

Dadaab, Kenya

16-31 August 2017

The first camp in Dadaab was established in **1991**. There are four camps in Dadaab, **Hagadera, Dagahaley, Ifo and Ifo 2** camp.

Since **December 2014**, Somali refugees who decide to voluntarily return to their home country, receive UNHCR support in Kenya and Somalia.

A total of **4,949** non-Somalis refugees were relocated to Kakuma. The **relocation** is currently suspended due to the limited absorption capacity and services.

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION

72,105

Somali refugees returned home since **December 2014**

58%

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

70,405

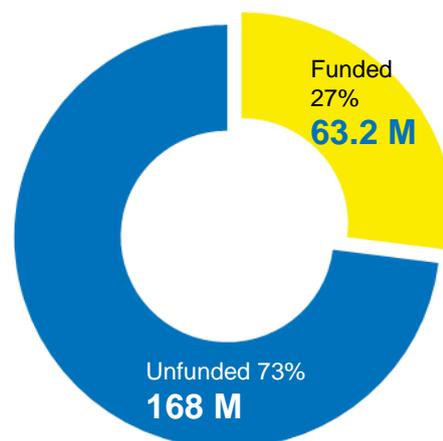
Children are enrolled in **schools**

There are **4 hospitals** and **14 health posts** in Dadaab camps

FUNDING (AS OF 31 AUGUST)

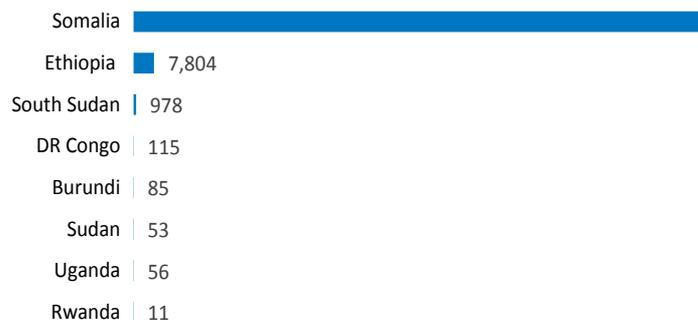
USD 231.3 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN

Host Countries



Voluntary Repatriation

During the reporting period, 1,337 refugees were supported to return to their homes in Somalia by flight to Kismayu, Mogadishu.

As of 31st August, a total of 70,202 individuals from Dadaab were assisted in the framework of voluntary return to Somalia since the launch of voluntary repatriation on 8 December 2014. 30,888 refugees have returned in 2017 alone. The cumulative total number of persons repatriated from Kenya to Somalia currently stands at 72,101. Currently there are 17,478 registered refugees willing to return to Somalia.

- During the reporting period, the Return Help Desks (RHDs) has witness a reduced number of persons seeking repatriation mainly due to the road movement being put on hold and return to Baidoa is suspended until further notice.
- The next Cross Border Meeting on voluntary repatriation is scheduled to take place on 6th September, in Dadaab. Participants from government of Kenya, government of Somalia, UNHCR and other stakeholders are expected to deliberate on key arising challenges.



45-year-old Abdi Khalif and his family pose for a photo at UNHCR Field Office Ifo camp where they undergo final registration to ensure their details are properly and accurately captured before departure to Somalia. © UNHCR/Assadullah Nasrullah

**PROTECTION****Registration**

Enrolment into BIM's: On 21st August, UNHCR Dadaab initiated the enrolment of Dadaab refugees in the Biometric Information Management System (BIMS). Before the launching of this exercise, enrolment into BIMS was only carried out on refugees who were about to be resettled or repatriated. This exercise is at the same time a verification exercise and will help improving the quality of data on UNHCR's population of concern in Dadaab operation. The Office is also seizing this opportunity to undertake a return intention survey of the entire population which would in turn facilitate planning for the voluntary repatriation. For the time being, the exercise is covering exclusively Ifo 2 camp, which is the less populated camp. It is also worth noting that Ifo 2 is the next camp targeted for consolidation/closure and that one third Ifo 2 refugees are among the over 17,000 refugees who have already registered for return to Somalia. After Ifo 2, the exercise will be carried out in the remaining camps simultaneously.

