Dadaab, Kenya

01-15 September 2018

The first camp in Dadaab was established in 1991. There are 3 camps in Dadaab: Hagadera, Dagahaley and Ifo. Kambioos refugee camp was closed on 31st March 2017 and Ifo2 camp was closed on 31st May 2018. 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

78,392
Somali refugees have returned home since December 2014

58%
Percentage of Dadaab population are children

208,872
Total Dadaab population as at 15 September 2018

65,061
Refugee children are enrolled in school in Dadaab camps

FUNDING (AS AT 11 SEPTEMBER 2018)

USD 191.1 M
requested for the Kenya situation

Unfunded 81%
153.6 M

Unfunded 20%
37.5 M

POPULATION OF CONCERN AS AT 15 SEPTEMBER

Country of Origin

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Voluntary Repatriation

On 12th September, 41 Somali refugees were assisted to return to Mogadishu, by air. Since the start of the voluntary repatriation process of Somali refugees from Kenya to Somalia in December 2014, 78,392 persons have been supported from Dadaab operation, and 82,377 in total from Kenya. In 2018 alone, 5,680 individuals from Dadaab have been assisted to return, with the majority returning to Kismayu and Mogadishu.

UNHCR voluntary repatriation staff participated in radio talk show hosted by radio Gargaar on Tuesday 4th September 2018 where the complete voluntary repatriation process was explained to the larger refugee population. This is a monthly routine programme intended to provide additional layer of information to refugees on the process. A question and answer session followed the general briefing and this has provided refugees an opportunity to receive feedback on their queries.

Country of Origin Information discussion was held through teleconference on Wednesday 12th September 2018 attended by key stakeholders from Somalia and Kenya. It was noted that majority of the district profiles having area of return information are now up-to-date. The remaining district profiles will be update soon and shared with UNHCR Kenya for use and dissemination at the Integrated Return Help desks.

Camp Consolidation:

The last refugee families were relocated from Ifo2 on May 29th, 2018. In that regard, Ifo2 Camp is considered closed as of 31st May, 2018.

During this period, there was no distribution of shelter materials. Therefore, the total number of shelter materials distributed are 3,628.

The progress made in regards to availability of shelter, latrine, water and education services at the receiving camps, shows a steady integration of the Ifo2 refugees. Shelter construction progressed from 78% to 86%, latrine completed has remained at 80% and water has 100% coverage. In the framework of Environmental rehabilitation, three planting in the new settlements is ongoing.
PROTECTION

Registration

During the reporting period, there was no profiling of unregistered persons. Therefore, the total number of undocumented persons profiled by UNHCR and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) across the three camps stands at 10,241 individuals. Out of this, 9,896 are from Somalia and 345 are from other countries. Among them, 1,731 individuals came back to the camps after being assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia.

During the reporting period, a total number of 40 new born babies were registered and issued with the birth certificate. 12 babies were registered as new birth registration while 28 were registered as In-Situ. 28 individuals were reactivated to get access to assistance.

Civil documentation

On 13th September, UNHCR and NRC held discussions with the Kadhi on modalities of rolling out the harmonized Islamic Marriage and Divorce certificates. It was resolved that Dadaab Kadhi would hold a stakeholders meeting on 3/10/18 to sensitize the refugee community on same as he finalizes plans for implementation of the initiative.

Individual Case Management

A total of 167 cases were attended to, during the period under review. The cases were mainly related to new arrival registration; camp transfers; card mergers and splits; reactivation; insecurity; follow up on the status of resettlement cases; general assistance (food tokens, shelter, CRIs); requests for change of individual process status in ProGres after clearance from Office of the Deputy County Commissioner Dadaab (Return of Kenyan National ID Cards); requests for assistance with livelihoods opportunities; expression of involuntariness to return to Somalia; request for general assistance (Food tokens, Shelter, CRIs) and; updates/feedback following RSD interviews. Community Based Protection cases attended to were mainly on shelter; health; reactivation and legal support for SGBV. Counselling was done and referrals made to other UNHCR units and partner agencies for assistance as appropriate.

