

DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

UNHCR DADAAB BI-WEEKLY UPDATE

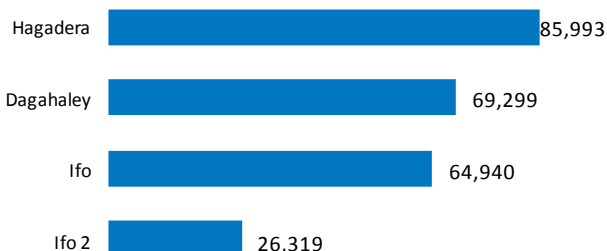
01 – 15 May 2017

UPDATES

Population as of 14 May 2017: **246,551**

Refugees: **244,839**

Asylum seekers: **1,712**



HIGHLIGHTS

Heavy Flooding in Dadaab

On 09 May 2017, heavy rains that led to flooding was experienced in Dadaab camps. 11,684 households out of a total of 36,286 in the three most affected camps (Dagahaley, Ifo and Ifo 2) bore the brunt of the floods. Some families have moved to higher ground considered safe with many of the roads being blocked making access very difficult, including for humanitarian staff whose vehicles were stuck or got submerged in water. Three WFP trucks delivering much needed food supplies were stuck on the way to Ifo and Dagahaley camps. Flights for some refugees being repatriated were cancelled due to road networks being completely cut off.

Several meetings involving nearly all the partners have been organized to assess the extent of the damages/ needs and coordinate the response. UNHCR has coordinated the erection of communal tents, distribution of plastic sheets and food supplies, initiated disinfections across all the camps and deployed backhoe excavators to Ifo and Dagahaley camps to clear puddles and blocked access roads. In addition, potholes that have developed on the Dadaab-Ifo-Dagahaley road are currently being backfilled. The construction of dykes in Ifo and Dagahaley to divert future flood water from the camp will start very soon. Distribution of hygiene kits including soap and jerry cans is ongoing while hygiene promoters have been engaged to sensitize affected population on best hygiene practices. In addition, UNHCR has provided 5,844 jerry cans, 5,844 bars of soap and 2,922 plastic sheets to support affected households from the host community in Dadaab.

Ration Card Exchange

The ration card exchange exercise was carried out successfully across all the four camps from 2nd to 10th May 2017. Out of 57,580 active households registered in UNHCR database, 53,991 (94%) households were issued with the new ration cards.



Families wade through flood waters to get to higher ground in Ifo camp.

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Registration

- **Food manifest:** A total of 55,006 households comprising of 242,810 individuals collected food in May 2017 through the Biometric system and their data transferred to WFP Cash Transfer Module (CTM) Database for the issuance of Cash Based Voucher ration. The household breakdown are as follows: Dagahaley- 14493; Hagadera- 20231; Ifo 1- 14681; Ifo 2- 5601.
- **Undocumented individuals:** As of 15th May 2017, the total number of undocumented individuals stood as **3,454** individuals profiled across the camps. UNHCR has continued advocating for their formal registration.
- **Continuous registration activities:** During the reporting period, a total of 347 new born babies were registered and issued with birth certificates.

Protection Delivery

- **Individual Case Management:**
 - 57 individuals received protection counselling during the period. The counselling was related to arrests, insecurity claims, request for documentation, relocation to Kakuma, request for data inactivation, inter- agency referrals and protection referrals from VolRep. The low numbers reported during this period was attributed to refugees' involvement in the ration card exercise, and subsequent flooding in the camp.
- **Child Protection:**
 - The BID main panel meeting was held on Wednesday, 10 May 2017 and in attendance was UNHCR, SCI, TDH, RCK and DRC. 27 cases which comprised of 16 resettlement cases and 21 Vol Rep cases were discussed.
 - UNHCR Liaison Office in Garissa participated in the Dadaab AAC workshop held in Garissa on the 11 and 12 May 2017 facilitated by the Department of Children Services and Save the Children International, where child protection strategic interventions and enabling of a protective environment framework was discussed. The training elaborated on the layers of structures both at the County designed to promote and strengthen the protection and care of children including refugee children. There areas highlighted were the roles and functions of the different stakeholders on building networks/ linkages, coordination of children issues and resource mobilization. The AAC developed an action plan to improve child protection issues around the County and especially at Dadaab camps.
 - On Monday, 15th May 2017, UNHCR held a meeting with Nairobi UNICEF Child Protection Specialist and the Regional Child Protection in Emergencies Specialist (ESARO) to provide highlights on CP activities in Dadaab, the coordination mechanisms and to discuss areas which may require further support in cross-border coordination with Somalia and joint advocacy on child protection.
- **Access to Justice:**
 - 10 (6 male, 1 female, 1 boy and 2 girls) clients were represented in court for migration related charges. Of these 6 were charged with being unlawfully present in the country. 4 (3 male and 1 female) were convicted and fined Kshs. 200,000 or 2 years imprisonment while 2 males were convicted and fined Kshs. 100,000 or 1 year imprisonment. All, upon completion of their sentences or payment of fines, are to be deported back to Somalia. 01 man, an Ethiopian, who could only speak Amharic and the case, was therefore postponed in order to attempt to get an interpreter from Dadaab. The Court ordered that a Children's report on the protection needs location of the parents or guardians of 2 girls and 1 boy who had been found to be in the country without any documentation ought to be presented to the Court on 16th May 2017.
 - The Mwingi 29, which RCK had filed an application seeking a Stay of Execution of the Court Orders, were deported to Somalia on 04 May 2017. The Judge ruled that the OCS of Mwingi police station swear an Affidavit with regards to the procedural deportation of the convicts. The case will be mentioned on 18 May 2017.
 - 13 women were attended to during legal aid clinics at the Garissa Main Prison. They discussed SGBV related cases and were provided with shawls and sanitary towels to assist them cope with the living conditions at the women's prison.

