

Dadaab, Kenya

February 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**

210,038

Total Dadaab population as at **28 February 2019**

60,143

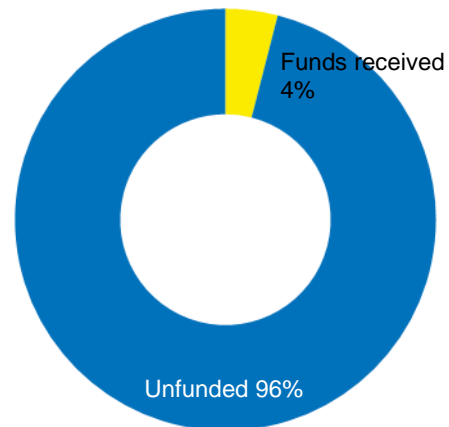
Refugee children are **enrolled in school** in Dadaab camps



FUNDING (AS AT 25 FEBRUARY 2019)

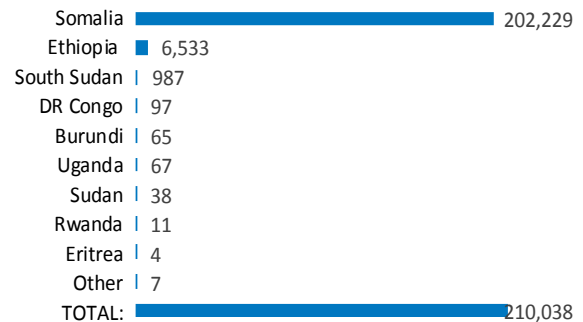
USD 170.1 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2019

Country of Origin



Voluntary Repatriation

As at 28th February 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.



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

- During the reporting period, 1,098 unregistered / new arrivals were jointly profiled by UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS). Therefore, the total number of undocumented persons across the three camps stands at 13,281 individuals. Out of this, 12,834 are from Somalia and 447 are from other countries. Among them, 2,672 individuals came back to the camps after being assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia.
- During the reporting period, a total number of 50 new born babies were registered and issued with the birth certificate. 30 babies were registered as new birth while 20 were registered In-Situ.

Individual Case Management

- During the same period, a total of 470 cases were attended to in Dagahaley, Hagadera and Ifo refugee camps. The cases were mainly related to inactive cases and asylum seekers most of whom remain in the camp without registration due to the government policy, request for shelter, follow up on delayed medical referrals outside the camp, voluntary repatriation, health, education, livelihood, inter-camp transfers, family reunification, physical safety and legal support for SGBV and child protection. Also, some individuals after being cleared by the Deputy County Commissioner's Office, came to update their status on UNHCR database (ProGres). This is after they surrendered their Kenyan National Identity cards. All cases were assisted or referred to other protection partners for further support and appropriate assistance.

Child Protection

- UNHCR organized a training with Kenya Red Cross Society on Family Tracing and Reunification (FTR) and the referral process for Child Protection Working Group members. Information on types, tools used, services offered and criteria for Restoring Family Links (RFL) was shared and discussion held on the use of the tools and the referral process.
- Save the Children hosted Spin Master and Donor members from Canada who visited Child Friendly Spaces and Alternative Basic Education (ABE) centres. The visitors donated toys to young children in Dagahaley and Ifo refugee camps, which will be used during play and art therapy sessions.
- Save the Children International (SCI) conducted a two days training for 34 national and incentive staff partners facilitating assessments for unaccompanied, separated and vulnerable children, delivery of protection through comprehensive case and information management processes and mainstreaming of child protection across sectors. Also a one day Child Protection mainstreaming training was held for 43 (26 M, 17 F) Save the Children Staff in Dagahaley refugee Camp with the aim of equipping staff with skills and knowledge on facilitating child protection mainstreaming in humanitarian interventions. Additionally, the partner conducted a training for 25 case workers on SGBV identification, prevention, response, reporting and provision of child centred support to survivors. The aim of the training was to empower the participants with requisite skills and knowledge so as to respond to and support children survivors of SGBV in a timely and efficient manner.
- SCI Conducted counselling sessions for 37(19 female, 18 male) girl mothers and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) survivors across the camps.
- The partner also conducted the February monthly life skills session reaching 37 (21 male, 16 female) vulnerable adolescents with the aim of strengthening coping mechanisms to common challenges and to empower adolescents with information and skills that will improve their decision making.

