

# Sub Office Dadaab, Kenya

## June 2020

Several security incidents were reported during IVO, Darfue, a national reservist the reporting period. On 26 June, around team was ambushed by a group of 0200hrs in Dagahaley camp, hooded armed men resulting to the killing of one police abducted a businessman and drove him to reservist. On the morning of 27 June, unknown destination. The abductors demanded bandits attacked National Police for 28,000 USD. On 26 June, around 0930hrs Reservist (NPR), 30kms North of

Dagahley camp. There were no details of casualties. New arrivals profiling remained suspended due to COVID-19 prevention and mitigation measures

217,516

Dadaab population as at **30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

56.5%

Percentage of Dadaab population are children

### VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FROM DADAAB

81,018

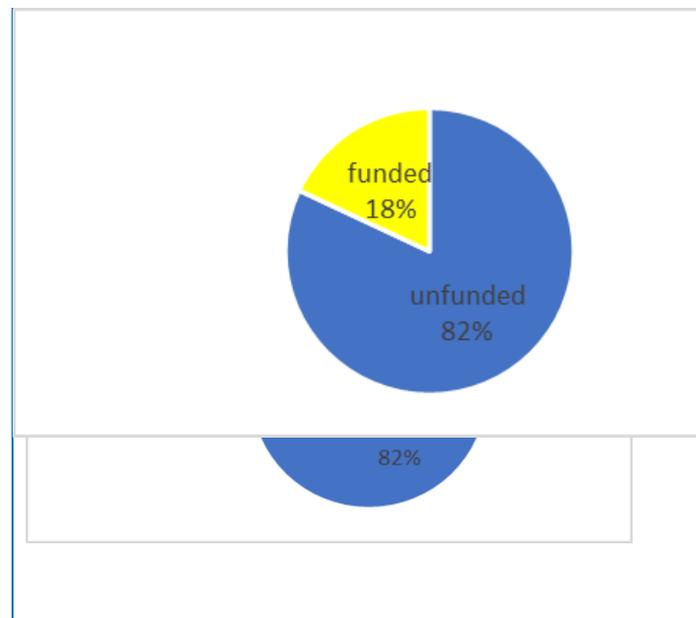
Somali refugees have returned home since **December 2014**

68,781

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

Refugees wash their hands as they line up to collect food at a food distribution center

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### REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AS OF 30 APRIL 2020

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Somalia     | 209,305 |
| Ethiopia    | 7,354   |
| South Sudan | 612     |
| DRC         | 71      |
| Uganda      | 70      |
| Burundi     | 63      |
| Sudan       | 22      |
| Rwanda      | 7       |
| Eritrea     | 4       |
| Others      | 3       |



*Refugees in Dadaab are taking action to make a difference in the response to COVID-19, by cleaning and maintaining sanitation and hygiene as efforts to mitigate the risks of transmitting the virus in the community. © UNHCR/ Osman Ahmed, 17 April 2020.*

## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- The protection environment remained favourable to refugees in Ifo, Hagadera and Dagahaley camps. However, the recent outbreak of COVID-19 virus during the reporting period resulted in the Government of Kenya closing the Somalia-Kenya border to dissuade cross border movements as the cases reported in the refugee camps were traced to have travelled from Somalia to Dadaab. This has not impacted access to the territory of Kenya for those fleeing persecution from Somalia. In order to maintain the preventive measures and support the wellbeing of staff and their families, UNHCR, UN sister agencies and partners took the precaution to decongest the compound by reducing the presence of staff in the Dadaab operation. However, critical staff remained on ground to deliver essential services and are working with the County authorities, Law Enforcement, Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), partners, refugees and host communities to mitigate the risk of transmissions in the refugee and host communities.
- There was no new arrival profiling during the reporting period. The population of unregistered persons remains estimated at 16,671 individuals. 8,647 female and 8,024

males. Majority of the 16,107 individuals are estimated to be from Somalia while 564 are of other nationalities.



