

DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

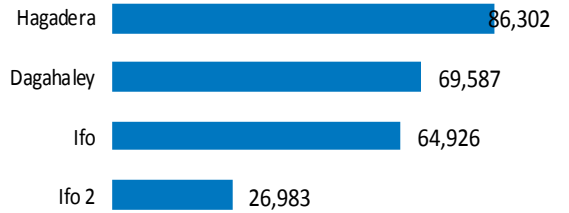
UNHCR DADAAB BI-WEEKLY UPDATE

16 - 30 April 2017

UPDATES

Population as of 30th April 2017: **247,798**

Refugees: 246,087
Asylum seekers: 1,711



HIGHLIGHTS

Japan Ambassador to Kenya visited Dadaab to support the youth

- On 24th April, the Japan Ambassador to Kenya, HE Toshitsugu Uesawa, visited Dadaab Refugee Camps and donated footballs, uniforms and pumps to youth teams as part of the “Sports for Tomorrow” initiative announced by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2013.

The Ambassador who was accompanied by UNHCR Kenya Country Representative, Mr. Raouf Mazou, witnessed a football match between Ifo and Hagadera camps teams in which Hagadera emerged victorious through a solitary goal scored in the second half.

In his speech, the Ambassador pledged Japan’s continued support to refugees and hoped that the contribution would help in the healthy growth of the youth in Dadaab Refugee Camps and the Host Communities. On his part Mr. Mazou thanked the people of Japan for their passion about youth programmes for refugees and their hosts. He also reiterated Japan’s status as UNHCR’s fourth largest contributor globally.

Dadaab Refugee Camps have a total of 264 youth teams engaged in various sports from football, volleyball and athletics. As part of Japan’s commitment to sports and young people globally, Tokyo will host the 2020 Summer Olympic Games.



Japan Ambassador to Kenya, HE Toshitsugu Uesawa hands over footballs to a refugee player in Hagadera camp of Dadaab.

Photo: UNHCR/A. Nasrullah

UPDATES

Protection

- **Voluntary repatriation:** During the reporting period, a total of 707 Somalis refugees were assisted to return voluntarily to Somalia by Flight.
- Road convoys to Somalia remained suspended due to the heavy rains in some parts of Somalia. UNHCR Somalia and its partners are closely monitoring the accessibility of roads in the twelve designated return areas. However, Flights to Mogadishu and Kismayo currently facilitate the voluntary return of those willing to travel by air.
- As of 30th April, a total of 62,372 individuals from Dadaab were assisted in the framework of voluntary return to Somalia including 23,058 refugees who returned in 2017 alone since the launch of the process on 8th December 2014. The cumulative total number of persons repatriated from Kenya to Somalia currently stands at 63,491. 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.
- Assistance to voluntary return is ongoing in all Dadaab camps to ensure that the remaining active 21,213 refugees registered for voluntary repatriation are assisted in the most effective way.



Two-year-old Abdifatah stand next to his father where they wait for their turn to check-in before boarding a bus that will take them home to Kismayo, Somalia.

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Relocation to Kalobeyi (Kakuma)

- Relocation of non-Somali refugees remains temporarily suspended due to low turnout at both the relocation help desk and the medical screening centre and as such people not showing up for departures render flights uneconomical.
- So far, UNHCR supported the relocation of 4,949 individuals comprising 1,372 households to Kalobeyi, Kakuma. The total number of persons currently awaiting relocation excluding those with mixed marriages and other protection related issues stand at 6,924 individuals composed of 1,935 households.
- **Continuous Registration:** During the reporting period, a total number of 137 new born babies were registered and issued with the birth certificates.
- **Undocumented refugees:** As of 30th April, 3,453 undocumented individuals were profiled across the camps of which 180 are non-Somali nationals and 3,273 are Somali nationals. 999 of these individuals are affected by recent drought in Somalia.
- **Individual Case Management:** During the reporting period, a total of 65 persons of concern were attended to at Community Based Protection help desk in Ifo camp attending to a range of concerns from; Shelter, Health, Education, Inter-camp transfers, registration, repatriation, resettlement and RSD inquiries, family reunification, requests for relocation to Kakuma, physical safety, new arrivals Persons with Specific Needs assessment and legal support for SGBV. These cases were assessed, interventions made and/or referred for appropriate assistance to lead partners and other units specialist within UNHCR.

