During the month of May a group of 19 refugees staying at the reception center were arrested and charged with creating disturbance at the Reception centre in Kakuma. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced to one month in prison. Protection unit will undertake a detention-monitoring mission to Lodwar Prison to monitor their concerns at the facility.
- The protection unit conducted a verification/head count at the protection area safe shelter to ascertain the actual number of refugees residing in protection area. A number of refugees with no protection concerns were found to be residing inside of protection area. A final report of the verification exercise will be shared soon.
- From 15-30 May, a total of 7 protection interviews and 4 counseling sessions were conducted. The counseling sessions consisted of prosecution witnesses who are allegedly facing threats from perpetrators relatives.
A total of 74-movement pass and 14 identification documents have been issued in the month of May 2017. Due to the Government’s encampment policy, refugees are issued with travelling documents to enable them move outside the camp.

On 21 – 27 May, PDU conducted a flight corridor and detention monitoring from along the North Rift, Nyanza and Western regions. PDU conducts border-monitoring missions to ensure refugees have unhindered access to asylum territory.

A total of 52 asylum seekers were facilitated by Kenya Red Cross from Kitale to Kakuma and received by PDU on 23 May 2017.

During the reporting period, a total of 3 Households made up of 8 individuals were received from Dadaab. The 3 households, who had self-relocated, were assessed and their concerns of self-relocation found to be credible after data was requested from Dadaab colleagues.

During the reporting period, PDU facilitated movement of 54 individuals relocated from Nairobi to Kakuma refugee camp.

PDU conducted a total of 3 visits to Kalobeyei and offered protection counseling. Some cases received instant feedback while some were referred to other Agencies /Units for follow up.

PDU received 22 requests for birth certificates from Daadab relocatees whose children were born a few months before the families were relocated to Kakuma. Copies of birth notifications were forwarded to Daadab for follow up.

A total of 43 requests for proof of registration from were also received from Daadab relocatees living in village 2 of Kalobeyei settlement. They were forwarded to Registration Unit for issuance of the documents.

**Community Services**

**Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV)**

Prevention and response activities were ongoing throughout the reporting period in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement. During the reporting period, a total of 25 SGBV related cases were received. Comprehensive medical and psychosocial support was offered to survivors, with 8 of the reported cases involving South Sudanese refugees. Referrals were conducted for appropriate comprehensive services including legal and material support.

Danish Refugee Council (DRC) continued to conduct weekly SGBV sensitization at Kalobeyei reception center for newly arrived asylum seekers. The objective of the sensitization is to disseminate SGBV related information including services available to survivors, reporting mechanisms, referral pathway and how to reduce the risk of sexual violence amongst women and girls upon relocation to the community. During sensitization, screening and identification of survivors is also done. Through such forums, SGBV survivors are identified for further specialized support.

EMAP introduction meeting to community leaders in Kakuma 1 reaching a total of 38(27m, 11f). The leaders expressed their willingness to support the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in implementing the program. Another sessions was held EMAP meeting with 2 existing women groups in Kakuma 1 reaching a total of 40(f)

SASA awareness sessions were held in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement reaching a total of 947(553F, 317M, 77C) and 754 (278M: 476F) respectively. The sessions which engage community activists as change agents helps to create a forum to dialogue on behaviors and attitudes that need to be changed to end violence against women, girls and men. The power imbalance between women and men is supported by social structures and constructions. Self-evaluation of such imbalances helps to address violence as a means of maintaining the status quo.

SGBV monthly case conference was held for Kakuma refugee camp. Three cases were successfully deliberated on and closed. Recommendations for further follow up on cases pending with child protection were done. During the session, the new child protection focal person from LWF was introduced to the working group. It was also discussed that the current referral system needs to be updated due to turnover of SGBV focal points in the Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), National Council of Churches in Kenya (NCCK) and UNFPA.

**Persons with Specific Needs**

Training on alcohol and drug uses was conducted in the course of the reporting period. The training targeted staff from partner agencies focusing on mental health and psychosocial support. The training was aimed at empowering the staff with knowledge and skills on dealing with clients struggling with alcoholism in the camp.

One workshop was conducted for the persons with specific needs working group. The workshop focused on strengthening coordination among all partners and advocating for inclusion in programming. A total of 20 staff from...
different agencies and thematic areas participated. Presentations on the 4Ws, action plans and draft TOR were discussed and way forward agreed upon.

- A total of 96 (55m, 39f) both national and incentive staff providing various services to persons with specific needs were trained on various forms of issues including: Prevention of Sexual exploitation and abuse, child protection principles and basic counseling skills. The training was aimed at creating awareness among the staff on preventing exploitation of persons of concern while at the same time improving the quality in case management.

