

Dadaab, Kenya

JULY 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. Both were **officially handed over** to the Government on **21st June 2019**.

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

80,498

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

57%

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

211,591

Total Dadaab population as at **31 July 2019**

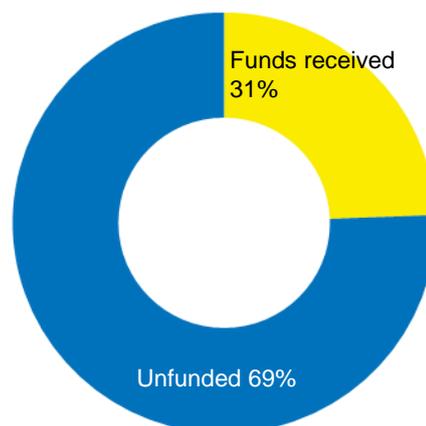
62,610

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

FUNDING (AS AT 30 JULY 2019)

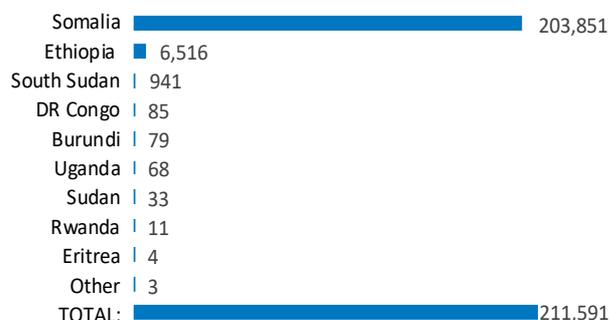
USD 170.1 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN AS AT 31 JULY 2019

Country of Origin



Voluntary Repatriation

- As at 31st July 2019, a total 80,498 refugees were facilitated to voluntarily go back to Somalia, from Dadaab refugee operations since the beginning of the process in December 2014.
- During the month of July, 3 voluntary repatriation flights were organized to help return 136 individuals from 36 households, to Somalia. Majority (90) individuals returned to Baidoa while 46 returned to Mogadishu.
- All return movements, both flights and road convoy to Kismayo, were suspended on the 13th July 2019 following explosions and gun attacks in Kismayo. This came at a time when resumption of road convoy was planned on the 17th July 2019, after it was halted for more than nine months. Overwhelming majority of refugees who expressed interest to return, hail from Kismayo. Therefore, this suspension will have significant impact on the number of refugees returning to Somalia. Meanwhile, the flights option will be utilized to transport returnees to Mogadishu and Baidoa.
- Facilitation of repatriation flights to Baidoa resumed on the 24th July 2019, following suspension for one year due to security reasons.



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

- During the reporting month, 76 undocumented persons were jointly profiled by UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS). Therefore, the total number of undocumented persons across the three camps stands at 15,378 individuals. Out of this, 14,871 are from Somalia and 507 are from other countries. Among them, 3,303 individuals came back to the camps after being assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia.
- During the reporting period, a total number of 1,460 new born babies were registered and issued with birth certificates. Out of this, 1,204 babies were registered as new birth while 256 were registered as an In-Situ.
- In total, 279 cases were attended to, at the Protection Delivery Unit (PDU) and Community-Based Protection (CBP) desks. PDU cases were mainly related to insecurity, follow up on resettlement case status, request for general assistance (Food tokens, Shelter, Core Relief Items) and card reactivation. Community Based Protection cases attended to were mainly on card reactivation, voluntary repatriation, general protection, health, education, inter-camp transfers, family reunification, physical safety, child protection and legal support for SGBV survivors. CBP continued to receive unregistered persons who are in need of immediate medical assistance and inactive persons with various vulnerabilities.
- During the reporting period, a total number 36 SIM card(s) were issued in order to facilitate the Cash Based Intervention Assistance (Bamba Chakula) managed by WFP. A total of 26,045 new ration cards were issued to families with added new born babies, damaged and/lost cards.