Registration of Undocumented Persons and New Arrivals

The number of undocumented persons and new arrivals has continued to rise in the Dadaab camps as the formal resumption of their registration is still expected. Whilst they may have access to some services offered in the camps such as health, water, education, etc. their situation remains a matter of concern requiring ongoing attention as they not access a broad range of other services. On very exceptional basis, few may be registered, especially when they have to be medically to Garissa or Nairobi and who therefore need movement passes to be issued on their behalf. Nonetheless, UNHCR and RAS Dadaab have agreed to undertake weekly profiling of new arrivals (every Wednesday) across the camps in order to collect, consolidate and analyze information on these persons which would also facilitate advocacy. For the time being, registration only carried out on a very exceptional basis, i.e. for new arrival in need of medical referral outside the camps. Close follow-up on this critical issue remains required.

Individual Case Management

- A total of 151 individual cases requiring support were assessed and referred accordingly for specific interventions (security, assessments for categories of undocumented persons, card re-activation and camp transfer requests, RSD and resettlement enquiries, support for child protection and SGBV response, shelter/CRIs and psychosocial counselling).

Child Protection

- Two Best Interests Determination (BID) panel meetings were held on 24th and 31st August with representation from UNHCR, Save the Children (SCI), Terre des hommes (Tdh) and Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK). A total of 44 cases were deliberated upon of which 40 BIDs explored voluntary repatriation as a durable solution and 4 for resettlement consideration. 36 cases were approved and 8 cases deferred for further assessment. A meeting was held with Tdh and SCI BID coordinators to chart work plans for processing additional cases that may be referred for BIDs in light of the resumption of road convoys for voluntary repatriation to Somalia in September 2017.
- The monthly Child Protection Working Group (CPWG) meeting was held on 28th August with UNHCR, UNICEF, SCI, Tdh, RCK, Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS), Danish Refugee Council (DRC),

Handicap International and FilmAid representatives in attendance. Key issues discussed included partners' progress in the engagement of adolescent girls and children-out of-school in life-skills programmes, and their linkages with income generating activities; children and caregiver's feedback on the messaging relating to the voluntary repatriation process, and challenges in accessing justice for child survivors of SGBV owing to the community resorting to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- The monthly inter-agency Safe Haven Panel meeting was held on 29th August with representatives from DRC, UNHCR, SCI, RCK, National Council of Churches in Kenya (NCCCK) and Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in attendance. Deliberations were made on seven cases that remain active. Updates on interventions were shared and appropriate follow-up action points agreed upon.
- On 30th August, the monthly Inter- Agency SGBV working group meeting was held with UNHCR, and SGBV partner agencies in attendance. The main issues highlighted included bolstering the police gender desks at all the police stations to encourage administration of justice for survivors, mobilization of staff from other organizations to reinforce community teachers training, participation in the upcoming Cash Based Interventions (CBI) pilot project, mainstreaming SGBV activities through the existing protection cross border meetings between UNHCR Kenya and Somalia.
- In Ifo Camp, 155 individuals (91 female and 64 male) participated in five information dissemination sessions during the reporting period. The outreach sought to address effects of rape, domestic violence, physical violence, forced and early marriage, and their consequences on the survivors and different members of the community.



EDUCATION

- 35 students were admitted on 21st August to pursue a degree course on Educational Management offered by York University under the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees Program. Another group of 23 ongoing students are pursuing Bachelor of Arts Geography course for the August Holiday program expected to end by 31st August 2017.
- For the period 22nd to 24th August, Windle Trust Kenya organized a workshop for refugee schools administrators from Dadaab and Kakuma camps. The workshop attended by UNHCR Education staff, WTK's Country Director, Programme Managers, Education Officers, school principals and deputy principals reviewed implementation of two-schools in one programme, comparative analysis of actual implementation and the concept of two schools in one, strategies for strengthening the programme and coming up with action plans for the future.
- On Monday 28th August 2017, schools in Dadaab opened for third term of learning. Education Partners reported low students attendance in the first week of opening especially for primary schools but the numbers are expected to improve in the second week. Students' attendance in secondary schools was relatively better allowing schools to administer term opener Continuous Assessment Tests (CATs). Learning in third term will run until 27th October 2017 and thereafter, non-candidates will close to allow Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) candidate sit for their national exams. According to examinations timetable released by Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC), KCPE exams will run from 31st October to 2nd November while KCSE from 6th to 29th November 2017.
- August's Monthly Interagency Education Working Group meeting was held on Wednesday 30th August where partners gave updates on programmes implemented during the month. Agenda items

