

Sub Office Dadaab, Kenya

November 2020

The security situation in Dadaab and nearby Sub Counties remained calm throughout the month. Border points into Kenya were closed to mitigate the risks of transmitting COVID-19 from Somalia. However, there continues to be a trend of border crossing from Somalia to Kenya.

Through the porous borders along Liboi corridor. In the month of August, New arrival profiling remained suspended due to COVID-19 prevention and mitigation measures.

Relocation of non-Somali refugees to Kakuma remained suspended due to Covid-19 prevention and mitigation measures.

222,989

Dadaab population as at **30 NOVEMBER 2020**

56%

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

Below: UNHCR expands learning space in one of the schools in Dagahaley refugee camp © UNHCR/ Abdinoor.



REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AS OF 30 NOV 2020

<i>Somalia</i>	214,650
<i>Ethiopia</i>	7,469
<i>South Sudan</i>	624
<i>DRC</i>	72
<i>Uganda</i>	71
<i>Burundi</i>	64
<i>Sudan</i>	24
<i>Rwanda</i>	8
<i>Eritrea</i>	4
<i>Others</i>	3

COVID-19 Preparedness and Response

- 37 (25 people of concern, 12 humanitarian staff) confirmed cases were reported during the month.
- 3 quarantine and 2 isolation facilities supported.
- 10 active people of concern cases as at 30 sept 2020.
- 15 recoveries recorded.
- Two fatalities have been reported during the month, raising the total fatalities to 4, in Dadaab.

Public Health Response

- UNHCR and partners continued to provide risk communication and community engagement including sensitizing the community on continuation of essential services to upscale uptake of routine services and ensure continuum of care for those with chronic conditions, community-based surveillance and Stockpiling of essential drugs and other medical supplies.
- Stockpiling of essential drugs, PPEs and other medical supplies as UNHCR received additional COVID-19 PPEs and other non-pharmaceuticals on 24th august 2020 from IGAD and 130,000 reusable masks on 27th august 2020 for refugees, host community and subcounty Government officials.



PROTECTION

- The protection environment remained favourable to refugees in Ifo, Hagadera and Dagahaley refugee camps respectively. However, the recent outbreak of COVID-19 virus resulted in the Government of Kenya closing the Somalia-Kenya border to dissuade cross border movements as cases reported in the refugee camps were traced back to Somalia.
- 891 new-born babies were registered during the month and their details entered in ProGres.
- There was no new arrival profiling during this 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.
- A legal forum on the applicability of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) within the Kenyan legal framework was conducted on 3 November 2020 for 15 block leaders in Dagahaley Camp in recognition of the role they play in solving communal disputes. Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms i.e. negotiation, mediation, arbitration and traditional justice systems were discussed. The formal court process and the role of UNHCR's partner RCK (Refugee Consortium of Kenya) in representing refugees was also highlighted. Participants were sensitized on the types of disputes they can solve through ADR and those that they cannot, with emphasis on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, capital robbery, grievous harm and murder.
- The Garissa County Civil Registrar, supported by UNHCR, completed his 3-month mobile visit to Dadaab on 30 November 2020 having processed 12,325 birth notifications for certificate issuance against a target of 9,000. Due to a shortage of

certificate booklets, a further 4,061 birth notifications remain unprocessed. The next civil registrar visit is scheduled for the first quarter of 2021

- 82 clients were attended to, during the reporting period. Concerns presented included SGBV, lack of proper shelter and latrines, medical issues, requests for card reactivation, reports of new arrivals not accessing essential services in the camp, lack of livelihood support, follow up on court cases, conflicts at the block level, anxiety over relocation to Kakuma and stigma and discrimination from other community members. Legal assistance and psychosocial counselling were provided as appropriate.
- UNHCR Dadaab supported one refugee to participate in virtual South Sudan national dialogue sessions that ran from 3 November to 14 November 2020. The national dialogue was launched as part of the South Sudan peace initiative with the objective of bringing together South Sudanese people including IDPs, civil society, the media fraternity, politicians, and refugees to end violent conflicts, reconstitute national consensus, and save the country from disintegration through discussions on governance, the economy, security reforms and social cohesion.
- The Kenya National Youth Council, through its *Fursa Mashinani* initiative that aims at skills and capacity building and empowerment for the youth, requested for the youth in the camp to identify areas in which they would like to be trained on. Youth in Dadaab selected skills development, technology/ICT, health awareness, economic development, civic education, manufacturing, intervention on drug and substance abuse, sports, and environmental rehabilitation. This support was well received as it is indicative of positive gains of the commitment the Kenyan Government made towards CRRF (Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework), GCR (Global Compact on Refugees) and particularly in inclusion of refugees in national initiatives and services.
- UNHCR in collaboration with Alliance for African Assistance Kenya (AAAK) and Village Pillars Empowerment Project (VIPEP) held a virtual fundraising concert on 21 November 2020, to raise awareness on challenges faced by persons with disabilities, refugee youth and women such as gender-based violence during COVID-19, and to raise funds for projects supporting 200 individuals from the target groups. Two refugee youth musicians from Dadaab performed alongside other local artists.

