

# Sub Office Dadaab, Kenya

## FEBRUARY 2021

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. However, there continues to be a trend of border crossing from Somalia to Kenya.

Through the porous borders along Liboi corridor. 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.

**224,462**

Dadaab population as of **28 February 2021**

**56%**

**Percentage** of Dadaab population are children

### VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FROM DADAAB

**81,207**

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

**63,928**

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

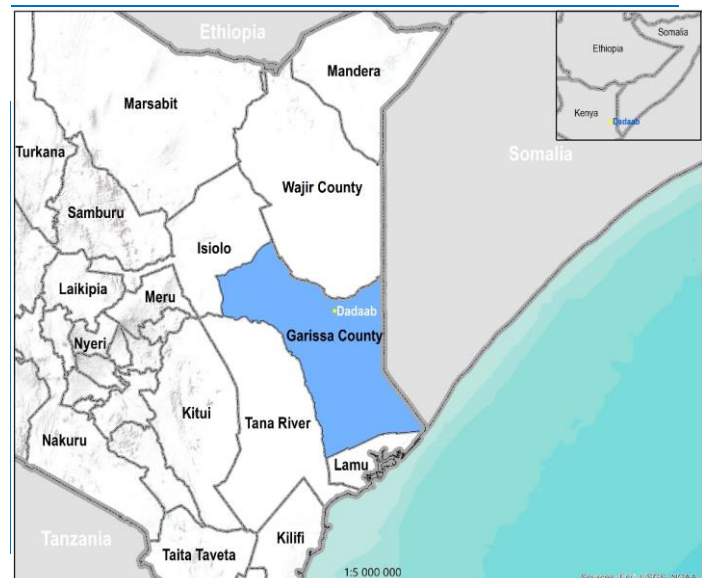
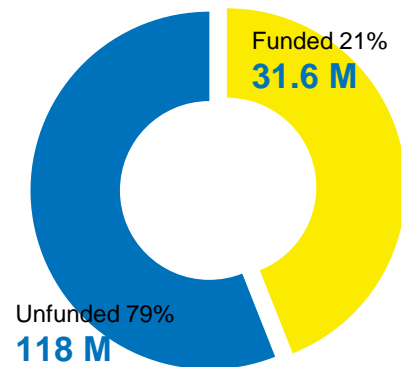
### REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Somalia	216,069
Ethiopia	7,510
South Sudan	626
DRC	78
Uganda	73
Burundi	64
Sudan	25
Rwanda	8
Eritrea	4
Tanzania	3
Yemen	2