## PROTECTION

### Achievements and Impacts

#### COVID-19 Preparedness and Response

- During the reporting period, the number of COVID-19 cases in Dadaab stood at 24 confirmed cases and one fatality.
- As of June 2020, two recoveries have been reported in Dadaab since the outbreak of COVID-19 in the refugee camps.
- There are 15 active cases in the isolation treatment centres and of these, six cases are receiving homebased care.
- A total of 401 individuals have been quarantined as of June 2020.
- A total of 155 contacts were successfully traced during the reporting period.
- Following the increase in the number of new arrivals to Dadaab, UNHCR organized a Protection working group meeting to understand the trends. Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) reported a total of 154 arrivals from Somalia. The individuals have been placed on quarantine at Hagadera refugee camp. Most of the them came from Jubaland State of Somalia, mainly, Jillib and Sakow through porous border in Amuma and Liboi. They cited insecurity, lack of food, search for better services and family reunification as reasons for coming to Kenya.

#### Border Movement

- Border monitors continued to observe movement in and out of the country during the reporting period despite the government's closure of the Kenya-Somalia border; owing to the porous nature of the border points along the northern migration corridor. A total of 933 individuals were observed to have crossed Somalia-Kenya and Kenya-Somalia.

#### Access to Justice

- The Judiciary deployed a principal magistrate and four other judicial staff to facilitate the operationalization of the Dadaab law courts. The team held a meeting with UNHCR protection and program units to request for administrative support as they prepare to roll out the services.
- A man of Somali origin was arrested and charged with unlawful presence in the country. He pleaded guilty and indicated that he had already made plans of going back to Somalia. The court convicted him on his own plea and sentenced him to a fine of KShs. 200,000 or to serve one-year imprisonment in default thereof; and thereafter repatriation to Somalia.
- One woman was arraigned before the Garissa law courts on 23 June 2020 and charged with unlawful presence in Kenya. Plea taking was however deferred to 26

June upon the court noting that the accused exhibited signs of mental instability. The court ordered for a mental assessment to be conducted. The mental health assessment report was availed to court and she was found to be unfit to take plea. The court ordered that she be taken to Mathari mental hospital in Nairobi for treatment. The matter will be mentioned in August.

### **Child Protection**

- A live radio session was conducted at radio Gargaar on 16 June 2020 as part of the celebrations for the Day of the African Child. Community workers organized children in groups of five to listen to the radio session at home using 150 radio sets that had been distributed across the camps. Pre-recorded songs, skits and poems and various speeches from partners including RAS, UNHCR, UNICEF, International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Lutheran World Federation (LWF) were aired. A Microsoft teams link was set up where Dadaab actors followed the event live. The theme for the 2020 celebration was “access to child friendly justice system”.
- A Best Interest Determination (BID) Panel meeting was held on 19 June 2020. In attendance were representatives from UNHCR, Save the Children (SCI), Terre des Hommes (TDH) and Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK). Eight cases were discussed and assessor recommendations for resettlement approved. Seven of the cases were referred to court through the access to justice partner for processing of custody and guardianship orders. Formalizing care arrangements through custody and guardianship orders is a prerequisite for resettlement for unaccompanied minors and separated and children in custody disputes.
- National Care Arrangement Reform: UNHCR Kenya held a meeting with a UNICEF consultant on 11 June 2020 to discuss alternative care arrangements within the refugee setting as he develops a national care reform strategy for the government that will include protection of refugee children. The focus of the strategy will be inter alia, legislation, policy and regulation; programming, service provision and practices; social protection; communication and management; finances and funding; and planning and implementation.

### **Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV)**

- A total of 79 SGBV cases were reported and attended to across the camps in the month of June. Case profiles included; rape, sexual assault, physical assault, psychological/emotional abuse, forced marriage and denial of resources. All survivors received psychosocial counselling and referrals were made to the police and to hospitals as appropriate. Follow up will be done with the police to ensure that proper investigations are conducted and witnesses record statements thereby aiding in survivors’ access to justice.
- A psychoeducation session was conducted for 10 individuals in Dagahaley camp. Participants were taken through effective stress management with a focus on cognitive issues that permeate emotional, behavioural and social capacities. The aim of the session was to promote positive coping mechanisms. Stress in the household has been identified as the main cause of an increase in domestic violence in the camps since the outbreak of COVID-19. Continuous psychoeducation and psychosocial counselling are integral in prevention of violence in the home.

