

DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

UNHCR DADAAB MONTHLY UPDATE

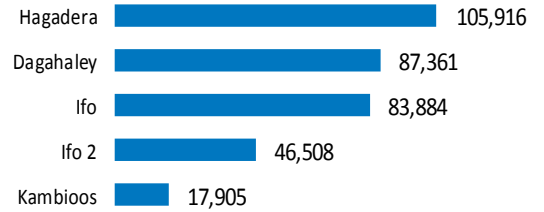
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UPDATES

Population as of 1st July 2016: **341,574**

Refugees: 338,491

Asylum seekers: 3,083



HIGHLIGHTS

Malala visit to Dadaab

- On 12th July, Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and an advocate for girls education visited Dadaab camps and celebrated her 19th birthday with refugees. During her visit, she interacted with girls in various locations in the camp, where she presided over various ceremonies including delivering speeches and handing over certificates to girls trained on leadership, life skills and resilience.

“You have challenged society and you are heroes. I salute you for your courage.” Malala told Dadaab refugee camp girls. Malala promised to use her voice to share their stories with the world. “All girls deserve 12 years of safe, free and quality education.” Malala added.

Malala also interacted with secondary school girls, refugee leadership and education officers from various schools in the camp. One of the interactions was with 25 girls from different secondary schools who in April, had a Skype session with her courtesy of Vodafone Foundation’s Instant Network Schools leadership lessons programme.



Malala Yousafzai talking to refugees during her visit to Dadaab camps.

Population Verification Exercise

- UNHCR and the Government of Kenya are carrying out a verification exercise in the Dadaab refugee camps in order to have a clear picture of the refugees living in the camps and gather more information on their condition. It is anticipated that the on-going exercise which started on 4th July will serve to ascertain the number of persons of concern living in each of the camps. As of 15th July a total number to 16,862 households (49,260 individuals) were processed.

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Protection

- UNHCR in collaboration with Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) will have regular periodic meetings with protection monitors in the camps. It is anticipated that the regular engagements will enhance timely information sharing with protection actors in light of the Government of Kenya announcement of the closure of camp, in addition to the fact that there could be underlying push factors, owing to the feeling by refugees that forcible returns might occur by the Government of Kenya. The presence of unregistered refugees living in the Dadaab camps has also been alluded to by some humanitarian actors.
- **Issuance of birth certificates:** Following the Garissa County Civil Registrar's visit to Dadaab on 11th July 2016, refugees have been informed to ensure that they seize the opportunity to apply for birth and death certificates. It is envisioned that approximately 3,100 birth certificates will be generated during the visit, which culminates on 29th July 2016.
- **Legal Aid and Representation:** About 21 refugees comprising 15 male and 6 female were arraigned before court and charged with various offences, including residing outside the designated areas of the refugee camp and unlawful stay in Kenya. All of the refugees were found guilty and fined between KSH. 5,000 to 24,000. Those who were unable to pay the fines were sentenced to imprisonment between 3 – 6 months. UNHCR and RCK attended six court sessions to follow the court proceedings where cases relating to refugees were heard.
- 17 individuals comprising 14 male and three female refugees in detention were provided with legal aid support. 8 female refugees also received psychosocial support which were offered by Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK). During the period, 141 persons of concern comprising 101 individuals having been convicted and 40 individuals whose cases were pending in court were in detention. While ten were female, about five were diagnosed with tuberculosis and one individual was a person with disability. Six individuals completed their jail terms and were facilitated to re-integrate in the camps.

Child Protection

- 24 -Best Interest Determination (BID) reports of children in need of consideration for durable solutions and interventions for those facing diverse protection risks were discussed on 13th July 2016 at the Dadaab Inter-Agency BID panel meeting. The cases comprised of 20 resettlement, 3 VolRep and 1 Refugee Status Determination (RSD). The reports were compiled and presented by Save the Children International and Terre des Hommes with the participation of UNHCR, Refugee Consortium of Kenya, CARE International, Lutheran World Federation and Handicap International.



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Refugee children in front of their house in Dagahaley camp of Dadaab.

Sexual and Gender based Violence (SGBV):

- Sexual and Gender Based Violence interventions are ongoing in all five camps. In Ifo 2 it was reported that 10 adolescent girls benefited from mentorship sessions. 33 individuals comprising 15 women and 18 men participated in a community dialogue session in one of the community centres. The unique role of everyone in preventing and reporting SGBV cases in the community was highlighted. Similar dialogue sessions were held during visits to the five shops and two green houses that are run by SGBV survivors. It is envisioned that these livelihoods activities will improve the lives of the SGBV survivors in the camp.

