

Dadaab, Kenya

16-31 August 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

78,351

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

58%

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

208,891

Total Dadaab population as at **31 July 2018**

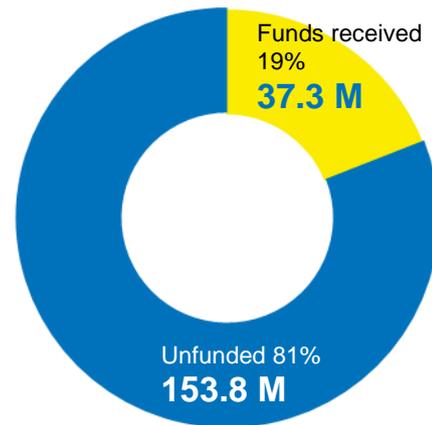
63,892

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

FUNDING (AS AT 28 AUGUST 2018)

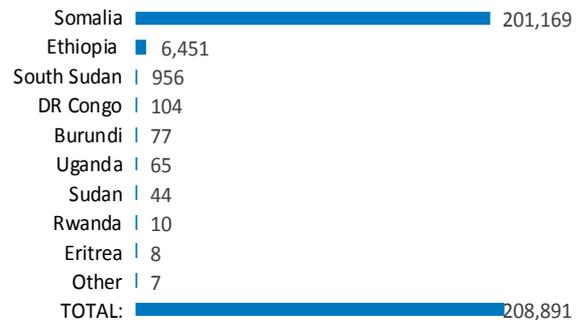
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requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN AS AT 31ST AUGUST

Country of Origin



Voluntary Repatriation

- During the reporting period, movements were organized for a total of 175 Somali refugees to return home. Since the start of the voluntary repatriation process of Somali refugees from Kenya to Somalia in December 2014, 78,351 persons have been supported from Dadaab operation, and 82,236 in total from Kenya. In 2018 alone, 5,639 individuals from Dadaab have been assisted to return, with the majority returning to Kismayu and Mogadishu.

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.
- As at 31st August, 3,646 shelter construction materials were distributed to refugees who were relocated from Ifo2. Out of this, 3,582 shelters have been completed.
- The progress made in regards to shelter, latrine, water and education activities shows a steady integration of the Ifo2 refugees into the various camps. Shelter construction increased from 86%, to 88%, latrine completed has progressed to 85% and water distribution has 100% coverage.



Ifo 2 camp of Dadaab closed on 31st May 2018. © UNHCR/Assadullah Nasrullah

**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 10,119 individuals. Out of this, 9,775 are from Somalia and 344 are from other countries. Among them, 1,721 individuals came back to the camps after being assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia, from Dadaab (1,694) and Kakuma (26) refugee Camps.
- During the reporting period, a total of 58 new born babies (22 individuals registered as In-situ and 36 individuals as new arrivals) were registered across the camp.

Individual Case Management

- A total of 154 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) and requests for assistance with livelihoods opportunities. Counselling was done and referrals made to relevant units and partner agencies for assistance as appropriate.

Child Protection

- A total of 7 families comprising of 28 individuals were supported to travel to Garissa for court hearings on custody cases with all the applicants being granted custody of the minors as per the applications filed.
- During the reporting period, an Inter-agency Best Interest Determination (BID) panel took place where a total of 10 cases were discussed (4 Resettlement cases were deferred for further assessments, 4 Voluntary repatriation were discussed and 2 other protection cases (1 care arrangement) were also deferred for the partner to gather more information). The deferred cases will be discussed in the next BID panel meeting.
- UNHCR facilitated a Child Protection training to Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) staff during their Biannual Restoring Family Links (RFL) workshop with participants including community workers from the refugee community, national staff from various regions in Kenya and key RFL staff from Dadaab and Nairobi. The topics of training included: Introduction to child protection; child protection guiding principles; causes, impact and prevention of family separation; referral mechanisms; and communicating with children.
- Save the Children (SCI) supported 8 vulnerable children identified by case workers and referred by partners during the case management process in Ifo and Dagahaley camps with Non Food Items. Soap making items were distributed to foster parent groups in Dagahaley and Ifo Camps to enable them revive their soap making business in order to meet the needs of fostered children and their families. SCI also facilitated a child protection mainstreaming training organized by Danish Refugee Council (DRC) attended by non-protection humanitarian representatives from Health, livelihoods, Shelter, WASH, hygiene, Camp management, Education and food distribution.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- 45 SGBV cases were attended to across the camps during the reporting period. The case profiles include 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. Refugee Consortium of Kenya (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.