### FUNDING (AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2021)

**USD 149.6 M**

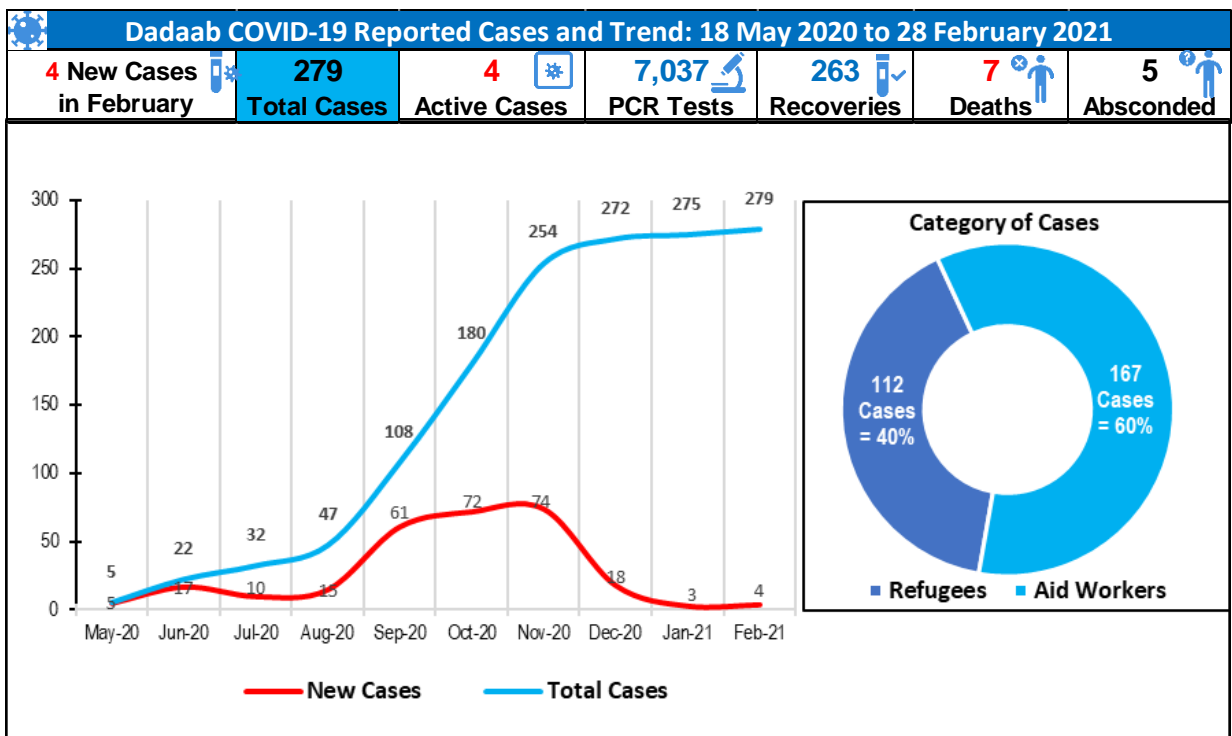
requested for the **Kenya** situation





Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in Kenya, UNHCR has been receiving donations of Personal Protective Equipment from Government and private partners. In this picture, UNHCR is sorting out medical supplies received from IGAD © UNHCR/ Mohamed Maalim, 10 February 2021.

**COVID-19 Preparedness and Response**



- On 4 February 2021, UNHCR received two GeneXpert machines and 400 COVID-19 testing kits from Kenya's Ministry of Health. One machine was handed over to Garissa County Ministry of Health officials for a preliminary observation and familiarization by health personnel. The machine will go a long way in safeguarding the health and wellbeing of the host and refugee communities.
- On 9 February 2021, a total of 165 boxes containing Personal Protective Equipment donated by IGAD was received through the Garissa County government and subsequently transferred to Dadaab Refugee Camps. The donation included N-95 masks, face shields, infrared thermometers, medical uniforms, protective gloves, safety boxes, boots, and swabs.
- Three refugees/asylum-seekers and one aid worker tested positive, raising the total COVID-19 cases to 279. Out of this, 112 are refugees/asylum-seekers and 167 are humanitarian aid workers.
- Two recoveries were recorded during the month, raising the total to 263.
- No COVID-19 related fatality during the period. Last COVID-19 related mortality was recorded on 27 October 2020.
- COVID-19 testing done for 80 refugees/asylum seekers. By 28 February 2021, 7,037 refugees/ asylum seekers had been tested.

### Public Health Response

- UNHCR is managing one isolation and one quarantine facility for the prevention and response to COVID-19.
- There are 242 community health workers supporting risk communication and community engagement, community-based surveillance, and community sensitization on uptake of essential services thereby ensuring access to basic care for those with chronic conditions in Dadaab camps.
- COVID-19 supplies stockpile maintained at Ifo2 warehouse with received assorted supplies such as 4 bed capacity Intensive Care Unit (ICU) equipment, infrared thermometers, and viral transport media from UNHCR and IGAD.
- Sample referrals for COVID-19 testing and surveillance were supported through Kenya Red Cross Society.

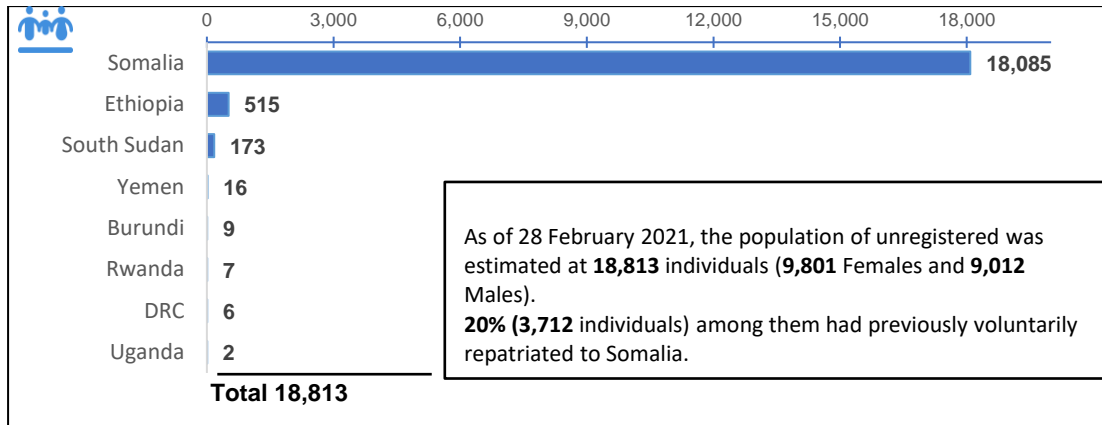


### PROTECTION

- 680 new-born babies were registered during the month and their details entered in ProGres.
- 1,434 ration cards were issued to persons of concern after being replaced as either lost or damaged. Additionally, 132 cases were assigned alternate food collectors.
- Consultations are ongoing for a camp-wide verification exercise to re-establish the accurate number of refugees and asylum-seekers in Dadaab refugee camps. This activity which has been recommended by the Government of Kenya, will be spearheaded by a Joint Verification Task Force (JVTF) comprising of staff from Refugee

Affairs Secretariat, UNHCR and relevant Partners. Planning is in the initial stage and the activity will be carried out once all measures are put in place.