## Risk Mitigation

- In the effort to support vulnerable families and ensure economic safety in Dadaab refugee camps during COVID-19, 60 households received monthly multi-purpose cash grant disbursement provided in collaboration with DRC. The Provision of cash assistance has been proven to be effective in prevention of violence against women and girls.
- A rapid protection monitoring assessment was conducted in Ifo and Dagahaley refugee camps to establish challenges faced by vulnerable groups; reaching 122 respondents of diverse age, and gender including community leaders, religious leaders, GBV committees and agency community workers. The expected outcome is information that would help put into place prioritized responses to address the challenges faced by the various groups and evidence-based programming.

## Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs)

- The 2020 World Refugee Day was marked virtually on 19 June 2020 under the tag lines “Every Action Counts, everyone can make a difference.” Video clips of select agency staff and music by refugee artists were pre-recorded for dissemination across social media platforms. A joint celebration for the Kenya Operation was held via Facebook live where the recordings were also aired. World Refugee Day is an important medium for global advocacy on refugee matters and participation by refugees and host communities creates harmony, peaceful coexistence and a sense of belonging.

## Coordination

- UNHCR continued to hold the weekly Dadaab level Inter-Agency Coordination meetings.
- The three quarantine centres remained operational throughout the month, hosting 128 persons including 52 newly admitted individuals from Somalia. LWF continued to work closely with the health partners in ensuring that residents undergo medical screening, while CARE continued to disinfect the facilities once individuals were discharged.
- UNHCR in collaboration with CARE distributed sanitary pads and underpants to 57,250 women and girls; representing 85 per cent of the target population; with each receiving receive four packets of sanitary pads and one under pant. Provision of material support is integral in cushioning vulnerable groups from adverse effects of COVID-19.
- UNHCR-World Bank rapid response telephone survey team interviewed 912 households covering 55 per cent of the target. Data gathered from the respondents indicated that; 86 per cent of households were concerned about not having enough food, 13 per cent indicated that they have places to isolate COVID-19 infected household members, 98 per cent stated that they had changed their behaviour since learning about COVID-19 and 72 per cent were satisfied with the government’s response to the pandemic.
- UNHCR and partners held a meeting on 10 June 2020 on harmonization of collection and recording of Persons with Specific Needs (PSN) data. A reporting template was designed and the sector plans to jointly analyse PSN data captured in the first half of this year.

- Community outreach staff in Ifo refugee camp conducted a training for 30 home-based caregivers on various areas such as home adaptations to Persons living with Disabilities (PWD) needs, basic physiotherapy and occupational therapy techniques such as positioning of bedridden persons, early signs of impairment and their interventions, and proper use and maintenance of various assistive devices. Continuous capacity building of caregivers is integral to provision of care at this time where access to field offices is limited by physical distancing directives and the rising number of positive cases in the camps.

