

Dadaab, Kenya

January 2019

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** refugee 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

79,113

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

58%

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

209,979

Total Dadaab population as at **31 January April 2019**

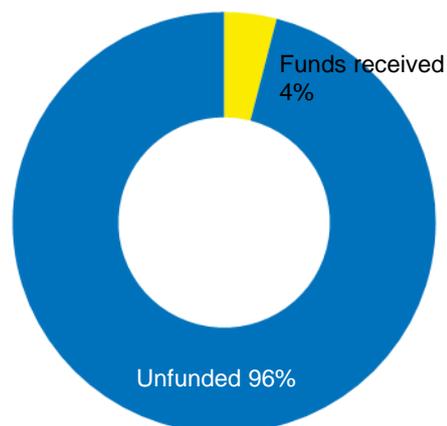
60,143

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

FUNDING (AS AT 9 JANUARY 201)

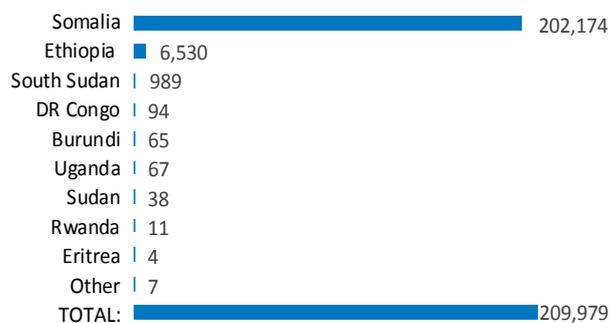
USD 170.1 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN AS AT 31ST JANUARY 2019

Country of Origin



Voluntary Repatriation

- On 30th January, the Dadaab operation facilitated the first movement of 2019, supporting 29 families comprising of 77 individuals to return to Kismayo with two flight.
- As at 31st January 2019, a total 79,113 refugees were facilitated to voluntarily go back to Somalia, from Dadaab refugee operations since the beginning of the process in 2014.



*Refugee returning to Somalia under UNHCR voluntary repatriation Program.
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**PROTECTION****Registration**

- During this period, 547 unregistered / new arrival were jointly profiled by UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS). Therefore, the total number of undocumented persons across the three camps stands at 12,183 individuals. Out of this, 11,779 are from Somalia and 404 are from other countries. Among them, 2,311 individuals came back to the camps after being assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia.
- During the reporting period, a total number of 1,348 new born babies were registered and issued with the birth certificate. 602 babies were registered as new birth registration while 742 were registered as an In-Situ registration and 4 new arrival were registered.

Individual Case Management

- During the reporting period, a total of 272 cases were attended in Dagahaley, Hagadera and Ifo camps. The cases were mainly related to inactive cases and asylum seekers most of whom remained in the camp without registration due to the government policy, request for shelter, follow up of delay medical referrals outside the camp, voluntary repatriation, health, education, inter-camp transfers, family reunification, physical safety and legal support for SGBV and child protection. All cases were assisted or referred to other protection partners for further support and appropriate assistance.

Child Protection

- UNHCR partner, Terre des Hommes (TDH) conducted a three day life skills training targeting 50 out of school adolescents. Topics covered included; Child rights and responsibilities, stress management, personal development, stages of adolescence, self-confidence, interpersonal relationships, reproductive health and mentorship. The adolescents developed an action plan on dissemination of information gained during the training to share with their peers.
- TDH conducted a live radio session on prevention and response to drugs/ substance abuse at radio Gargaar. 900 caregivers were mobilized across the 15 sectional help desks in Hagadera camp to actively listen to the radio session and to hold discussions on the topic.
- TDH conducted a two day distribution of Core Relief Items (CRI) received from UNHCR to persons of concern identified in December 2018. Items distributed included: 480 Jerry cans, 300 blankets, 600 Mosquito nets and 25 Plastic sheets. Save the Children conducted case management, psychosocial support and identification of individuals to benefit from CRI distribution in the month of February.
- The monthly Best Interest Determination Panel (BID) was held with UNHCR, Save the Children, TDH and RCK in attendance. Seven cases (four resettlement, one voluntary repatriation and two protection cases) were discussed and appropriate actions recommended for each case. Partners were urged to fast track pending resettlement cases to avoid delay in submissions.
- TDH with support RCK and International Rescue Committee (IRC), coordinated and facilitated a two-day training on challenging the *Maslaha* system for 40 (17 female, and 23 male) community section leaders, religious and *Maslaha* elders. Participants were trained on effective Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mechanisms, children's rights and responsibilities, child safe guarding policy as well as the legal and policy frame work on gender-based violence. Additionally, Save the Children conducted a three-day foster parents training in Dagahaley Camp for 44 (7 male, 37 female) participants who were equipped with skills and knowledge on gender equality and alternative care guidelines. Participants requested for support in livelihood opportunities from DRC and NRC. A one-

