Kenya
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19,639 new arrivals have been registered in Kakuma since January 2017. 14,516 (73.9%) are from South Sudan. 86% are women and children with heightened protection risk.

72,063 Somalis have so far been assisted to return to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation programme. 31,004 have returned in 2017 alone.

49% (240,595) refugees reside in Dadaab, 38% (183,542) in Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement and 13% (63,551) in Nairobi.

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requested for the Kenya situation

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:
353 National Staff
63 International Staff

Offices:
1 Branch Office in Nairobi
1 Field Offices in Alinjugur
2 Sub Office in Dadaab and Kakuma

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Working with Partners

- The Dadaab refugee operation is coordinated by UNHCR Sub-Office Dadaab, which also serves the three camps in Dadaab Sub County. UNHCR Field Office Alinjugur is part of the larger Dadaab operation and serves Hagadera in Fafi Sub County. Both UNHCR offices work together with NGOs and other international organizations, among them WFP, UNICEF and IOM. The main government counterpart is the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS).

- UNHCR Sub Office in Kakuma continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya, the Turkana County Government through the Office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and 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.

- UNHCR continued to hold a joint protection desk with Kenya Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) at the refugee processing center, Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.

Main Activities

Protection

- Out of the 19,639 new arrivals registered this year, 583 were registered during the reporting period including 365 refugees from South Sudan.

- A total of 8,327 households comprising 36,088 individuals were verified in Kalobeyi.

- UNHCR Dadaab initiated the enrolment of refugees in the Biometric Information Management System (BIMS). This is also verification exercise and will help improving the quality of data on UNHCR’s population of concern in Dadaab operation.

- The number of undocumented persons and new arrivals has continued to rise in Dadaab camps as the formal resumption of their registration is still expected. UNHCR and RAS have agreed to undertake weekly profiling of new arrivals (every Wednesday) across the camps.

- UNHCR continued to hold a joint protection desk with Kenya Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) at the refugee processing center, Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.

- 594 (320 male and 274 female, including 44 baby add-ons) new registrations were conducted by the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) in Nairobi within the unified registration process. The new arrivals were from South Sudan (289), DRC (99), Somalia (95), Ethiopia (63), Eritrea (7), Rwanda (6), and other nationalities (9). 11,558 individuals have been registered since January 2017.
■ 4 Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) reviewers returned to RAS offices in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi to continue reviewing accelerated cases following a joint case reviews practice at UNHCR offices.

■ Prevention and response activities were ongoing throughout the reporting period in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. A total of 45 cases of Sexual Gender Based Violence were reported. Comprehensive medical and psychosocial support was offered to survivors, with 10 cases from South Sudan. Referrals were conducted for appropriate comprehensive services including legal and material support.

Education

■ 35 students from Dadaab were admitted to pursue a degree course on Educational Management offered by York University under the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees Program. Another group of 23 ongoing students are pursuing Bachelor of Arts Geography course under the same program.

■ 3,416 (962 Girls) learners from Dadaab have been registered for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examinations scheduled for 31st October 2017 to 3rd November 2017.

■ 1,500 (320 Girls) students from Dadaab have been registered for Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations scheduled for 6th to 29th November 2017.

■ 69 teachers from schools in Kalobeyei Settlement were provided a 4-day intensive training facilitated by Teachers College, Columbia University. The training focused on teachers’ role and well-being, child protection, pedagogy and curriculum planning and is anticipated to improve teacher practice and instruction.

Health

■ An increase in the number of new admission of severely malnourished children below 5 years into outpatient therapeutic programme was observed in Kakuma. There was an increase of admissions from 315 in July 2017 to 453 in August 2017. However, there was a decrease in new admission of moderately malnourished children from 1133 in July 2017 to 806 new admissions being recorded in August 2017.

■ The rate of consultation per clinician per day remained high as compared to the acceptable UNHCR standard of <50 Consultations per Clinician per day with 107 and 126 consultations per clinician per day for Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement respectively.

Food Security and Nutrition

■ 458 households have benefited from kitchen gardens aimed at improving food security at household level in Kalobeyei settlement.

■ A total of 1430 Kgs of vegetables worth KES. 144,628 were harvested from the 3 acre farm in Kakuma 2. Out of this, 573.37 Kgs worth KES. 18,454.52 were consumed.
Water and Sanitation

- During the reporting period, on average, UNHCR supplied 29 litters of water per day per capita from 28 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the four Dadaab camps. 26 of these boreholes operate on Solar PV – Diesel hybrid system. The water supply schemes convey water to 47 tanks with a total storage capacity of 5,550 m³, distributed through a pipeline network of 297.5 km and relayed to 845 tap stands with about 3,926 taps, scattered around the four camps.
- Construction of four (4) new elevated steel tanks with a capacity of 100m³ in Cluster 2 and 3 of Kalobeyei settlement is ongoing. Once complete, these tanks will ensure continuous supply of water to the population in Kalobeyei Settlement. Drilling and equipping of 2 additional boreholes (BH14 and BH15) is complete.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- In an effort to support the refugee host community in Dadaab, three (3) newly completed UNHCR funded projects were commissioned in Dadaab town. The projects include construction of two classrooms, renovation of seven accommodation rooms for teachers and renovation of a dining hall and kitchen at the Dadaab Educational Centre.
- 37 refugees were trained under the Cross-border Peace Building Project to become ambassadors of peace while still in Dadaab and upon return to Baidoa, Somalia.
- As part of the ongoing use of sports as a tool for peaceful co-existence and continued engagement of the Dadaab based refugee athletes, a football tournament dubbed “Sports for Peace Tournament” was held in Ifo1 camp.
- Financial literacy training and business management skills were provided to 288 (87 female) refugees out of which 108 (74 female) were from Kalobeyei settlement while 180 (87 female) were from Kakuma camp.
Durable Solutions

Voluntary Repatriation
- A total of 70,202 individuals from Dadaab have been assisted in the framework of voluntary return to Somalia since the launch of voluntary repatriation on 8 December 2014. The cumulative total number of persons repatriated from Kenya to Somalia currently stands at 72,063.
- Resumption of road movement to Somalia remains suspended pending security assessment of the road between Dadaab and Dhobley by the Government of Kenya.

Resettlement
- A total of 486 cases/1271 individuals were referred from Dadaab, Kakuma and Nairobi and submitted to Australia and Sweden for resettlement consideration.
- 1,118 individuals (375 cases) from Dadaab were resettled as at the end of August 2017.
- A total of 40 refugees from Kakuma were resettled during the reporting period. 36 departed to Canada and 4 to the USA. Out of the 36 who departed for Canada, 17 departed under the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) scholarship for studies in Canada.
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