### **Community Protection**

- Community-based protection coordinated training by health partners of 166 members of community structures drawn from across the camps. Overview of COVID-19 including prevention, symptoms, management and treatment was covered. The training will ensure that precautionary measures are adhered to as the individuals carry out their protection work in the community.
- Social Protection: A country wide UNHCR meeting on coordination of social protection activities was held on 5 June 2020. Branch Office will share social protection strategies currently in place as a starting point for harmonization of practices across the locations that will enhance poverty and vulnerability reduction efforts for refugees and host communities. Camp Monitoring: UNHCR protection conducted field monitoring in Dagahaley camp on 4 June 2020. An SGBV centre, rehabilitation centre, and the food distribution point were visited. It was noted that service delivery was ongoing with presence of both national and community staff at some of the facilities. Adherence to public health guidelines on physical distancing and mandatory wearing of masks was observed as good; which could be attributed to the fact that individuals had to observe mandatory wearing of masks at the food distribution point.
- An in-person training for SASA! activists was ongoing at the SGBV centre – while observing distancing protocol. The activists stated that they were seeing benefits of their increased awareness raising in the community and that survivors are gaining more confidence to report cases each day.
- On 4 June, UNHCR distributed donation five boxes of bar soaps from IAMTHECODE to community workers, PWDs and SGBV survivors in Dadaab camps.
- Child protection and SGBV focal persons participated in a regional meeting on interoperability between ProGres V4 and Child Protection and Gender-based Violence information management systems. Updates from discussions at HQ level included the high commissioner's decision on the fact that partners were not obligated to use ProGres V4 and continuing technical work on interoperability between V4 and the existing IMSs10. It was noted that local data harmonization solutions would be explored pending finalization of technical work at HQ level and that a guidance note on interim data sharing would be finalized and shared.
- Protection unit was engaged in a Windle International Kenya (WIK) and World University Service of Canada (WUSC) KEEP project rapid gender analysis discussion on 24 June 2020. The aim of the discussion was to shed light on SGBV and COVID-19 related challenges that learners, children with disability and the youth have been facing in lockdown; to map out existing assistance services including provision of sanitary material and cash-based assistance and to prioritize needs for these groups. It is anticipated that WIK and WUSC will factor in identified gaps in programming of the next roll out of their KEEP project.
- 164 WIK national teachers were facilitated to access SGBV and Preventing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) online trainings on UNHCR's learn and connect

platform as they prepare to re-open schools in September. Teachers provide a key point of access for monitoring protection concerns faced by learners, referring SGBV and child protection cases through the referral pathway and providing paediatric counselling and psychosocial first aid

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is a need to strengthen community structure support on communication with the community on changing the perception of the community on the use of the quarantine as well as developing user-friendly messages and installing screened messages in the quarantine facilities to encourage and help people embrace the benefit of being quarantined.



## EDUCATION

### Achievements and Impacts

- Home learning support ongoing across the three camps. Teachers are supporting learners remotely and physically while observing social distancing and all the stipulated measures. This has benefitted more than 20,000 learners.
- Radio lessons with adapted Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) content and other content developed by teachers in Dadaab ongoing.
- Board of management contributed resources and fenced the three schools being used for quarantine across the camps during the reporting period.
- Education Assessment Resource Centre (EARC) services, have been ongoing for children with disabilities. The partners have been supporting parents with therapy materials and training them on methods of therapy for different cases.
- Assessment of schools to meet COVID-19 protocols for school reopening is ongoing.

### Secondary Education

- Teaching and learning via radio lessons broadcasted in Radio Gargar progressed well.
- Teaching and learning via WhatsApp groups and Microsoft teams for all classes including the Special Needs Education (SNE) classes continued well in all schools. The SNE classes, SNE teachers record video clips while signing to simulate the class environment. There are special WhatsApp groups for technical subjects which cater for few students like computer studies and Business studies. The teachers would record both audio and video lessons and share them with the learners via these groups. A total of 3,488 learners are currently active in these groups.
- Teachers developed audio and video lessons contents, lesson notes and shared them with learners through the various forums created.
- Learning materials developed were printed and distributed to learners for use in their studies at home
- Teachers monitored the participation of learners in the learning platforms by evaluating their learning
- The schools organized with refugee staff to do home teaching to help the learners to continue learning while at home while observing the Ministry of Health guidelines.

## Post-Secondary Education

- The 68 Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) students pursuing various courses at diploma, undergraduate and graduate levels are being supported through distance learning programs, including digital platforms, to continue with their studies.
- During the monthly BHER partners webinar, it was disclosed that BHER is exploring possibilities to establish research programmes for graduate and post graduate students in the camp. The research programme will comprise of refugee graduates and research fellows from the BHER affiliated institutions including Kenyatta University, York University and Moi University. This initiative will help create job opportunities for graduates as well as offer research services in the camps among other benefits.

## Challenges

- Inadequate or lack of data bundles for some teachers and learners to access the teaching/learning platforms.
- Inadequate learning materials for SNE learners to study while at home, especially braille books.
- Little or less airtime is provided for radio to enable teaching/learning of all subjects.
- Lack of electricity to enable study during the night.
- While it is possible to teach in the groups and give assignments, periodical evaluation of what has been learnt over time through continuous assessment tests and other exams is still a challenge.

## Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- NSTR



## RESETTLEMENT AND DURABLE SOLUTIONS

### Achievements and Impacts

- A total of 93 individuals were counselled on the status of their resettlement cases including; USRAP7 processing, updates on Finland and UK cases, and updates on protection processes including requirements for child custody determination.
- 22 deferrals from RSC8 were responded to, with birth certificates for newly added babies sent.
- UNHCR responded to Refuge Point; an EMPP9 facilitator, on interview arrangements for one applicant. It was agreed that the interview would be conducted after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
- UNHCR attended a radio show where general resettlement updates, antifraud related information, and the impact of COVID-19 on RST processes was discussed. Radio

sensitization continues to play a crucial role in delivering resettlement information and updates to persons of concern.

- There were no resettlement submissions in the month of June as the submission quota was filled in the first quarter of the year. 352 cases have been submitted since the beginning of the year. On the other hand, 31 individuals have departed for resettlement countries since the beginning of the year.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- NSTR



## HEALTH

#### Achievements and Impacts

- A total of 17 COVID-19 cases were reported during the reporting period including the first COVID-19 related death on 15 June 2020.
- During the reporting period a 293-community health workforce was maintained for COVID-19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE), contact tracing and routine healthcare messaging.
- Three Community health Committee meetings were held across the camps for the month of June.
- During this reporting period 42 patients were referred for specialized care to Garissa and Nairobi, out of these 10 were maternal cases.
- With the dry season, a decline in diarrhoea diseases was experienced in two of the Dadaab refugee camps.
- An average of 1,089 outpatient clients were attended to in the health facilities across the camps, there was a decrease compared to 1,223 reported in the health facilities in April 2020, an average of 50 new admissions was reported with an average of 64 consultations per clinician. Percentage of deliveries in health facilities were as follows; 99 per cent in Hagadera, 87.5 per cent in Dagahaley and 96 per cent in Ifo refugee camp and immunization coverage was recorded as follows: 85 per cent in Hagadera, 96 per cent in Ifo and Dagahaley 79 per cent.
- Routine activities of Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) are ongoing except the few activities that were suspended due to COVID-19. Impacted activities include Community dialogue and family bazaars, school club sessions, trainings, and coordination meetings of mother to mother support group/father to father support group.
- 95 per cent of women are delivered by a skilled attendant.
- As part of the government's COVID-19 public health measures, the cessation of referral of elective cases is still in effect.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- NSTR



## FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

### Achievements and Impact

- A total of 1,975 persons were admitted into the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP).
- During the reporting period, double food distribution conducted for the months of June and July 2020.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- NSTR



## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

### Achievements and Impacts

#### Water Access

- On average, the daily water production in June from 22 operational boreholes was 10,656m<sup>3</sup>, where about 7,225m<sup>3</sup> supplied to the refugee population in Dadaab camps. This translated to an average daily per capita water allocation of 31.0 litres. About 3,431m<sup>3</sup> (32.2%) was apportioned to other users including agencies, markets, institutions, hospitals, leakages, livestock and other losses.
- The increased per capita water of 31 litres per person per day is aimed at ensuring PoCs have additional water necessary to respond to Covid-19 outbreak globally with Kenya having recorded 7,886 cases and 160 deaths

#### Sanitation Coverage

- There were 37,322 household latrines and 250 communal latrines during the reporting period, translating a coverage of 80.6 per cent. 105 sanitation cleaners were actively engaged in managing solid waste in public areas across the refugee camps. WASH Partner currently incorporating community structures in camp cleaning.