- Out of the total 815 (310m, 505f) persons with specific needs who received individual counseling sessions during the reporting period, 145 (56m, 89f) were discharged after completing their therapy sessions and improving their psychological wellbeing while 142 (40m, 92f) were newly admitted.

- From 15-31 May, a total of 145 (64m, 81f) new arrivals benefited from psychological debriefing at the reception centre.

- A total of 1,115 (505m, 610f) individuals from Kalobeyei settlement received individual alternative therapy sessions, 312 (144m, 168f) were newly admitted while 345 (150m, 195f) were discharged after completing their therapy sessions and improving their emotional wellbeing.

Kalobeyei Settlement

- During the reporting period, a total of 162 (71m, 91f) new cases of persons with specific needs were assessed and referred for appropriate intervention including rehabilitation services, cash and material assistance, psychosocial support and medical interventions.

- To ensure continuous peer support for the elderly and persons leaving with disabilities, 2 meetings were held including 50 (18m, 32f) and 58 (30m, 28f) elderly and persons with disabilities in attendance respectively. Additional 6 new groups were established. The groups create a forum for the concerned parties to come together and share protection challenges they face while at the same time help each other in addressing these challenges.

- A total of 56 (28m, 27f) persons leaving with disabilities were assessed and served with various forms of occupational therapy to manage their disabilities and improve their wellbeing. 1 person of concern leaving with disabilities was issued with assistive device (elbow crutches) to aid in his mobility.

- A total of 90 (33m, 57f) and 36 (14m, 22f) persons with various forms of specific needs were supported with mattresses and cash assistance respectively. These categories include the elderly, persons with disabilities, people with chronic illnesses, single parents and unaccompanied minors.

- During the reporting period, home visits were conducted for 90 (33m, 57f) persons with specific needs. The purpose of home visits is following up to establish progress after previous interventions and inform the next course of intervention including appropriate interventions.

- A total of 48 (18m, 30f) persons with specific needs received alternative therapy sessions with 27 (9m, 18f) being newly recruited while 3 (1m, 2f) being discharged after improving their emotional wellbeing.

- A total of 123 (20m, 103f) and 149 (53m, 96f) new arrivals were provided with both individual counseling and alternative therapy respectively. Out of 149 (53m, 96f) who received alternative therapy, 35 (15m, 20f) were discharged after improving their psychological and emotional wellbeing while 67 (30m, 37f) were newly admitted to start their sessions.

**Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance**

**Livelihoods**

- A total of 436.5Kg of vegetables were harvested at the 3-acre plot in Kakuma 2, earning farmers, both from refugee and host community, a gross income of KSh. 28,500. Cumulatively, farmers earned a total of KSh. 66,075 in the month of May alone and a total of KSh. 600,335 since the commencement of harvesting since the beginning on March 2017.

- A total of 135 refugees underwent socio economic profiling; the data collected is used for targeting and builds up on the asset based programming in livelihoods.

- A total of 90 refugees were trained on basic financial literacy to facilitate basic business transactions.

- During the reporting period, a total of KSH 76,100.00 was repaid to the revolving loan scheme. The revolving loan scheme provides members access to quick business loans at 0% interest rate. The POCs have to submit business proposal to access the loans.
Education

Achievements and Impact

- The average weekly attendance in Kakuma camp schools stands at 54,153 (32,514 Boys, 21,639 Girls) learners for primary and 10,602 (5,504 Boys, 5,098 Girls) learners for Early Childhood Education (ECD). Kalobeyei settlement school remained closed following the cholera outbreak and is expected to re-open on 7 June 2017.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR held Kalobeyei Settlement leaders meeting to discuss and agree on the opening of a temporary secondary school to cater for students relocated from Dadaab. UNHCR will work closely with the community to initiate a school that is set to open on 12 June 2017. While refugee teachers will be hired to support the teaching as an interim measure, the school is lacks enough desks, textbooks and other teaching/learning supplies.
- A total of 25 girls from Angelina Jolie Primary School travelled to Eldoret to participate in the Kenya Regional Music festival with 6 Items. 1 item was selected to represent the Rift valley region in the national competitions that will be held in July 2017.
- Challenges: Congestion, insufficient teachers and school materials continue to be bottlenecks' to effective school access and quality.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- Cholera outbreak ongoing with first case identified on 22nd May 2017.
- UNHCR in collaboration with health partners, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and the Kenya Red Cross Society of Kenya (KRCS), continue to monitor and respond to cases of cholera in both Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- Intense hygiene promotion and decontamination is ongoing at the community in both locations.
- During the reporting period, a mission from the Ministry of Health and Unicef visited the operation to assess the situation, gather facts and make recommendations after a cholera outbreak was reported.
- Two Cholera Treatment Centres (CTC) have been set up in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement. The centres which are manned 24 hours offers treatment to cholera patients.
- Doxycycline first line treatment for moderate, severe cases and direct contacts of these cases, azithromycin used for children and pregnant women. Samples collected to check resistance patterns to continue guiding on best regimen.
- Daily contact tracing ongoing of all cases seen at the CTC with decontamination of latrines, prophylaxis for contacts as well as targeted health messaging by the community health workers.
- On job training on infection prevention and case management ongoing at the CTC with 2 dedicated CMEs to cholera.
- Several cholera rehydration points have been set up at the Kakuma reception centre in Kakuma 3.
- Designated ambulance with different call sign for cholera patients
- Training household on construction of leaky tins for hand washing for family and communal latrines is ongoing.
**Water and Sanitation**