- 321 (204 male, 117 female) children living with incapacitated elderly parents and caregivers were issued with fresh milk packets during the normal Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) routine activities as a nutritional support measure.
- Terre des hommes (TDH) conducted peer support training for 200 children (90 girls, 110 boys) from the four surrounding villages of Hagadera refugee camp. Additionally, consultative forums were conducted for 400 persons of concern (210 males, 190 females) from the same villages where the participants reported an increase in school dropout rates leading to child marriages as well as FGM practices. The Child Protection partner will continue awareness-raising forums on the negative outcomes of child abuse to enlighten parents, children and caregivers.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- During the reporting period, 45 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. 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.
- Home visits were conducted for 21 survivors in Ifo refugee camp, to support them in their recovery and reintegration into the community. During the home visits, clients reported having experienced social stigma and segregation in their communities thereby making them feel unsafe in their homes. Clients also requested for material support.
- RCK, Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and Terre des hommes (Tdh), attended a radio show on 4th February 2019 at radio Gargaar in order to raise awareness on the harmful effects of FGM, to advocate against the practice and to rally people to participate in the marking of the International day of Zero Tolerance to FGM. The topics covered were definition, types and effects of the practice and the background of International day of Zero Tolerance to FGM. RCK communicated the legal framework relating to FGM i.e. the Kenya Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act No. 32 of 2011.
- The International day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation was marked across all camps on 6th February 2019. In attendance were representatives from different agencies including the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), UNHCR, the refugee community and the Police. The day was distinguished by cultural performances and speeches that sent strong messages against the harmful cultural practice that has affected at least 200 million women and girls in 30 countries.

Access to Justice

- During the reporting period, a total of 48 individuals (19 females, 28 males) were presented before Court and out them 18 were charged with residing outside a designated areas, 21 were charged with unlawful presence. 1 case involving a female minor who is was suspected to have been trafficked was also heard. The average fines were Kshs. 10,000 or 3 months imprisonment and Kshs. 20,000 or 3 months imprisonment.
- In addition, 42 persons of concern (15 female and 27 male) received legal aid at the court while 41 individuals received psychosocial counselling and support. A total of 27 individuals were facilitated to return to the camp after release by Court.

Persons with Specific Needs

- During the reporting period, support to persons living with disabilities: 158 (91F, 67M) persons living with disabilities (PLWDs) received various services at both the rehabilitation and outreach centers. Services included, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, referrals to UNHCR for card activation and referrals to IRC for medical support and psychosocial counselling.



EDUCATION

- A meeting with Somali Bantu leaders in Hagadera camp was held to discuss the improvement of enrolment of out of school children from the community. Lutheran World Federation (LWF), conducted mass information campaigns in the residential blocks, in collaboration with the Somali Bantu leaders.
- Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) registration in the 21 examinations centres in the 3 camps was finalized with a total of 3,419 students (2,246 boys; 1,173 girls) registered as candidates this year.
- Form 4 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) Registration officially closed with a total of 1,483 students (1,028 boys; 455 girls) registered as candidates this year. In order to encourage after school and night time studying, all form 4 and form 3 students in the three Camps were issued with solar lamps.
- The total enrolment in the six secondary schools is currently at 10,067 (6,982 boys, 3,085 girls) students. Out of this, a total of 114 (106 boys, 8 girls) students residing in former Kambioos refugee camp are continuing with their studies at Alinjgur Secondary School, a community public school. 38 refugee students were registered to sit for KCSE at the School.
- 322 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) students have been registered on the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS) portal, with priority being given to candidates in the final year of school.

Livelihood

- Selection and enrolment of 120 youth into various skills in three Youth Education Package (YEP) centers in Ifo, Hagadera and Dadaab was concluded during the reporting period. 110 female and 100 male learners were vetted and selected for skills training and began their lessons in the YEP centers across the 3 camps.
- Fifteen women Training of trainers (ToTs) on home décor were trained on the finishing of products to improve quality. The training ended on 12th February.
- Start-up kits were distributed to 6 freelancing graduates based on merit and having demonstrated efforts to earn income and use provided resources. So far, 23 graduates have received the kits against 83 who completed the course.
- Business activities of 77 groups that received cash grants in 2018 is ongoing and a survey conducted to determine the groups' status and usage of the business capital was also concluded. Preliminary findings show good success with no risk reported except two groups have developed issues and their business has stalled pending resolution.
- A final round of vaccinations was done for poultry learners at the two demonstration sites in Ifo and Dagahaley refugee camps. The learners were taken through the vaccination process and shown techniques to enable them learn and adopt in poultry production.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE**

- UNHCR and partners conducted Participatory Assessment exercise where 1,008 persons of concern across the 3 camps and 96 host community members were consulted on planned services delivery. Age, Gender and Diversity was considered throughout the exercise.

**DURABLE SOLUTIONS****Resettlement**

- During the reporting period, resettlement interviews were conducted for 25 cases consisting of 78 individuals for submission to the UK, Sweden and Canada.
- Australia interviews were conducted on 12th and 14th February 2018 for a total of 12 cases consisting of 58 individuals.
- 11 cases consisting of 40 individuals were submitted to UK and Sweden.
- The Swedish Migration Agency mission arrived in Dadaab and conducted interviews for 115 cases consisting of 303 individuals. Updated Resettlement Referral Forms were shared with Swedish Migration Agency team, who successfully completed their mission in Dadaab on 20th February 2019.
- 52 active individual cases were counselled on the status of their resettlement cases and general counselling session conducted through Radio Gargar.

**WATER AND SANITATION**

- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average 32.5 liters of water per day per capita from 22 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. Nineteen (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 235 km and relayed to 668 tap stands with about 2,784 taps, scattered around the three 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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