

### **General Travel Checklist for visitors on three days mission**

Flights, food and accommodation will cost you about 400 USD. However, there is hiring of police escort (this includes the police and a vehicle for their use) and hiring of a fixer (somebody familiar with the camps who will assist you research, fix interviews and interpret). With these, the total cost will come to approximately 1,670 USD. Here is the breakdown;

1. A return flight ticket (Nairobi-Dadaab) costs 300 USD. Flights are booked from our Nairobi Office. Decide the dates and contact Catherine Masha at [masha@unhcr.org](mailto:masha@unhcr.org) +254 728 607 006 for early booking. After paying your ticket fee, please remember to send her your proof of payment. Otherwise your flight will not be confirmed. The flights arrive at 8.30 am in Dadaab and depart at 4.00 pm giving visitors at least six hours to complete their objectives. Please kindly check in at Wilson Airport, ALS, from 5:30 am to 6:00 am. Your ticket should have the details.

2. Standard vehicle hiring cost from Dadaab (UNHCR Offices) to the camps and back per day is Ksh 10,000 (100 USD). Two vehicles (one for you and another for the police) in three days will cost you Ksh 60,000 (600 USD). If you find hiring of vehicles expensive, you can choose to do all your interviews from our offices here in Dadaab. You will just need to invite your interviewees over. We will provide the venue for interviews.

3. Security escort-Police officers are hired at a standard rate of Ksh 700 and 1,000 (7 – 10 USD) per day depending on the time spend in the field. Four police officers are recommended for any escort. For three days, you will need Ksh 8,400 or 12,000 (84 – 120 USD)

4. Accommodation in the UNHCR guest house is now Ksh 4,000 per night. You will spend two nights here for a three days mission. This will cost you Ksh 8,000 (80 USD).

5. Food & Breakfast costs Ksh 200, Lunch-Ksh 300 and Dinner- Ksh 300 totaling to Ksh 800. For three days, you will need Ksh 2,400 (24 USD).

6. Fixers usually charge between 100 USD and 200 USD per day depending on the intensity of fixing. UNHCR only facilitates journalists/researchers and it does not assist them in making their way around camps. We usually recommend fixers to all visiting journalists. Fixing involves assisting you in achieving whatever you want to achieve while covering the camps. This includes interpreting, hiring vehicles, hiring security and finding and organizing interviews with potential interviewees. You may choose not to use a fixer (and fix everything yourself) and just work with an interpreter. Shall you need a fixer, we recommend;

- Abdi Maalim, a former journalist. Email: [husein2am@yahoo.com](mailto:husein2am@yahoo.com) Mobile phone number +254 720 451 113.
- Aden Tarah, a community services mobilizer and an interpreter in Dadaab camps. Email: [adentarah@hotmail.com](mailto:adentarah@hotmail.com) Mobile phone number: +254 726 539 499

7. Interpreters charge Ksh 400 per day. For three days, you will need Ksh 1,200 (12 USD).

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