

DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

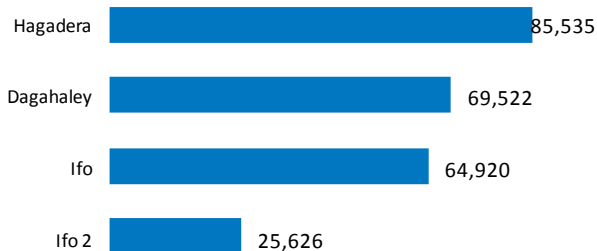
UNHCR DADAAB BI-WEEKLY UPDATE

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UPDATES

Population as of 15 June 2017: **245,603**

Refugees: **243,913**
Asylum seekers: **1,690**



HIGHLIGHTS

Market Day Held in Dadaab

- In a build up to the World Refugee Day on 20 June, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, Kenya, and its partners organized a Market Day for refugee businesses and entrepreneurs on Thursday, 15 June 2017.

The event, held at the Equity Bank grounds in Dadaab town, brought together refugee and host community traders and provided an opportunity for the traders to find new customers for their products and services, and improve sales. It attracted buyers from all the four camps that make up Dadaab refugee camp, agency staff and members of the host community.

Clothes, electrical equipment, beauty products, some traditional Somali food, and household items, were among some of the items on sale. The event is one among many that are organized ahead of World Refugee Day.



Refugee wares on display during the Market Day event in Dadaab as part of World Refugee Day celebrations.

Training on Basic Refugee Protection Standards

- On 14 and 15 June 2017, UNHCR facilitated a **training** in Garissa for 34 Government of Kenya officials (12 Immigration Officers from the North-Eastern Region and 22 Police Officers from Dadaab and Garissa) on basic refugee protection standards. The session was opened by the County Commissioner who commended UNHCR for its support to Garissa County in its efforts to curb insecurity in the county. Participants welcomed the initiative which would enhance their knowledge and skills and definitely impact their interactions with persons of concern to UNHCR.

UPDATES

Registration

- Food manifest:** During the reporting period, a total of **54,594** families out of **242,571** individuals have received food through the food basket and their data submitted to WFP remote server for cash disbursement (*Bamba Chakula*).
- Undocumented individuals:** As at 15 June 2017, **3,753 (3,570** Somali nationals) undocumented individuals were profiled jointly by UNHCR and RAS across the camps. **1,088** individuals are drought-driven with **649** of them being part of spontaneous departures already registered with UNHCR in the 2011 influx, **437** individuals are first time arrivals in Kenya while **2** are returnees). UNHCR continues to advocate for the registration of all new arrivals and undocumented persons in the Dadaab refugee camps.

Protection Delivery

- Individual Case Management:**
- 187 cases requiring support were provided with legal counselling, assessed and referred for specific interventions (child protection - BID, shelter/CRI and resettlement counselling).

- Child Protection:**

- On 8 June UNHCR participated in a child protection coordination meeting organized in Garissa. The main agenda was to conduct a rapid assessment on effects of drought on children, including refugee children, in Garissa County. The meeting realized that there was need for such assessments as drought had been declared a national disaster and that previous assessments had been neither comprehensive nor conclusive. Such assessment would give a clearer picture on the number of affected children.



A child checks on his family's luggage before the Voluntary Repatriation journey to Somalia begins.

- On 13 June, a mini BID Panel meeting consisting of staff from UNHCR, Save the Children and Terre des Hommes was held. In total, 21 BIDs were discussed by the Panel, all of which explored voluntary repatriation as a durable solution.

■ Access to Justice:

- 6 male and 1 female were charged with residing outside the designated area without authority. After presentation of the documentation, 1 male and 1 female were fined Kshs. 10,000 each or 3 months imprisonment in default. On paying their fines, the male and female refugees were escorted to Nairobi and Dadaab refugee camp respectively. The remaining 5 male were discharged and ordered to be escorted back to Dadaab refugee camp.
- 1 male was charged and convicted for being unlawfully present in the country. He was fined Kshs. 50,000 or 6 months imprisonment and ordered to be returned to his country upon payment of his fine or completion of his prison sentence.
- 19 male were attended to during legal aid clinics at the Garissa Main and Medium Prisons. They were provided legal advice on their cases and also provided with counselling on how to cope with the conditions while incarcerated.
- 24 (19 male, 2 female and 3 minors) POCs were provided with psychosocial counselling at Garissa law Courts, Garissa Medium and Main prison. They were provided with counselling on coping with their incarceration, advised on pursuing education and making good career choices.

■ Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV):

- 213 women and girls went through self-awareness and psychological first aid sessions in Dagahaley and Hagadera Camps. Additionally, 20 girls benefitted from an Adolescent Mentorship Session in Ifo 2 camp where they gained skills in girl child education and consequences of early marriage and other traditional cultural practices like Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).
- 63 students participated in the High School Peer Club Empowerment sessions in Dagahaley camp. The sessions were conducted by CARE international, where 26 female students attended. At the same time 43 male students attended a Child Ambassador session. 80 students participated in peer mentorship sessions, aimed at addressing issues like benefits of education, effects of early and forced marriages and negative peer influence due to the on-going repatriation. In Ifo1, 80 students attended school clubs sensitization forum on SGBV.
- 133 men and adolescent boys were sensitized towards their role in preventing and responding to SGBV.

- 5 Neighborhood forums on SGBV prevention and response were conducted by CARE International reaching 121 (81 females) adult men and women.



Young people share their views at a forum organized by UNHCR's partner, Save the Children, in Dadaab.

- UNHCR Child Protection and SGBV focal persons held a meeting with Terre des Hommes (TdH) and IRC in Hagadera Camp, and Save the Children Child Protection focal persons in Dadaab, to discuss feedback from the recently conducted GBVIMS training which highlighted discrepancies in incident data collection and gaps in referral processes for child survivors of SGBV. The need for refresher training of case workers and data managers on recording incidences in the GBVIMS and CPIMS tools, and strengthening the referral pathway from the point of clinical support through to access for other services and case follow-up was flagged as an action point.

Community Based Protection

■ Individual Case Management:

- A total of 110 Persons of Concern were attended to at Community Based Protection Help Desks in Ifo, Ifo2 and Dagahaley camps on a range of concerns: general protection, Shelter, Health, registration, resettlement and RSD inquiries, new arrivals PSN assessment and legal support for SGBV. These cases were assessed, interventions made and/or referred for appropriate assistance to lead partners and other specialist units within UNHCR.

- A one week training for 20 visual artists which was held in DRC ended on 7th June 2017. The training was conducted by Victor Ndula, a renowned illustrator and editorial cartoonist. The group comprises of 12 female henna artists and 8 male fine art painters.

Education

- On 14 June, a joint UNHCR/UNICEF Education/RSC Mission visited Dadaab, including Hagadera, Ifo 2 and Dagahaley camps and had meetings with the Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs), teachers, students, UNHCR voluntary repatriation, SGBV, Child Protection and Livelihoods staff. Issues discussed included: Alternative Education Programs; the Youth Education Pack; Special Needs Education; registration of Dadaab schools; quality assurance by MOE; KNEC/MOE authorization of transfer of examination centres of relocated candidates registered for exams in Dadaab but relocated to Kalobeyei; support in provision of teaching and learning materials- UNICEF; teacher training with focus on ECD and P1 certificates; promotion of girl child education; 2 schools in 1; private sector partnerships in education; opportunities for access to tertiary education through scholarships and foundations; support for non-formal education programmes; expansion of vocational skills training; cross-border collaboration with focus on the ongoing repatriation and; peace education.



School girls listen attentively at a classroom in Dadaab refugee camp

Health

- The 22 days comprehensive integrated TB/HIV training commenced in Dadaab on 22nd May 2017, targeting 105 health workers, HIV Counsellors and Community Volunteers.
- Fistula camp facilitated by AMREF was held in Garissa from 15 to 19 May. Five patients with VVF/RVF from Dadaab refugee camps benefited from the surgical camp.
- The multi-sectoral disease outbreak response system has been active since the confirmation of cholera outbreak on 2 April 2017. So far, a total of 138 cases (23 Dagahaley, 107 Hagadera and 12 in IFO 2) have been line listed up to 3 June 2017.
- Malezi Bora campaign was conducted in Ifo and Ifo 2 refugee camps, a total of 22,910 children aged 6 to 59 months were screened.
- A total of 5 family bazaar sessions (1 in Ifo2 and 4 in Hagadera) and 5 community dialogue sessions (1 in Ifo2 and 4 in Hagadera) aimed at promoting adoption of optimal MIYCN practices were conducted.