Child Protection

- A monthly meeting of the Dadaab Inter-Agency Child Protection Working Group (CPWG) was held on 27th April. Among the items discussed were updates on the finalization of child-friendly messaging and feedbacks from partner agencies on their follow-ups to the child protection-related findings from the recent Participatory Assessment exercise. In addition, efforts to provide support and assistance to Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children and other children at-risk who are new arrivals as a result of drought or otherwise undocumented were discussed.
- A mini Best Interest Determination (BID) Panel meeting was held on 19th April, and a full BID Panel meeting convened on 28th April. In total, 58 BIDs were reviewed: 55 exploring voluntary repatriation as a durable solution, two exploring resettlement as a durable solution, and one to identify a temporary care arrangement for an unaccompanied child.



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Refugee children in Hagadera camp of Dadaab.



Health

- Cholera outbreak was officially declared in Dadaab on the 2nd April 2017 after a ten years old boy tested positive for cholera. Since then, a total of 55 cholera cases were reported. 15 reported cases tested positive for cholera.
- The cholera outbreak control team held a meeting on the 28th of April in order to review ongoing activities aimed at managing and containing the outbreak. Disinfection of affected blocks, increasing of water supply and distribution of Jerrycans and soaps to affected families is ongoing. UNHCR and partners plan to conduct advocacy programs on behavioural change that will improve hygiene situation in the camps.

Education

- During this period, Windle Trust Kenya (WTK) with support from UNHCR, Sub County Director of Education and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) held a series of meetings with parents from Dagahaley Secondary school as a pre-requisite step in establishment a Board of Management (BOM) for the school. Subsequently, a functional BOM was constituted in conformity with the Kenyan Education Act 2013 bringing to two the number of secondary schools with a BOM. The exercise is expected to continue until all the seven secondary schools have a BOM.
- With schools expected to open for the second term on 2nd May, UNHCR education partner WTK finalized preparations for the commencement of Special Needs Education (SNE) Programme in Dadaab secondary schools. An assessment in the seven secondary schools identified Waberi Secondary school (Hagadera Camp), Ifo secondary school (Ifo/Ifo2 camp) and Tawakal secondary school (Dagahaley camp) as the most suitable disability friendly schools to set up SNE centres. A total of 23 Hearing Impaired (HI) and Physically Handicapped (PH) SNE learners were identified from Hagadera, Ifo camp and Dagahaley camps. Nine special needs education teachers hired by WTK specifically for this programme are trained with two teaching subjects combination and special needs and will teach sign language, Braille transcribe and handle their other teaching subjects in the school.

- On 26th April, Education unit hosted a consultant from Division of International Protection (DIP) for a one day mission on Cash-Based Interventions (CBIs). The objective of the mission to Kenya was to discuss good practices, challenges, and field strategies used to deliver education-related cash assistance in education. The consultant had an opportunity to interact with Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) students, Ifo YEP centre parents and partner agencies from Education, Child Protection and SGBV Working groups. The information collected will be used to develop a review paper, technical and operational guidance to mainstream best practices in Cash-Based Interventions within UNHCR's education programming.



15-year old, Qadra from Somalia studies in class seven at Central Primary School, in Hagadera camp of Dadaab.

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Durable Solutions

Resettlement

- During the second half of April, a total of 12 cases comprising of 22 individuals underwent resettlement case composition interviews.
- 32 cases with 75 individuals were submitted to UNHCR Branch Office Nairobi for onward submission to Sweden as a part of Swedish quota 2017. In addition, 21 cases with 67 individuals were assessed / identified for possible submission to Sweden.

Water and Sanitation

- Water supply:** During the reporting period, on average, UNHCR supplied 33.7 liters of water per day per capita from 29 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the five Dadaab camps. 26 of these boreholes operate on Solar PV – Diesel hybrid system. The water supply schemes convey water to 47 tanks with a total storage capacity of 5,550 m³, from where the water distributed to refugees through 845 tap stands scattered around the five camps.
- Hygiene Promotion:** During the reporting period, 271 Hygiene promoters were actively engaged in carrying out hygiene promotion campaigns in all camps
- Sanitation coverage:** During the reporting period, there were 51,853 household latrine in the four camps as of April 15th, 2017. The coverage rose to 89.2% up from 63% in June, 2016. 195 sanitation cleaners were actively engaged in managing solid waste in public areas in the camps.
- Cholera response:** UNHCR's WASH Partners issues 7,500 of 20litre jerry cans, 130,000 aqua tabs, 300 cartons of bio clean, 5,000KGs laundry soap and 2,700 KGs chlorine to assist in targeted cholera interventions across all four camps.

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