- During home visits, 72 survivors were supported through at the residential blocks level in Ifo and 14 in Dagahaley camps to facilitate their recovery and rehabilitation process. Matters raised by clients included: need of further psychosocial support for themselves and their families; inadequate livelihood support; shelter and NFIs especially from survivors that relocated from Ifo 2. Referrals were made to relevant agencies for support.
- Two group therapy sessions were conducted for 36 survivors who shared coping skills acquired through continuous psychosocial support. Facilitators also took survivors through anger management as well as positive and negative coping strategies. Some of the survivors shared issues hindering them from developing healthy coping mechanisms such as weak community and family support systems to enhance their healing process as well as stigma and discrimination within the households and in the community.
- Neighborhood Forum: One community dialogue forum reaching 50 participants was held in Dagahaley ensure that information on SGBV prevention and response was disseminated. The forum was also used to gather views and concerns of community members on service provision and how best those issues can be addressed by concerned agencies. The sessions gave community members an opportunity to discuss emerging issues and to formulate community responses to the main issues.
- Another Community Neighbourhood Dialogue forum was conducted in Ifo camp reaching 47 participants and focused on SGBV prevention and response with emphasis on Female Genital Mutilation with regards to the need to report cases of FGM in the community and how best community leaders can work together with service providers to respond to such cases. The main concern raised during the session was that FGM continues to be conducted in secrecy and hence identifying and reporting these cases is a challenge.
- A capacity building session was conducted for 50 teachers on SGBV prevention and Response in Dagahaley camp where teachers were trained on key definitions on gender, root causes and contributing factors in SGBV and its prevention and response to enable them acquire knowledge and skills in handling cases of SGBV in schools.
- Mentorship/ Life skills: Two mentorship and life skills sessions reaching 40 young women and girls were conducted in Dagahaley Camp to support growth and empowerment, give hope, guidance, and encouragement and to share experiences amongst the participants.
- Capacity Building for medical practitioners: 1 medico-legal training session reaching 33 medical practitioners was conducted in Dagahaley where participants were taken through RCK's mandate, definition and forms of SGBV, the legal framework on SGBV and how to properly fill the P3 form. Some of the challenges mentioned by the participants included the lack of a forensic lab in the region which makes it difficult to medically link the perpetrator to the offence. Late reporting of SGBV cases and poor preservation of evidence was another challenge highlighted by the medics.

Persons with Specific Needs

- The 2nd round of ethanol distribution to persons with specific needs at Hagadera camp continued with 850 families having been served out of the initial 1,182 target served last month.
- 587 Persons Living With Disabilities (PLWDs) were reached at rehabilitation centers for different services including occupational and physiotherapy services; serial casting for management of clubfoot; refugees received mobility aids (wheelchair, supportive wheelchair, auxiliary crutches and

white canes) and received repair services. 19 PLWDs were booked for devices while 116 received guidance and counselling at the rehabilitation center and outreach level.

- During the reporting period, 2,068 (855 male, 1213 female) elderly persons were attended to by Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and UNCHR for case documentation at residential block and office level in the three camps on Dadaab. Of these 782 older persons were supported with Core Relief Items (Kitchen sets, Plastic sheets, Blankets and Mats) donated in kind by UNHCR in Dagahaley. In Ifo, 50 vulnerable older persons were referred to Relief, Reconstruction and Development (RRDO) to be supported with stoves. Others were referred to other implementing partners operating in the camp for other services including support in rehabilitation; latrines; shelter, protection; registration; Alternate Food Collectors; Card renewal; CRIs; medication and card reactivation.
- The distribution of NFIs exercise by UNHCR and LWF for Person with Specific Needs in Dagahaley ended with 932 targeted PoC's receiving the following items: mats, blankets, jerry cans, plastic sheets and kitchen sets.



EDUCATION

- Schools in Dadaab camps opened on the 27th August with low turnout. Back to school drives are being carried out by the partners. School supplies for 3rd term including chalks, books and pens have already been delivered to the various schools in the three camps. Additionally, Food distribution in Hagadera and Ifo camps kick-started in preparation for the School Meals Program in the coming term. Teaching and learning materials to be used for the next term are in the requisition process awaiting learners to resume.
- HELP Dadaab, a charity organization in partnership with UNHCR is on a 10 day mission in Dadaab to administer Cambridge International College Diploma Examination for the students undertaking the programme. About 50 students will undertake the examination.
- Special Needs Students boarding school pupils on scholarship are resuming schools and will be taken to their respective schools in Wajir and Western Kenya.
- Support to Instant Network Schools: Vodafone and Safaricom are engaged in various discussions to increase the internet bandwidth from the current 2mbps to 6mbps in the INS centres in Dadaab. This will help in improving internet content delivery and online interactive elements of teaching and learning.



HEALTH

- Cholera outbreak control is ongoing since the first case was identified on 11th March 2018. Ever since the outbreak was declared, a total of 1,268 suspected cases have been line-listed. In total 11 mortality cases were registered (6 in Dagahaley and 5 in Hagadera), translating to Case Fatality Rate of 0.87%. The number of new admissions significantly decreased with only one case reporter during the last week on July.
- In the framework of reverse referral, surgeon from Nairobi visited Dadaab camps from 23rd to 27th July, a total of 44 patients benefited from various surgeries in the camps hospitals.
- Kenya Coordinating Mechanism (KCM) and KRCS HQ staff visited Dadaab refugee camps from 23rd to 25th July 2018 to familiarize with refugee health programming and specifically TB/HIV services offered in the camps, key action point was to follow-up on gene expert availability in the camps to improve diagnosis of TB.

