



## HIGHLIGHTS

<b>14,162</b> Identified unaccompanied Minors and Separated Children	<b>86</b> Households provided with cash grants	<b>1,288,598</b> NFIs distributed	<b>1,671</b> Shelters distributed
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### Population of Concern

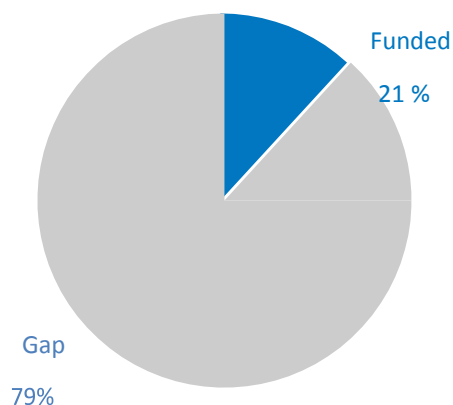
Total of people of concern **488,045**

#### By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Somalia	290,662
Ethiopia	27,511
Sudan	9,900
DR Congo	34,282
Rwanda	1,599
Eritrea	1,314
Burundi	11,852
South Sudan	107,899
Uganda	2,482
Other	544
<b>Total</b>	<b>488,045</b>

### Funding

**USD 231,300,000** requested



### UNHCR Presence

#### Staff:

353 National Staff, 29 NUNVs  
63 International Staff, 11 IUNVS, 15 Consultants

#### Offices:

4 Offices located in:  
Nairobi, Kakuma, Dadaab, Alinjugur

# KENYA

## Registered refugees and asylum-seekers

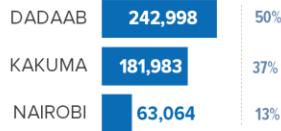
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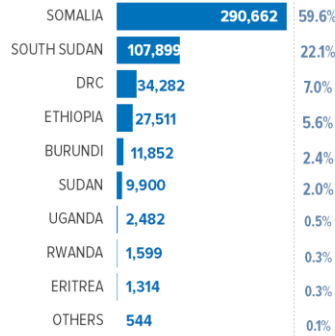
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REGISTERED REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

