

DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

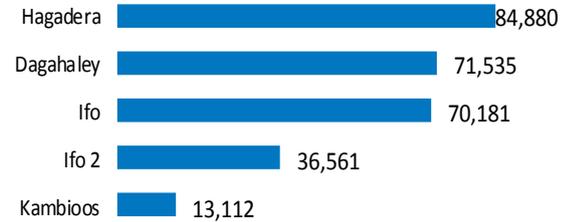
UNHCR DADAAB BI-WEEKLY UPDATE

1 - 15 November 2016

UPDATES

Population as of 1st November 2016: **276,269**

Refugees: 273,610
Asylum seekers: 2,617



HIGHLIGHTS

Voluntary repatriation

- During the reporting period, 327 returnees were supported to voluntarily return to Mogadishu, Somalia by flight. Flight movements have now resumed and are currently operating three days per week. In total, as of 15th November, 35,192 Somali refugees had returned home since 8th December 2014, when UNHCR started supporting voluntary return of Somali refugees in Kenya, out of which 29,091 were supported in 2016 alone.

Interventions in support of the host community

- During the reporting period, UNHCR continued its interventions to support the refugees' host community areas affected by the drought during the last six months in Dadaab, Fafi and Wajir South Sub-counties.

To mitigate against the current drought, UNHCR and partners delivered approximately 2,800m³ or 2.8 million litres of water to approximately 25,000 drought affected people in 28 villages from 22nd October to 11th November.

In addition, non-food items such as Jerrycans and water treatment chemicals like Aqua-tabs were distributed to the affected villages. The first batch of 2760 Jerrycans and about 36,400 aqua-tablets were delivered and distributed on 2nd November and 4th November to the 5 villages in Fafi Sub County.

UNHCR is also planning to drill, rehabilitate and equipping three boreholes and provide five generators to the host community in these sub counties by December 2016.



Jerry cans distribution to the' host community people in Madhahmarub village, Fafi sub-county.

UPDATES

Protection

- **Registration:** 521 individuals were activated in UNHCR database during the reporting period. These cases were identified as vulnerable cases and have been inactive within the one year bracket as of 10th August when Population Fixing Exercise completed. 116 babies were also registered during this period, six of whom being assigned in situ birth status. Three new arrivals refugees were registered in UNHCR database after presenting Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) referral slips. The individuals were medical cases assisted on protection grounds.
- **Relocation to Kakuma:** 212 individuals (Non- Somalis) were relocated to Kalobaye by UNHCR in collaboration with IOM. The pilot exercise was conducted from 7th to 11th November 2016. UNHCR Relocation Help Desk Screening is ongoing. It is planned to relocate a total of 14,173 non Somali refugees to Kalobaye.
- **Detention Monitoring:** During the reporting period, there were 144 Persons of Concern (POCs) in Garissa detention centres, comprising of 137 men and 7 women. 17 of them were represented in court. 15 of these POCs benefitted from legal aid clinics at the prison and main detention centres. 22 POCs were returned to the camps after they were cleared and released by the authorities.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- Owing to the need to provide training for Religious leaders in the camp, it was discussed and agreed that Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) will undertake measures to contact the Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUPKEM) on the possibilities of collaboration on training Religious leaders in the Dadaab camps.
- Planning for the 16 Days of Activism: UNHCR is collaborating with other partners to engage with the community in celebrating the 16 days of activism against Sexual and Gender Based Violence. The theme for this year was explained to be *“healthy relationships at home, in school and in communities”*. Planning sessions are ongoing in all the camps. The overall schedule for the 16 days of activism will be consolidated after receiving the plans from all the protection partners.

Child Protection

- UNHCR in collaboration with Terre des Hommes (Tdh) and Save the Children are conducting focus group discussions with community members with the participation of children on voluntary repatriation. Feedback from the sessions will assist the Child Protection working group in developing child friendly messages on the voluntary return process.

Education

- **End Year Examinations:** The 2016 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examinations commenced on 1st November and concluded on 3rd November. A total of 3,429 refugee students had registered to take the examinations. The 2016 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) commenced on 4th November which will be concluded on 30th November. 1,409 refugee students in secondary schools are undertaking the exams.
- UNHCR Education team from Dadaab, Kakuma, Branch Office Nairobi and Regional Service Centre held a consultative workshop to input on the draft UNHCR National Education Strategy 2016 – 2020. The workshop which held from 8th to 11th November brought together Ministry of Education (MOE) officials from the national and county governments, and Education Partners to review the draft strategy and



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Refugee students in their classroom in Hormud Primary School in Ifo camp of Dadaab.

align Kenya operation strategic objectives with UNHCR's global education strategy, Sustainable Development Goal 4 and MOE National Education Strategic Plan (NESP). Linkages with other sectors notably child protection, Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and livelihoods were deliberated and incorporated into the strategy. The official validation and launch of the strategy is scheduled to take place in January 2017.

