

Dadaab, Kenya

01-15 April 2018

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

Kambioos refugee camp was **closed in March 2017** and the consolidation of **Ifo 2** camp is ongoing.

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

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FROM DADAAB

75,744

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

58%

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

225,557

Total Dadaab population as at **15 April 2018**

74,561

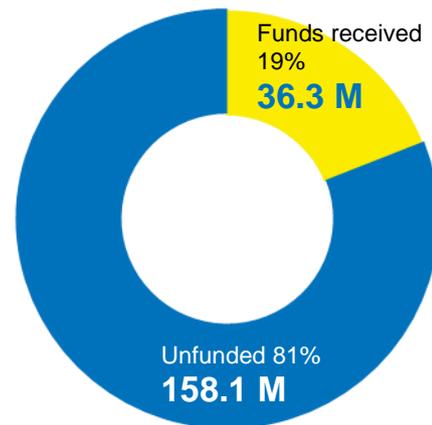
Refugee children are **enrolled in school** in Dadaab camps



FUNDING (AS AT 10 APRIL 2018)

USD 194.4 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN

Country of Origin

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| Somalia | 216,992 |
| Ethiopia | 7,237 |
| South Sudan | 996 |
| DR Congo | 112 |
| Burundi | 77 |
| Uganda | 61 |
| Sudan | 56 |
| Rwanda | 10 |
| Eritrea | 8 |
| Other | 8 |
| TOTAL: | 225,557 |

Voluntary Repatriation

- During the reporting period, 85 returnees in 18 households were facilitated to voluntarily return to Kismayu by flight. A total of 75,744 refugees have so far been supported from Dadaab Refugee operations in the framework of the voluntary repatriation program since the beginning of the exercise in December 2014. 3,032 individuals have been assisted to return in 2018 alone, with a majority returning to Kismayu and Mogadishu.
- Facilitation of voluntary repatriation by road convoy remained suspended due to heavy rains making roads in Somalia impassable. In the meantime, flights are being organized to Kismayu and Mogadishu to facilitate return for those willing to repatriate.
- Cross-border Coordination meeting organized: The monthly voluntary repatriation Cross-border coordination meeting hosted by UNHCR Somalia was held on 10th April 2018 in Nairobi. Key discussions included: update on the political, security and humanitarian situation in Somalia; convoy schedules; planning of Go and See and Come and Tell visits and resumption of returns to Baidoa after the Representative of the South West State (Bay region) and colleagues from UNHCR Somalia recommended resumption of movements to Baidoa in light of recent improvements. It was agreed that two flight rotations with a maximum of 80 refugees be sent to Baidoa on a weekly basis. During the discussions, the need for a joint communication strategy on the process was emphasized to address negative publicity perpetuated by some journalists. It was therefore recommended to consider developing a joint (Kenya and Somalia) update/briefing document as well as Q&A document on the voluntary repatriation process to be validated at the next monthly cross-border coordination meeting to be held on 9th May 2018.
- A Rapid Intention Survey was conducted at Ifo2 Camp from 4th to 6th April to re-evaluate return intentions of 6,165 refugees who had previously expressed interest in repatriating to Somalia. 4,049 refugees were interviewed with 2,782 refugees (68.8%) indicating their unwillingness to repatriate to Somalia. 913 refugees (22.5%) individuals indicated their willingness to return, though not immediately. Another 352 refugees (8.8%) requested voluntary repatriation immediately. A majority of the refugees interviewed indicated that they do not wish to interrupt their children's studies and will therefore remain in the camps until their children complete the academic year.



*Ifo 2 camp of Dadaab with current population of 19,814 individuals.
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**PROTECTION****Registration**

- During the period under review, 20,451 individuals were verified while 17,841 individuals were enrolled into the Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) database. Cumulatively, 205,522 individuals have been verified while 169,516 individuals have been enrolled into the BIMS database (over the age of 5 years) in the four Dadaab camps.
- The total number of unregistered persons jointly profiled by UNHCR and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) across the 4 camps stand at 7,554 individuals. 7,289 individuals are from Somalia while 265 are from other countries.

