

Dadaab, Kenya

March 2019

The first camp in Dadaab was established in **1991**. There are **3** camps in Dadaab: **Hagadera**, **Dagahaley** and **Ifo**.

Kambioos refugee camp was **closed on 31st March 2017** and **Ifo2** refugee camp was closed on **31st May 2018**.

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

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FROM DADAAB

79,328

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

56%

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

210,556

Total Dadaab population as at **31 March 2019**

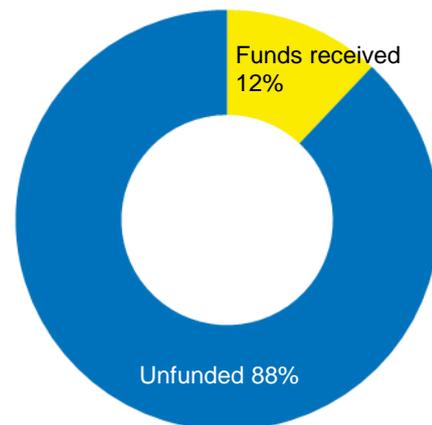
62,649

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

FUNDING (AS AT 20 MARCH 2019)

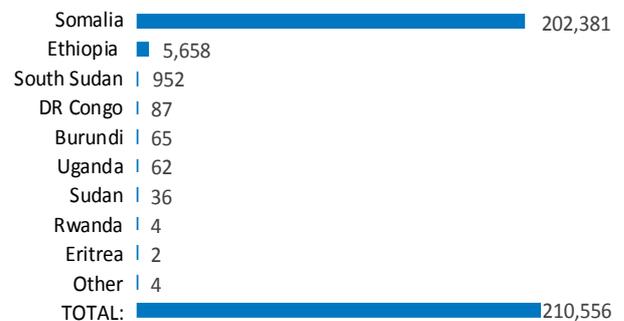
USD 170.1 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN AS AT 31 MARCH 2019

Country of Origin



Voluntary Repatriation

- During the reporting month, four voluntary repatriation flights were organized to help return 215 individuals from 95 families to Kismayo and Mogadishu.
- As at 31st March 2019, a total 79,328 refugees were facilitated to voluntarily go back to Somalia, from Dadaab refugee operations since the beginning of the process in 2014.
- Facilitation of road movement remain suspended due to military operations en route to Kismayu, Baidoa and other major return areas. However, flight options remain open to refugees willing to return to Mogadishu, Kismayu and Baidoa.



*Refugees returning to Somalia under UNHCR voluntary repatriation Program.
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**PROTECTION****Registration**

- During this period, 653 unregistered / new arrivals were jointly profiled by UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS). Therefore, the total number of undocumented persons across the three camps stands at 13,934 individuals. Out of this, 13,467 are from Somalia and 467 are from other countries. Among them, 2,866 individuals came back to the camps after being assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia.
- During the reporting period, a total number of 483 new born babies were registered and issued with birth certificate. Two hundred and forty one (241) babies were registered as new birth while 242 were registered In-Situ. Two individuals were registered on medical grounds.

Individual Case Management

- During the same period, a total of 379 cases were attended to in Dagahaley, Hagadera and Ifo refugee camps. The cases were mainly related to inactive cases and asylum seekers most of whom remain in the camp without registration due to the government policy, request for shelter, follow up on delayed medical referrals outside the camp, voluntary repatriation, health, education, livelihood, inter-camp transfers, family reunification, physical safety and legal support for SGBV and child protection. UNHCR continues to receive unregistered persons who are in need of immediate medical assistance and inactive persons with various vulnerabilities.

Installation of Police Online Internet Infrastructure:

- Internet installation has been completed in six police locations in Dadaab and in the camps. Some of the locations include offices of the Police Commander and the Administration Police HQs located in Dadaab. The other three locations are located in Ifo, Dagahaley and Hagadera. It is envisaged that the installation of the internet will enhance communication not only among the police units but also help in relaying key protection information. Key in this process is the networking of the Police Online Computer Training Laboratory within the precincts of police offices located in Dadaab police station where police personnel are able to access uninterrupted connectivity useful for their learning. This initiative is funded under the ECHO project.

Child Protection

- Terre des Hommes (Tdh) conducted a refresher training for 200 children (100 boys and 100 girls) on; child rights, protection, participation and leadership skills; Principles of Humanitarian aid; parental responsibilities; child abuse; child safeguarding, code of conduct; types of advocacy and how children can advocate for their rights and International instruments and national legal framework. Children developed an action plan to participate in child led events. The training knowledge assessment evaluation indicated that 76% of the participants exhibited an increase of knowledge of the training content.
- In partnership with Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Tdh launched ICT training for 180 out of school adolescent boys and girls at the DRC Hagadera Livelihood Centre. The beneficiaries had initially been on life skills by Tdh and will undergo a three months training on Computer packages course offered by Computer Society of Kenya.

