

Dadaab, Kenya

01-15 October 2017

The first camp in Dadaab was established in **1991**. There are **4** camps in Dadaab: **Hagadera, Dagahaley, Ifo and Ifo 2**.

Since **December 2014**, Somali refugees who decide to voluntarily return to their home country, receive UNHCR support in Kenya and Somalia.

A total of **4,949** non-Somalis refugees were relocated to Kakuma. The **relocation** is currently suspended due to the limited absorption capacity and services in Kalobeyei.

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION

73,815

Somali refugees have returned home since **December 2014**

58%

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

239,993

Total Dadaab population as at **15 September 2017**

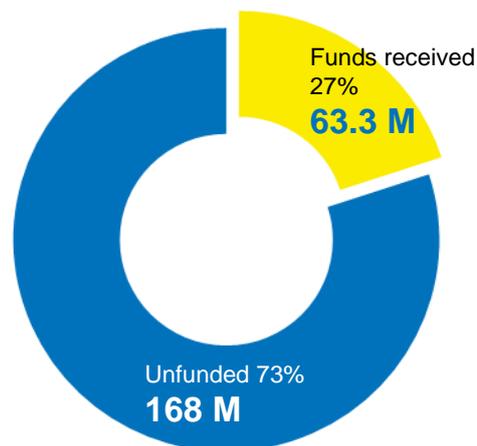
120,959

Children of school-going age (**3-17 years**) in Dadaab

FUNDING (AS AT 15 OCTOBER 2017)

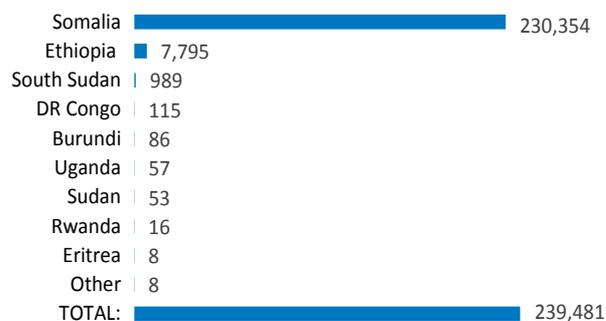
USD 231.3 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN

Country of Origin



Voluntary Repatriation

- As at 15th October 2017, a total of 71,631 individuals from Dadaab had been assisted in the framework of voluntary return to Somalia since the launch of voluntary repatriation on 08 December 2014. 32,317 refugees have returned in 2017 alone. The cumulative total number of persons repatriated from Kenya (Dadaab, Kakuma and Nairobi) to Somalia stands at 73,815.
- Resumption of voluntary return by road is yet to be approved by the Government of Kenya, a situation that has contributed to the reduced number of refugees seeking registration for repatriation.
- Currently there are 17,610 refugees (active in our database) willing to return to Somalia, with 12,228 being registered in 2017 alone.
- Repatriation flights to Kismayu were suspended during the reporting period pending payment for UNHAS flights of landing charges at Kismayu Airport. Discussions are ongoing between UNHCR Somalia, the Government of Somalia and Jubaland Regional Interim Administration in order to find a solution.
- The monthly cross border coordination meeting was held on 12th October hosted by UNHCR Somalia in Nairobi. Key issues deliberated on included updates on the political, security and humanitarian situation in Somalia, Returnee Protection Monitoring, Country of Origin Information, access to assistance inside Somalia and related challenges and discussions on suspension of flights to Kismayu and the way forward.



Ifo 2 camp of Dadaab with current population of 22,766 individuals of whom 7,893 individuals have registered for Voluntary repatriation. © UNHCR/Assadullah Nasrullah

**PROTECTION****Registration**

- **Enrolment in the Biometric Identification Management System (BIMS):** BIMS exercise was completed in Ifo 2 camp on 13th October. In total 22,249 individuals have been verified out of which 17,627 individuals (aged 5 and over) were enrolled in BIMS.
- **Continuous Registration Activities:** A total number of 257 new born babies were registered and issued with birth certificates during the reporting period.
- **Profiling of undocumented persons:** As at 15th October, the number of unregistered persons of concern recorded in the Dadaab camps was 5,006 individuals (4,789 from Somalia and 217 from other countries). Joint profiling by UNHCR and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) across the four camps continued to be carried out every Wednesday. It is also worth noting that out of the total number mentioned above, 182 are returnees who had previously benefited from UNHCR's assistance in the framework of the voluntary repatriation process to Somalia. 2,004 individuals in 474 households have so far been issued with tokens to access food assistance.

Individual Case Management

A total of 261 cases were assessed across the four camps and referred to partners for specific interventions, namely security, assessments for categories of undocumented persons, card re-activation, camp transfer requests, RSD and resettlement enquiries, child protection and SGBV response, shelter and psychosocial counselling.

