

# Dadaab, Kenya

01-15 August 2017

The first camp in Dadaab was established in **1991**. There are four camps in Dadaab, **Hagadera, Dagahaley, Ifo and Ifo 2** camp.

Since **December 2014**, Somali refugees who decide to voluntarily return to their home country, receive UNHCR support in Kenya and Somalia.

A total of **4,949** non-Somalis refugees were relocated to Kakuma. The **relocation** is currently suspended due to absorption capacity and availability of services.

## VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION

**68,697**

Somali refugees returned home since **December 2014**

**58%**

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

**70,405**

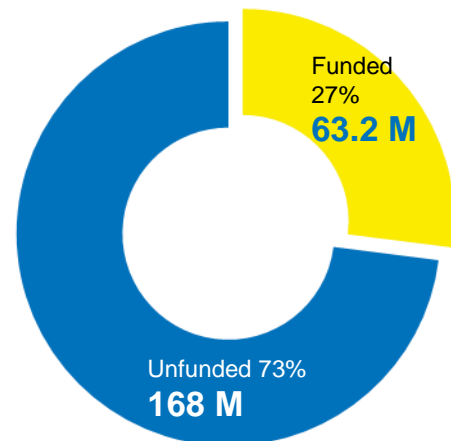
Children are enrolled in **schools**

There are **4 hospital** and **14 health posts** in Dadaab camps

## FUNDING (AS OF 15 AUGUST)

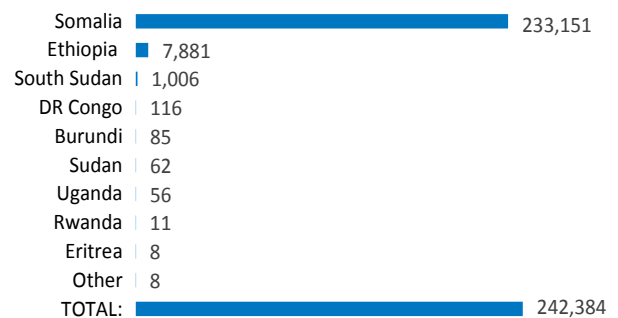
**USD 231.3 M**

requested for the **Kenya** situation



## POPULATION OF CONCERN

### Host Countries



## Voluntary Repatriation

- During the reporting period, 459 refugees were supported to return to their homes in Somalia by flight. As of 15<sup>th</sup> August, a total of 68,697 individuals from Dadaab were assisted in the framework of voluntary return to Somalia since the launch of voluntary repatriation on 8 December 2014. 29,383 refugees have returned in 2017 alone. The cumulative total number of persons repatriated from Kenya to Somalia currently stands at 70,516. Currently there are 18,274 registered refugees willing to return to Somalia.
- During the Kenyan election, the Return Help Desks (RHDs) have recorded reduced number of refugees willing to return. Arrangement has been put in place during the election period to ensure continuation of voluntary return by air without stoppages
- UNHCR Somalia has conveyed the readiness to received refugees returning home by road. Nonetheless, security assessment on road safety between Dadaab and Dhobley will be carried out after the Kenyan election prior to resumption of the road movements.
- The next Cross Border Meeting on voluntary repatriation is scheduled to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> September, in Dadaab. Participants from government of Kenya, government of Somalia, UNHCR and other stakeholders are expected to deliberate on key arising challenges including facilitation of repatriation flights to Baidoa.



*Refugee children from Somalia pose for a photo at Dadaab airstrip before embarking on their return journey.*  
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**PROTECTION****Legal Documentation**

- The Civil Registrar concluded his mission having processed and issued a total of 1,826 documents comprising of 1,795 birth certificates and 31 death certificates. He also notified 1,353 home births for children born outside the hospital. One of the main challenges remains the reluctance of the community to record deaths and home deliveries. UNHCR and the Civil Registrar implored the health providers to intensify their community sensitization efforts to encourage mothers to deliver in hospitals.
- UNHCR received requests for processing of travel documents for two refugee leaders to represent Dadaab in the upcoming National Forum on Durable Solutions for Refugees & IDPs organized by IGAD and Federal government of Somalia, to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August in Mogadishu. UNHCR is liaising with relevant authorities for facilitation of the travel documents.