Livelihoods

- **Peacebuilding Cross-border Project**
- UNHCR conducted a joint community mobilization session with DRC, RET and NRC on 12 and 13 June in the framework of the Peacebuilding cross-border Project. The activity included meetings of community and Youth Leaders, and Baidoa applicants in all the 4 camps, as part of community mobilization and disseminating information.
- 104 beneficiaries attended a 3-day training on Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB) in Ifo 2 and Dagahaley camps.
- UNHCR and NRC jointly with DRC and RET International held a live radio broadcast show in Radio Gargaar to enlighten the general population about the vocational skills training in Dadaab, Baidoa project and available opportunities.
- UNHCR and UNICEF carried out a joint mission to NRC vocational training centres in Hagadera, Ifo and Dagahaley. The mission noted the progress in NRC implemented programmes recognizing the sets of skills being offered.

Durable Solutions

■ Voluntary repatriation:

- During the reporting period, a total of 703 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 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 June, a total of **66,238** individuals from Dadaab have been assisted in the framework of voluntary return to Somalia including **26,924** refugees who returned in 2017 alone since the launch of the process on 8 December 2014. The cumulative total number of persons repatriated from Kenya to Somalia stood at **67,778** as at **15 June 2017**. Of those who were supported to voluntarily return this year, 87.2% went to Kismayo, 8.0% to Mogadishu, 4.0% to Baidoa, 0.6% to Luuq and 0.1% to Afmadow.

- 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.

■ Access to WFP SCOPE Card:

- Following recommendations of the Repatriation Taskforce, a new procedure has been implemented requiring all refugees travelling to Somalia to have their SCOPE cards issued by WFP prior to their departure. The list of refugees who travelled during the reporting period was shared with WFP and availability of their SCOPE cards confirmed for inclusion into the repatriation travel manifest.

■ Resettlement

- A total of 36 movement passes were prepared for 28 individuals departing for the USA; 18 individuals departing to Australia; 8 individuals departing to UK; 6 individual departing to Sweden and 1 individual going to Canada. An additional 23 passes were prepared for 77 individuals being taken to Nairobi for CIS interview.

■ RRF interviews:

- A total of 10 cases with 31 individuals (including women and girls at risk) underwent resettlement interviews. These are among the cases that cannot return to Kakuma and are identified for possible submission for resettlement.

■ Case review and processing:

- A total of 11 cases with 25 individuals were reviewed for possible submission for resettlement.

■ Relocation

- On 13th June 2017, UNHCR, RAS and IOM held a joint meeting with heads of households of 742 individuals already cleared for relocation. They were informed of planned relocation resumption following mitigation of the reasons for halting of the process (influx of South Sudanese asylum seekers and flooding). Participants were informed that relocation will now be to Kakuma and not Kalobeyi. UNHCR further discussed services available in Kakuma refugee



Bishar Ibrahim Ali, 34, a Somali refugee from Ifo camp waiting for his flight at the Dadaab airstrip on his return to Kismayo with his family of five. He is part of the 66,238 individuals from Dadaab who have been assisted in the framework of Voluntary Repatriation since the launch of the process on 8 December 2014.

camp. Matters arising include reports of some relocatees returning to Dadaab; protection cases in need of reassessment (on a case by case basis) and mixed marriages.

- On 14 June 2017, the weekly teleconference between Sub-Office Dadaab, Sub-Office Kakuma and Branch Office Nairobi on relocation of non-Somalis to Kakuma was held. The following issues were discussed: resumption of relocation help desk in Ifo 1 from 19 June to 7 July 2017 for 760 Households consisting of 3,037 individuals; carrying out of information campaigns on the exercise; RAS' role in counselling of beneficiaries referred by UNHCR; IOM mobilization of beneficiaries from 19th June 2017; flight modalities for the new relocation caseload; WFP updates on *Bamba Chakula* utilization in Dadaab prior to relocation; updates on secondary school conditions in Kakuma which remain crowded; livelihoods profiling for relocatees; RAS Kakuma participation in the teleconference and; RAS Dadaab go-and-see visit.



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