DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

UNHCR DADAAB BI-WEEKLY UPDATE

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UPDATES

Population as at 30 June 2017: 244,459

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Refugees: 242,811
Asylum seekers: 1,648

HIGHLIGHTS

World Refugee Day Marked Across Dadaab Camps

- Protecting refugees and a continued search for durable solutions to the refugee crisis took centre stage at the World Refugee Day celebrations marked on 20 June 2017. In song and dance, poems and speeches, refugees pleaded with the international community to continue supporting them in their quest for a normal and better life.

  “Kenya and UNHCR have been like our parents for the last 26 years. We continue to request donors and other well-wishers to continue funding Dadaab so that we can continue to receive vital services like maternal and child healthcare,” said Mama Rukia, who lives in Ifo 1, a part of Dadaab.

Across all the camps, school children, the disabled and minority groups prepared a variety of activities and performances. Some of them touched on voluntary repatriation to Somalia, others on the relocation of refugees to Kalobeyei settlement, in Turkana, north western Kenya, as a possible durable solution for Dadaab refugees. The Kalobeyei settlement is a new location where refugees and the host community live a more integrated life.

World Refugee Day took place a day after new figures were released by UNHCR – the UN Refugee Agency showing that at the end of 2016, the global refugee population had risen to 65.6 million people – some 300,000 more than a year earlier.
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Registration

- **Camp Statistics:** As at 30 June 2017, Dadaab population stood at 56,097 Households comprising of 244,459 individuals (242,811 refugees and 1,648 Asylum seekers, 51% Female and 49% Male). Out of the 244,459 Persons of Concern (POCs) to UNHCR, 235,234 are Somali nationals representing 96.2% and 9,255 are other nationalities representing 3.8% of the total population.

- **Continuous SIM Card Equipping Exercise:** During the reporting period, a total of 28 SIM cards were issued across all the camps in order to facilitate the Cash Based Intervention assistance (*Bamba Chakula*) manned by WFP.

- **Profiling of Undocumented Persons:** As at 29 June 2017, UNHCR and RAS jointly profiled 3,816 undocumented individuals across the camps (3,633 Somali Nationals and 183 individuals from other nationalities). The breakdown of reasons for flight is as follows: 1,088 individuals affected by drought; 1,094 individuals cited insecurity as the reason for flight while 1,451 individuals provided other reasons. 442 Households consisting of 1,565 undocumented individuals were identified as most vulnerable persons including some cases in need of reactivation. Between 17th and 29th June 2017, 63 undocumented persons were profiled across the camps. These vulnerable persons were assisted in accessing food during the June General Food Distribution.

- **Proof of Registration Issuance Exercise:** The proof of registration issuance exercise that commenced on 5 June 2017 ended across the four camps with a total of 51,366 (out of a total of 56,496 proof of registration printed) proof of registration distributed. There are currently 5,130 uncollected documents to be distributed during normal continuous registration activities across the camps.

Protection

- **Child Protection:**

  On 19 June 2017, a *Child Protection Cross-border Coordination* call was held between UNHCR Protection staff from Dadaab and Mogadishu. Participants gave an overview of child protection programming and challenges in both Dadaab and Somalia. It was agreed that cross-border calls on child protection issues would be held on bi-weekly basis to ensure close coordination in the context of the voluntary repatriation of Somali refugees. The next call is scheduled for 10 July 2017 with participation of other key child protection stakeholders, such as UNICEF, Save the Children, and ICRC. On 13 June, a mini BID Panel meeting consisting of staff from UNHCR, Save the Children and Terre des Hommes was held. In total, 21 BIDs were discussed by the Panel, all of which explored voluntary repatriation as a durable solution.

  The UNHCR SGBV and Child Protection focal points facilitated a two-day training (22- 23 June, 2017) for 13 Terre des Hommes (TdH) child protection staff in Dadaab. The session covered an induction to international refugee protection, SGBV principles (understanding gender and categories of SGBV, referral pathways and GBVIMS tools), Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), and fraud awareness and mitigation in humanitarian service.
On 28-30 June 2017, SCI, TdH and UNHCR participated in a UNICEF-facilitated workshop held to review the Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS) case management forms in use by SCI and TdH caseworkers and data officers. The outcome of the workshop will feed into finalization of the draft Dadaab Inter-Agency Child Protection Standard Operating Procedures, and customization of the revised forms into the CPIMS database.

On 30 June 2017, a team from UNICEF’s Garissa and Nairobi offices met with UNHCR Dadaab to discuss inter alia: complementary funding of activities implemented by Dadaab child protection and education partners; roll-out of CPIMS Plus in Dadaab; strengthening cross-border coordination and; provision of material support for women and children. The need to mobilize adequate resources for Child protection activities in Dadaab was particularly highlighted, as they have been impacted by pronouncements on camp closure.

Access to Justice:

On 19 and 22 June 2017, the UNHCR Garissa Liaison Office held two sessions with the County Commissioner and his security team on protection of refugees and fair treatment/handling of PoCs during arrest and while in custody. The team agreed to sensitize their action officers on the concerns raised and ensure that fair treatment is accorded to PoCs at all times.