- On 1 February 2021, Live Capture Unit (LCU) came into active use in Dadaab, where all Refugee Identity Card (ID) application and renewal services will henceforth be automated. 767 refugee ID applications were carried out through the automated services of the LCU. A total of 747 Refugee ID cards were collected while 10,239 Refugee cards awaiting collection. During the month, no refugee cards were received from Nairobi.
- There was no profiling of new arrivals. The population of unregistered is estimated at 18,813 individuals. 9,801 are Female while 9,012 are Male.



- 17 children who were SGBV survivors benefitted from follow up to assess their resilience and coping strategies. They were taken through Psychological First Aid and counselling session to help them process the trauma. Follow up sessions will be conducted in the coming weeks to ensure improvement of their mental and emotional health.

### Access to Justice

- Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) conducted monitoring activities on legal cases in the camps and borders, where 432 new arrivals were recorded entering the Country from Liboi border point. The reasons cited for coming into the country were insecurity arising from militia groups controlling Lower and Middle Juba areas and search for humanitarian aid and basic services. The individuals were transferred to the refugee camps for registration and profiling by the Refugee Affairs Secretariat. The absence of a border monitor in Mwingi was noted to be a rising concern as this resulted in delayed representation of people of concern with valid movement passes and those charged with immigration offences. UNHCR and RCK are liaising with the prosecutor as well as the community in flagging cases of refugees charged in court in Mwingi.
- Legal Aid clinics were conducted across the three camps reaching 48 people. The issues presented by clients included intimate partner violence, defilement, physical assault, immigration cases, documentation, rape, loss of alien cards as well as child support. Interventions conducted included legal and individual psychosocial counselling, psychoeducation, follow up of reported cases at the police and court stations and case referrals to relevant agencies for further intervention.
- Court Users Committee meeting was held at Dadaab Law Courts with the attendance of the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), UNHCR, Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK),

Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and the Sub County Children's Officer, as observers. UNHCR and partners were briefed that the Judiciary has implemented Case Tracking System (CTS) and Judiciary Financial Management Information System (JFMIS) to facilitate automation of court registry functions and accounts operations. Following this, UNHCR and RAS plan to hold a protection induction session for the committee to sensitize them on international protection and refugee management. UNHCR continues to advocate for the deployment of a prosecutor at the Dadaab Law Courts as the absence of one is delaying Persons of Concern from accessing justice. However, the Principal Magistrate continues to mention the cases on a weekly basis and allocating new hearing dates.

### **Child Protection**

- On 12 February, UNHCR conducted a Best Interest Procedure training for caseworkers in Dadaab, where discussions were held on the BIP guidelines, identification of cases for Best Interest Determination (BID) process, filling of the BID template and recommendations as well as the way forward.
- A BID panel meeting was held on 22 February 2021 between UNHCR, Refugee Consortium of Kenya, Terres Des Hommes, and Save the Children International where eight durable solutions cases (4 Voluntary Repatriation and 4 Resettlement) were discussed, and appropriate recommendations approved. Follow up of the cases will continue as part of the respective processes.
- To improve the living standards of their families, 217 children were assisted through emergency social support in the form of food and non-food items such as clothes, sleeping materials and unconditional cash vouchers worth 50 USD to redeem food and non-food items from identified suppliers in the camp.
- 94 adolescent boys and girls including SGBV survivors, children engaging in child labour and children living with disability from the refugee community and 24 children from the three host community villages neighbouring Dagahaley Refugee Camp were supported with dignity kits in the form of redeemable conditional cash vouchers worth USD 50 each.
- 350 (200 members of the host communities and 150 refugees) children and their families were supported with COVID-19 PPE such as face masks, hand sanitizers, soap, and gloves to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- 500 vulnerable refugee and 200 and host community children were supported with 50 USD each, to enable them purchase food and non-food items.
- 256 children comprising of school dropouts, SGBV survivors and family therapy for separated children were offered individual and/or group counselling and emotional support services to deal with their psychosocial distress and enhance their protection coping mechanisms and welfare. They were also taken through psychological first aid, counselling, and psychoeducation on healthy ways of processing trauma. Follow-up sessions are ongoing.
- 93 children from the Protection Areas and the Transit Centre in the camps participated in play and art therapy activities which included football, storytelling, whooper whoops, volleyball, singing games, drawing, and colouring, among others. The children gained team building, confidence, and social skills.

