

KEY FIGURES

54,163

South Sudanese refugees received since December 2013.

362

New arrivals from South Sudan currently at the transit centre

2,379

Unaccompanied children in Kakuma Camp.

300

Children screened for malnutrition at reception centre

20

Litres of water provided per person

7,500

Number of roofed durable shelters for new arrivals

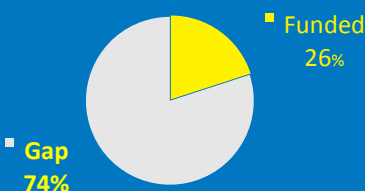
FUNDING

USD 226.7M

Requested for the Kenya operation

USD 45.2M

Requested for Kakuma operation



PRIORITIES

- Movement of new arrivals from Nadapal transit centre to Kakuma
- Monitoring of new arrivals trend
- Development of Kalobeyei settlement
- Monitoring of malaria & watery diarrhea
- Maintenance of roads and water network

KENYA

KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

16 - 30 APRIL 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- As at 30 April 2016, Kakuma had received 54,163 refugees from South Sudan. This brings the total registered camp population to 190,822 with South Sudanese making up 52% of the overall camp population.
- From 25 to 29 April, UNHCR facilitated the participation of 30 refugees (9 from Kakuma) in *Critical Conversations*, an event hosted by the French and German Cultural Centres (Alliance Française and Goethe-Institut Nairobi). The event was a platform through which perspectives from the three receiving states (Kenya, France and Germany) around refugees and migrants were discussed through screenings, panel discussions, art exhibitions, theatre and music.
- On 25 April, the UK Secretary of State for International Development -Justine Greening visited Kakuma. She was accompanied by Turkana County Governor Nanok, UNHCR Country Representative and WFP Country Director. Secretary Greening was able to see some of the DFID funded projects in the camp, through which the UK government funds refugee operations in Kenya in child protection, education, health, livelihoods as well as food and nutrition.
- On 21 April, UNHCR organized the return of the first group of Somalis from Kakuma to Somalia. The volrep (voluntary repatriation) exercise was done for 28 Somalis. The exercise comes after the signing of the Tripartite Agreement between Kenya, Somalia and UNHCR in 2013 which initiated the process of facilitating voluntary return of Somali refugees to areas deemed safe for return. Some 200 Somalis have expressed interest in returning this year. There are nine areas in Southern central Somalia that are deemed safe including Mogadishu, Kismayu, Baidoa and Luuq. Districts in Somaliland and Puntland are also considered safe for return.



Hibo Mohamud and her daughters wait to board the plane that will take to Somalia. Hibo has been a refugee for over 17 years. UNHCR/C. Wachiaya

- On 19 April 2016, a delegation of Swedish businesspeople from 15 companies visited Kakuma. The group led by the Ambassador to Kenya, Johan Borgstam and Trade Commissioner Robin Pettersson was accompanied by the Deputy Representative. The team came to familiarize themselves with the operation, hear from UNHCR and partners on the challenges faced and identify solutions to some of these challenges. The mission held focused group discussions with UNHCR and partner agencies in the various sectors before visiting various camp sites including Kalobeyei settlement, health facilities, and water and sanitation sites and energy.

- The Associate Monitoring Officer (AMO) based at the SGBV Section in Geneva visited Kakuma from 17 to 22 April. The mission objective was to assess initiatives, impact and sustainability of SGBV prevention and response programmes put in place under the Safe from the Start Project funded by BPRM. The AMO used the monitoring tools to measure progress on 48 SGBV related indicators and met with UNHCR staff, partners, government representatives and refugee groups.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- UNHCR conducts border monitoring visits to Nadapal twice a week to ensure that asylum seekers have unhindered access to asylum and are treated humanely. Emergency medical cases are transferred to African Inland Church (AIC) Mission or Lopiding Hospital in Lokichoggio or to Kakuma at the main hospital.
- On 30 April 401 new arrivals were transported to Kakuma from Nadapal. The movement was difficult due to the heavy rains experienced during the period which caused the seasonal rivers to flood. The pickup convoy arrived in Kakuma at 2.00 am after being blocked at Kalobeyei River for over 6 hours. The next pick up will be done in the coming week where some 370 arrivals will be transported to the camp. Currently, there are 2,225 individuals at Kakuma reception centre.