Individual Case Management

- During the reporting period, a total of 90 cases were assessed across the four camps and referred to partner agencies for specific interventions (security, assessments for unregistered persons, card re-activation, camp transfer requests, RSD and resettlement enquiries, child protection and SGBV response, shelter, core relief items and psychosocial counselling). The cases were assessed and required interventions made with referrals for further assistance.

Child Protection

- On 4th April, Child Protection Working Group (CPWG) members participated in discussions on Child Protection and Economic Recovery assessment facilitated by Terre des Hommes (TdH) in Hagadera camp on economic intervention and mainstreaming.

The assessment sought to show the relationship between economic recovery and child protection in the camps and determine the extent to which economic recovery supports child protection at household level. It also help in understanding the systems in place that ensure information sharing and referrals between child protection and economic recovery/livelihood actors and enhance collaboration to ensure inclusion of all children/youth able to benefit from livelihood and protection service.

Key findings of the assessment showed that children were involved in child labour in the market and hotels with girls working as house helps, children living with elderly care givers were most affected, teenage mothers work to support their children, there is dependency on WFP food ration, children were dropping out of school due to inadequate financial support at home and there is need for skills and vocational training among others.

During the discussions, it was recommended to hold coordination meetings with livelihood partners to discuss the findings and request them to offer and commit to support vulnerable children and their families in order to alleviate the child labour cases in the camps. In the meantime, TdH will work with the implementing partners in Hagadera Camp to reduce the child labour in the camp; support parents with foster children, elderly persons with large families, provide capacity reinforcement and new skills development on entrepreneurship & life skills trainings and provide psychosocial support to caregivers and children. The same was discussed with Save the Children International (SCI) to ensure harmonization and further internal discussion will be held with SCI program managers.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- During the reporting period, 30 SGBV cases were attended to across the camps with the case profiles including sexual assault, physical assault, denial of resources/opportunities/services and psychological/emotional abuse. Survivors were taken through individual counselling, psychosocial support and legal assistance.
- Two Behaviour Change Committees forums for 30 participants were conducted in Dagahaley to discuss: causes of conflicts in the community; awareness on SGBV prevention and response and; the referral pathway. Additionally, 1 neighbourhood forum targeting 50 individuals was conducted in Dagahaley camp to raise awareness on SGBV prevention and response and the referral pathway.

Access to Justice

- During the reporting period, a total of 25 (10 male and 15 female) cases were supported with legal representation, legal aid, pre-trial counselling and psychosocial support. 3 persons were released from detention and reunited with their families in the camp.
- During the reporting period, there were 131 Persons of Concern (PoCs) (10 Female) in the two detention centers and 1 child in the Garissa Children Rescue Center.



EDUCATION

- On 6th April, all primary schools in Dadaab closed for April holidays in line with Ministry of Education circular requiring that students take a three-week break until 30th April. Dadaab secondary schools however extended first term by one week and closed on 13th April to compensate for the one week lost during the reopening for first term. During this holiday season, remedial classes for girls under the Kenya Equity in Education Programme (KEEP) aimed at supporting girls to improve in their performance will continue.
- Joint Monitoring of girls' remedial studies: On 10th to 11th April, UNHCR Education Unit and World University Services of Canada jointly monitored all 6 remedial centers across the 3 camps. The objective of the joint monitoring was to confirm whether the 2 week remedial classes for girls had commenced and to monitor its operation. It was observed that the ongoing heavy downpours had negatively impacted girl's attendance in Dagahaley, Ifo and Ifo 2 camps. Attendance in Hagadera was impressive and participating girls applauded the initiative stating that it had helped them improve on topics they had difficulties in. They appreciated UNHCR's support in sanitary towel distribution and requested support with solar lanterns.