### Community Empowerment

- 60 adults and 50 adolescents participated in a three days training on Child Protection basic case management skills, prevention and response, children's rights, prevention of traditional harmful practices and norms and reporting. They also discussed on the emerging issues and the available referral pathways within the camps.
- 10 community members from the Welhar village of the host community participated in a three days training to build their capacity in responding to child protection issues and gain skills on how to sensitize community on child abuse prevention and response.
- 90 caregivers of children with disabilities were trained on activities of daily living, psychological first aid and early identification to empower them with home-based therapy to reduce the risk of relapse, development contractures and secondary deformities upon discharge.

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

- 50 SGBV cases were reported and attended to across the three refugee camps. Case profiles included rape, physical assault, 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.
- Two peer-to- peer club activities were conducted in Bahati and Illeys Primary Schools in Dagahaley refugee camp reaching 40 school-going boys and girls. The students were involved in discussions surrounding dropping out of school, negative peer influence, child and forced marriage, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) in schools and prevention of GBV and response. The facilitator challenged them to mentor those going through peer influence and encourage them to report back to school.
- The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) collaborated with the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in conducting GBV health talks reaching 338 community members. The discussions centered around the prevention and response to GBV and the referral pathway. The GBV toll-free hotline number was shared.
- Two community forums were conducted in Dagahaley and one in Ifo camp reaching 174 community members. The facilitator shared key protection messages on GBV prevention and response and the upcoming International Women's Day (IWD). The group discussed women in leadership and how it affects women's status in the community. The women in the session said they would like to take up leadership roles in the community but, household chores and attitudes prevent them from doing so. The facilitator encouraged the women to believe in themselves and the men to support women and girls in the community. GBV toll-free number was shared with the group and they were encouraged to visit different agency offices for support. The facilitator explained the significance of IWD as a platform for celebrating women's milestones and promotion of gender equality while discussing challenges that women face in the camp including GBV and gender inequality.
- DRC partnered with Film Aid to conduct a roadshow for mass awareness in Ifo and Dagahaley camps and the nearby host community villages. The community was informed of the International Women's Day which is celebrated on 8 March both locally

and globally. The community seemed interested as they occasionally stopped their business to listen and even engage the facilitator. Some requested to have the session in the morning and for longer hours. Agency office locations, the referral pathways and the GBV hotline number were shared.

### Persons with Specific Needs

- Between 24 and 26 February 2021, the National Interagency Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) working group held a multi-disciplinary training on suicide assessment and interventions for psychologists and protection staff. The multidisciplinary approach to suicide risk assessment and management provides guidance to the members with the skills and knowledge to provide people with information about mental health and suicide prevention and offer advice, support and signposting where relevant.
- A meeting was held with the Ministry of Health's Department of Mental Health who are interested in starting a refugee programme on 22 February 2021. The Health Ministry is interested in coordinating MHPSS across the country and are developing a Refugee mental health programme. The launch of their Mental Health Action Plan is planned in March 2021 for the first time in Kenya with the collaboration of UNHCR in disseminating the Action Plan in Nairobi, Garissa, Turkana and in any other counties where refugees are present.
- Lutheran World Federation supported 107 while Humanity and Inclusion supported 130 persons with disabilities in Hagadera, Ifo and Dagahaley rehabilitation centres and home rehabilitation support services. 47 received physiotherapy and occupational therapy services for various conditions such as club foot, hand injuries, fractures, sciatic nerve injuries, neurological disorders, spinal cord injuries and cerebral palsy including stroke, Manual therapy and exercises, soft tissue manipulation ambulation training was offered. 250 were supported at the technical unit for repairs and modification, 107 had their mobility aid devices assessed and repaired, 51 were issued with locally fabricated toilet seats and 92 were booked for fabrication of assistive aids and mobility device.
- Rehabilitation day-care for children with cerebral palsy was conducted where 159 were supported with fine and gross motor skills training, pre-school and caregivers provided with activities daily living training. 85 who had reported violation of rights were followed up in the blocks and referrals made for appropriate assistance.
- Monthly disability coordination meeting was held with 30 community-based rehabilitation committee members participating, and the discussion was on the cash transfer Programme by Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wurttemberg (ELCW) which provide a cushioning for most vulnerable persons.
- 203 older persons across Hagadera, Ifo and Dagahaley camps were attended to during individual assessments and at block level. The activities included case identification and documentation, psychosocial counselling, home visits and referrals. The elderly committee continue to access the most at risk in the community and refer the cases for appropriate support.
- 60 continued to receive support at block level through phone calls, text messages and social media platforms to re-assure them and their caregivers during this period of COVID-19.
- Monthly elderly coordination meeting was held where 90 people attended. The meeting provides a platform for sharing concerns and challenges and linkages with other

services. Information shared during this meeting helps provide the necessary basis for implementing interventions for older persons.

