

Dadaab, Kenya

December 2019

The first camp in Dadaab was established in **1991**. There are **3** camps in Dadaab: **Hagadera**, **Dagahaley** and **Ifo**.

On **21st June 2019**, former **Kambioos** and **Ifo2** refugee camps were officially handed Over to both the **County and National governments**.

Since **December 2014**, Somali refugees who decide to voluntarily return to their home country, receive UNHCR support in Kenya and Somalia.

217,151

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

58%

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FROM DADAAB

81,018

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

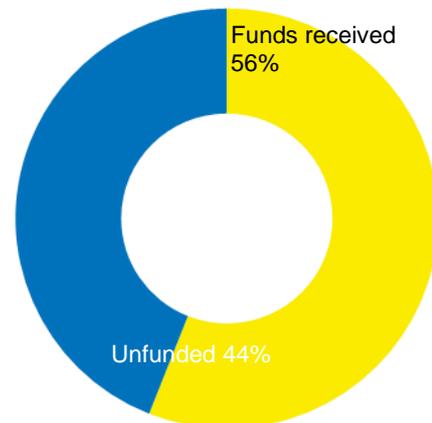
67,872

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

FUNDING (AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019)

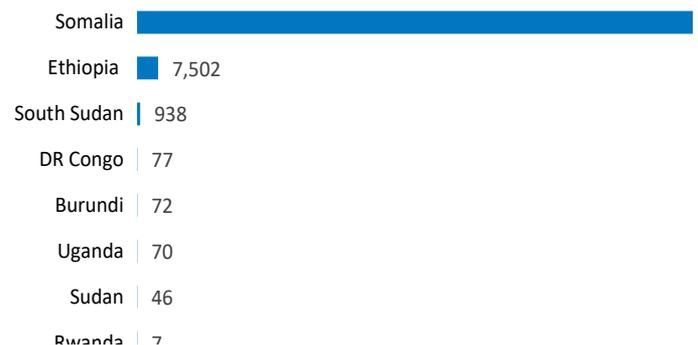
USD 170 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN AS AT 31 DEC. 2019

Country of Origin



Voluntary Repatriation

- During the month, four repatriation flights was organized, facilitating the travel of 154 individuals comprising of 53 households back to Somalia. Majority (81) individuals have returned to Baidoa and 73 to Mogadishu.
- In 2019, 1,982 returnees were assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia. Cumulatively, 81,018 returnees were facilitated from Dadaab refugee operation since the beginning of the process in 2014.
- Initially the first group of Ethiopian refugees was planned to travel on 20th December 2019. However, this could not be achieved due to postponed arrival of the Ethiopian embassy which was expected to facilitate screening and issuance of travel documents to returnees. Therefore, the launch of the process will take place in January 2020.



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

- During the period, UNHCR protection unit attended to 260 individual cases which were assessed and provided with legal and other protection counselling and referred for specific interventions ranging from shelter/Core Relief Items, resettlement counselling, reactivation, health, inter-camp transfers, family reunification, physical safety and legal support for SGBV and child protection. All cases were assessed, interventions made and/or referred for appropriate assistance.
- During the same period, no individuals were profiled. The population of undocumented stood at 15,752 individuals. Majority (15,213) are from Somalia while 539 are from other nationalities.

- The government of Kenya concluded the vetting process of double registration at the end of December 2019. Vetting committees were established in Dadaab, Garissa and Alinjigur /Bura in mid-November where they processed Kenyans registered as refugees.
- UNHCR Dadaab assisted with the issuance of Proof of Registration to 9,918 Kenyans registered as refugees, who had lost the document which was one of the requirements for vetting.

Child Protection

- Country-wide shortage of birth certificate booklets caused delays in issuance of the documents to persons of concern. As a mitigation measure, a meeting was held with the Regional Civil Registrar to highlight the need for allocating more booklets for the Dadaab Camps.
- Due over-stretched area of cover for RCR and budgetary constraints, the mobile civil registration team has in the past been unable to have regular presence in the camps. This has led to delays in notification of home deliveries and delays in processing and issuance of birth and death certificates. There is currently a backlog of over 10,000 birth certificates.
- To mitigate delays caused by the reasons above, the office allowed for registration of babies using birth notification documents for children born 2018 backwards. Capacity building and debriefing sessions were also held between the CCR and Partners to explore ways of strengthening partnership and of addressing common challenges in the civil registration process.
- A total of 75 BID cases were assessed and presented in the monthly BID panel meetings held in Dadaab refugee camps.
- Improved coordination was achieved through the engagement of and close collaboration with the department of children services which created a link for access to national policies on child protection.
- Through the support of Refugee Consortium of Kenya, child related matters were presented to courts and custody determination done in a timely manner which allowed for the children to access durable solutions.
- Limited access to livelihoods has caused children to engage in child labor activities within the camp to help meet their everyday needs. Equally, it has limited the enrolment and retention of children in schools as many drop out to work and help their families. Lack of or limited access to livelihoods has also led to increased cases of early marriages among children in the camp with the girl child being most affected.