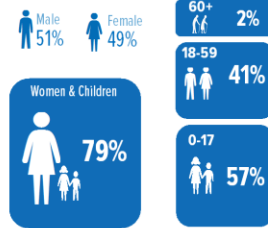
### HOST LOCATIONS



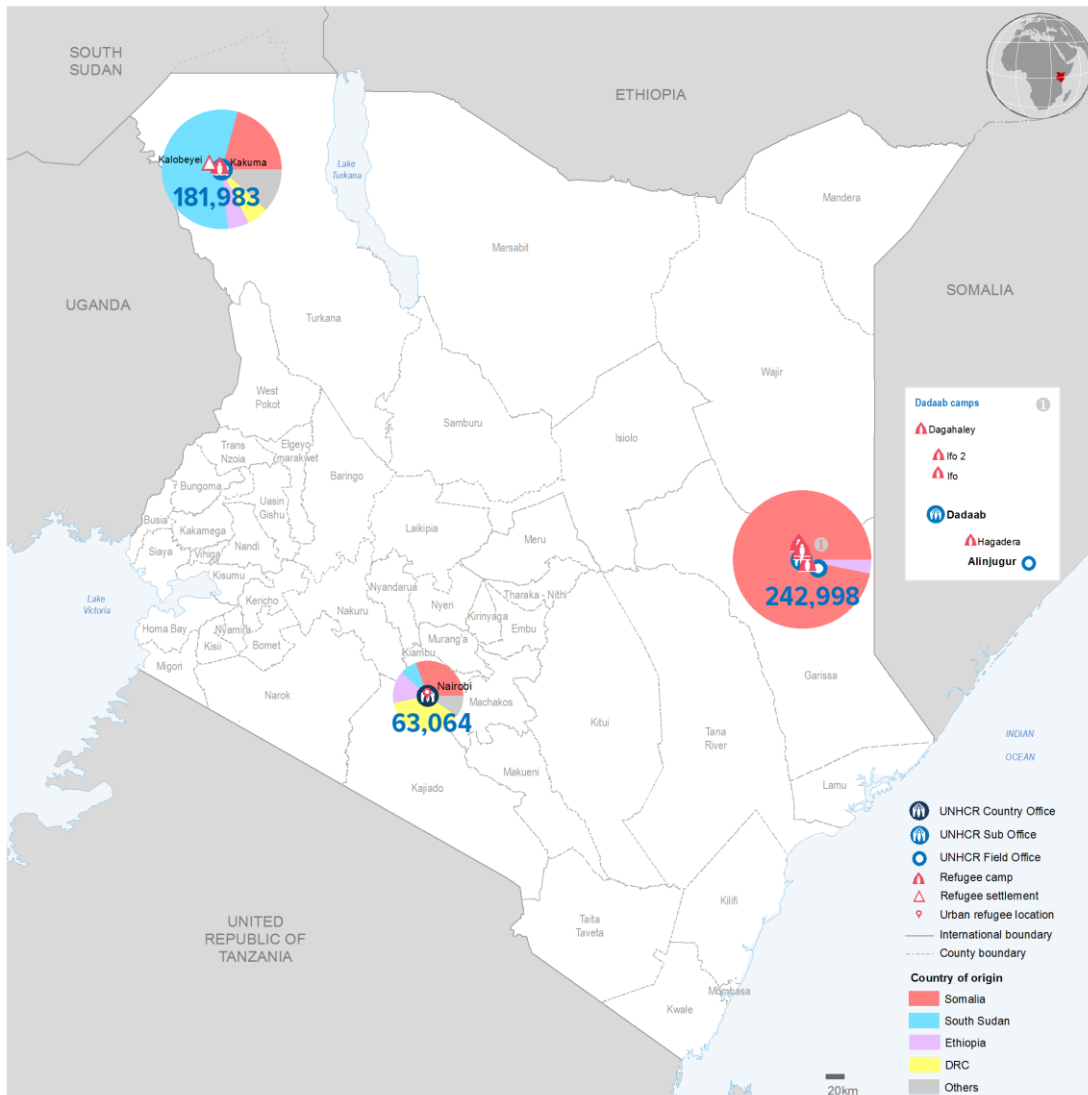
### COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



### DEMOGRAPHICS | age and gender



### LEGAL STATUS



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- UNHCR was officially informed of the operationalization of the RAS and the appointment of the Acting Commissioner, Mr. K. Makori, effective from 18 July 2017.
- Launch of Peace Clubs in learning institutions in Kakuma : Peace Club project targeting 12 learning institutions in the refugee and host community has been launched with the objective of promoting peaceful coexistence through engaging learners in a curricula that inculcates aspects of behavior change, communication, life skills, entrepreneurial skills, conflict resolution alongside creation of conducive spaces for children to express themselves in other dimensions of their lives.
- From 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July, a team from World University Services of Canada hosted by Windle Trust Kenya (WTK) trained teachers and community mobilizers in Dadaab, on Girl Remedial studies program. The team conducted a two day workshop on documentation of skills, data verification & analysis, monitoring & evaluation, quality assurance and standards for the program.
- DAFI scholarship selection process has been concluded with 24 (8 female) set to benefit from the programme to study in different universities within Kenya for Diploma and Bachelor Degree courses. For students and graduates, the DAFI programme serves as a foundation for social and professional development, allowing them to build careers in competitive fields of employment.
- A team of refugees, beneficiaries of skills development programme by FilmAid International with support from UNHCR, had their film 'It has killed my mother' premiered in Nairobi with support from FilmAid International and Amnesty International.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### Protection

#### **Election preparedness**

- UNHCR participated in sensitization forums with county officials, law enforcement officers and Kenya Red Cross in various locations including Nakuru and Eldoret. The government officials assured the protection of persons of concern during the election period.
- UNHCR contributed to the Nairobi Humanitarian Hub election preparedness meetings. The objective for the humanitarian pillar is to deliver coordinated protection and assistance for any displaced and vulnerable persons following the elections.
- On 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, UNHCR attended a Training on Gender Mainstreaming for the Nairobi Humanitarian Hub. The training included a session on the Kenya Inter Agency Response Assessment (KIRA).
- UNHCR attended the national GBV forum at the Gender Commission, where deliberations on response mechanisms for GBV interventions during the election period were held. UNHCR has provided key contacts in Dadaab, Kakuma and Garissa who will be available to respond to GBV refugee survivors during the election period.
- UNHCR together with Heshima Kenya held discussions to revise and update the budgets mainly for food vouchers to Kes. 3,000 each and approved 200 vulnerable children for food vouchers during and after the elections.
- Heshima Kenya has put in place a contingency plan around accommodation for any emergency cases that may arise following the elections.