Child Protection

- Save the Children International conducted a child resilience training for 37 children in Dagahaley camp. The aim of the training was to support children to develop strong coping mechanisms for issues they face in the camp, which is necessary for their growth, development and general wellbeing.
- Terres des hommes (TdH) supported one information forum organised by trained adolescents on the effect of child labour where 275 adolescents participated. Issues discussed included the impact of child labour on a child's social development, school attendance and drop out as well as risks of developing delinquent social behaviours. Recommendations from the adolescents for improvement of their lives included provision of educational materials like books and uniforms, livelihood support for ageing out adolescents, training for parents on child care and development and creating awareness on the impact of child labour in the community.
- TdH conducted their quarterly Community Feedback session on 9th and 10th July 2019 across the 15 sectional help desks in Hagadera camp reaching 200 religious leaders. During the sessions, the leaders called for strengthening of community –based child protection systems through enabling Bottom–Up approaches in handling children's' concerns and ensuring capacity building for community members. They also advocated for registration of undocumented children who they reported currently face difficulties in accessing services in the camp.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- The Garissa mobile court presided over 9 SGBV matters during their 15th - 19th July circuit. The charges included Defilement (6), Attempted Defilement (1), indecent act with a minor (1) and Assault causing grievous harm (1). Judgment was delivered in one of the defilement cases where the court found that prosecution had proven its case beyond reasonable doubt. The court ordered that a probation report be

drafted ahead of the next sitting in order to inform sentencing. This marked the first successful conviction in an SGBV case this year.

- Thirty-four (34) SGBV cases were attended to, across the camps during the reporting period. The case profiles included defilement, physical assault, denial of resources, and domestic violence among others. 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 to ensure that proper investigations are conducted, and witnesses record their statements thereby aiding in survivors' access to justice.
- DRC conducted 4 home visits where 186 survivors in Ifo and Dagahaley camps were reached for continued support in the process of recovery and rehabilitation. During the visits, family mediation sessions were conducted to enable survivors resolve conflicts within their families and follow up with the residential block leaders was done to address the issue of stigma and discrimination from the other community members. Family support systems were strengthened through psychoeducation to promote a conducive environment to facilitate the recovery process.
- Department of Refugee Affairs (DRC) conducted 4 group therapy sessions in Ifo and Dagahaley camps where they reached 85 survivors. The aim of the sessions was to encourage survivors to share their personal issues to provide the required support and counselling for the issues raised.
- DRC facilitated 10 Gender Equity Debates for 300 students 60 from the secondary schools in Ifo camp and 240 students from the primary schools in Dagahaley and Ifo camps. One of the motions "Given an opportunity and support, women can equally make good political leaders", was meant to spark a discussion that will enable the young generation in the community understand the need to advocate for equal opportunities for empowerment of women and girls while another motion allowed the children to fully express their beliefs and convictions on gender roles and to demystify beliefs they hold on career options for women and girls.
- DRC conducted EMAP (Engaging men through accountable practices) sessions for 120 male participants in Ifo and Dagahaley camps. The topics covered included Introduction to EMAP, Goals of EMAP and the role of men in preventing Violence against Women and Girls (VAWGs).
- RCK conducted two community forums reaching 75 participants in Ifo and Hagadera Camps. The aim of the sessions was to sensitize the community on refugee rights and duties, the constitution of Kenya, SGBV prevention and response, the laws relating to refugees and the importance of abiding by the law as well as penalties related to breaking the law.