day refresher training for case workers on case management and Child Protection Information Management System was also held in Dagahaley Camp for 35 (15 male, 20 female) participants. 140 teachers who act as child rights clubs' patrons and facilitators were also trained on child protection and psychosocial support through art and play therapy. The participants gained skills and knowledge to reinforce community child protection to enhance balanced emotional and social wellbeing of school children.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- During the reporting period, 38 SGBV cases were attended to by protection partners across the camps with case profiles including 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 Ifo, Dagahaley and Hagadera case conference meetings were held with representatives from UNHCR and protection partner agencies. 25 cases were discussed and action points assigned to relevant agencies for follow up.

Access to Justice

- The monthly mobile court was in session from 21st to 24th January to adjudicate over 11 cases supported by RCK, under the auspices of UNHCR. During the mobile court, four SGBV cases were heard. Two of the cases will proceed for hearing in the next visit while one was dismissed on account of key prosecution witnesses repatriating and another had the accused person found not guilty of the offence. RCK will continue to offer legal and psychosocial support to the survivors. One survivor was referred to SCI for pediatric counselling.
- In addition, UNHCR, RCK and the Magistrate's team held debrief on the successes and challenges affecting the mobile court and to work on resolving challenges. UNHCR lauded the cooperation and support of the court officials that has brought access to justice nearer to the Persons of Concern (PoCs). The Magistrate reiterated his desire to move to the new premises at the Dadaab Law court and shared the intention of the Government to officially recognize Dadaab Court through gazettelement of the premises which is anticipated in February/March 2018 and allow deployment of judicial staff.
- During the reporting period there were 93 PoCs in the two detention centres, including three children one at the rescue centre and two with their mother in prison. A total of eight individuals were returned to the camp for the month of January.
- A total of 30 individuals (including six females) were arraigned in court and supported by RCK. They were charged various offence of being unlawfully present, residing outside designated area, forging documents, making documents without authority and uttering a false document.
- Legal Aid and Psychosocial support from RCK was extended to a total of 45 (including six female) PoCs at Garissa law courts, police center and main prison.

Persons with Specific Needs

- During the reporting month, 3,486 pieces of solar lamps were distributed to secondary schools form-4 students. In addition, a total of 300 shelter repair kits were distributed to vulnerable groups.
- Lutheran World Federation (LWF) conducted distribution of buckets, blankets, jerry cans and mosquito nets for 170 households in Dagahaley camp. These cases were identified by the partner

agencies during the assessments. In addition, distribution of mattresses was done by LWF to 29 most vulnerable families identified through the spirit of vulnerability assessment.