Education

- Schools nationwide, including Dadaab camp schools opened for second term on 02 May 2017. There was however low turnout among learners in the first week of opening partly attributed to the mass ration card exchange exercise that was taking place. During this period, Windle Trust Kenya (WTK) launched special needs education in three secondary schools to accommodate visually impaired, hearing impaired and physically handicapped learners. Lutheran World Federation (LWF) transported their Special Needs Education (SNE) learners back to their respective schools. LWF also administered opening examinations for learners from class 4 to 8.
- UNHCR Education participated in a weeklong annual Humanitarian Education Accelerator (HEA) boot camp held in Beirut, Lebanon. HEA initiative is a partnership between Department for International Development (DFID), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) that focuses on how to transform good pilot projects into scalable educational initiatives for refugees and displaced communities worldwide. During the boot camp, the Kenyan operation showcased its Equity in Education in Refugee Camps in Kenya (EERCK) project which offers remedial classes to refugee and host community girls to improve their learning outcomes. The project is implemented in Dadaab and Kakuma camps jointly by World University Services of Canada (WUSC) and Windle Trust Kenya (WTK).
- On 09 May 2017, Dadaab camps witnessed a heavy downpour subsequently leading to flooding. Most schools in the northern camps (Ifo, Ifo 2 and Dagahaley) were adversely affected leading to disruption of teaching and learning. Schools were rendered inaccessible for three days thus witnessing low turnout among teachers and students. Learning was further disrupted when affected families were forced to seek refuge in schools located on higher grounds.



Solar lamps play an important role in the education of young people in Dadaab.

Health

- Since the confirmation of Cholera outbreak Dadaab on the 02 April 2017, a total of 85 cholera cases have been listed.
- Following the confirmation of Measles outbreak on 21 April 2017 with a total of 5 cases having been identified, the Ministry of Health, WHO, UNHCR and partners resolved to carry out vaccination of all camp residents under 5 years old and all new arrivals under 15 years old. The Measles campaign is being conducted alongside *Malezi Bora*, the bi-annual campaign to promote good nutrition and upbringing of children.
- The Dadaab Annual Technical Review workshop was conducted between 03 – 05 May 2017 with commendable participation of partners implementing in various complimentary sectors of Health, Nutrition, WASH, Shelter and Environment.



Disinfection of households and latrines is ongoing to prevent an outbreak of diseases.

Livelihoods

- **Peacebuilding Fund Project**
- 71 beneficiaries from Baidoa have been enrolled by NRC under the cross-border Peacebuilding Fund Project to strengthen refugee skills and enhanced livelihoods. On the other hand, DRC have so far enrolled 120 beneficiaries from Baidoa under the same project for High Impact, Short Vocational Skills Training.
- 104 beneficiaries attended a 3-day training on Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB) in Ifo 2 and Dagahaley camps.

- 14 Persons with Disability (PWDs) continued with training on Microsoft Excel packages. Recruitment of a further 40 ICT students is ongoing.
- There is an ongoing registration of 120 tailoring students for National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) examinations in August 2017.

Durable Solutions

■ Voluntary repatriation:

- During the reporting period, a total of 1,478 Somali refugees were assisted to return voluntarily to Somalia by flight from Dadaab.
- Road convoys to Somalia remained suspended due to the heavy rains in some parts of Somalia rendering roads impassable. UNHCR Somalia and its partners are closely monitoring the situation and will alert us once road movements can resume. In the meantime, flights to Mogadishu and Kismayo currently facilitate the voluntary return of those willing to travel by air.
- As at 15 May 2017, a total of 63,535 individuals from Dadaab were assisted in the framework of voluntary return to Somalia since the launch of the process on 8th December 2014, including 24,221 refugees who returned in 2017 alone. The cumulative total number of persons repatriated from Kenya to Somalia currently stands at 64,761. Regarding return trends, Kismayo continues to have the highest return (87.7%), followed by Mogadishu (6.7%) and Baidoa (4.7%).
- There has been reduction in the number of persons repatriated for the last four weeks under review. This reduction could be attributed to the ongoing drought, the cholera outbreak and the recent heavy rains in Somalia.
- LWF continued to support assessment of Persons with Specific Needs for voluntary repatriation. 719 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Hagadera were attended to during this period. Among the services they received included physiotherapy, occupational therapy, counselling, referrals, repair and provision of assistive aids, postural training, home visits and follow-up.

UNHCR Dadaab initiated the first teleconference on the voluntary repatriation of Somali refugees from Kenya to Somalia which was organised on 12 May with the participation of Branch Office Nairobi and Sub Office Kakuma. This teleconference which will be taking place on a weekly basis is aiming at harmonizing approaches among in the three locations through sharing of good practices, synchronizing return movements, consolidating critical information and improving coordination between Kenya and Somalia in this process.



Siblings wait to board their flight to Mogadishu. Road convoys remain suspended due to heavy rains in some parts of Somalia.

■ Resettlement

During the reporting period, 29 cases (87 individuals, including women and girls at risk) underwent resettlement interviews. The cases have been selected for submission to Australia and Sweden among other countries.

A total of 29 movement passes were prepared for 47 individuals departing for the USA; 10 individuals departing to the UK and 5 individuals to Nairobi for IOM referral specialist.