There was regular monitoring of different institutions and law enforcement offices in Garissa. Officers echoed the need for more training on International Protection and refugee law for the wider Garissa County security personnel. UNHCR was requested to provide regular trainings on refugee management to improve working relations between authorities and refugees.

During the reporting period, a total of 114 PoCs were held in both Garissa Main Prison and Garissa Minimum Prison. The figures are subject to change depending on number of discharges and arrests on any particular day.

UNHCR continues to follow up with the Chief Magistrate on the handover of the Dadaab courthouse to bring closer access to justice.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV):

UNHCR Division of International Protection through the SGBV pillar based in HQ in collaboration with GLC (Global Learning Centre) will conduct a global webinar on Engagement of Men in Accountable Practices (EMAP) in July 2017. The webinar aims at providing an interactive forum for sharing of new approaches in effective community engagement for SGBV prevention. This enables communities to take charge of prevention and explore elements of response. The webinar will share best practices and recommendations of the pilot project in a refugee setting. UNHCR Protection in Dadaab will conduct the presentation with the aim of sharing innovative approaches in community engagement on SGBV Prevention. This pilot project is the first of its kind in UNHCR operations globally.

On 21 June 2017, a meeting was held with leaders and SGBV partners in Dagahaley camp to discuss increased insecurity in the camp. During the meeting, leaders reiterated the need for UNHCR and partners to work closely with them to ensure that services to refugees were strengthened. As a follow up action, CARE will organize training for the leaders on identifying and reporting of cases especially on the issue of confidentiality for SGBV cases.
Legal Documentation:

UNHCR Dadaab received 22 copies of birth notifications from refugee mothers relocated from Dadaab to Kalobeyei. Requests were made for birth certificate processing. The Department of Civil Registration (DCR) has so far processed 5 Birth Certificates that have been forwarded to the UNHCR Kakuma Office.

16 refugees were assisted in applying for Convection Travel Documents (CTDs). So far, 30 applications are being processed by UNHCR.

Individual Case Management:

A total of 110 Persons of Concern were attended to at Community Based Protection Help Desks in Ifo, Ifo2 and Dagahaley camps on a range of concerns: general protection, Shelter, Health, registration, resettlement and RSD inquiries, new arrivals PSN assessment and legal support for SGBV. These cases were assessed, interventions made and/or referred for appropriate assistance to lead partners and other specialist units within UNHCR.

A one week training for 20 visual artists which was held in DRC ended on 7 June 2017. The training was conducted by Victor Ndula, a renowned illustrator and editorial cartoonist. The group comprises of 12 female henna artists and 8 male fine art painters.

Education

World University Services of Canada scholarship results were released following interviews conducted from 23-25 May 2017. A panel of three from WUSC Canada, WTK Nairobi and UNHCR interviewed a total of 29 candidates and recommended 16 candidates for the scholarship (10 boys, 6 Girls). Successful candidates will be resettled to Canada in 2018 to pursue higher education.

From 28-30 June 2017, DAFI interviews for scholarships to Kenyan Universities were concurrently conducted in 3 camps (Ifo, Hagadera and Dagahaley). As per DAFI interview selection SOPs, UNHCR-Dadaab, WTK- Nairobi and primary education partners formed interview panels in their respective camps. A total of 73 candidates were interviewed across the 3 camps and 16 will be selected.

On 30 June 2017, the monthly Inter-Agency Education Working Group meeting was held. It was reported that learning had resumed in all refugee schools with the school timetable changing to its usual full day schedule after the Holy month of Ramadan. An average pupil attendance rate of 87% was reported. LWF reported that there was need for an ECD feeder school in Blocks K and Zero in Hagadera where young learners at ECD level are unable to attend school due to long distances. Other key discussions included plans to initiate sector specific cross-border discussions and incorporation of ABE, YEP and private schools data into the Education Management Information System.

Instant Network Schools (INS) project manager held 3 meetings with Vodafone Foundation, UNHCR Innovation and IT technical staff from Partner agencies in Dadaab. The meeting with Vodafone Foundation was held to follow up on the programme’s progress in Dadaab and for further planning in the year. It was agreed that another coach’s training would be held in August. The UNHCR Innovation team discussed challenges with Internet connectivity. It was agreed that separate sessions would be held with partner agencies to address challenges faced by them.

Female students in their classroom at Central Primary School in Hagadera Camp. Education is an important protection tool for refugees. UNHCR/A. Nasrullah
SNE learners on scholarship from Dagahaley, Ifo and Hagadera camps who are in various schools out of the camp in Nakuru, Kisumu, Machakos for the physically challenged, hearing visually and other impairment were supported with personal effects such as pocket money for the mid-term and Ramadan/Eid period. They appreciated the kind gesture and were happy to share Eid celebrations with their families.

Lutheran World Federation (LWF) SNE learners at the 5 SNE units at Amani, Upendo, Central, Bidii and Undugu Primary Schools were provided with daily transport from home to school and back to enable them get access to education and reduce physical abuse and violence.