- County health team visited Dadaab and met with polio coordinators from the three camps as well as UNHCR public Health officer to support and monitor preparation for round2 polio immunization campaign slated from 4th to 8th August 2018.
- IRC completed training of enumerators for an impact assessment on MIYCN (Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition) to be conducted in Hagadera and Ifo camps to assess the impact of the current interventions on infant and young child feeding (IYCF) knowledge, attitudes and practices as well as to update IYCF indicators. Data collection will begin on 1st August 2018.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- 19 youth from all the three camps are undergoing through online freelancing training at the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) YEP training centre, while 69 youths have successfully completed and graduated.
- NRC completed training of two ICT teachers on online freelancing and they will be available to provide the training without engaging other external partners. All NRC for vocational skills training Centres are closed for the August Holidays.
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted a practical training on transplanting and gapping of vegetable seedlings for 20 beneficiaries at Dagahaley field demonstration plot located at the greenhouse compound. Each farming trainee allocated a plot is expected to apply skills learnt and acquire requisite management practices for replication in their backyard farms. Additionally, continuous monitoring and providing of technical backstopping of the agriculture groups in Ifo and Dagahaley is ongoing.
- Graduation of Trainees: A graduation ceremony on basic skills trainees organized by LWF was held in Hagadera for a total 82 graduates (refugees and host community) awarded with the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) certifications after completing 3 years of training in various courses including tailoring and dressmaking. The ceremony was graced by UNHCR Senior Protection Coordinator who presided over ceremony and who urged the refugees and to take advantages of such opportunities which will help them throughout their lives. The ceremony was also attended by representatives of the County Government.
- DRC conducted mentorship training for Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) groups across the 3 camps. The groups were trained on how to increase loan uptake among members, financial record keeping and starting viable income generating activities/businesses.
- UNHCR livelihood Unit has finalized verification of 80 groups to be supported with Business permits and movement passes across the 3 camps as part of access to markets outside Dadaab by refugees engaged in viable businesses.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Resettlement

- During the reporting period, a total of 28 cases consisting of 108 individuals underwent resettlement case composition interviews and assessed for possible submission to Sweden.
- Since January 2018, a total of 109 cases consisting of 442 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration. Specifically, 52 cases comprising of 184 individuals to UK, 41 cases comprising of 186 individuals to Canada, 15 cases consisting of 65 individuals to Australia and 1 case consisting of 8 individuals to the Regional Service Center for emergency departure. During the month

of August, UNHCR Resettlement Unit will complete interviews and submissions for 144 individuals to be submitted to Sweden.

- The US RSC Pre-Screening Circuit Ride mission arrived in Dadaab on 8th August and departed on 24th August having interviewed a total number of 122 refugees (Congolese, Ethiopians, Eritreans and Burundians). No Somali refugees were interviewed during the t RSC mission.
- Resettlement in Dadaab remains a durable solution available for a very limited number of refugees due to extremely limited number of countries showing interest in Somali refugee population (accounting for more than 96% of total Dadaab population). Due to high expectations on resettlement among refugee population and low quota available, UNHCR Resettlement Unit is actively engaged in counselling activities at different levels including individual counselling, group counselling and information sharing campaign through radio programs within the camps.



WATER AND SANITATION

- UNHCR's WASH unit together with the WASH partner agency CARE provided water, sanitation, and hygiene services to the entire refugee population living in three Dadaab Refugee Camps.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average 31.5 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 m³, distributed through a pipeline network of 233.2 km and relayed to 661 tap stands with about 2,714 taps, scattered around the three camps.



Refugees collect water from one the water distribution points in Dagahaley camp of Dadaab.

Visit by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Forestry

On Friday 24th August 2018, the Minister in charge of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry Mr Keriako Tobiko visited Dadaab and Fafi Sub-counties. The Minister was accompanied by senior officials of the Ministry led by the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Ali Mohamed and officers drawn from Kenya Forestry Service (KFS) and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA). He was also accompanied by Hon. Abdikhaim Osman Mohamed, Member of Parliament for Fafi Constituency and Hon. Sophia Noor, Member of Parliament for Ijara Constituency. The objective of the mission was to undertake a rapid assessment of the following two critical issues associated with degrading environment in the region, namely: proliferation of the invasive plant species, *Prosopis juliflora* (Mathenge), and hosting of refugees over a protracted period. Accompanied by the UNHCR Head of Operations, Mr. Jean Bosco Rushatsi, the entourage made an extensive inspection of the Kambioos

camp site that was closed in 2017 and whose environmental clean-up was finalized in July 2018 by UNHCR through the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS).

In his remarks during a public meeting held at Alijugur Centre (FaIDA Head Office), the Minister called for concerted efforts by key stakeholders in undertaking Environmental Restoration in the region, decried the lack of concrete plans for utilization of infrastructure in the de-commissioned camps and informed the meeting that the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) will set up a Research Centre in the vacated Kambioos refugee camp site. The Minister also accepted request by the local community for the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) to increase number of Forest Rangers assigned to cover the region, and confirmed that the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) will explore possibility of stationing Environmental Monitors in the region.

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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