- Outreach team conducted home visits for 110 people and provided them with home-based therapy for children with cerebral palsy and bedridden older persons. The therapy ranged from soft tissue manipulation, gait training, assistive device training and maintenance, skills transfer to caregivers and home adaptations. Referrals of complicated cases of impairments was made to the rehabilitation centres for assessment and intervention.
- 61 persons with specific needs were provided psychosocial support in the blocks and at the offices. Peer-to-peer session, caregiver sessions were also conducted to support them with counselling. The services provided were routine case management, psychoeducation and counselling on stress management and remote monitoring of community own resource persons (CORPS) conducting family mediation sessions. The current environment has made it increasingly important for persons with severe functional and mental disabilities and their caregivers to engage in self-management practices and assume a more proactive role in organizing, monitoring, and tracking their health care outcomes.

### Coordination

- On 1 February 2021, UNHCR participated in a dissemination forum geared towards creating awareness to stakeholders on the existing investment opportunities in Garissa County as well as act as a guide to counties on how to prepare county specific booklet, to communicate avenues and bolster investment opportunities available in the county. The forum was spearheaded by the central government's National Treasury and Planning, state department for planning in collaboration with Kenya Investment Opportunities on discussing specific investment opportunities for Garissa county.
- UNHCR a long side other stakeholder participated in County steering group meeting held on 9 February 2021, where world vision presented its new project for coast and North Eastern Kenya especially Ijara Sub County in Garissa, integrated emergency response project to improve the livelihoods, access to safe water and management of malnutrition. UNHCR contributed in enriching the project document and requested the partner to extend the same to the refugee hosting Sub Counties of Dadaab and Fafi. Although the current funding is only available for the above project, with resources allowing, World Vision will consider rolling out the same in other Sub Counties including Dadaab and Fafi.
- On 23 February 2021, UNHCR participated in the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) in its second public participation meeting to learn if there were any entities that gave submissions relating to the protection of refugees.
- On 24 and 25 February 2021, in the spirit of networking and partnership with other stakeholders, the office partook in a training on girl child right and empowerment facilitated by Woman education and Health for Development (WOHD) who deliver, their Programmes on women right, empowerment and advocacy on star FM radio benefiting refugees and other persons of concern.
- During the month, International Zero Tolerance Day stakeholders' coordination and planning meetings were held which culminated into celebrations to mark the day which was held on 6 February 2021. The forum brought together all state, and none state actors fighting to combat the menace.



- On 10 February 2021, UNHCR carried monitoring exercise to check on the utilization of the office accessories which were donated to the County Civil Registration office to support sub-counties of Garissa, Ijara and Balambala and the mission found that the office accessories such as chairs and computers are already in use and as per the staff testimonies, has improved service delivery to the population.
- UNHCR and Alliance for African Assistance held a virtual personal branding training on 11 February 2020 for youth. This process will allow the youth to establish their public persona for target audience and involves them to communicate their values, beliefs, goals, and purpose carefully and accurately. The training also seeks to increase livelihood opportunities for refugees.
- UNHCR, Alliance for African Assistance, GIZ, had a meeting with United Nations Association of Kenya (UNYA Kenya), a national non-profit organization working with youth organizations, university students, and marginalized youth including women and girls. UNYA supports youth to become responsible participants while focusing on policies for economic empowerment, gender equality, human rights, and social integration. UNHCR envisages partnering with the agency in their various Programmes such as Boot camps, Amani Cafes, talent development and capacity building to support both refugee and host community youth.
- On 10 February, UNHCR received a donation of Haines solar cookers from US based Alliance for African Assistance (AAA). The project aims at reducing deforestation and mitigating health risks associated with use of firewood while supporting local entrepreneurship and economic development. Distribution will take place once planning and assembly is concluded.
- Lutheran World Federation (LWF) has been funded by Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wurttemberg (ELCW) to support 300 older persons with caregivers with Cash Based Intervention and multi storage garden. The project will end in July 2021 will identify persons who will receive a two-days training on multi storage gardening and dryland agriculture that will be supported by DRC. The beneficiaries will be provided with seeds and WFP will give them sacks to prepare their manure for planting. The purpose of this project is to provide supplementary and nutritious food for the older persons.
- On 17 February 2021, the NRC Information, Counselling, and Legal Assistance (ICLA), distributed T-shirts and jackets to 163 community protection committee and leaders who supported in dissemination of information and referral pathway during the onset of COVID-19 in 2020.
- Humanity and Inclusion held a training on 22 and 23 February on case management, Child Protection, assessment tools, and interagency referral pathway. The objectives were to strengthen care and protection of children with disabilities.
- LWF continues to work closely with the health partners in ensuring that residents are screened, daily temperature check-up and samples taken, and other medical assistance provided. Additionally, CARE continues to disinfect the facilities once discharge is completed. Police continue to provide 24-hour security while WFP provides general food with UNHCR offering supplementary food items. Protection and health partners continued offering psychosocial support to the families at the centre.