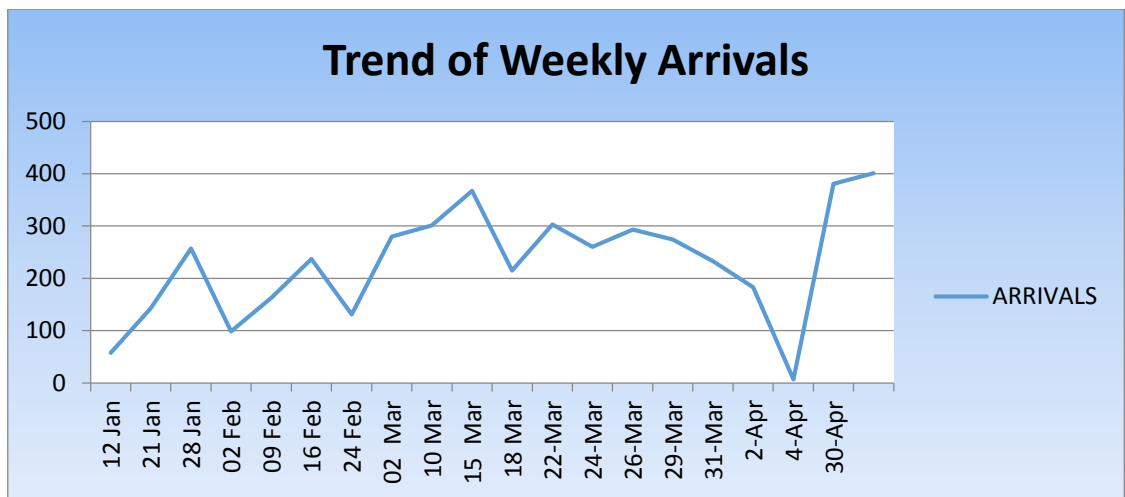


Fig 1: Trend of weekly new arrivals

Achievements

Protection

Child Protection

- As at 30 April there were 628 South Sudanese UAMs and 5,271 separated children registered in the UNHCR database since December 2013 bringing the cumulative number of registered UAMs and SC in Kakuma to 2,379 and 12,450 respectively.
- During the reporting period, 172 new UASCs (35 UAMS and 137 SC) from South Sudan were received at the reception Center. 117 children and 37 caregivers were assisted with NFIs such as exercise books, clothes, school uniforms and body lotion.
- 9 BID cases were assessed which will be presented in the next BID panel. In addition, 52 BIAs were conducted.
- 273 home visits were made to 1,803 children in the community, including those living under foster care and child headed households.
- 267 child to child activities were conducted for 3,729 children at the camp’s child friendly spaces. Counselors also conducted therapy sessions for 439 children.

SGBV

- 14 SGBV cases were reported and assisted to access specialized services including psychosocial counseling and medical treatment. Out of the reported cases, 5 were sexual violence related, 6 psychological violence and 3 physical assault cases.

- 3,936 adults and 447 children attended SGBV information sessions organised by UNHCR and GBV partners through community-based outreach and women’s resource centres. Key messages delivered included timely reporting of sexual assault incidents to service providers and the referral pathway. The outreach activities were part of the month’s awareness campaign on sexual assault as one of the most prevalent forms of SGBV reported by refugees.

Education

- UNHCR in partnership with Vodafone Foundation organized a four day ICT boot camp for girls from 25 to 28 April. 100 girls attended the boot camp where they were mentored on web design, digital media production that included video and radio production, 3D modelling, 2D animation and robotic programming. The event was concluded with the celebration of the International Girls in ICT Day which is an opportunity for girls and young women to appreciate and experience ICT. The initiative aims to create awareness and encourage girls and young women to consider careers in the growing field of ICT.



Some of the girls who attended the ICT boot camp. They experienced various areas of ICT and had discussions through Skype with women in various fields of IT. UNHCR/ D. Muya

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- 300 children aged 6-59 months were screened by weight for height at the reception centre on arrival in Kakuma, out of which one child was found with severe acute malnutrition and 49 (16.3%) had moderate acute malnutrition. All identified cases of acute malnutrition were enrolled to respective rehabilitation programs.