#### Hygiene Promotion

- During the reporting period, 123 Hygiene promoters were engaged in carrying out hygiene promotion campaigns in Dadaab refugee camps. WASH Partner currently incorporating community structures in hygiene promotion across camps. The HP: PoCs ratio now stand at 1:1,897, against the UNHCR standard as 1:1000 PoCs for protracted refugee situation like Dadaab.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- NSTR



## CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

### Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR protection conducted field monitoring in Dagahaley camp on 4 June 2020. An SGBV centre, rehabilitation centre, and the food distribution point were visited. It was noted that service delivery was ongoing with presence of both national and community staff at some of the facilities. It was observed that refugees complied with the directives to observe physical distancing and wearing of masks.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gap

- NSTR



## ENVIRONMENT AND ACCESS TO ENERGY

### Achievements and Impact

- Dadaab Operation celebrated the World Environment Day on 5 June 2020 in a muted manner due to prevalence of COVID-19. Within this context, Relief, Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RRDO), Fafi Integrated Development Authority (FaIDA) and Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) mounted awareness campaigns on good practices of environmental management. The agencies also distributed hand washing implements to selected households among the refugee and host communities. Over the same period, surveillance spot checks against live tree/vegetation harvesting, charcoal burning, and other incidents of environment destruction were conducted, and remedial action taken.
- During the month under review, the tree planting campaign was sustained through distribution of 3,700 seedlings for transplanting in Dagahaley camp (1,500), Ifo camp (1,200) and Dadaab town (1,000). Seedlings issued will serve multi-purpose role provision of shade, fruits and fodder. Over the same duration, the operation maintained 14 greenbelts that were established in Ifo II in line with the on-going rehabilitation of degraded sites in the closed camp.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- NSTR



## LIVELIHOODS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT \

### Achievements and Impacts

- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Business and Entrepreneurship training for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) learners is ongoing well for the learners through online digital platform sessions such as WhatsApp and google.
- The NRC digital skills training is ongoing, and the Learners are studying an online course for business and entrepreneurship in all the three camps.
- Soap production for the COVID-19 is ongoing for the two NRC supported soap making group. So far, they have received 898 small cartoons of soap from Hormud youth group which will be distributed to the community institutions such as Markets, Slaughterhouses, Hospitals and Police stations.
- NRC Group enterprise development application forms data entry is at the final stage and it will be completed soon.
- NRC TVET Training for skills development is also ongoing in all their centres using the online digital learning platforms such as google classroom where learners and instructors meet on daily basis to discuss and learn the skills they enrolled.
- NRC started TVET Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Group formation and is going well. So far, they have formed 28 groups that has attained the required criteria for the SME Group formations
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC) livelihoods conducted Kick-off meetings with 36 community leaders across the three camps with UNHCR and Denmark Development Corporation (DANIDA) grants for 2020. The meeting aimed at informing the leaders on the various livelihood activities to be conducted during the year, modality of implementation during COVID-19 pandemic and receive feedback from leaders on proposed activities.
- DRC livelihoods conducted information awareness sharing sessions on COVID-19 with leaders of 16 Village Savings and Loaning Groups (VSLA) on adhering to COVID-19 ministry of health guidelines while conducting savings and loaning activities, the awareness sessions were conducted in in Ifo and Dagahaley Camp.
- During the month, DRC conducted VSLA mentorship sessions to 5 groups with 50 female persons of concern in Ifo and Dagahaley. The VSLA members were mentored on savings and lending meeting procedures and record keeping including the use of passbooks.
- DRC is currently conducting vocational skills using the telegram platform as a form of virtual training to vocational skills students enrolled in Plumbing and Solar photovoltaic technology reaching a total of 35 students. In plumbing 9 individuals were reached while in Solar 26 individuals were reached. All the students are accessing the coursework.
- DRC ongoing mass face mask production, a total of 70 tailors from Ifo and Dagahaley are participating where 30 tailors are engaged in Ifo and another 40 in Dagahaley. So far, Ksh 358,700 has been paid to the tailors involved from mid May 2020. This payment will enhance the individual household income purchasing power.

### **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

- NSTR

**Working in partnership**

In Dadaab, RAS and UNHCR are working together with WFP, UNICEF, IOM, County Government of Garissa, Refugee Consortium of Kenya, Save the Children International, Terre Des Hommes, Danish Refugee Council, International Rescue Committee, Lutheran World Federation, Humanity and Inclusion, Center for Victims of Torture, Windle International, Norwegian Refugee Council, Kenya Red Cross Society, Médecins Sans Frontier, FilmAid International, CARE International, RRDO, and Peace Winds Japan.

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