deliberated on during this coordination meeting included how 79 KCPE and 4 KCSE candidates relocated to Kakuma would be supported when they come back to Dadaab for exams after KNEC had declined a request for transfer of their examination centres from Dadaab to Kalobeyei, scouts' jamboree organized by AVSI where scouts from Dadaab and Garissa will congregate in Dadaab. In the meeting also discussed, introduction of remedial programme in secondary schools where 14 national teachers have been recruited by Windle Trust Kenya (WTK) under the Kenya Equity in Education Project (KEEP) to support secondary education programmes, and ongoing vocational skills training programmes targeting youths from Baidoa under the Peace Building Fund project implemented by DRC and NRC.



WATER AND SANITATION

Water supply

- During the reporting period, on average, UNHCR supplied 29 liters of water per day per capita from 28 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 47 tanks with a total storage capacity of 5,550 m³, distributed through a pipeline network of 297.5 km and relayed to 845 tap stands with about 3,926 taps, scattered around the four camps.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- **Monthly Meeting with Refugee Leaders:** The monthly meeting with refugee leaders from all camps was held on 31st August in Dagahaley camp. Leaders were informed on the new guidelines to streamline the issuance of civil documentation for marriages and divorce, and concerns discussed on the inadequate stock of medicines and the limitation on referrals for accessing health services outside the camp. Members of the Ethiopian community cited their reservations on relocation to Kakuma, and articulated their frustration as regards their length of stay in Dadaab without a foreseeable durable solution. It was agreed that there will be further engagement and sensitization of the community on the ongoing BIMS exercise, and civil documentation processes in collaboration with the DCC, RAS the Khadi and Alternative Dispute Resolvers (ADR) representatives. Other issues discussed were relating to health, voluntary repatriation, resettlement, and camp consolidation.
- As part of the ongoing use of sports as a tool for peace co-existence and continued engagement of the Dadaab based refugee athletes a football tournament dubbed "Sports for Peace Tournament" was held on 31st August in Ifo1 camp in which the winning team was presented with a football trophy and a set of football jersey. Several tournaments have been lined up in all the camps as part of the preparations for this year's selection of athletes to go to Tegla Loroupe's Ngong'o Training facility in Nairobi to join their colleagues undergoing an intensive training course as part of nurturing their skills for self-reliance and durable solution.
- UNHCR Dadaab and Handicap International organized a full day workshop on 31st August with Dadaab partners to take stock on lessons learnt in promoting inclusion and address the barriers that exclude people with disabilities from full and equal participation.
- Five awareness sessions on stigma and discrimination were conducted Ifo2, Dagahaley and Ifo. The awareness is aimed at reducing the level of stigma and discrimination meted towards persons with disabilities and ensuring that they are aware of reporting mechanism established in the camps.
- RET International is continuing implementing planned activities on Peace building training for youth and leaders under the Cross-border Peacebuilding Project. The second cohort training which was

held from 28th to 31st August targeted 37 beneficiaries from the camps. The training was focusing on building the capacity of the beneficiaries so that they could be ambassadors of peace while still in the camp and upon return to Baidoa. The training ended with the beneficiaries from each camp coming up with action plans on how they shall be conducting forums at the community level.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Resettlement

- As at 31st August 2017 a total of 236 cases consisting of 693 individuals have been submitted since January 2017 while the total departure figures stands at 375 cases consisting of 1,118 individuals.
- UNHCR Dadaab facilitated participation of two refugee leaders for Dadaab in the IGAD/UNHCR conference on Durable Solutions for Somali Refugees, which was held in Mogadishu from 28th to 29th August. The two joined other leaders to present the views of Somali refugees in efforts to foster lasting peace and long term solutions for the group.

Working in partnership

The Dadaab refugee operation is coordinated by UNHCR Sub-Office Dadaab, which also serves the three camps in Dadaab Sub County. UNHCR Field Office Alinjgur is part of the larger Dadaab operation and serves Hagadera in Fafi Sub County. Both UNHCR offices cooperate closely with NGOs and other international organizations, among them WFP, UNICEF and IOM. The main government counterpart is the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS).

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