#### **Protection & Detention Monitoring**

- UNHCR and RCK undertook joint detention monitoring at Kitengela, Athi River, Mlolongo and Rongai police stations, where sample documentation issued to refugees was distributed to the authorities. The authorities guaranteed to contact UNHCR in the event they arrest any PoCs. There were no PoCs being held at the police stations at the time of the monitoring.

### **Protection Desk and Hotline**

- The hotline received 3215 incoming calls of which 2391 were answered and 813 were not immediately answered. Out of the 813 unanswered calls, 619 of the calls were made after office hours and were either channeled to voicemails (316) or disconnected by the callers and follow up made thereafter. The most preferred language was Swahili (604), followed by Somali (491). 'Emergency call' agents have been added to the hotline team between 2100hrs and 0500hrs and are collecting data on the use of the emergency option.
- The panel to address exemptions from the requirement to live in the camps did not meet in July. The number of applications for exemption has continued to rise to 359 cases as of 31 July. UNHCR and RAS met to review the exemptions categories and procedures for conducting exemption assessments. UNHCR continues to follow up with RAS to convene the panel.
- 74 individuals (34 men, 9 women, 15 boys and 16 girls) of various nationalities (Burundi, Uganda, Congo, S.Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Rwanda and Somalia) were supported with their relocation from Nairobi to Kakuma camp.

### **Convention Travel Documents (CTD)**

- The government issued a total of 29 CTDs, 25 of which were for applicants planning to travel to Mecca for the Hajj pilgrimage.

### **Child Protection**

- Best Interest Assessments (BIA) were conducted for 54 children and Best Interest Determination (BIDs) for 18 children.
- UNHCR participated in Heshima caseload committee where 12 newly identified vulnerable cases in Mombasa were discussed and approved for financial and food assistance.
- Children Sub-Committee forums were held in Githurai and Kasarani. Pertinent issues presented included insecurity especially during the election period, lack of admissible identification documents, lack of access to education and vocational training opportunities, inaccessibility to medical facilities, requirement for new asylum seekers to relocate to Kalobeyei and police harassment.
- 22 unaccompanied children (10 male and 12 female) and 26 separated children were identified and assisted; 20 children were referred to Kenya Red Cross to initiate tracing of their relatives, 20 households were assisted with financial assistance and 42 Children were offered counselling.
- UNHCR and Heshima conducted a 4 day mission to Mombasa to monitor the progress of the children and their foster parents who are on Heshima financial assistance program in order to measure the impact of the assistance. This is the first monitoring under the Cash Based Intervention.

### **Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) & other Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs)**

- UNHCR chaired the GBV partners working group meeting. Issues discussed included referrals for GBV survivors, GBV trends and contingency planning during the election period.
- Support towards LGBTI was extended for a further 4 months to cover for the election period. UNHCR also held discussions forums with the community leaders as part of the election preparedness.

### **Registration and documentation**

- 1,117 (423 male and 594 female, including 83 baby add-ons) new registrations were conducted by GoK as part of the transition to a unified registration process. The new arrivals originate from South Sudan (424), DRC (197), Somalia (178), Ethiopia (149), Burundi (105), and other nationalities (64).
- Mandate Refugee Certificates (MRCs) for 33 individuals were exceptionally processed to facilitate access to services pending the resumption of issuance of decision letters by the GoK.
- Data for 21 cases/57 individuals was requested and received from the camps, this included a case from Mombasa, while data for 51 cases/81 individuals was sent to Kakuma camp.
- Documents belonging to 15 individuals were received from CID HQs in Nairobi for verification to enable issuance of certificate of good conduct.
- Meetings on the modalities of sharing ProGres data were held with Refuge Point and HIAS on 20 and 25 July. From the meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding on data sharing will be developed, installation of BIMS and training of staff, a pilot was to be carried out and Standard Operating Procedures to be drafted upon successful installation and testing.