Access to Justice

- During the reporting period, a total of 17 cases were presented before Garissa Magistrate Court, where 9 cases were charged with unlawful presence, 6 for residing outside designated area, 1 for making a document without authority and 1 for personification/giving false information to a person in public service. All were remanded and are awaiting trial.
- A total of 62 persons of concern (1 female) are held in both Garissa Main Prison and Garissa Minimum Prison representing 38 convicts and 24 remandees awaiting trial.
- UNHCR facilitated the return to camp of 12 individuals (8 to Kakuma) back to camp for reintegration after being released from detention.
- 22 persons (1 female) were attended to during the legal aid clinics organized by RCK at the Garissa Main and Medium Prisons. They were provided with legal advice on their cases and provided with counselling on how to cope with the conditions while incarcerated.

Persons with Specific Needs

- The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) provided physiotherapy and occupational therapy services including postural and mobility training to 319 persons living with disabilities, in Hagadera refugee camp.
- Sixty (30female, 30male) children benefited from 2 social interaction and ADL (activities of daily living) sessions for Children with Cerebral Palsy. The sessions enabled parents of children with cerebral palsy, to interact and share ideas on how to improve the support, care and management of their children.
- Humanity and Inclusion (H.I) delivered a consignment of assistive devices in Ifo and Dagahaley refugee camps which included 10 wheelchairs, 8 tricycles and 8 postural wheelchairs for children, which will be issued to already identified beneficiaries. Persons with disabilities (20 Dagahaley and 20 Ifo refugee camps) were also provided with core relief items such as mattresses, bedsheets, sanitary towels, buckets, kitchen sets and mats.
- Six psychosocial support sessions reaching 180 persons across the refugee camps, were facilitated. These sessions enabled the elderly to share challenges they face, discuss possible solutions and develop action plans to enhance their coping mechanisms and build their resilience.
- Discussions with most-at-risk members of the refugee population in the camps were conducted across the 3 camps. The forums enabled them to share their concerns, received redress and information from partners, discuss issues affecting them, share ideas and learn new ways to increase their coping mechanisms.
- UNHCR's community-based protection team visited an industrial plant that manufactures bar soap, ice and sweet ice water, in Hagadera refugee camp. The group requested for support to sell and distribute the soap product and certification under the Kenya Bureau of Standards to meet the required standards.



EDUCATION

- A total of 60 primary school untrained teachers, including 13 from the host community and 47 refugees, began their York University Certificate in Educational Studies course at the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) Centre in Dadaab. The scholarship is offered in partnership with Lutheran World Federation, Windle International Kenya and York University through, the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) project. The select refugee teachers will complete a one-year certificate in Educational Studies-Elementary (CESE) course that will be taught by York University at the Learning Centre in Dadaab, between August 2019 and April 2020. Beneficiaries include 3 teachers with special needs.
- BHER Partnership Committee from Kenyatta University and York University discussed grant details and funding opportunities. The working group also discussed on ways to support 3 newly enrolled students with special needs to ensure that they successfully complete their studies.
- A video call event connecting Dadaab students (refugees and host community) with children attending the Global Scouts Jamboree in West Virginia, United States between July 22 and August 2, was held at Towfiq secondary school in Ifo camp on 30th July 2019. The students exchanged views through Q&A session and got a chance to learn from each other, despite coming from different backgrounds across the world.
- UNICEF engaged ZiziAfrique-a foundation aimed at building youth capabilities, to conduct Situational Analysis on adolescent/youth skills training and employability. The study will also include educators, in and out of school adolescents and youth in refugee and host communities in Dadaab.

Livelihood

- A familiarization mission of the Garissa County Technical Directors to Dadaab was conducted from 1st to 3rd July 2019, followed by a mission to Kalobeyei which was conducted from 8th to 10th July 2019. The missions were aimed at providing the Garissa County Government officials with in depth understanding of the Dadaab refugee situation as well as the Kalobeyei settlement model.
- During the reporting period a joint livelihood working group meeting was held in Garissa town. The meeting was chaired by Garissa County's minister for Finance and Economic Planning, Mr Roble Nunow. The main agenda for the meeting was to discuss the Livelihoods roadmap in more detail and come up with concrete key interventions under each proposed objective, ahead of the task force workshop planned from 15th to 17th August.
- Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) skills development training for 120 learners is ongoing.