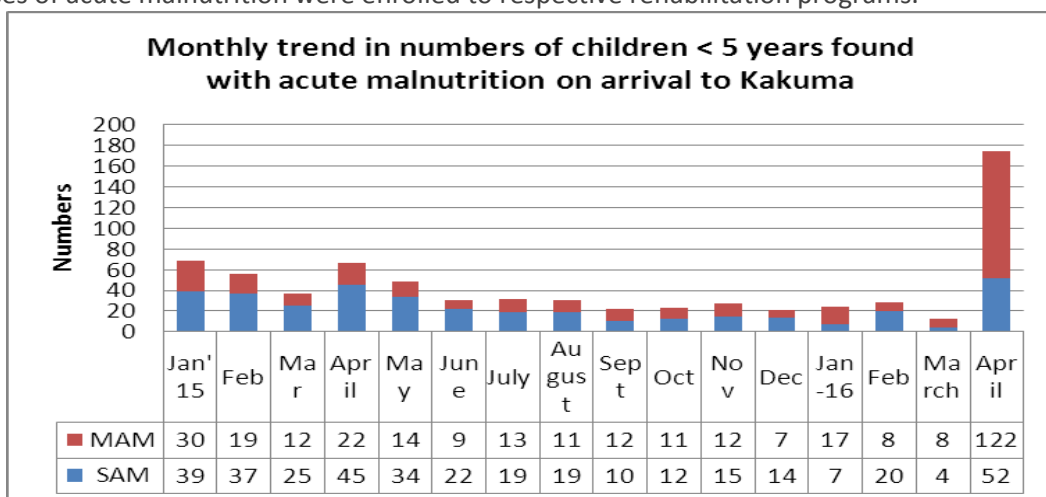


Fig 2: Monthly trends in number of children found with malnutrition

- Despite the number of malnourished cases, all performance indicators remained above the acceptable threshold for sphere/UNHCR standards with recovery rates in April at 85.1% in Supplementary feeding program and 94.5% for Community therapeutic care.

Identified needs and Remaining Gaps

- There has been a significant increase in the number of children identified with acute malnutrition on arrival in Kakuma. This is attributed to deteriorating food security situation in the country of origin and is further amplified by the time spent at Nadapal transit centre pending vaccination for Yellow Fever. Vaccinations are ongoing for refugees currently at the centre

Health

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR has secured yellow fever vaccines to ensure all new arrivals from South Sudan are vaccinated on entry at Nadapal. This is in line with the Ministry of Health directive issued last month. The current stock will be replenished by the coming week with the procurement of 2,000 additional doses.
- UNHCR facilitated an eye and dental camp from 23 to 27 April in collaboration with AIC Health Ministries and IRC. 76 patients benefited from cataract and trachoma surgeries while 54 patients benefitted from various dental procedures.
- UNHCR has supported IRC to have qualified medical staff permanently stationed at Nadapal transit centre to ensure proper screening of all new arrivals, immunization and treatment of minor ailments for asylum seekers while waiting transport to Kakuma.
- Active surveillance for communicable diseases of outbreak potential ongoing with the current rains and increased population.



*New arrivals at Nadapal TC waiting for Yellow Fever vaccination.
UNHCR/ E. Lopie*

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, per capita water distribution in Kakuma 4 was 20 l/p/d following a cumulative supply of 15,984m³ of water.