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.

Access to Justice

- A refugee man was arrested and charged with smuggling of human beings. He pleaded guilty to the charges and was sentenced to a fine of Kshs. 100,000 or 1-year imprisonment in default thereof.

Child Protection

- 202 children exhibiting high to medium risk psychosocial distress, anxiety, suicidal tendencies and depression were provided with individual counselling sessions across the camps. Psychoeducation on prevention of COVID-19 and stress and anxiety

management was also conducted for the children and their caregivers. Through the psychosocial support offered, their global assessment of functioning (GAF) score rose from 55% to 85%.

- 467 refugee children, including unaccompanied minors in foster care drawn from all the camps and 15 children drawn from host communities of Bula Nyanya, Labasigale and Welhar benefitted from cash-based support as per their individual assessed needs. Each child received a voucher worth Kshs. 5,000 redeemable from pre-selected vendors in the markets across the camps. Provision of CBI (Cash-Based Intervention) is a means to ensure economic safety net for the identified children and their families during COVID-19, lack of which would expose them to protection risks such as SGBV, sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), recruitment into militia groups, trafficking and smuggling and child labour.
- A 3 days' life skills training was conducted for 95 out-of-school adolescents across the camps. Topics covered included self-awareness and confidence, stress management, interpersonal skills, practicing healthy behaviours and making informed decisions. Plans are underway to enrol the participants for basic computer packages and livelihoods trainings.
- 10 individuals from the host community were trained on child protection, children's rights and law, FGM (Female Genital Mutilation), child labour, early marriage, the inter-agency referral pathway, positive parenting and identification of child protection issues in the community. The training will enable participants to mobilize appropriate community responses to child protection incidents, enhance inter-agency referrals, raise awareness on children's rights, and to ensure that communities take part in creating protective environments for children.

Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV)

- 47 SGBV cases were reported and attended to, across the three camps. Case profiles included physical assault, rape and psychological/emotional abuse. 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.
- The 2020 *16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence* campaign was launched in a virtual panel discussion with sectoral experts livestreamed on YouTube on the global subthemes on prevention and response to SGBV, the importance of data collection in program design and ensuring access to services for survivors and fundraising for SGBV programs with a look at sectoral challenges and achievements during COVID-19. The *16 days of activism*, an annual global campaign that runs from 25 November, to 10 December calls for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls through intensifying awareness, galvanizing advocacy efforts, and sharing knowledge and innovations amongst communities. The panel discussion was graced by sector specialists from UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNWOMEN, the State Department for Gender, RAS and the Refugee Community. The keynote speaker, the UN resident coordinator in Kenya, Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee, called for greater commitment from all players in ensuring elimination of violence against women and girls.
- SGBV health talks on violence in the home with emphasis on prevention and response were conducted in Dagahaley camps' health facilities reaching 40 individuals. During

the session, concerns over minority groups' higher vulnerability to insecurity and SGBV was highlighted. In response, community protection mechanisms, the duty to report incidents and confidentiality principles were explained and emergency hotline numbers shared. Health facilities serve as a key access point for identification of SGBV cases and for referral to response services hence capacity building and enhanced collaboration with health workers remains a priority under SGBV programming.

- Community sensitization forums on SGBV prevention and response were conducted in Ifo and Dagahaley camps reaching 207 individuals. Topics discussed included; forms of SGBV, power relations as a cause of violence against women and girls, addressing cultural barriers that cause SGBV and plans for the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. Community members highlighted physical violence as the most common form of SGBV and that traditional dispute resolution mechanisms continued to be used to solve disputes. The survivor-centred and human rights approaches to SGBV response were explained in a bid to encourage reporting of incidents and seeking redress through formal justice systems. The interagency referral pathway and agency hotline numbers were also shared.
- 120 vulnerable households from Ifo and Dagahaley camps received their monthly multi-purpose cash grant disbursements provided in collaboration with DRC (Danish Refugee Council), with each family receiving Kshs. 4,500. Provision of cash assistance is key in providing economic safety net for vulnerable families during COVID-19 and has been proven effective in prevention of violence against women and girls.

Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs)

- An interagency MHPSS (Mental Health and Psychosocial Support) working group meeting was held on 24 November 2020 to validate standard operating procedures for mental health response and referral procedures for persons of concern in Dadaab during COVID-19. In attendance were representatives from UNHCR, Humanity and Inclusion, Refugee Consortium of Kenya, Windle International Kenya, International Rescue Committee, MSF, Centre for Victims of Torture, Kenya Red Cross Society, Danish Refugee Council and Lutheran World Federation. The draft was adopted and will be shared as the final copy.
- In collaboration with UNHCR, Humanity and Inclusion Dadaab launched in an inter-agency forum, a new project on strengthening the protection environment for refugee and host communities through the provision of community-based protection, rehabilitation, and psychosocial support services with a focus on children with disabilities. The 2020-2022 project provides an opportunity for partners to collaborate and share expertise in prevention and response to child protection issues including SGBV, capacity building of partner and Government stakeholders and establishment of community-led awareness creation mechanisms.
- As part of planning for International Day of Persons with Disabilities, two radio talk back sessions were conducted to raise awareness on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The event was marked on 3 December 2020 under the theme *Building Back Better: toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 world* with an aim to promote understanding of disability issues, to mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities and to increase awareness on gains anticipated from integration of persons with disabilities in political, social, economic and cultural activities.

Coordination

- In collaboration with RCK (Refugee Consortium of Kenya) and Humanity and Inclusion (H.I), two awareness forums were conducted in Ifo and Dagahaley camps from 25-28 November 2020 for 45 caregivers of children with disability on eliminating violence against women and girls, children's rights, and the legal framework governing SGBV response in Kenya; including the Sexual Offences Act, the Prohibition of FGM Act and the Protection against Domestic Violence Act. Participants were taken through provisions of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Kenya Children's Act, various forms of child abuse, reporting mechanisms and access to justice through the formal justice system.
- The 2020 Universal Children's Day was celebrated in Dadaab on 20 November. A webinar and a live radio session were organized and attended by the refugee and host communities and partners. Members of the Dadaab children's assembly and the community engaged in discussion over radio on key challenges faced by children, strategies to overcome identified challenges and celebration of children's achievements. Listeners were sensitized on prevention of child abuse, keeping children safe during COVID-19, and reporting channels.
- In collaboration with Alliance for African Assistance Kenya (AAA Kenya); UNHCR provided support to youth in the camp in accessing an online ICT/ graphic design training. The training provided the students with a creative platform to explore their imagination, improve social skills and an opportunity to acquire a skill that they can practice freelance thereby creating livelihood opportunities.

Community Protection

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

- The monthly inter-agency education working group meeting was held on 2nd November 2020. In attendance were representatives from Ministry of Education, UNHCR, UNICEF, World Food Programme, Windle International Kenya, Lutheran World Federation and Save the Children International. Progress on schools' re-opening, ongoing remote teaching and learning activities, the impact of COVID-19 on education, the impact of relocation to Kakuma on learners in examination classes and inclusion of refugees in national education systems under GISED (Garissa Integrated Socio-Economic Development Plan) was discussed.
- Following schools' re-opening on 21 October 2020, learner attendance rate by end of November was recorded at 85% for primary school grades 4 and 8 and 70% for

secondary school form 4. Mobilization is ongoing to ensure all the learners return to school.

- 79 (100%) learners with disability in primary school grades 4 and 8 and secondary school form 4 reported back to school following re-opening on 21 October. Access to remote learning through radio lessons, digital classes, WhatsApp group discussions and provision of adapted learning materials continued for the other 950 learners with disability including through provision of braille machines, transcribed braille textbooks, and hearing aids.
- In collaboration with Humanity and Inclusion, 67 classroom assistants (shadow teachers) were recruited in schools across the camps to support Special Needs Education; an area that has been underfunded, in a bid to ensure children with disability receive appropriate, quality and inclusive education. The recruitment also provides a means of livelihoods for the 67 individuals who were drawn from the refugee community.



LIVELIHOODS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

- 15 youth from Ifo camp were issued with beehive-making materials and installation support. The group will also be trained on business skills development to enable them to use the acquired skills to run profitable businesses.
- 41 individuals from Ifo camp were provided with numeracy and literacy training with a focus on developing business plans, record keeping and business skills development.
- National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) examiners arrived in Dadaab to conduct final examination supervision for solar power installation, plumbing and tailoring courses. Examination material was also purchased ahead of the session.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Nothing significant to report.