LWF distributed 9501 textbooks that were initially allocated for the now closed Kambioos camp within the 7 primary schools at Hagadera camp. 21776 sanitary towels, 7246 undergarments and 47 cartons of bar soap donated by UNHCR were distributed in the 7 primary schools in Hagadera to promote hygiene and improve girls’ attendance to schools.

Livelihoods

Peace Building Cross-border Project: Mobilization and sensitization of Baidoa refugees continued across all the 4 camps. 20 new applications were received and verified by UNHCR. 14 additional POCs from Baidoa reported to NITA training centres in Nairobi. On 21 June 2017, a meeting was held with partners involved (DRC, RET International and NRC) to discuss updates and review additional budgets. It was agreed that partners should complete identification of applicants for the short skills training as soon as possible. As at 30 June 2017, DRC had mobilized and registered 206 beneficiaries. NRC presented a detailed budget breakdown for the new intake of 220 beneficiaries with the $100,000 additional funding. RET International continued with community mobilization and consultative stakeholders meetings with community leaders as well as the identification of peace ambassadors to be trained in peace building and democratic governance. 35 POCs were vetted and issued with movement passes with 16 new applications to be shared for RAS verification. Additionally, during the weekly PBF interagency meeting held on 30 June 2017, UNHCR and partners discussed the commencement of the recruitment of project trainers, training equipment procurement and camp based training facilities with examination support from NITA.

Grant support for 2015/2016 grade 1 tailoring students: 44 Successful trade test grade one students were issued with start-up kits. The beneficiaries of the grant support were drawn from the 3 camps as follows: Dagahaley- 23 POCs (12M; 11F); Ifo1- 13POCs (8M; 5F) and Ifo2- 8POCs (3M; 5F).

During the Livelihoods Working Group (LWG) meeting on 22 June 2017, the development of a Dadaab Livelihood strategy (2017-2019) was discussed and the roadmap agreed upon.

ICT: Kick off meetings with consultant trainers on Advanced Android Applications training for 26 students (24M, 2F) was held in two camps. Kick off meetings are scheduled for the other two camps on 3 and 4 July 2017.

Durable Solutions

Voluntary repatriation:

Departure Figures: During the reporting period, 741 returnees were facilitated to voluntarily return to Somalia (Kismayu- 557, and Mogadishu- 184). Since the commencement of voluntary repatriation in 2014, a total of 66,979 Somalis have voluntarily repatriated from Dadaab camps, of which 27,665 returned in 2017.
**Return trend:** The RHD continued to record a reduced number of Persons of Concern approaching the Return Help Desks (RHDs) due to marking of the Holy Month of Ramadan compounded with the drought situation in Somalia. Currently, facilitation of Voluntary repatriation to Somalia by air is limited to Mogadishu and Kismayu. Voluntary repatriation movements by road remained on hold and there is no confirmation of accessibility of road axis between Dadaab- Liboi- Dhomebey, and Dhomebey- Baidoa- Kismayu by UNHCR Somalia yet. Additionally, In February and May 2017, it was observed that the trend on voluntary return had significantly declined as the RHD recorded a sizable number of “no shows”. To determine reasons for this reduction in numbers, UNHCR requested NRC to conduct an assessment/survey on the matter. NRC shared the following findings from 96 households interviewed: concerns about situation in Somalia (drought, cholera outbreak and poor education) - 36%; health concerns (pregnant women and persons with chronic disease) - 23%; communication break (date of travel not known or shared) - 19% and; preference in mode of travel (waiting for road movement) - 5%.

**Coordination meetings:** The Bi-Weekly Voluntary repatriation Task Force meeting was held on Thursday 22 June 2017. It was agreed that the government of Kenya and UNHCR security personnel meet on 4 July 2017 to assess and review the situation in regards to road movement. The meeting recommended thematic discussions on child protection, health, education and livelihood during next cross-border meeting. The weekly VolRep teleconference involving Branch Office Nairobi, Sub-Office Kakuma and Sub-Office Dadaab was organized on Friday 23 June 2017.

**Resettlement**

A total of 11 cases with 46 individuals (including women and girls at risk) underwent resettlement interviews.

Total of 30 movement passes were prepared for 74 individuals departing for the USA; 6 individuals departing to Canada; 2 individuals departing to Sweden and 2 individuals going to Australia.

Resettlement counselling for the PRPPP cases of 1991/2 consisting of 14,000 individuals is underway. Due to minimal movement to the camps owing to insecurity, counselling has not been regular.

**Relocation**

The weekly videoconference between Nairobi, Kakuma and Nairobi was held on 28 June 2017. Discussions were mainly on: PoCs unwilling to relocate due to fear of relinquishing leadership positions in Dadaab, abandoning business undertakings in Dadaab, insecurity claims and a belief that better living conditions existed in Dadaab as opposed to Kakuma. In light of the above, UNHCR, RAS, WFP and IOM is further reviewing the overall approach.

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