- Tdh conducted a fun day for 140 Unaccompanied and Separated children (82 boys and 58 girls) who participated in indoor and out-doors play activities and a one hour adolescent symposium session on life skills and drugs and substance abuse
- Save the Children Distributed long life milk to Accelerated Basic Education and Child Friendly Centres in the Camps for nutritional support to identified vulnerable children. 393 (201 Female and 192 Male) children also benefitted from baby clothes, shoes, deras and panties and approximately 4,500 children attending the child friendly spaces, alternative basic education centres and other children within the blocks in the 3 Camps benefited from toys distributed.
- Tdh conducted the sessions for 560 caregivers and topics covered included; child protection, positive parental discipline and identification of child protection problems at home and in the community. Together with protection partners and service providers, they also conducted information forums for 900 caregivers and children at 15 sectional help desks to strengthen support to individual children. Major concerns raised included: undocumented children; inactive ration cards and consumption of psychoactive substances by children. To mitigate one of these issues, a live radio session on the effects of substance abuse and child labour was spearheaded by trained adolescents as a youth led activity for the month.
- Terres des hommes and Save the Children International co-facilitated a 2 days Child Protection training organized by LWF in which 180 participants drawn from Board of school management, teachers, non-teaching staff and security guards, were reached. The training aimed at sensitizing participants on issues related to child abuse, understanding existing community based child protection system, children rights, Legal Child protection instruments, the core principles of United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child and Tdh/SCI mandate and response mechanism. The participants were also sensitized on the referral and case management mechanisms within Hagadera.
- Tdh was able to provide dignity kits for a total of 242 children out of a target 250. Also, 206 items were distributed to vulnerable medium to high risk children while 36 were issued to SGBV survivors identified through the GBVIMS.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- 28 SGBV cases were attended to by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) across the camps during the reporting period. The case profiles included denial of resources, rape, attempted rape, defilement and domestic violence. All survivors received psychosocial counselling and referrals were made to the police and to the hospitals as appropriate. RCK will continue to follow up with the police so as to ensure that proper investigations are conducted and witnesses record their statements that will aid in survivors' access to justice.
- Home visits were conducted by Danish Refugee Council for 40 survivors in the camps, to support them in their recovery and reintegration into the community. During the home visits, survivors reported continued discrimination and stigma within the community and requested for increased psycho-education and awareness creation sessions to counter it. Majority of survivors requested for material and shelter support. Referrals for assistance were made to agencies as appropriate.
- An inter-agency community awareness forum was conducted at Waberi Secondary School in Hagadera on 12th March 2019 reaching 100 (50 boys, 50 girls) students. Topics discussed included SGBV Legal framework, SGBV prevention and response, emotional intelligence, decision making skills and time management. The Dadaab- produced 'Brave Girl Rising' film was also showcased during the forum with the aim of creating awareness on the plight of adolescent girls in the refugee camps.

Persons with Specific Needs

- A total of 928 elderly persons were attended to across the three camps at Lutheran World Federation (LWF) camp field offices and at block levels. The number of beneficiaries reporting to the office increased due to the flash rains. Their requests included shelter, plastic sheets, mosquito nets, Jerri cans, mattresses, solar lamps, and bedsheets, sleeping mats, blankets, utensils, tents and nutritious foods for the vulnerable persons. Assessments, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, referrals, repair and provision of assistive and mobility devices and training on mobility were among some of the services they received. Guidance and counselling was done and referrals made to partners, for services which are not available at the rehabilitation center.
- A total of 958 persons living with disabilities were reached across the three camps, through rehabilitation and outreach services at the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) centers and in the blocks. The PLWDs received physiotherapy and occupational therapy services, counselling as well as home visits. Referrals were also made to relevant partners for registration, card activation, case follow-up and health assistance. Additionally, some PWLDs were supported with mobility and supportive aids and repairs. Through 'watch and learn' therapy session, caregivers of children with cerebral palsy were trained on providing home care for children living with disability.
- An IPV (Intimate partner Violence) group therapy/ support group session was held with survivors. The session was aimed at providing the survivors with emotional and psychosocial support, building their resilience and raising their self-esteem and dignity. Also, adolescent girls' listening session was held in Hagadera refugee camp with 16 participants in attendance. The session focused on barriers/ challenges faced that bar them from going to school/ getting an education.