- The operation continues to truck water using 6 UNHCR water trucks and 2 commercial water bowsers to Kalobeyei cluster 2 and 3. Tapping of the 14.5 Km water pipeline at cluster 2 and 3 is ongoing. Once complete, residents of both cluster 1 and 2 will access clean water from water points hence reducing the amount of water delivered using water bowsers.
- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has engaged a contractor to construct and install a total of 6 elevated steel water tanks at Kalobeyei Settlement Cluster 2 and 3. The installation is expected to commence in a week’s time.
- Hydraulic modelling of Cluster 2 and 3 has been completed and its design prepared.
- Water supply to Kalobeyei School has been improved through the provision of extra tap stands. Installation of water pipes that will supply Kalobeyei reception centre with clean water is also on going.
- During the reporting period, a total of 7 additional latrines were constructed at the reception centre in Kalobeyei settlement. Additional hand washing facilities were also installed at the centre.
- Team and Team, UNHCR’s project partner for construction, has been engaged and is currently constructing 24 permanent latrines at the reception centre in Kakuma 3. In addition, NRC is continuing with the construction of 24 temporary latrines in the Kakuma reception centre.

**Shelter & Kalobeyei Settlement**

**Achievements and Impact**

- New arrival refugees continue to be settled in Kalobeyei integrated settlement. Relocation from the reception centres to the community is conducted regularly.
- Currently, development of Kalobeyei cluster 2 and 3 is ongoing.
- As at 31 May 2017, a total of 4,457 Temporary Shelters had been constructed for new arrival refugees in Kalobeyei Settlement including 694 shelters constructed during the reporting period.
- The construction of a temporary school in Kalobeyei cluster 2 is complete and is set to be open in June 2017.
- The operation is currently installing a total of 68 Anti-corruption billboards spread across Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement. The billboards with anti-corruption messages will seek to sensitize refugees on anti-corruption and provide them with reporting mechanisms.
- The construction of a total 12 classrooms and an administration block in village 1 is complete.
- The construction of a twin laboratory for the secondary school in cluster 1 is complete.

**Durable Solutions**

**Achievements and Impact**

**Resettlement**

- The Resettlement unit submitted a total of 18 cases comprising 20 individuals to various resettlement countries during the reporting period. 20 cases including 72 individuals departed during this period.
- The Resettlement unit continues to face staffing challenges however will resume field post counselling for wider dissemination to refugee community on ongoing resettlement activities.

**Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep)**

- The Voluntary Repatriation process is ongoing. Cumulatively, a total of 1,255 individuals have been assisted to return to Somalia since the beginning of VolRep in 2016 including 703 individuals assisted to return in 2017. The current destinations include Mogadishu, Kismayo, and Baidoa in Somalia. Registration of willing repatriates is ongoing.
- UNHCR continues to support the voluntary return of Somali refugees. As of 31 May 2017, the UNHCR operation in Kakuma has facilitated the return of 1,292 individuals out of which 740 were facilitated to return in 2017 alone. During the reporting period, a total of 111 individuals were assisted to return to Kismayo and Mogadishu, Somalia.
- Routine counseling, country of origin information (COI) sharing and registration of refugees willing to return to Somalia was conducted. Registration was conducted in field post 1 while COI and counseling was conducted in both coverage areas i.e. field post 1 and Liz Ahua.
Voluntary repatriation cross-border co-ordination meeting took place in Mogadishu on 30 May 2017; all the stakeholders participated including the SOK.

**Working in partnership**

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government, RAS and other partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held including monthly meetings with refugee representatives in the camp.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The comprehensive budget for Kakuma operation amounts to **US$ 65 million**

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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