RESETTLEMENT AND DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- 4 individuals were successfully resettled to Canada during the reporting period. An additional 33 individuals from 20 households had been scheduled to leave Dadaab for onward resettlement to Canada and Finland but had their departure postponed after some individuals in their households tested positive for COVID-19.
- 71 individuals were counselled on requests for resettlement consideration and the status of their resettlement cases, including; on USRAP (United States Refugee Admission Programme) processing, updates on Sweden, Australia, Canada, Finland and UK cases, and updates on protection processes including requirements for child custody determination, family reunification, withdrawal of National Registration Bureau match cases and registration of new-born babies.
- 23 deferrals on family composition, add-on babies, add-on spouses, change of marital status, release of child custody, withdrawal of cases submitted to other countries, family reunification and death of family members were assessed and responded to.

The cases were updated, and the information shared with relevant resettlement countries.

- UNHCR's Resettlement Unit attended the monthly radio show where general resettlement updates, anti-fraud related information, and the impact of COVID-19 on resettlement processes was discussed. Radio sensitization continues to play a crucial role in delivering updated resettlement information to persons of concern.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Nothing significant to report.



HEALTH

- One (1) quarantine and one (1) isolation facilities supported.
- A total of 74 COVID-19 cases recorded among the People of concern.
- 26 active cases as at 30 Nov. 2020.
- 70 recoveries recorded.
- No COVID-19 related fatalities.
- A total of 919 people tested for COVID-19.
- COVID-19 trainings conducted for 52 healthcare workers.
- No cases of other notifiable diseases recorded during the reporting period
- 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.
- 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

- Nothing significant to report.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- Nothing significant to report

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Nothing significant to report.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Access to water

- On average, the daily water production in September from 22 operational boreholes was 10,871m³, where about 7,378m³ was supplied to the refugee population in

Dadaab camps. This translated to an average daily per capita water allocation of 31.4 litres. About 3,493m³ (32.1%) was apportioned to other users including agencies, markets, institutions, hospitals, leakages, livestock and other losses.

Sanitation Coverage

- There were 37,456 household latrines and 250 communal latrines during the reporting period, translating to a coverage of 80.9%. WASH Partner currently incorporating community structures in camp cleaning where 105 sanitation cleaners were actively engaged in managing solid waste in public areas across the refugee camps.

Hygiene Promotion

- During the reporting period, 126 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 hygiene promoter to persons of concern ratio now stand at 1:1,897, against the UNHCR standard as 1:1000 for protracted refugee situation like Dadaab.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Nothing significant to report.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gap

- Nothing significant to report.

SHELTER, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- During the reporting period, construction of eight classrooms in Wadajir primary school in Dagahaley was completed. The construction consisted of two blocks of four classrooms each and 160m long internal partition chain link fence. The project will improve learning space in the school and will go a long way in promoting education in the camp through provision of conducive learning environment.
- The renovation of kitchen facilities and construction of handwashing facilities in 22 primary schools across the 3 camps (Dagahaley 7, Hagadera7 and lfo 8) is complete. The project consisted of repairing floor slabs, re-plastering walls, re-painting, roofing works and installation of metallic doors, metallic windows and metallic serving window claddings for the kitchen facilities. In addition, one handwashing facility per school for the kitchen area compete with taps, drainage pipes and soak pits were constructed. The project has greatly improved the condition of the kitchen facilities in the schools which were dilapidated, provided handwashing facilities which will improve hygiene and goes a long way in COVID control in the schools.
- Establishment of joint quarantine centre in Hagadera transit centre is complete. The improvement involved installation of 40 metallic doors for the accommodation shelters in order to safe guard the security of the users, partitioning of the accommodation shed in view of increasing the capacity and fixing of tarpaulins all-round the accommodation sheds walling to protect the users from the effect of the weather. The project was necessitated by the opening of the schools which were used as quarantine centres.

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

- The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Environment in the Garissa County Government Hon. Habon Aden led a delegation from the County Government on a mission to inspect environmental activities under implementation by the Fafi Integrated Development Association (FaIDA) on behalf of UNHCR. The team was impressed by the range of initiatives being undertaken in the tree nursery in Githuthey, Hagadera camp, that include production of shade and fruit tree seedlings for residential and institutional compound greening.
- Farming activities designed to not only rehabilitate degraded areas but also support livelihoods through income generation were sustained over the period under review. Within this context, orchards already established by the Relief, Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RRDO) in primary school compounds were maintained and 15 members of the host community in Bulla Kheir were supported with beehives for honey production. Simultaneously, FaIDA supported four farmers in Hagadera camp with pesticides and seeds.
- 400 liners for firewood saving cooking stoves were fabricated at the Stove Production facility that is operated on behalf of UNHCR by RRDO.
- In Hagadera camp, firewood was issued to the IRC hospital (2.8mt), Covid-19 Isolation centre (3.6 mt) and the Protection Area (1.2 mt). Over the same period, RRDO distributed wood to institutions in Dagahaley (3mt), Ifo (4.5 mt) and the stove production unit at Dadaab (30 mt).

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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