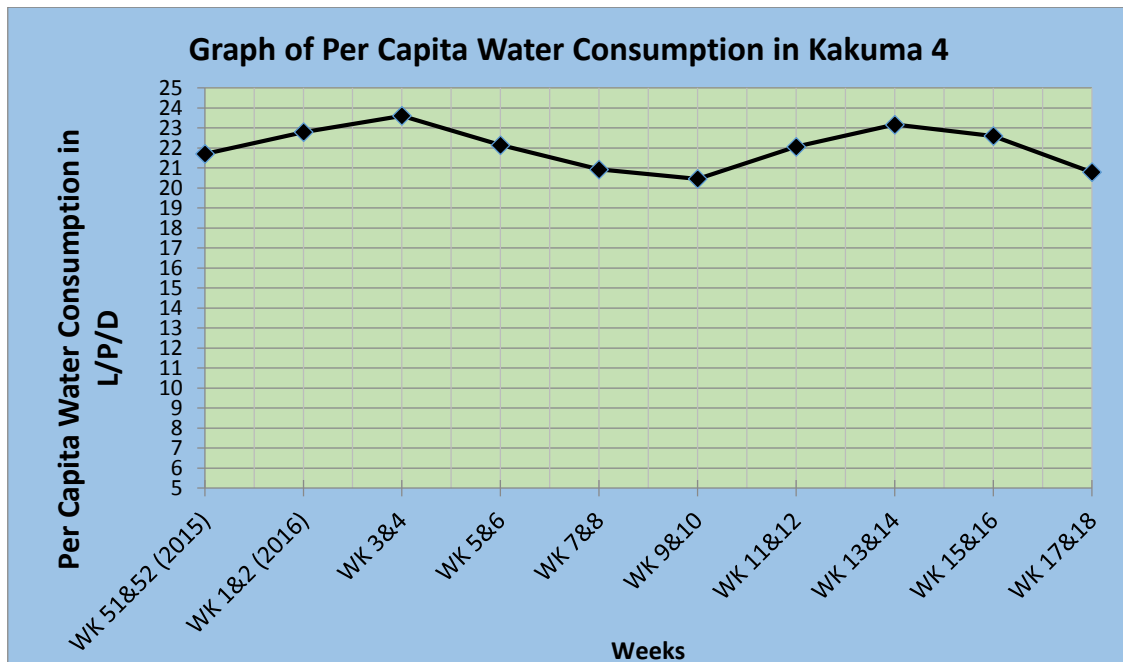


Fig 3: Per capita water consumption

- 130m of pipeline was laid and 11 leaking sections (44m of pipeline) repaired.
- PH and chlorine levels were monitored at households, tap stands and storage tanks with chlorine residual varying from 0.5-1.0mg/l at tap stands and 0.2-0.6mg/l at households' levels.

- UNHCR and WASH partners conducted a joint rapid assessment to determine causes of increasing cases of diarrheal diseases and enhance surveillance. Community workers identified leaks and repaired areas prone to possible fecal contamination in the water distribution system.
- 27 household latrines and 35 family shared latrines were constructed in Kakuma 4. Cumulatively, the total latrines constructed in the whole camp during the period was 190. Latrine to user ratio is at 1:7 for both communal and household latrines. Overall latrine coverage for the whole camp stood at 73.18% for both communal and household latrines.
- Community WASH promoters conducted door to door campaigns to 994 households to sensitize refugees on proper latrine use. 104 latrines were doused with lime and 10 stagnant water ponds treated to prevent mosquito breeding.



Shelter & Kalobeyei Settlement

Achievements and Impact

- Due to the urgent need to relocate new arrivals from South Sudan and in order to provide emergency response, 3,000 T-shelters (transitional shelters) are to be constructed in a section of Kalobeyei. The shelters will be made out of wooden frames covered with tarpaulin and iron sheet roofing to accommodate 3,000 families.
- 1,000 Interlocking Stabilized Soil Blocks (ISSB) shelters will be constructed to gradually upgrade the T-shelters to more durable and improved shelters. 5km of access roads have been constructed at the site. Flood mitigation measures and structures are also being constructed.

Identified needs and Remaining Gaps

- With the increased number of new arrivals, the reception center is getting overpopulated quickly; there are currently 2,225 people at the reception center. Relocations to the community will commence in the first week of May to decongest the centre. Families will be placed in temporary shelters pending relocation to Kalobeyei once the T-shelters are constructed.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

- Two refugees who were trained by African Lily - a leather merchandise company based in Nairobi, in January 2016 have commenced training other refugees. The training is meant to impart skills and knowledge acquired by the two handicraft workers during their training to enable them improve the quality of their merchandise.
- UNHCR has assisted Saki Group, one of the refugee livelihoods groups comprised of tailors and handicrafts creators to re-brand. The group is now going buy the name Ref -Thread. The group's merchandise will be displayed in Nairobi at the UNON office where UNHCR has acquired some space for their items to be sold.
- Results of the Kakuma Market Assessment report were presented during the reporting period. The findings indicate that there is great potential for growth of aloe vera and tomatoes in the camp. Some of the suggestions from the report include improving existing aloe vera breed and linking farmers to the Turkana Aloe Vera Association which is currently exporting the product and has an existing market. There is need to also explore possibilities of establishing small scale tomato production units to produce tomato paste/sauce. The findings of this report coupled with the results of the vulnerability assessment study and the World Bank socioeconomic study will guide the basis for the formation of the Kakuma Integrated Livelihoods Strategy.



Durable Solutions

Achievements and Impact

- The first group of Somalis (28 individuals) was repatriated on 21 April. Some 200 Somalis have expressed interest in returning to their home country since the help desks were opened in February 2016. Those returning to Somalia receive cash assistance and food items before departure. Upon arrival in Mogadishu, they will be received by UNHCR Somalia and get additional cash assistance and Core Relief Items (CRIs) such as blankets, mosquito nets and water containers. It is expected that some 1,000 Somalis will be repatriated from Kakuma in the year.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government, DRA and other partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and DRA continue to be held including monthly meetings with refugee representatives in the camp.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total requested funding for the Kakuma operation amounts to **US\$ 45.2million**

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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