## EDUCATION

- Teaching and learning activities continued in all primary and secondary schools in the camps with average school attendance rate for the month recorded at 86% for primary schools and 84% for secondary schools. To improve attendance and enrolment of more learners in schools, community communication and radio broadcasts ongoing.
- 63 more refugee primary school teachers recruited increasing the total refugee teachers to 410 and 27 national teachers. Recruitment of 23 more national teachers is ongoing.
- Out of 1,023 enrolled children, 722 children with disabilities in secondary and primary schools have reported back to school following the reopening of schools and are supported to access learning and other personalized services.
- Nationwide assessment for grade 3 learners was conducted as part of the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) monitoring of the implementation and progress of the new Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) in Kenya. 35,935 refugee learners undertook the assessment and results will be uploaded into the KNEC examination portal.
- End of term examinations were started on 23 February 2021 across the camps for both primary and Secondary schools for learners in grades 1-7 and Form 1-3 in preparation for term II closure on 19 March 2021. The exams will run for 3 weeks.
- UNHCR and partners supplied all schools in Dadaab with 80,000 face masks and 2 metric tons of bar soap to support 49,764 pre-primary, primary and secondary school children to mitigate the effect of COVID-19 and comply with the Ministry of Health and Education requirements for re-opening of education institutions. 30,000 of the face masks and bar Soap was donated by the NRC.
- Counselling and mentorship for girls in schools were conducted during the month for a total of 150 girls in Hagadera and 286 girls in Dagahaley participating in a one day session in schools as a supportive places for girls to learn and discuss sensitive matters such as early pregnancies and post COVID -19 support.
- Managing COVID-19 protocols in schools has been found to be challenging amongst teachers and learners in schools with over-crowding and socialization realized in classrooms, water points, schools, kitchens, and other social amenities. School level COVID-19 Response committees comprising of School management committees, headteachers, teachers and students' representatives were formed in each school to address the above challenges and ensure the compliance to Health and COVID-19 mitigation and prevention guidelines.
- The monthly inter-agency education working group meeting was held with participation of UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, Windle International Kenya (WIK), LWF Humanity and Inclusion (HI), NRC, and Save the Children International. Progress on schools' re-opening, ongoing teaching and learning activities and upcoming national examinations was discussed.
- WFP released food items that include, 77 MT of rice, 20 MT of split pea and Vegetable oil 22 MT to 22 Primary schools for the month of February 2021, thereby feeding a total of 39,621 learners.
- 6,167 pieces of Solar powered Radios were donated by UNICEF to primary and secondary schools in the camps and distribution is ongoing. The criteria for selection

was based on the vulnerability of learners, learners with special needs, best performing learners as well as balancing locations of learners and consideration to student leaders.



## **DURABLE SOLUTIONS**

- No resettlement interviews were conducted during the reporting period as Dadaab quota allocations have not yet been received.
- The unit responded to Resettlement Support Centre Africa (RSC)- United States Refugee Admissions Programme (USRAP)'s requests for additional information on 19 cases that are undergoing resettlement consideration. All queries were related to the addition of new-born babies.
- Two cases of 13 individuals departed to Sweden whereas one case of three individuals departed to Canada on Resettlement. The unit issued movement passes to enable departures from the camp. It is noted that departures out of Dadaab are gradually increasing with 28 individuals scheduled to depart to the United States in March.
- Counselling activities continued through telephone and email where 52 individuals were provided with information concerning existing Resettlement cases and other protection concerns.
- The unit conducted one radio sensitization session through Radio Gargar on 1 February 2021 whereby general resettlement updates, anti-fraud related information, and the impact of COVID-19 on resettlement processes were discussed. Radio sensitization continues to play a crucial role in delivering resettlement information in Dadaab, allowing for wider engagement with the refugee community.
- During the reporting period, the unit supported one refugee who required access to a higher education opportunity in the neighbouring country of Uganda. Further, the unit facilitated the application process for a Conventional Travel Document (CTD) through the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) in Dadaab.
- On 25 February 2021, the resettlement unit organized and partook in a virtual training session, with the support of Kakuma ODM department, to support the implementation of KoBo (UNHCR) toolbox for enhanced data collection of complementary pathways cases. The adapted toolbox has since been launched and is currently in use.
- International Labour Organization (ILO) mapping refugee journey towards employment and entrepreneurship obstacles and opportunities for private sector engagement in refugee-hosting areas in Kenya is ongoing.
- No repatriation movement was facilitated to Somalia during the week due to a reduced number of refugees expressing interest to return. Repatriation figures remain unchanged with 81,207 individual returns facilitated since the beginning of the process in 2014.
- Discussions with authorities in Ethiopia on potential return of Ethiopian refugees in Dadaab are ongoing. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) indicated that they intend to have follow-up discussions with their embassy in Nairobi to inform further decisions.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Many refugees in Dadaab refugee camps need resettlement and the Office recognizes that refugees with high protection risks and no repatriation prospects are especially vulnerable. However, quotas availed remain low.
- There is a need to increase awareness on complementary pathways amongst the refugee community so that UNHCR can facilitate access to opportunities. In 2020, the Office assisted 131 individuals with access to family reunification and community sponsorship Programmes in third countries.