- UNHCR in collaboration with Vodafone Foundation facilitated a three days induction training for Instant Network Schools (INS) coaches, ICT instructors and teachers supporting the program. 40 participants were taken through the revised Terms of Reference for coaches, school administration structures, pedagogical skills, teaching methodologies, classroom management, basic first aid, fire training, internet security and INS reporting, and monitoring and evaluation induction.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- **Microenterprise Development.** 24 groups from Hagadera and Ifo received small business grants of Ksh140, 000 per group. The grants which were disbursed through Equity Bank will facilitate expansion of their businesses.
- **Livestock Value Chain Support.** Training for livestock and livestock products producers was conducted in Dadaab camps. Key in the training was improvement of production, proper handling of livestock products and guidance to accessing markets. It is envisioned that additional material support will be provided to the livestock producers.
- **Life Skills Training.** A three days life skills training was organized on 14th to 16th November targeting graduates of vocational and professional training. The training aims to guide the graduates as they prepare to seek employment in Somalia or within Kenya. Topics covered include general etiquette, communication/interview skills and networking. The online job placement platform recently developed was also introduced and participants were encouraged to register on the platform.
- **Livelihoods Assessment:** UNHCR in partnership with partner's staff conducted a livelihood assessment for non- Somali nationals who are slated to relocate to Kakuma camps. The assessment was conducted on 12th to 13th November 2016.



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Refugee siblings gather in their shop in Dagahaley camp of Dadaab.

Food Security and Nutrition

- **Infant Feeding:** Between 7th and 11th November, nutrition partners in Dadaab took part in the second round of the bi-annual malezi bhora exercise, which is a national event adopted in 2007 by the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation and in partnership with UNICEF to address the declining child survival indicators in Kenya through countrywide mobilization for increased utilization of routine child survival services. Activities included Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) nutrition screening and referral, as well as Vitamin A supplementation and deworming.
- On 10th November, WFP announced a ration cut for the general food distribution, which will be down to 50% effective December 2016. Given that malnutrition already increased in 2016 following 2015 ration cuts, this is expected to have a negative impact on refugees and make them more vulnerable to malnutrition.
- The general food distribution for the month of November was commenced on 1st November. It was completed successfully across all the five camps by 8th November with no major incident reported.

Durable Solutions

Resettlement

- During the first half of November, a total of 7 cases comprising of 51 individuals underwent resettlement case composition interviews. 19 cases comprising of 93 individuals were interviewed for possible onward submission to resettlement countries.
- During the reporting period, 26 cases comprising of 116 individuals were submitted to UNHCR Branch Office Nairobi for onward submission to the United States of America. A total of 81 individuals departed Dadaab for onward resettlement to the United States of America, Sweden and Canada. An additional 600 individuals departed from Dadaab to Kakuma for USCIS interviews.

Voluntary repatriation

- Public service announcement targeting the general refugee population has been enhanced with a key message on unhindered access to the Return Help Desk for individual counselling on voluntary return. The information provided are relevant to the return assistance package in Kenya as well as the integration assistance package in Somalia. The broadcast is run in the local radio FM both Somali and English languages.
- UNHCR Special Envoy on the Somali Refugee Situation, Ambassador Mohamed Affey visited Dadaab Operation on 8th November. The delegation visited duelling areas of refugees to interact with refugees living in Hagadera camp. The main objective of UNHCR special envoys to was to advocate with the Government of Kenya to continue providing asylum and protection to Somali refugees, emphasis on establishment of regional platform for finding solutions for Somali situation in the region, strengthening durable solutions for Somali refugees and discussion with the refugees in Dadaab camps in order to understand their key challenges.

Shelter and NFIs

- Construction of Shelter: UNHCR in collaboration with Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) has completed the construction of 533 shelters in Hagadera camp. Construction of another 467 is in progress. Following the recent rains in Dadaab camps, 1,000 families residing in Hagadera were found to be in need of support. The Assessment was conducted by UNHCR jointly with Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in Hagadera Camp.
- The construction of new transit centres at Hagadera, Ifo and Dagahaley camps is ongoing, the work is implemented through Peace Winds Japan (PWJ). It is anticipated that each of the transit Centers will accommodate at least 2,000 persons. The work involves: construction of accommodation units, medical screening unit, luggage's stores, kitchen facilities, fence, latrines and wash rooms.

Water and Sanitation

- During the reporting period, on average, UNHCR supplied 33.7 liters of water per day per capita from 29 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the five Dadaab camps. 26 of these boreholes operate on Solar PV – Diesel hybrid system. The water supply schemes convey water to 48 tanks with a total storage capacity of 6,250m³, from where the water distributed to refugees through 900 tap stands scattered around the five camps.
- Water safety continued to be ensured through chlorination at the boreholes and regular monitor of Free Residual Chlorine (FRC).



Water collection point in Kambioos camp of Dadaab.

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