Persons with Specific Needs

- The County Government of Garissa, National Council of Persons with Disability, UNHCR, HI and LWF working group collaborated and agreed to mark the International day of Persons with Disabilities celebration in Dadaab Sub-County on 3rd December 2019 at Equity Bank compound. This year's theme, "*THE FUTURE IS ACCESSIBLE*" envisaged a future where people can access a building without using stairs; where a person can access a ramp to the beach; or can get a job without fear of discrimination; or can access a mainstreamed classroom. The day was also celebrated at camp level across the 3 camps with songs, poems and drama. The main message was the eradication of discrimination among PWDs and working upon creating an accessible and conducive living and working environment for all.
- During the month, a total of 116 (63M, 53F) PWDs were attended to, at the Hagadera rehabilitation center. PWDs received physiotherapy, occupational therapy including postural and mobility training. 5(2F, 3M) PWDs with Below Knee Amputation (BKA) were supported with prosthetic fitting to aid their mobility.

- Protection (CB) unit appealed for food and non-food items as donation from Peniel 12 Group based at the Holy Family Minor Basilica in Nairobi. The donation was to support vulnerable persons in the camp. Clothes and shoes were received and distributed in the blocks and Ifo Safe Haven.
- During this period, five psychosocial sessions reaching 150 older persons 60(30M, 30F) in IFO, 60(30M, 30F) in Dagahaley and 30(15M,15F) in Hagadera were facilitated. These sessions enabled older persons to share ideas and solutions to challenges they face in the camps thus building their resilience and coping mechanism. General case management at LWF social field offices and camp level through outreach services and home visits was also done reaching to a total of 352 (158F,194M).
- Humanity & Inclusion (HI) trained 20 incentive staff from DRC and NRC on barrier removal and facilitation at HI Dadaab Main office on Tuesday 17th December 2019.

**EDUCATION**

- There are about 107,747 children (52,443 girls, 55,304 boys) of school-going age (3-17 years) in Dadaab and only about 67,872 of the total school-going age children are enrolled in school at various levels as follows:
 - ❖ Pre-primary: 9,616 (4,367 girls, 5,249 boys);
 - ❖ Primary: 46,886 (19,528 girls, 27,358 boys);
 - ❖ Secondary: 11,370 (3,417 girls, 7,953 boys).
- The government directed implementation of 100% transition from primary to secondary schools. No additional resource has been availed to support this implementation therefore creating pressure in the secondary education.
- Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC), a new system of education in Kenya, is being rolled-out in grade 4 countrywide this January of 2020. Camp-based schools are yet to acquire necessary teaching and learning material for grade 4, i.e., about 21,000 textbooks for 2,361 learners and teacher guides (about USD 200,000 needed for this activity).
- Training of 200 camp-based schoolteachers was concluded last year, 2019, through a partnership with LWF, MoE and UNHCR. Additional teacher training will be conducted when resources become available. About 600 more teachers require training to acquire skills necessary for implementation and support of the new curriculum.
- GISED (Garissa Integrated Social Economic. Development Plan) thematic discussions ongoing. GISED, a county government of Garissa-led initiative, could not conclude on education sector plan because of the need to involve the national government's Ministry of Education. This has already been initiated through the National Council for Nomadic Education in Kenya (NACONEK), a semi-autonomous government agency within the MoE, and the first workshop was held in December 2019 paving way for further consultations in 2020. The primary and secondary education in Kenya is under the National government (MoE) while only pre-primary education is decentralized to the county governments.
- Two schools, located within one of the camps that were closed by UNHCR and handed over to host government, are now in the process of getting registered as public schools. The schools will become the first schools to be re-opened for use by the host community in Dadaab, transitioning them from refugee schools to public schools. However, more support is needed to ensure that renovations, WASH systems, school furniture and facilities are restored.

- A notable challenge is that Children in many of the Dadaab schools learn in relatively poor environments with limited movement within the class. The increasing enrolments at all levels of education and the 100% transition directive (primary to secondary) by the government of Kenya has further strained available infrastructure in the camp schools and resources are not sufficient to allow for expansion. In fact, resources are reducing drastically over the years.
- Education in the North Eastern region of Kenya, where Dadaab complex is located, has deteriorated due to insecurity, inadequate resourcing and other factors affecting both camp and host schools. Consequently, poor performance in the national examinations is creating additional challenge of securing post-secondary education opportunities for the youth.
- Education data management in Dadaab continues to be a challenge for both refugee and host schools. As such, it is difficult to effectively report on key education indicators and strengthen evidence based planning

Livelihood

The following livelihood activities went on during the same period, supporting both refugees and the host community;

- Provision of short-term Vocational Skills Training to youths in refugee and host communities;
- Education Scholarships support to poor and vulnerable youths;
- Establishing and strengthening of Village Saving and Loan Associations (Savings Groups);
- Drylands Agriculture; training of refugees and demonstration plot establishment on vegetables and poultry;
- Business development; business group formation, training and provision of start-up resources.