Education



Students in their classroom at Hurmod Primary School, Ifo camp of Dadaab, Kenya.

- UNHCR in collaboration with partners held an Annual Education Day in Dadaab on 13th and 14th July with the aim of rewarding the best academic performance among students. The occasion was also a highlight for rewarding the best teachers and support staff. On 14th July, UNHCR staff joined Islamic Relief Kenya (IRK) staff to discuss issues of mutual importance between Parent and Teacher Association representatives and minority community leaders to enhance and access to school by students from disenfranchised communities.

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Health

- The second wave of cholera outbreak was declared on 5th July. A total of seven cases were admitted in Ifo camp Cholera Treatment Center in the month of July, of which all of them are stable and discharged. The last culture positive test was on 11th July. Health and WASH partners across the camps have been sensitized and outbreak response activities reactivated. Outbreak Control meeting (OCT) with both health and WASH partners was conducted on 15th July 2016.
- Expanded program on immunization (EPI) training targeting 33 community health workers (CHW) across the camp was conducted from 14th to 17th July. The training was facilitated by the Ministry of Health sub county team,

Food Security and Nutrition

- The general food distribution for the month of July was commenced on 4nd July. It was completed successfully across all the five camps by 16th July with no major incident reported.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- 33 youths were facilitated to interact with their counter parts living in Nairobi and Kakuma within the UNHCR Kenya Operations. It is envisaged that the platform will provide linkages among the youth in sharing experiences in skills, abilities and human stories. The youth groups agreed to have various platforms including Instagram and Facebook with clear procedures on how they will be managed.
- UNHCR has initiated collaboration with Kenyan artists to explore ways of mentoring refugee artists living in Kenya to enhance their talents as a dependable skill. Lead Kenyan hip hop artist Octopizzo has been conducting auditions in Dadaab in order to identify talents from Dadaab camps.
- The livelihoods Inter-agency working group meeting was held on 13th July with five partner agencies in attendance. It was discussed in the meeting that the students who were not issued movement passes may be offered short courses that can be done in the camps, or other livelihood support based on their area of interest. Students currently enrolled outside Dadaab will be supported to remain in their current location while they await completion of exams or opening of the next term. It was reported that attendance in training centers in the camps has gone back to normal after the drastic drop in the weeks following the camp closure announcement. On funding, NRC received funds to enrol an additional 500 students in the YEP centres.

- Promoting products made by refugees online: The social media site, Pamoja Collectives (www.facebook.com/groups/1700991783482143/) was set up by DRC Nairobi to promote refugee products from the camps and the urban areas. Livelihoods partners were advised to inform refugee producers in the camps and assist them in posting product photos on the site. Orders are already being received for some products. Pamoja Collectives is currently a group site but will be converted to a page to maximize promotion and eventually, into a dedicated web site and online shop.

Water and Sanitation

- During the first half of July, on average, the daily water production from 29 operational boreholes was 6250 m3. On average, 25 litres of water was supplied per capita per day. Water is chlorinated at the boreholes and regularly monitored Free Residue Chlorine (FRC).
- **Hygiene Promotion:** During the reporting period, 289 Hygiene promoters were actively engaged in carrying out hygiene promotion campaigns in all camps. All hygiene promoters were fully engaged in cholera response across the camps to carry out community sensitization on good hygiene practices, visiting affected households and responding to WASH needs by addressing negative practices.

Durable Solutions

Resettlement

- During the first half of July, a total of 20 cases comprising of 95 individuals underwent resettlement case composition interviews. 13 cases comprising of 86 individuals were interviewed for possible onward submission to resettlement countries. 30 cases comprising of 112 individuals were submitted to UNHCR Branch Office Nairobi for onward resettlement to the United States of America.

During the period under review, a total of 67 individuals departed Dadaab for onward resettlement to the United States of America. 1 Emergency case (Medical) was submitted and accepted by the Swedish embassy, and the case is to depart by 5th September.

Voluntary Repatriation

- During the reporting period, 1,278 returnees were supported to voluntarily return to Somalia. 1,128 returnees were transported by road, while 150 persons returned to Mogadishu by flight. In total of 18,278 Somali refugees returned home since 8th December 2014, when UNHCR started supporting voluntary return of Somali refugees in Kenya, out of which 12,177 were supported in 2016 alone.
- It was decided to increase the return and reintegration assistance package offered in Kenya and Somalia which include cash grants, customized shelter package, education and health grants. To this end, additional support with regards to human capital and resources will be required to meet the increased interest. If the donor support is received, it's anticipated that, with this increased support, more refugees will opt for voluntarily return.



A refugee family from Dadaab camps ready to board buses to be transported to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation program.

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