Dadaab Solutions

- UNHCR and partners participated in two roadmap development meetings held in Garissa on 23rd and 30th July 2019, hosted by Garissa County government. The meeting sought to identify activities and gaps in service provision towards socio-economic integration for the host and refugee.
- A mission of directors from the Garissa County Government visited Ifo Youth Education Pack centre and Hormud Primary school on a familiarisation visit to understand the camp settings. Findings from this visit will help design a roadmap towards an integrated development plan in line with Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF).



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- During the reporting period, all health services have been carried out without any interruptions. The hospitals as well as the health posts in the refugee camps are fully operational.
- WFP rolled out a food nutrition survey whose focus was to obtain feedback from the community on the quality of food issued and the impact of *Bamba-chakula* cash-based assistance. The survey was done at each block targeting adult respondents from family size 6 and above. Results will be shared once finalized.
- Between, 15th and 20th July 2019, medical specialists from Kenya Association of Muslim Medical Professionals (KAMMP) visited Dadaab refugee camps where they conducted screenings and surgeries. Among the surgeries was laparoscopy, which was conducted for the first time in the whole of North Eastern Region of Kenya. The specialists who held a free camp, conducted 301 (296 refugees, 5 host community) procedures including general surgeries, ENT (Ears, Nose and Throat) and Echocardiogram.



Seven-year-old Mohamed Amin, was among over 300 refugees and host community patients treated. ©UNHCR/Mohamed Maalim

- Eye doctors from Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) visited Dadaab refugee camps between 24 and 28 July, where they conducted a free eye clinic. Over 400 refugees and host community have benefited from screenings, surgeries and referrals for further interventions.



*A doctor from TIKA checks on a patient, a day after surgery.
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COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) held a meeting with refugee leaders on 17th July 2019, to discuss the upcoming refugee elections, challenges with access to medical services due to budget constraints and reported water shortage in the camp. The leaders were informed on the postponement of elections until further notice due to the upcoming election in Jubaland, Somalia.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Resettlement

- During the month of July, IOM (International Organization for Migration) conducted a medical mission to Dadaab for 26 cases which underwent medical examination, in view of possible resettlement submission on medical needs.
- The 2019 quota for refugees to be submitted for resettlement from Dadaab has been increased to 975 individuals.
- During the period, 22 cases of 82 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries. Since January, 674 individuals have been submitted to resettlement countries namely UK, Sweden, Canada, Australia and USA.
- Since the beginning of 2019, a total of 393 individuals have departed for resettlement to Canada, Australia, Sweden, UK and 6 to other countries.
- As part of UNHCR's effort in updating refugees on their resettlement case status, 46 cases were counselled while some 148 refugee leaders attended counselling/information sharing meeting in regards with relocation to Kakuma for non-Somali refugees and other minority groups.

Environmental rehabilitation

- On 23rd July 2019, the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS), on behalf of UNHCR, organized a workshop on the draft roadmap on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources that is under preparation jointly by the Government of Garissa County and UNHCR Dadaab operation in collaboration with other key stakeholders. The roadmap, which covers areas impacted by hosting of refugees over a protracted duration, is proposing innovative interventions and solutions to issues associated with access to clean

and affordable energy for all, enhancing sustainable management of environment and natural resources, promoting climate smart agriculture and building institutional & administrative capacities.



WATER AND SANITATION

- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average of 27 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.

Cholera response meetings spearheaded by Dadaab Sub County and Garissa county health teams, were conducted on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th July 2019. The meeting was chaired by UNHCR and brought together WASH (Water and Sanitation Hygiene) Stakeholders from Garissa county and UNHCR/Agencies. In order to address the outbreak of cholera, the partners disinfected houses, schools, mosques, distributed jerry cans to affected families and carried out mass awareness campaigns using the local radio station and camp clean-up exercise.



*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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