Dadaab Solutions

- The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) visited Dadaab/Garissa from 2-4 of December, 2019 to better understand the needs and possibilities for private sector involvement in the region, for aligning efforts with their work and the County- and Sub-County Level Administration (GISED).
- A mission from Nairobi with a team of more than ten Micro Finance Institutions visited Dadaab between 16 to 18 December 2019. The main purpose of the mission was to identify the financial needs of refugees – mainly for credit for business and consumption, but also opening of bank accounts, remittances, and payments; engage with refugee population and to establish sustainable partnerships between UNHCR and FSPs to provide financial services to refugees, with no financial involvement of UNHCR, but only logistical and data-sharing support.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- The second wave of cholera which started on 28th March 2019 is still active in Hagadera. So far, a total of 867 patients have been line-listed (Hagadera 753, Ifo 98 and Dagahaley 16) as at 31st Dec 2019. The last case reported in Ifo was 27th July 2019, Dagahaley was on 28th Oct 2019.
- UNHCR and health partners undertook an assessment of the impact of the rains and floods in the refugee camps. It was noted that sanitation and hygiene campaigns should be increased and families affected by rains, assisted with non-food items.
- 4 cases of suspected Chikungunya disease were admitted at Hagadera IRC hospital on 31st Dec 2019.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE**

- The Youth Initiative Fund Project Training was completed during the reporting month. The trainees were issued with the start-up kits and materials, and with skills gained they are expected to start making their own products. The second training on beads making started on 17th – 18th Dec 2019 at Dagahaley Refugee camp. The Made51 Refugee Artisan from Nairobi was deployed to train beneficiaries on quality assurance, business management skills, including costing/pricing products and provide knowledge on the UNHCR MADE51, guidance on beaded products package, marketing skills, and how to run a successful jewelry business. The Project was closed on 19th December 2019, with an exhibition conducted at UNHCR Offices in Dadaab. Other refugee artists from the three camps also participated. All beneficiaries were awarded with certificates for attending the training.
- International Human Rights Day was commemorated in a colorful ceremony at Hagadera IRC Compound B. The day was graced with music, drama and dance with the theme; “Respect the Right of Everyone.” Hundreds of refugee male and female, young and old participated in the day’s events. During the speech, emphasis was put on empowering women and girls, and creating equal opportunities for male and female in society.
- A meeting with Somali Bantu leaders was held in Hagadera field office on 10th Dec 2019 about the status of their request to be relocated to Kakuma two months ago. UNHCR Protection (CB) urged them to be patient as the office is awaiting feedback from government. The Somali Bantu were also advised to enroll their children in school and support the most vulnerable among themselves by providing social protection.
- A meeting was held on 3 December 2019 with the Garissa County officials and HI at the latter’s offices. The meeting was to chart a way forward on how to work together and collect data for persons with disabilities in Dadaab and Fafi. Additionally, Protection (CB) discussed how to make Garissa Rehabilitation Centre functional to provide services to all persons with disabilities.
- During the reporting period Protection (CB) participated in PPA discussions with UNHCR programme and implementing partners. 4 meetings with Kenya Red Cross (KRC) and Danish Refugee Council (DRC), IRC and RAS were carried out. Preparation for PPAs are underway with UNHCR Programme unit.

**ENVIRONMENT AND ACCESS TO ENERGY**

- The Energy and Environment Unit drafted the Energy pledge that was presented at Kenya National level consultations in preparations for the Global Refugee Forum. The Unit played a technical role in leading the Sustainable Energy Solutions Working Group during the national consultations in Nairobi on 05 December 2019.
- The Unit has made an arrangement with RRDO for tree planting exercise in the MSF Hospital compound in Dagahaley, ensuring diversity in the selection of tree species.
- The Unit submitted the updated version of the roadmap on two thematic areas: agriculture, environment and natural resources management, and sustainable energy solutions as part of GISED. The Unit also shared one-pager analysis on theory of change and problem tree for the two thematic areas.

**RESETTLEMENT**

- During the month, 15 cases of 30 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries
- During the same period, 96 cases were counselled on the status of their resettlement cases.
- In the same period, 30 interviews for RRFs of 76 individuals were conducted and their resettlement referral forms drafted.
- In terms of countries of origins, 987 from Somalia were submitted, 121 refugees from Ethiopia, 25 from South Sudan, 19 from DRC, 5 from Burundi and 1 from Sudan among others.
- Between January and December 2019, 1,181 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries, namely; UK, Sweden, Canada, Australia and USA among others. Among them, 160 individuals have been submitted under Complementary Pathways programs.
- From January to December 2019, 1,109 individuals have departed to resettlement countries. Among them were 74 refugees who departed under Complementary Pathways to different countries.
- In terms of resettlement countries, 540 refugees departed to Sweden, 324 to Canada, 113 to UK, 81 to Australia, 20 to France, 14 to USA, 4 to Iceland among others.

**WATER AND SANITATION**

- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average of 26 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.
- There were 37,102 household latrines and 250 communal latrines during the reporting period, translating a coverage of 80%. 120 sanitation cleaners were actively engaged in managing solid waste in public areas in the camps. WASH Partner is currently incorporating community structures in camp cleaning.



*Refugees collect water from one of 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). As part of solutions strategy for Dadaab, UNHCR is also working with the county government of Garissa and its line ministries.

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