### **Refugees Status Determination (RSD)**

- Interviews were conducted for 290 cases/471 individuals on first instance and 1 case/1 individual on appeal (an increase of 22% from the previous month). Out of this 182 cases were interviewed by RAS RSD team while 108 cases were interviewed by UNHCR RSD team. 94 cases were no show for interview.
- 120 cases/206 individuals were reviewed and recommended for recognition (a decrease of 29% from the previous month).
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> at BON in which TAC Profiles of 11 annexes were presented comprising of 561 cases/1,146 individuals. 49 cases were exceptionally recognized under UNHCR Mandate pending the resumption of RSD decision issuance by the GoK. 26 cases/44 individuals were referred to RSD for fast tracking by various Units and appointment dates issued. 56 cases/94 individuals were referred by RSD to various Units for appropriate intervention, including 8 cases of unaccompanied minors were referred to child protection, 1 case referred to community services, 4 cases referred to PDU and 15 cases were referred for resettlement consideration.

### **Capacity Building**

- 19 RAS RSD caseworkers and 3 UNHCR staff completed the 5<sup>th</sup> and final module of the Interview Learning Program on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, aimed at developing their skills in working with interpreters and closing the interview. All new caseworkers have now completed the online segment and workshop phase of the ILP.
- UNHCR led a four day training on Interviewing and Assessing the asylum claims of LGBTI asylum-seekers for 37 RAS RSD staff and 6 UNHCR RSD staff. The objectives of the training were to reinforce knowledge on the definitions, reinforce good interview techniques for LGBTI applicants and support staff to draft correct credibility assessments.
- 4 RAS reviewers underwent an on-the-job training and reviewed 361 First Instance cases. These cases underwent a second level of review by UNHCR Reviewers for quality assurance and to provide feedback as part of the training.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- UNHCR and RAS issued identification badges to 72 refugee community leaders in urban centers mainly in Nairobi, Mombasa, Malindi, Nakuru, Eldoret, Kitale, Kapenguria and Bungoma. The badges are to facilitate their interaction with government and other authorities on behalf of their communities and for intervention including during the election period.
- UNHCR facilitated the identification of refugees with different talents to engage in a new project targeting the private-sector. The project is led by the UNHCR regional office, based in Nairobi.

### **LIVELIHOODS**

- UNHCR held a consultative meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> with the Cabinet Secretary (CS) for the Ministry of East Africa, Labour, and Social Protection during which GoK affirmed its commitment to support the establishment of a skills training programme/center in Dadaab in support of the VolRep agenda. A technical committee was tasked to design and implement the programme.
- UNHCR in collaboration with DRC, held an urban private sector partners' sensitization forum on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The partners who mainly comprised of the technical and vocational skills training institutions, National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) and Chambers of Commerce, decried of the high documentation challenges they experience with refugees. NITA also provided guidelines for refugee registration for vocational skills training grade testing examinations.
- UNHCR facilitated the 3 year Urban Livelihood Strategy review workshop held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and attended by all member agencies in the urban livelihoods working group. The finalized livelihoods strategy will guide livelihoods programming for the period ending 2019.
- To determine, verify number and measure progress of livelihood program implementation by DRC in Mombasa, UNHCR undertook a joint field monitoring exercise to Mombasa on the 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>.
- A joint UNHCR and DFID mission was conducted in Kakuma from the 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, to design a new business case for UNHCR for the next 5 years.
- 12 artisans (11 refugees and 1 Kenyan) exhibited their handicrafts at UNHCR – BO on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The total amount of sales was Kes. 136,750 (USD 1,367.50) and refugees had the chance to interact with UNHCR staff and visitors.

## PROMOTION OF REFUGEE LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRAINING

- UNHCR held a training with the Anti-Terror Police Unit (ATPU) in Eldoret. The ATPU had requested the said training in distinguishing between aliens and asylum seekers and refugees.

## STATELESSNESS

- UNHCR supported and participated in a cross-national paralegal training held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. The objectives of the training were; to build bonds between all paralegals in the country working on nationality issues; to share relevant information and knowledge on the law and how to apply it in their work; to identify best practices in acquiring identity documents; to develop new and creative strategies for outreach, casework, empowerment, and advocacy; Brainstorm on cross-partner activities for the future.



## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- **Artists for Refugees (A4R) Project:** Auditions in Dadaab camps for selection of beneficiaries for A4R project commenced on 7<sup>th</sup> July and was completed on 10<sup>th</sup> July. 60 music artists (50 male and 10 female) were selected from all the four camps to undergo an extensive music training which started on 11<sup>th</sup> July -18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Danish Refugee Council (DRA) compound. The training was facilitated by the Octopizzo foundation team. The A4R project is a talent identification, nurturing and development project to enhance youth's self-reliance and provide livelihood opportunities.
- **Advanced Android App Development:** 50 (46M; 4F) students are receiving training on advanced android app development in the 4 camps. **NITA Examinations:** 44 Tailoring students sitting for NITA grade I and II examinations going on in Dagahaley, Ifo 1 and Ifo 2 refugee camps. **PBF - Cross Border Peacebuilding Project Implementation Update:** NRC have so far enrolled 299 out of 320 targeted youth from Baidoa; 72 learners enrolled for NITA courses in Nairobi. Learning going on.
- In Kakuma in the first half of the month, a total of 420Kgs of vegetables worth KSh. 31,175 was harvested at the 3-acre agriculture farm in Kakuma 2, Kakuma refugee camp. Out of this, 98.50Kgs worth KSh. 9,050 was consumed by the beneficiaries both from the refugee and host community while the remaining was sold at the local markets. During the reporting period, 106 (55 female) refugees were profiled at the reception center to inform the asset based approach to livelihoods. A total of 210 (129 female) refugees attended Financial Literacy and Business Management skills training to enable them to conduct basic financial transactions and improve their business acumen. A total of 675 (210 female) graduated in Computer and English courses in the month of July 2017.



## Education

- In Dadaab From 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July, a team from World University Services of Canada hosted by Windle Trust Kenya (WTK) trained teachers and community mobilizers on Girl Remedial studies program. The team conducted a two day workshop on documentation of skills, data verification & analysis, monitoring & evaluation, quality assurance and standards for the program.
- On 5<sup>th</sup> July, Instant Network schools (INS) power outage in Ifo camp was discussed with WTK providing a renovation budget shared with the UNHCR programme for consideration. The power problem began during the recent floods affecting WTK cabling prompting CARE to disconnect the generator until the re-cabling is done. This in turn affected the communication radios for the Instant Network Schools.
- In Kakuma a training for 26(2 female) School Meals Programme (SMP) staff in primary schools was conducted on 29 July by World Food Programme (WFP) at the Teachers Resource Centre (TRC) in Kakuma Refugee Camp. This was a refresher training on food handling and stock management, roles and responsibility of SMP stakeholders, hygiene and food preparation, code of conduct, safety and use of fire extinguishers. During the reporting period, a total of 150 English Level 1 textbooks were distributed to all Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) centres before sitting for the end of term examinations. Distributions of learning materials from UNICEF, which includes Educational kits, mats and skipping ropes, was done in both Kalobeyei Primary and Kalobeyei ECD on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 respectively. A team from UNHCR, Lutheran World Federation (LWF), and WFP underwent a 2-day training on Cash to school (CTS) programme by WFP. Schools at Kalobeyei settlement benefit from the CTS programme.
- On 6<sup>th</sup> July, Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Dadaab held an annual prize giving day attended by education stakeholders in Hagadera camp. The best Board of Management (BOM), teachers, auxiliary staff, students and schools in exams, sports, spelling and symposium competitions were awarded. The annual prize giving day

christened 'Education Day' by LWF has consistently been held for the last seven years. During this event, students, staff and all education stakeholders who show exemplary work in meeting LWFs and UNHCR objectives in education were awarded. This fosters healthy competition in the schools that LWF operates and in the long run, improved performance of teachers, Board of Management (BOM) and students.

- International Rescue committee (IRC) in partnership with UNHCR, North Coast Medical Training College and University of Geneva are in advanced discussions on the roll out of certificate courses in Community Health Education and Basic Medical training for 100 students of Dadaab refugee camps. Through a bilateral funding secured by IRC, they target 30 students for Basic Medical training to be administered on-line in conjunction with University of Geneva and another 70 students for Community Health Education training to be administered on-site in conjunction with North Coast Medical Training College. IRC is in the final stages of setting up an e-learning hub in Hagadera camp modelled around InZone's hub architecture equipped with internet connectivity and computers.