### HEALTH

- A vaccine Derived Polio Virus 2(cVDPV2) was detected in a healthy 14-month-old child in Dagahaley with a history of recent travel to Somalia. First round of polio immunization campaign planned for between 20– 24 March 2021.
- Overall health of the population remained stable with mortality rates within the recommended standards at crude mortality rate (CMR) of 0.04/1000 population/month (recommended is < 1.5) and under 5 mortality rate of 0.3/1000 population/month (recommended is < 0.75)
- There was no maternal mortality recorded.
- Hygiene promotion and adequate supply of safe water have contributed to the reduction in acute watery diarrhoea cases.
- Optimal access to reproductive and sexual healthcare was maintained with 4,464 girls and women accessing services. Antenatal Care coverage went up from 84% to 89% in the reporting period.
- Skilled deliveries is at 96%. Uptake of family planning services remained low with a contraceptive prevalence rate of 6.3%. This could be attributed to stock out of family planning commodities. With the registration of camp health facilities, plans are underway to pull these commodities from the KEMSA supply chain at zero cost.
- A total of 118 refugees/asylum seekers are receiving treatment for HIV.
- The referral mechanism was maintained for emergency specialized care; 30 patients were referred to Garissa and Nairobi. Out of these cases, 10 were obstetric cases. As part of the Government of Kenya COVID-19 public health measures, the cessation of referral of elective cases and reverse referral missions is still in effect.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The reduction of community health workforce from 323 to 242 for risk communication and community engagement has resulted to inadequate community surveillance, household health education sessions and quarantine admissions.
- Number of chronic cases at the camps is rising due to movement restrictions suspending reverse referrals leading to increased morbidity and complications.
- The lack of point of entry surveillance and quarantine facilities at main border crossing points of Liboi and Amuma continue to affect efforts and pose a risk of importation of more virulent variants of COVID-19.
- There is a shortage of clinical staff. Currently clinicians are doing 80 consultations per clinician per day, the recommended standard is less than 50.

- Inadequate blood and blood products especially affecting maternal health outcomes. Post-partum haemorrhage is responsible for over 90% of maternal mortalities in the camps.



## **FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

- From 1-16 February, food distribution was conducted for the months of February and March 2021. This was 60% of the minimum food basket. A total of 45,326 families consisting of 220,054 individuals as well as 96% of the food token holders received food assistance.
- During the month, complementary feeding, dietary diversity among other health and nutrition messages were passed reaching a total of 9,234 beneficiaries.
- 29 pregnant and lactating mothers were provided with CSB++ through the supplementary feeding Programme.
- One new admission into the Breast Milk Substitute (BMS) Programme during the reporting period raising the number of under six months children in the BMS Programme to 16.
- 300 MTMSG (Mother-To-Mother Support Group) meetings conducted linking 314 pregnant and 1,743 lactating women reached with health and nutrition messaging.
- Management of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and severe acute malnutrition (SAM) was maintained. This was done through three components namely, stabilization centres for management of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) with medical complications, outpatient therapeutic care centres for management of SAM without medical complications and supplementary feeding centres for treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM).
- A total of 2,024 and 361 cases managed for moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and severe acute malnutrition (SAM) respectively. Out of the total MAM cases, 55.5% are from Ifo camp where the nutrition Programme was affected following closure of two health posts and reduction in incentive workers from 56 to 10.
- Routine activities of Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) albeit reduced were conducted within the reporting period at community level where three community dialogue meetings and three community bazaars were conducted. Messaging around hygiene and sanitation, COVID-19 prevention, and care, exclusive breastfeeding and optimal complementary feeding, dietary diversity among other health and nutrition messages were passed reaching a total of 2,576 beneficiaries. The programme was affected by reduced health facilities and budget.
- 45 pregnant and lactating mothers with moderate acute malnutrition admitted into the supplementary feeding programme.
- Three new infants were put on BMS during the reporting period. There is a total of 32 infants under 6 months in the Programme.