EDUCATION

- As at March 2019, student enrolment figures stood at 62,649 (37,101 boys; 25,548 girls). Out of this, 6,708 are enrolled in ECDE, 45,197 in Primary school, and 10,744 in Secondary school. The total number of secondary schools in the camp is now 9, following the re-opening of 3 schools previously managed by Refugee Education Trust.
- Registration of students on National Education Management Information System (NEMIS) has started in Secondary schools where 1,939 students have been registered on the national portal. In Primary schools, the process had not yet started by the end of March. However, all Primary schools have their NEMIS codes, used for accessing the portal.
- The total enrolment in the six secondary schools is currently at 10,067 (6,982 boys, 3,085 girls) students. Out of this, a total of 114 (106 boys, 8 girls) students residing in former Kambioos refugee camp are continuing with their studies at Alinjugur Secondary School, a community public school. 38 refugee students were registered to sit for KCSE at the School.
- Three hundred and twenty two (322) Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) students have been registered on the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS) portal, with priority being given to candidates in the final year of school.
- All the Instant Network Schools coaches completed an online security training on introduction to Cyber Security and were issued with certificates by CISCO upon successful completion of the study material and final examination.
- A Dadaab book drive was launched in Ifo Secondary School by the Ambassador of Qatar, His Excellency Jabr Bin Ali Al-Dosari and the UNHCR Head of Sub-Office, Dadaab. The book drive was organized by the Refugee Youth Education Hub where a total of 5,000 textbooks were donated courtesy of Qatar Charity. The donation will significantly reduce the Pupil-Book ratio in the secondary

schools including Pupil-Maths book ratio and Pupil-English book ratio which was 1:2 and 1:4 respectively before the donation.

- Two professors from the International University of Africa (IUA) based in Khartoum, Sudan, visited Dadaab on Monday 25th March. They met and discussed with UNHCR and refugee students about their willingness to grant 1,000 scholarship opportunities to refugees and host communities in Kenya. During the mission the visitors briefed UNHCR and refugee students who graduated from Dadaab secondary schools on the admission process, criteria for selection and also answered their questions. The visitors also informed the students on a follow up mission by the admission team which will work with them in details of the admission and selection process.

Livelihood

- Three refugee students from Dadaab who were supported by JICA and UNHCR to undergo training at JKUAT (Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology) campus in Nairobi successfully completed a 3-week training in Road maintenance. The certified training will increase the beneficiaries' chances of getting employment in Somalia in the construction and maintenance of roads.
- Eight online freelancers went on a five days study trip to Nairobi to meet and learn from other online freelance mentors. The rest of the freelancers are working from the online job workspaces in Dadaab and Hagadera.
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and ITC have facilitated product market linkage for six home décor artisan members to participate in a market exhibition which will be held in Nairobi, in April. Other members are continuing to make some other products at the production centers.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- A meeting was held with representatives of Somali Bantu community to discuss how the constant misunderstanding between different individuals among Somali Bantus can be resolved through community mechanisms rather than taking petty disagreements to police who have been reportedly taking advantage of their ignorance and distorting money from quarrelling families. As a result 26 clan elders and 18 tribal kings who will work towards uniting the communities were selected. These leaders will also task families to enrol their children in school as well as work with agencies to raise awareness on other societal issues.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Resettlement

- During the reporting period a total of 24 cases of 94 individuals were interviewed and RRFs drafted for possible submission to Canada and Sweden.
- During the reporting period counselling was carried out for 70 cases, across the 3 camps.
- Eighteen cases were submitted to Sweden, 13 cases to Canada and 2 cases to the UK.
- A total number of 56 USCIS decision letters were received from RSC Africa – US Refugee Admission Program, all containing rejected decisions. The letters were distributed to refugees accordingly.
- Twenty nine (29) cases were notified and received decision letters from Sweden. Only two cases received a negative decision.

- Resettlement in Dadaab remains a durable solution available for a very limited number of refugees due to the extremely limited number of countries showing interest in Somali refugee population (Accounting for 96% of total Dadaab population). Planning figure for 2019 submission has been revised to 750 refugees. Confirmed RST countries for 2019 who will offer quota for Dadaab refugee population are: Sweden, UK, Canada and USA.

Environmental rehabilitation

- On 21st March, the Dadaab operation joined the global community in commemoration of the International Day of Forests whose theme was “Forests and Education”. This day was set aside by the United Nations to enable communities reflect on importance of forests and also take proactive action in the management of natural resources. As part of an on-going process of environmental rehabilitation, the day was celebrated in former Ifo2 refugee camp. The occasion was graced by government representatives and humanitarian agencies as well as host and refugee communities. In line with the theme, school children drawn from Environmental clubs in Dadaab refugee camps, actively participated in the planting of 1,080 assorted fruit trees such as mangoes, bananas, lime and guavas on a 25 hectares plot designated for rehabilitation.



WATER AND SANITATION

- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average 31.6 liters of water per day per capita from 22 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. Nineteen (19) of these boreholes operate on Solar PV- Diesel hybrid system. The water supply schemes convey water to 38 tanks with a total storage capacity of 4,550 m³, distributed through a pipeline network of 235 km and relayed to 668 tap stands with about 2,784 taps, scattered around the three camps.



*Refugees collect water from one the water distribution points in Ifo camp of Dadaab.
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Working in partnership

The Dadaab refugee operations are coordinated by UNHCR Sub-Office Dadaab, which also serves the three camps in Dadaab Sub-County. UNHCR Field Office Alinjugur is part of the larger Dadaab operation and covers Hagadera camp in Fafi Sub-County. Both UNHCR offices cooperate closely with NGOs and other international organizations including WFP, UNICEF and IOM. The main government counterparts are the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Office and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS).

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