Child Protection

- The monthly Child Protection Working Group (CPWG) meeting was held on 11th October with the Sub-County Children Officer, UNHCR, Save the Children International (SCI), Terre des Hommes (TdH), Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), UNICEF and Handicap International (HI). Participants gave updates of the monthly activities, brainstormed on the development of the Dadaab 2018-2019 Child Protection strategy. Discussions were also held on the draft Case Management SOPs with a one day meeting scheduled for 18th October to finalise the document. Two video clips developed by SCI on child participation were watched and feedback provided on their content and presentation.
- On 12th October, a Best Interests Determination (BID) panel was held during which 15 cases (2 protection, 4 resettlement and 9 voluntary repatriation) were discussed. 12 case recommendations were approved, 1 rejected and 2 deferred.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- During the period under review, Kenya Red Cross engaged 17 leaders in structured focus group discussions with the aim of sensitising the leaders on identification and referral of SGBV cases. One of the persistent challenges raised includes the use of traditional dispute resolution mechanisms, specifically, *Maslaha*. It is envisioned that the sensitization forums will address under reporting of cases.
- On 4th October in Dagahaley Camp, a monthly SGBV meeting was held with RAS, MSF, CARE, RCK and UNHCR with participants sharing updates on activities. These include: psychosocial counselling; outreach activities with adolescent girls and community sensitization forums. Challenges were raised by safe home volunteers regarding the need for food and non-food items to support survivors of

violence in urgent need of safety and shelter. Partners were requested to consider the safe home volunteers during the distribution of such items (beddings, mattresses, tents, dignity kits).

- On 11th October, a fun-day was conducted at the Safe Haven in IFO 1 by panellists from UNHCR, DRC, RAS, TDH, NCCK, SCI, RCK, KRCS, IRC and the Protection Area residents. The aim of the visit was to spend the day with the residents and their children and to bring donations to the centre. Panellists organized activities both for adults and children who played games and engaged in artwork. They also provided refreshments for the day and donated clothes, shoes, toys, soap and sanitary materials to the residents. The Safe Haven currently hosts 9 female-headed households (32 individuals: 8 adults and 24 children).

Access to Justice

- During the period under review, eight persons of concern were attended to during legal aid clinics at the Garissa Prisons. They were advised and updated on their cases and also counselled on coping mechanisms while incarcerated.
- As at 15th October, a total of 92 persons of concern have been convicted while 30 are held in remand in Garissa prisons, totalling to 122 persons in detention.



EDUCATION

- From 4th to 6th October, the education sector together with partners in Hagadera conducted a 3 day girls' conference in Dadaab for 105 girls in class 5-8 from 7 primary schools participating. The facilitators were mixed but a majority were Somali ladies who had made it in life and were working for different organizations within the Dadaab complex. The theme of the conference was "New horizons, new challenges- Girls making a difference" and it was aimed at turning around the thinking of girls and enabling them to not only dream big, but also how to nurture their dreams.
- End of year examinations: All schools administered end of term three exams from 9th to 13th October and are scheduled to close for the November-December holiday on 24th October, save for students awaiting to sit national examinations (Kenya Certificate of Primary Examinations and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education). This is the longest holiday in the school calendar as schools are expected to be closed for two months.
- 25th anniversary of the DAFI Scholarship program in Nairobi: From 10th to 13th October, UNHCR education unit participated in the Albert Einstein German Initiative fund 25th anniversary and four day conference in Nairobi. The program is a platform for young, deserving and academically talented scholars to pursue and successfully complete higher education.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- Preliminary findings of the annual nutrition survey conducted in Dadaab camps from 28th August to 23rd September were released. The findings show that overall prevalence of global acute malnutrition (GAM) has not changed significantly between 2016 and 2017 (9.7% in 2017 compared to 10.2% in 2016). It remained well below the 15% emergency threshold. However, there was a significant increase in the prevalence of anaemia among children from 49.7% in 2016 to 60.7% in 2017. Anaemia has been increasing since 2015 and remains above the critical public health threshold. Partners are working on a plan of action.

**HEALTH**

- During the reporting period, a total of 40 Health Care Workers comprising of Midwives, Nurses, Medical Doctors, Clinical Officers and Community Health workers from Dadaab Refugee camps participated in a 7-day Neonatal Care Training. The training is one of the key component of the overall strategy in improving Neonatal and Maternal health care, funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through UNHCR.
- The second wave of the 2017 Cholera outbreak in the refugee camps was declared contained by the Ministry of Health (MoH) on 4th October 2017 with the last positive case reported on 18th September detected in Hagadera camp.

**WATER AND SANITATION**

- **Water Supply:** During the reporting period, on average, UNHCR supplied 31.3 liters 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.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE**

- Artists for Refugees Dadaab Gala was organized on 14th October at UNHCR Compound. The event showcased Musical and Visual artists from the refugee community who were selected and trained this year under the mentorship of Octopizzo and Victor Ndula, both established Kenyan artists.
- During the period under review, 16 beneficiaries of Village savings and Loans (VSLAs) grants, previously trained on meat handling and hygiene were assessed. They had a focus group discussion (FGD) to establish progress. The trainer visited their business premises to monitor progress as shared in the FGD sessions.



Girl students using tablets pre-loaded with educational software at their Instant Network Schools (INS) classroom in Juba primary school, Dadaab. © UNHCR/Assadullah Nasrullah

Working in partnership

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 camp in Fafi Sub-County. Both UNHCR offices cooperate closely with NGOs and other international organizations, among them WFP, UNICEF and IOM. The main government counterpart is the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Office and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS).

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