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

- The lack of nutrition survey since 2018 has not enabled the presentation of accurate picture of the nutrition status in Dadaab camps.
- There is shortage of staff to support Nutrition Programme and to operationalize additional service points especially in Ifo camp where MIYCN activities were downscaled

during the reporting period. The same applies to Hagadera camp due to reduced budget to support these activities.

## LIVELIHOOD

- 88 youth were selected in February to start training for Technical and Vocational Education and Training trade test in electrical, solar lighting tailoring and dress making and plumbing skills for grade I and II In camp-based training centres.
- 58 students were awarded with scholarships to study, Nursing, Agricultural engineering, Animal health, Electrical engineering, and IT studies in institutions of higher learning in Kenya. However, 27 of the 58 of these students awarded scholarship outside the camps have dropped out citing the residential mode of study as being unfavourable since some of them held formal and informal jobs at the camps. Process to replace and give opportunities to more deserving refugee youths is ongoing. This group is being supported under the EU-TF (Area Based Livelihood Initiative) ABLI-Garissa Project.

## ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

- Relief, Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RRDO) issued a total of 3,300 seedlings for compound afforestation in Dadaab refugee camp covering 420 households/1200 PoCs, and host community areas covering 80 households/400 beneficiaries.
- Jointly with the Garissa County's Department of Environment, UNHCR led the process of fine tuning documentation relating to the thematic areas of Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources as well as Sustainable Energy Solutions which are integral components of the Garissa Integrated Social Economic Development Plan (GISED P).
- The operation received a donation from the Alliance for African Assistance of material (5 rolls of reflective insulation, 5 packages of polycarbonate cooking sleeves and 2 ½ packages of polycarbonate sheets) for fabrication of 200 units of the Haines Solar Cooker. Stove production artisans working with RRDO at the Stove Production Unit (SPU) based in Dadaab centre will receive hands on training on assembly and use of the solar cookers by a solar stove technician seconded by the agency. The stoves will be distributed to selected households hosting vulnerable persons of concern. This initiative is expected to benefit 2,500 persons of concern by bridging the existing gap in access to cooking energy.
- In Hagadera camp, Fafi Integrated Development Association (FaIDA) issued firewood t estimated at 5.6 mt to International Rescue Committee managed hospital, 1.4 mt to COVID-19 isolation centre and 3.6 mt to primary school cooking programme. Over the same period, both RRDO and FaIDA initiated the process of procuring firewood as well as material for production of the Maendeleo firewood saving cooking stove in line with the 2021 budgetary allocations.



## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

### Access to water

- On average, the daily water production in February from 22 operational boreholes was 10,817 m<sup>3</sup>, where about 6,905 m<sup>3</sup> supplied to the refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. This translated to an average daily per capita water allocation of 28

litres. About 3,912m<sup>3</sup> (36. %) was apportioned to other users including Agencies, markets, institutions, hospitals, leakages, livestock, and other losses.

### Sanitation Coverage

- There were 39,471 household latrines and 250 communal latrines during the reporting period, translating to a coverage of 85.2%. WASH Partner currently incorporating community structures in camp cleaning. 105 sanitation cleaners who were actively engaged in managing solid waste in public areas across the refugee camps, have been laid off. Therefore, management of solid waste is being done by the community and their leaders.

### Hygiene Promotion

- During the reporting period, 126 Hygiene promoters were engaged in carrying out hygiene promotion campaigns across the refugee camps. WASH Partner, CARE is currently incorporating community structures in hygiene promotion across camps. Hygiene promotion ratio to PoCs stands at 1:1,926, against the UNHCR standard of 1:1000 PoCs in protracted refugee situations like Dadaab.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is a need to construct 2,500 household latrines to attain standard coverage of 90% in 2021 – 2022.
- There is one functional landfill in Hagadera, hence there are needs for two additional landfills for Dagahaley and Ifo.
- 108 additional hygiene promoters are required to be engaged to attain a standard ratio of 1:1,000.
- 105 sanitation cleaners are needed to manage solid waste in public areas across the refugee camps.
- There is a need to install solar for the pumping of boreholes; 4 boreholes and 6 generators, need replacement. 13 leaking elevated tanks need repairs and capacity building is required for the three market water committee members in the camps.

### Working in partnership

In Dadaab, The Government of Kenya counterpart, 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, Centre for Victims of Torture, Windle International, Norwegian Refugee Council, Kenya Red Cross Society, Médecins Sans Frontier, FilmAid International, CARE International, RRDO, FaIDA and Peace Winds Japan.

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