Child Protection

An ad hoc Best Interest Determination (BID) panel meeting was held on 5th September to discuss an urgent resettlement case. In attendance were Terre des Hommes (TDH), Save the Children (SCI), Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) and UNHCR and panelist recommended the maintenance of the care arrangement and child to be resettled with the caregiver.

On 3rd September UNHCR, SC and RCK met to discuss a case of a child who is admitted at the safe haven due to unconducive care arrangement with her aunt. The child’s father had travelled from Somalia to visit her. Assessments and counselling is ongoing.

Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) facilitated a radio show program to sensitize refugees in the camps on Family Tracing and Reunification (FTR) at Radio Gargaar on 6th September.

SC supported two vulnerable female children in need of CRI in Ifo1 main Camp. The Children and their families were issued with mattresses, mats, mosquito net, bedsheet, Dira, shirts and trousers.

On 10th to 11th September, SC conducted girl mother support session with 95 girl mothers between the ages of 14 -18 years. Film Aid used the sessions to show films dubbed "Early marriage, Safe Motherhood and The Girl" & "Not me but the law". The films highlighted the importance of visiting Ante Natal and Post Natal clinics, SGBV reporting mechanisms and the care taken after a GBV
incident. In addition, the agency, conducted monthly awareness sessions on 12th and 13th September with 53 children and the topics of discussions included; family separation, its impact on children and way forward to prevent challenges faced by children during family separation.

**Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)**

- During the reporting period, 31 SGBV cases were attended to across the camps. The case profiles included denial of resources, rape, attempted rape, defilement and domestic violence. All survivors received psychosocial counselling and referrals were made to the police and to the hospitals as appropriate. RCK will continue to follow up with the police so as to ensure that proper investigations are conducted and witnesses record their statements that will aid in survivors' access to justice.

- The Hagadera monthly interagency case conference meeting was held on 4th September. In attendance were representatives from RCK, UNHCR, TDH, International Rescue Committee (IRC) and RAS and the Kenya Police. 8 cases were discussed out of which 3 were closed and action points developed for the partners present to address the needs of the SGBV survivors.

- During the reporting period, 55 home visits were conducted for survivors across the camps during the reporting period in order to assess their coping skills, concerns and reintegration into the community and in order to facilitate their recovery and rehabilitation process. Concerns raised by clients included; increased reports of violence perpetrated by intimate partners, need for strengthened family and community support to enhance recovery, reports that survivors are still facing discrimination and abuse from the community, especially SGBV survivors who are known in the residential blocks as well as inadequate shelter and latrines. The survivors were referred to the relevant agencies for support.

- Seven group therapy sessions were conducted across the camps from 11th to 13th September. The sessions provided an opportunity for survivors to share their coping mechanisms thereby enabling them to improve their self-acceptance, self-confidence, and self-respect and achieve a new view of themselves as well as enhancing peer support and encouragement between themselves.

**Persons with Specific Needs**

- During the reporting period, in Ifo, Dagahaley and Hagadera camps, a total of 1,074 (437 male, 637 female) older persons were assessed and documented by Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in the office and at the residential block level, among them, families with 160 bedridden were supported with plastic sheets to repair their roofing. While 23 older persons were referred for protection, registration and rehabilitation services. In Ifo camp, follow up home visits were conducted for 76 older persons and 20 benefited from counselling services. KRCS Hospital supported in eye screening 33 for further referral to IRC hospital in Hagadera camp for additional screening in order to categorize those who need surgery and those in need of lenses.

- A total of 691 persons with disabilities in Hagadera camp received various services, among them 33 amputees were identified and assessed for prosthetic fitting. While 22 were referred to UNHCR and IRC for card activation and medical support respectively whereas, 144 were reached through home visits and follow up by the outreach team. 339 received physiotherapy and occupational therapy services at the Rehabilitation center and at the block level and 54 underwent psychosocial sessions in Hagadera camp. 8 persons with disabilities were issued with mobility aids including elbow crutches and walking sticks, repair of mobility aids to 3 and 13 were booked for various devices.
EDUCATION

■ The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) in collaboration with education implementing partners in Dadaab launched two policy frameworks for Dadaab namely The Teacher Competency Framework (TCF) and the of Somali language in lower classes. KICD held a dissemination workshop in Dadaab on Tuesday 11th September. All primary school head teachers, Area Education Officers as well partner representatives attended the launched which explained the policy to the stakeholders.