EDUCATION

- Out of the 1,367 students who sat for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE), 21 students are eligible for university, 105 are eligible for mid-level colleges, and 589 are eligible for Vocational Training colleges. With opportunities available the 715 (52.3%) of the 2018 students can positively be engaged in further tertiary education and vocational training.
- Dadaab schools were rated first in Garissa County for the 2018 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE). However, the mean score for refugee primary schools for 2018 was 249.91 compared to 266.45 for 2017, representing a decrease in performance compared to 2017.
- Enrolment of students into Class 1 and Form 1 started at the time of school opening in January 2019. In 2018, 3,358 learners sat for KCPE in the UNHCR-supported primary schools. Currently UNHCR-supported secondary schools have a capacity of 1,367 learners, which means that 2,268 learners would be admitted into the secondary schools – 901 learners more than capacity. Admission to Form 1 this year is therefore a considerable challenge.
- The first Education Working Group meeting for 2019 was conducted during the reporting period. In attendance were the Ministry of Education (sub-county director of education), county government (ECDE officer) and implementing partners. The meeting's agenda was centred on analyzing the 2018 KCPE and KCSE results, challenges being faced due to reduced funding in Education, and emerging issues such as registration for national examinations through the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS). Other camp level coordination meetings were conducted and issues to do with budget cuts/teachers reduction and the implementation of the new Kenyan Competency based Curriculum (CBC) discussed.
- KCPE registration in the 20 examinations centers in the camp is ongoing with less than two weeks into the deadline approaching. 4,324 candidates from the 22 schools who transited from class 7 last year are expected to be registered by 15th February 2019. KCSE registration is also in progress. 1,978 students are expected to register for KCSE in 2019.
- 15 learners on scholarship reported back to schools in Wajir, Garissa, Machakos, Nakuru and Kisumu to get access to quality education. The number of learners who were benefiting from scholarship reduced from 28 in 2018 to 15 in 2019 due to budgetary constraints.
- During the reporting period, one Instant network schools (INS) was established at Ifo Secondary School to focus on Special Need Education (SNE) learners and to pilot key initiatives around SNE needs. This brings to 14 the total number of INS centres in the camps which benefit both refugee and host community learners.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- The General Food Distribution for the reporting month started on 2nd of January 2019 and completed on 09th January 2019. The total of 46,133 families consisting of 206,062 individuals have received food assistance which is 99% of the targeted population expected to get food assistance (208,330 individuals) and their electronic records have been submitted to WFP Server (CTM) for Cash Based Intervention Assistance (Bamba Chakula).



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- During the reporting month, enrolment of youths into the vocational skills training centres took place. Mobilisation and awareness raising was conducted in all the camps. After the vetting process of all applicants, 120 youths were selected to under skills training in 2019. This is a 76% drop in number of youth to receive skills training compared to the 500 youths trained in 2018.
- A road maintenance training jointly sponsored by JICA and UNHCR is being planned to be held in Nairobi at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) campus in February. During the month of January an advert of the course and the selection criteria were displayed in all the camps and suitable candidates were encouraged to apply. Selection of 3 Somali refugees to participate in the 21-day training will be completed in the month of February.
- In 2019, 65 students who are on UNHCR-sponsored scholarships are continuing with their studies in various universities.
- During the reporting month, 14 students who graduated from the online freelancing training project, Refugee Employment and Skills Initiative (RESI), received their startup packages which included a laptop and its accessories. The students are able to access and use co-workspaces in Dadaab and Hagadera and satellite spaces in Ifo and Dagahaley. The spaces are equipped with internet and electricity.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Resettlement

- During the reporting period, a total of 34 cases of 133 individuals were interviewed and assessed for possible submission to UK and Sweden. In addition, resettlement counselling has been carried out for 128 cases.
- During the reporting period 5 cases of 17 individuals were submitted to UK.
- Swedish Migration Agency will conduct mission to Dadaab from 13th to 20th February to interview 302 refugees.
- 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 (counting for more than 95% of total Dadaab population). Planning figure for 2019 is submission of 450 refugees. Confirmed resettlement countries for 2019 who will offer quota for Dadaab refugee population are: Sweden, UK, Canada and USA.



WATER AND SANITATION

- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average 32 liters of water per day per capita from 21 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. 19 of these boreholes operate on Solar PV- Diesel hybrid system. The water supply schemes convey water to 38 tanks with a total storage capacity of 4,550 m³, distributed through a pipeline network of 234.8 km and relayed to 668 tap stands with about 2,784 taps, scattered around the three camps.

Environmental rehabilitation

- Activities in the four hectares of orchard established in Ifo 2 consolidated camp as part of the rehabilitation process as well as demonstration of potential source of livelihood were sustained. The

orchard produced a bumper crop of watermelon which were issued to different beneficiaries including refugees and host communities as well as agency staff.

- Over the period under review, rehabilitation of degraded areas in Ifo 2 consolidated camp was enhanced with establishment of a new five hectare green-belt. To pave way for this intervention, remains of vacated shelter were demolished, debris and garbage were incinerated, pit latrines were sanitized and backfilled; and the area fenced with cuttings from *Prosopis juliflora* (Mathenge). Local tree species will be planted on the site.



*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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