## Health and Nutrition

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- In Dadaab the Multi-sectoral Disease Outbreak Response System was activated after a 10 year-old new arrival was diagnosed with Vibrio Cholera 01 Ogawa on 02 April 2017. Since then, a total of 500 cases have been line listed. 3 mortalities have been reported so far. The last admission in the Cholera Treatment Centre (CTC) was on 25 July. There was noted reduction in the cases in the last 3 weeks across the camp. Hygiene Promoters and Community Health Workers (CHWs) continue to work together to disseminate hygiene messages and intervene at affected households. The CTC continued to be fully operational with adequate staffing and medical supply.
- IRC conducted a 4-day training in Dadaab on Essential Newborn Care (ENC) from 26-29 July targeting 112 CHWs with key component being on strengthening Home-based Care for newborns (detecting danger signs in newborns, Kangaroo mother care- KMC, early initiation of breastfeeding and use of respiratory timers).
- The general food distribution in Dadaab for the month of July was commenced on 01 July. It was completed successfully across all the four camps by 08 July with no major incident reported. During the reporting period, a total of four Community dialogue sessions and four family bazaar sessions aimed at promoting optimal Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (MICYN) practices were conducted. Monthly Mother to Mother Support Groups (MtMSGs) meetings aimed at promoting, supporting and protecting optimal maternal, infant and young child feeding practices were conducted in Hagadera, Ifo and Ifo2 camps.
- Joint monitoring of food distributions was conducted by the nutrition unit in collaboration with the field and community services teams in Ifo 2 and Hagadera camps. Food distributions for August (as a contingency for the forthcoming General Elections in Kenya) were completed in all camps during the reporting period. A training for nutrition partners focusing on mobile data collection using Open Data Kit (ODK) and data analysis using EPI INFO took place from 24 to 28 July 2017 at Islamic Relief in Dadaab.

## Shelter

- 150 shelters were each constructed in Ifo and Dagahaley Refugee Camps in Dadaab. The beneficiaries were given shelter construction materials which they transported from the yard to their homesteads and the construction was undertaken by trained carpenters who are paid by PWJ through registered cooperatives. 130 most vulnerable shop owners in the burnt down Hagadera market and who could not re-construct their shops were assisted with construction materials. The traders were identified by the market committee and jointly physically verified by a technical team comprising of UNHCR, PWJ, RAS and NRC teams. The beneficiaries were given the kit while they took care of the construction cost.



## Water and Sanitation

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- During the reporting period, on average, in Dadaab UNHCR supplied 29.5 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 m<sup>3</sup>, distributed through a pipeline network of 297.5 km and relayed to 845 tap stands with about 3,926 taps, scattered around the four camps.

- **Cholera Response:** On 21 July, WASH Partners in Dadaab attended the Weekly Inter-Agency cholera outbreak control team coordination meeting held at the UNHCR DMO. WASH Partners continued with targeted spraying of cholera affected households and distribution of WASH items like Aqua tabs, Jerry cans and soap.
- **Hygiene Promotion:** During the reporting period, 271 Hygiene promoters in Dadaab were actively engaged in carrying out hygiene promotion campaigns in all camps, (Dagahaley- 71, Ifo- 71, Ifo 2- 41 and Hagadera- 88). The HP: PoCs ratio now stands at 1:902, against the UNHCR standard of 1:500.

## Durable Solutions

### Voluntary Return

- During the reporting period, 1,424 refugees were supported to return to their homes in Somalia by flight. As of 31<sup>st</sup> July, a total of **68,238** individuals from Dadaab were assisted in the framework of voluntary return to Somalia since the launch of voluntary repatriation on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014. **28,924** refugees have returned in 2017 alone. The cumulative total number of persons repatriated from Kenya to Somalia currently stands at **70,057**. Currently there are **18,598** refugees (active in our database) willing to return to Somalia. Road convoy movements remained on hold and facilitation of voluntary repatriation to Somalia by air is limited to Mogadishu and Kismayu.
- To enhance refugees' understanding of the voluntary return process, UNHCR embarked on an information campaign by producing audio and video awareness materials that will help potential returnees understand all the procedures involved in the repatriation process and to create awareness and sensitize the refugee community on the voluntariness of the process.
- The period under review continued to record a reduced trend on voluntary return and number of refugees approaching the Return Help Desks (RHDs). Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has recently conducted a survey to determine reasons for 'no shows' of refugees' scheduled for return. The finding of the survey shows that drought, poor education, suspension of road movements, cholera outbreak and general health concerns are among the main reasons for 'no shows' and low interest among the refugees in Dadaab camps.

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