HEALTH

- Cholera outbreak was declared after confirmation of culture positive case in Hagadera on 11th March 2018. Since then, a total of 61 suspected cases have been line-listed (49 in Hagadera and 12 in Dagahaley). Active surveillance is ongoing and a multi-sectoral disease outbreak response system has been activated. UNHCR WASH Partners continued with targeted spraying of households, latrines and distribution of WASH items like Aqua tabs and super chlorination of water at the source activated to FRC 1.5mg/l.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

- The March general food distribution was commenced on 3rd April 2018 across the camps ended on 15th April 2018 with 219,697 individuals in 50,425 households having received their monthly ration.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE**

- An assessment was conducted for 25 Village Savings and Loans Associations groups comprising of 249 refugees across three camps by Danish Refugee Council (DRC). Based on the outcome of the assessment, training started in Hagadera and Dagahaley camps where 13 groups received training on business skills following the Improve Your Business (IYB) curriculum of the International Labour Organization (ILO). The remaining of the VSLA groups will receive training in the following weeks.
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) commenced an exercise to map out potential employers and business enterprises in Dadaab, Fafi Sub-Counties and in the camps for possible partnership. This exercise is meant to identify opportunities in apprenticeship training for youth students which is planned to be completed in the next two weeks.
- The National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) assigned 11 examiners to administer and supervise exams for 125 (46 male and 79 female) Baidoa students registered for exams beginning on 16th April. The candidates completed their trainings in Electrical (9 male); Plumbing (10 male); Welding (5 male) and Tailoring 101 (22 male and 79 female).
- On 12th April, the Livelihood Unit participated in discussions with Baidoa and Mogadishu on the need to enhance coordination and information sharing on livelihood activities and trends between agencies in Kenya and Somalia. It was noted that the Peace Building Support Office intended to extend the cross border peace building project by another 18 months (from July 2018 to December 2019).

**CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT****Ifo2 Camp Consolidation**

- The consolidation process of Ifo2 camp is ongoing. So far, a total 1,734 plots have been demarcated in other camps out of which 1,348 plots have been distributed. In connection to this, 1,035 shelter kits have also been distributed and 472 relocating refugee households have received their relocation cash grant (5,000 Kenyan Shillings). In total, construction of 421 shelters have been completed in Ifo and Dagahaley camps.
- Latrine pits digging is on-going. So far, 370 family latrines have been completed in the receiving camps. UNHCR WASH unit continue to monitor activities with the camp consolidation team to ensure that water is made available for the relocated refugees.
- Students continued to be issued with transfer letters for schools of their choice in the receiving camps. All of them have been informed of closure of schools in Ifo2 when schools re-open on 30th April 2018.
- The health activities in Ifo2 camp were extended for one month (until 30th April) with the aim to ensure that community have access to health care service they are relocating to other camps.
- In general, the process of Ifo2 camp consolidation is going on slowly mainly due to the challenges such as shortage of local building materials due to the ban by the Government of Kenya and the presence of 1,996 undocumented people (858 households) in Ifo2 camp who are not entitled to land and shelter materials as far as they haven't registered.

**DURABLE SOLUTIONS****Resettlement**

- During the reporting period, a total of 3 cases comprising of 25 individuals underwent resettlement case composition interviews. Another 14 cases consisting of 41 individuals were counselled.
- During the reporting period, 6 cases comprising of 44 individuals were interviewed and assessed for possible submission to various resettlement countries. In addition, 14 cases consisting of 72 individuals referred to UNHCR Branch Office Nairobi for submission to Canada.
- Since January 2018, a total of 67 cases consisting of 263 individuals have been submitted for resettlement to various resettlement countries.

**WATER AND SANITATION**

- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average 33.7 liters of water per day per capita from 27 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 45 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.



*Refugees collect water from one the water distribution points in Ifo camp of Dadaab.
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Working in partnership

The Dadaab refugee operations are 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 covers Hagadera camp in Fafi Sub-County. Both UNHCR offices cooperate closely with NGOs and other international organizations including WFP, UNICEF and IOM. The main government counterparts are the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Office and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS).

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