**Individual Case Management**

- A total of 77 cases were attended to at the protection counselling desk. Persons of concern made requests for various services and their cases were assessed, interventions made and/or referred for appropriate assistance.
- Assessments were further conducted for 2 families who returned to the camp from Somalia after availing themselves for voluntary repatriation. On assessment, they cited lack of adequate legal and psychosocial support mechanisms in the areas of return, specifically Kismayo and Baidoa.

**Child Protection**

- Child Friendly Messages: UNHCR, Save the Children International (SCI), Terre des Hommes (TdH) and Film Aid held a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> August to discuss the development of child friendly messages on banners and posters in accordance to UNHCR, partners and donor design specifications and recommendations.

**Access to justice**

- The mobile court was in session from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August. During this period, the Magistrate heard eight cases comprising of one immigration case involving a Yemeni national, two cases of child custody and five SGBV related cases.
- During the reporting period, there was a sharp decrease in the number of PoCs arrested and arraigned in court for immigration offences. This may be attributed to the General election and PoCs reluctance to move around during this period.
- 11 male PoCs were attended to during a legal aid clinic held at the Garissa Main Prison and the Garissa police station. They were provided with information on Court trial processes, updates and advice on their cases as well as counselling on coping mechanisms.
- UNHCR attended nine court monitoring sessions to oversee court activities and monitor representation of PoCs, while Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) attended to court proceedings daily.
- During the reporting period, there were a total of 115 PoCs in both detention centers in Garissia County. However, the figure changes from time to time depending on the number of releases and arrests on each particular day.

**EDUCATION**

- On 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017, Instant Network Schools (INS) Programme Manager assisted by Vodafone Foundation and UNHCR Regional Support Centre focal persons for the project conducted a training for ICT teachers and INS coaches. The training focused on the M&E platform and Air watch launcher introduced in the tablets earlier this year to protect against inappropriate use of tablets by the students.
- The monthly Interagency Education Working Group meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August where partners provided updates on programmes implemented in July 2017. It was reported that a total of 3,416 (962 Girls) learners have been registered for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examinations scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017. A total of 1,500 (320 Girls) have been registered for Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017. During the meeting, members also validated European Union Support Education of Refugees in Dadaab (EU-SERD) 2 Midterm Evaluation report.

**WATER AND SANITATION****Water supply**

- During the reporting period, on average, UNHCR supplied 29 liters of water per day per capita from 28 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.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE****Cross-border peacebuilding project**

The weekly cross-border peacebuilding project coordination meeting involving the three partners implementing this project in Dadaab, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and RET International was held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August. UNHCR has been liaising closely with DRC in order to start training in the two centers being established in Ifo and Hagadera camps by 14<sup>th</sup> August. This will enable the remaining selected beneficiaries to join the program, ahead of the monitoring mission scheduled.

**Commissioning host community support projects**

In an effort to support the refugee host community in Dadaab, three newly completed UNHCR funded projects were commissioned in Dadaab town on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The projects include construction of two Classrooms, renovation of seven accommodation rooms for teachers and renovation of a dining hall and Kitchen at the Dadaab Educational Centre. The commissioning ceremony was attended by Member of Parliament Hon. Dr. Mohammed Dahiye, UNHCR Head of Operations Jean Bosco Rushatsi, Director Intergovernmental and Institutional Relations, Garissa County Mr. Mahat Salah, officials from Deputy County Commissioner's office, Dadaab Sub County Administrator, members from host community and staff from the implementing agency, Relief, Reconstruction and Development Organization (RRDO).

The completed projects are part of UNHCR interventions aiming to support the host community in health, water, education, environment, and other sectors. These interventions will go a long way in addressing some of the socio economic challenges facing the host community, notably in the education sector which remains the cornerstone to any sustainable development.

Since 2009, UNHCR invested 1.4 Billion Kenya shillings (approximately 10.4 million USD) in order to support the host community in Dadaab operation areas against the vagaries of environmental destruction and other vices associated with the presence of refugees.



## **DURABLE SOLUTIONS**

### **Resettlement**

As at 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017 a total of 235 cases consisting of 690 individuals have been submitted since January 2017 while the total departure figures stands at 375 cases consisting of 1,118 individuals.

## **Working in partnership**

The Dadaab refugee operation is coordinated by UNHCR Sub-Office Dadaab, which also serves the three camps in Dadaab Sub County. UNHCR Field Office Alinjgur is part of the larger Dadaab operation and serves Hagadera in Fafi Sub County. Both UNHCR offices cooperate closely with NGOs and other international organizations, among them WFP, UNICEF and IOM. The main government counterpart is the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS).

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