■ Monthly Education Working Group Coordination (EWG) meeting was held on Thursday 13th September. Key issues discussed were update on the upcoming KCPE and KCSE examination preparation, update on the quality assurance and standards assessment done by the Sub-County Education Offices Dadaab and Fafi, partner update and key issues on primary and secondary education implementation as well presentation on DARASANI data collection and analysis system, and strategies to ensure that children from consolidated Ifo 2 camp attend school by use of religious leaders, focused group discussion with parents and camp leadership.

■ Nine primary schools received 4,416 new curriculum books from European Union funds through Save the Children. The books will go a long way in easing the high pupil textbook ratio experienced in the lower primary schools.

■ In Hagadera camp, School Meals Programme (SMP) supported by WFP was conducted in the week and a total of 16,988 students were reached with the package. WFP supplied vegetable oil and FAIDA supplied firewood. In Ifo camp, 13,086 students benefitted from the program. WFP supplied vegetable oil and RRDO supplied firewood in Ifo camp.

HEALTH

Cholera outbreak

■ The second wave of Cholera outreach in 2018 was identified on 11th of August. Total of 10 cases listed in Dagahaley with the last case detected on 19th August 2018. Active surveillance is ongoing and a multi-sectoral disease outbreak response system is in place.

Polio Vaccination

■ On the 15th September, the Kenyan Ministry of health has launched a door to door polio vaccination campaign in 12 high-risk counties in Kenya including Garissa targeting children under five years. The campaign is currently ongoing in Dadaab Refugee Camps and will end on 19th September.

■ The annual nutrition survey was successfully completed by IRC, KRCS and Swiss Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) with technical support from UNHCR on 8th September in all three camps, having begun on 20th August 2018. The overall objective of the survey was to assess the nutritional status of the refugee population in Dadaab, mainly children below 5 years and pregnant and lactating women. The results will give important insight into the magnitude and severity of malnutrition, especially acute malnutrition and anaemia, and thus help to formulate appropriate interventions and to evaluate existing programmes. Preliminary results will be shared on 19th September.

■ IRC conducted a qualitative and quantitative assessment of knowledge, attitudes and practices in infant and young child feeding in Hagadera and Ifo camps. A draft report was shared on 13th September 2018 and a final report is expected in the coming week. The assessment will complement the nutrition survey results, which are largely quantitative in nature.
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- The fourth cohort of online freelancing training was concluded on 7th September with 15 youths graduating from all the three camps. A total of 85 youths have so far successfully completed and graduated, and are currently developing professional career development, building freelancer profiles, networking and social media branding.

- 85 (14F) graduates have built and uploaded their profiles on Upwork (www.upwork.com), and 37 accounts have so far been approved. 3 graduates are already bidding for jobs online. Upwork is a global freelancing platform where businesses and independent professionals connect and collaborate remotely.

- UNHCR attended the graduation of women supported by IRC under the WPE/SGBV program in Hagadera on 11th September. The women showcased their skills in baking, weaving and tapestry, henna decoration, tie and dye and tailoring. A total of 392 women participants, 157 in tie and dye, 145 in weaving/tapestry, 48 in baking and 42 in Tailoring graduated from the 3 self-help centers in Hagadera camp. The women were issued with start-up kits to enable them benefit from the skills acquired.

WATER AND SANITATION

During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average 29 liters of water per day per capita to the entire refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. The water supply schemes convey water to 38 tanks with a total storage capacity of 4,550 m$^3$, distributed through a pipeline network of 233.7 km and relayed to 661 tap stands with about 2,714 taps, located within the three camps.
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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