**UPDATE ON IFO II EXTENSION – NOVEMBER 2010**

**Current situation**

The development of infrastructures for the delivery of services by the agencies and demarcation of blocks/plots for settlement of refugees is rapidly progressing in Ifo II. Despite the heavy rains that hindered easy access for trucks that are delivering construction materials to all construction sites, most of the infrastructures that are funded under 2010 budget are expected to be completed by end of December 2010. The main road leading to Ifo II and all inter-camp roads require major improvement to ensure easy access for the delivery of construction materials and relief supplies in the near future. Preliminary talks were held with WFP SO-Dadaab on the possibility of joint funding for improvement of the roads after an assessment and cost estimate is done by LWF.

**Camp layout - LWF**

A total of 1740 family plots were surveyed in section D, E, F and J, out of which 1045 plots (928 in section D & 117 in section F) were trenched. Section D is phase 1 for settlement of refugees and has a holding capacity of more than 4600 individuals. A private contractor to conduct topographical survey of the land in Ifo II has been selected and the survey will commence from beginning of December 2010. The outcome of the topographical survey will enable UNHCR and LWF to determine the flood prone areas that will not be used for human settlement.

**Water and sanitation - OXFAM**

**Water:** Excavation of 1.5 kms pipeline trench and laying of PVC pipes to connect two tap stands for temporary water distribution in section D where it was planned to settle the refugees to be relocated from the periphery of Dagahaley camp is completed. Excavation of trenches and laying of 36 kms pipelines for permanent water distribution system is underway. So far, trenching and laying of 2 kms pipeline is completed. Installation of submersible pumps and generators on two boreholes is completed. Construction and fencing of four generator houses at the four boreholes sites is underway. Construction of 4 elevated steel water storage tanks is in progress. As at the time of reporting, installation of two
elevated tanks is completed, one tank is 90% completed and the fourth one is at 50% completion.

Sanitation
Excavation of 300 communal pit latrines in section D is completed; installation of concrete slabs and superstructures is underway. As of 30 November, a total of 51 latrines were covered with slabs and GI sheets/wooden structures and 68 latrines are covered with slabs and concrete platforms.

In order to maximize the storage capacity for WATSAN construction materials, equipments and jerry cans, a second rub hall was erected inside OXFAM’s compound in Ifo II.

Education
The construction of one primary school and a secondary school by Danish Refugee Council (DRC) are 90% completed. Both schools are expected to be fully operational when schools are reopened in January 2011. The other two primary schools under construction by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) are at wall level and are expected to be completed by end of December 2010.
Health

MSF-Spain has been improving 13 large tents that will be used as temporary premises for the provision of curative primary health care until the construction of permanent structures are completed. The contract for the construction of permanent Health Centre has been signed with a private contractor and the work will commence during the first week of December 2010. The medical team is still temporarily sheltered in Dagahaley camp and are assisting MSF-Swiss in provision of medical services.

Security

A group of youngsters claiming to be members of the local community have been moving around the construction sites in Ifo II demanding jobs/contracts and threatening to stop the development of structures unless they are given the jobs they want. In another incident two OXFAM staff members were struck in the face by a worker as the result of a misunderstanding about contracts. The district authorities and police were informed about the situation and have promised to deter such unlawful activities and maintain law and order once the police are stationed in Ifo II.

The construction of one block (5 rooms) accommodation at the police post located in the Agencies compound is completed. The barracks will be provided with emergency lighting and water supply and will be handed over to the police during the first week of December 2010. Ten police officers are expected to move into the new premises to assume provision of security for the humanitarian workers and refugees.

Environment
RRDO has completed live fencing of one of the graveyards earmarked for Ifo II. Planting of different species of trees alongside the inter-camp roads is underway. The use of camifora trees for live fencing of the ring road of Ifo II and Ifo III was suspended by the Divisional Environmental Committee (DEC) until RRDO and NEMA conduct an environmental impact assessment on the effect of camifora in and around the new camps. According to the DEC, the use of camifora for such fencing was banned countrywide by NEMA two years ago.

**Construction of refugee shelters**

The training and production of Interlocking Stabilized Soil Blocks (ISSB) and Machine Compressed Earth Blocks (MCEB) is underway by the four shelter partners (IOM, DRC, NRC and NCCK) in Ifo II. Both the refugees and members of the host community are involved in the ongoing training and small scale production of the two shelter materials. As of time of reporting, IOM is the only shelter partner that has started construction of 29 ISSB experimental shelters that will enable UNHCR to compare the cost-effectiveness of both models. Once the construction of the 116 shelters (58 ISSB and 58 MCEB) are completed, a full analysis will be made for all parties concerned to come up with a final decision on the type of shelter, which will facilitate mass construction of refugee shelters in Ifo II. The four shelter partners are expected to complete construction of the 116 experimental shelters by end of December 2010.

IOM and DRC have procured 14 and 12 ISSB pressing machines respectively. For the MCEB, NRC has 15 machines, and NCCK has 5 for the ongoing training. Another 5 machines will be required for NCCK to increase its production capacity. DRC and NRC are stockpiling shelter materials (iron sheets and timbers) in rub halls in Ifo II.

**Relocation of refugees to Ifo II**

The relocation of refugees from the periphery of Dagahaley Camp to Ifo II is still suspended on the instructions of the Minister of Provincial Administration and Internal Security. Nevertheless, during the reporting period, several meetings and joint visit to Dagahaley and Ifo II were conducted with the local authorities in order to negotiate possible relocation of the refugees, but no significant breakthrough was achieved.

Due to the heavy rains that have hit Dadaab and its environs during the week of 8 – 14 November, the situation of more than 10,000 refugees who have settled on the outskirts of Dagahaley camp has gone from bad to worst. Most of the makeshift shelters made of local
materials by the refugee families and tents erected by LWF at lower grounds were submerged in floods. As a result, the one month food rations distributed by WFP in preparation for the planned relocation to Ifo II and personal belongings of the refugees were completely destroyed. Furthermore, the sanitation situation has deteriorated and it is feared that an outbreak of water born diseases may put the lives of the refugees at risk.

Construction of agencies compounds

LWF

The construction of 1 block (4 rooms) offices, 1 block (3 rooms) staff accommodation, cafeteria and kitchen is 100% completed. Another one block (3 rooms) staff accommodation is 95% completed. The completed buildings were inspected by both LWF and UNHCR engineers and were handed over by the contractor on 25 November. LWF is planning to move its staff into its new premises at the beginning of December 2010.

OXFAM

The construction of 6 blocks (18 rooms) staff accommodation is 90% completed.
Construction of 3 blocks (5 rooms’ offices) and conference room is 85% completed.

**NRC**
The construction of one block (4 rooms) staff accommodation is 90% completed. The construction of masonry foundation and concrete floor slab of one rub hall to be used as a warehouse for shelter materials is completed. The second rub hall is still under construction.

**RRDO**
The construction of one block (5 rooms’ offices and a conference room) 4 rooms’ staff accommodation and a cafeteria is 45% completed.

**MSF-Spain**
The construction of showers and toilets for temporary use by the medical staff is underway in the residential compound. MSF-Spain is planning to temporarily shelter its medical staff in tents until the construction of permanent accommodation is completed.

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