

# Dadaab, Kenya

01-15 September 2017

The first camp in Dadaab was established in **1991**. There are **4** camps in Dadaab: **Hagadera, Dagahaley, Ifo and Ifo 2**.

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 the limited absorption capacity and services in Kalobeyei.

## VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION

**73,031**

Somali refugees have returned home since **December 2014**

**58%**

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

**239,993**

Total Dadaab population as at **15 September 2017**

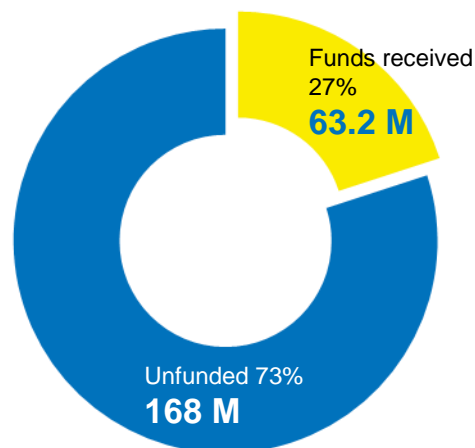
**120,959**

Children of school-going age (**3-17 years**) in Dadaab

## FUNDING (AS AT 15 SEPTEMBER 2017)

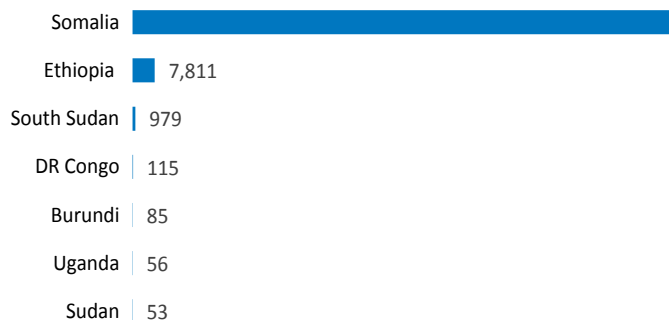
**USD 231.3 M**

requested for the **Kenya** situation



## POPULATION OF CONCERN

### Host Countries



## Voluntary Repatriation

During the reporting period, **832** refugees were supported to return to Somalia by flight (749 Kismayu, 83 Mogadishu).

As at 15<sup>th</sup> September, a total of 71,034 individuals from Dadaab had been assisted in the framework of voluntary return to Somalia since the launch of voluntary repatriation on 08 December 2014. 31,720 refugees have returned in 2017 alone. The cumulative total number of persons repatriated from Kenya to Somalia stands at 73,031. Currently there are 17,229 refugees (active in our database) willing to return to Somalia, with 11,358 being registered in 2017 alone. Registration is ongoing.

- Due to suspension of road movements, and returns to Baidoa being put on hold until further notice, the Return Help Desks (RHD) continue to receive a reduced number of persons seeking return.
- The monthly cross border coordination meeting was held in Dadaab on 6<sup>th</sup> September and was attended by key stakeholders from Kenya and Somalia. The key issues deliberated on included, updates on latest political, security and humanitarian developments in Somalia with a particular emphasis on the humanitarian situation in Baidoa, cross border thematic group discussions, returnees protection monitoring, resumption of road convoys and facilitation of Go and See visits. It was noted that the Baidoa humanitarian situation had not improved significantly and therefore returns to this particular area would be put on hold until the situation improves. In regards to plans for resumption of road convoys, the Government of Kenya indicated that a survey to assess the road safety condition would be carried out in due course. In the meantime, returns by flight will be facilitated as usual.



Refugee children gather at the Dadaab airstrip before departure to Somalia. © UNHCR/Assadullah Nasrullah

**PROTECTION****Registration**

- During the period under review, 7,394 individuals were verified in the framework of the ongoing Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) exercise which brings the total to 11,665 individuals already verified since the beginning of the exercise in Ifo 2 camp on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017. Out of this number, 9,334 individuals have been enrolled in BIMS.
- During the reporting period, 151 undocumented persons were profiled across the camp, bringing the total to 4,668 (4,467 Somali nationals and 201 other nationalities). 1,959 individuals from 462 households were issued with tokens to access basic assistance.
- Two new refugee arrivals were registered in the UNHCR database on medical grounds. The General Food Distribution for the month of September started on 4<sup>th</sup> September across the camps and was successfully completed on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**Legal Documentation**

A total of 21 persons of concern (PoCs) were attended to during legal aid clinics at the Garissa police station. They were provided with pre-trial counselling to help prepare them for their court cases. They also received due psychosocial support.

**Individual Case Management**

A total of 326 individual cases requiring support across the four camps were assessed and referred accordingly for specific interventions. Seven Somali families who had availed themselves for voluntary repatriation and returned to Ifo Camp were profiled. The main reasons cited for return were insecurity, inadequate education and livelihoods opportunities. In Ifo 2 camp, seven Somali families arriving from Gedo-Bardhere district were reported, with drought cited as the main reason for return to Dadaab.

**Child Protection**

- Two Best Interests Determination (BID) Panel meetings were convened during the period in review. A total of 27 cases were deliberated upon of which 25 BIDs explored voluntary repatriation as a durable solution, 4 for resettlement consideration and 2 for other protection interventions. 22 cases were approved and 5 cases deferred for further assessment.
- During the period, 19 adolescent girls attended the mentorship programs in Ifo 2 Camp. They benefitted from awareness sessions on girl education and empowerment, and discussed challenges of adolescent girls in the society including gender equality.
- During the reporting period, Save the Children distributed core relief items (mattresses, sleeping mats and bed-sheets) to support a total of 450 families hosting extremely vulnerable undocumented unaccompanied and separated children in Ifo, Ifo 2 and Dagahaley camps.

**EDUCATION**

- UNHCR Kenya verified a list of Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) candidates who were relocated to Kalobeyei and who are to be brought back to Dadaab for their national examinations. 79 candidates (76 KCPE and 3 KCSE) will have to be assisted to come back to Dadaab. UNHCR Kenya is liaising with the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) to provide movement passes, and a budget is being worked on for transport and accommodation of the candidates in Dadaab.

- 41,646 lower primary school (Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3) textbooks with funding from Educate A Child Foundation were delivered to schools in Dadaab. The consignment consists of 1,248 Islamic Religious Education textbooks, 2,974 New Progressive English textbooks and 4,002 Kiswahili Sanifu textbooks. It is envisioned that once all the books are delivered, the pupil-textbook ratio at lower primary level will be at 3:1. This will in turn ensure pupils have access to quality education by actively participating in learning and engaging in private studies as well.
- Dadaab Education sector participated in a two day Accelerated Education workshop held in Nairobi from 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The workshop, facilitated by global Accelerated Education Working Group (AEWG) and chaired by UNHCR, was attended by UNHCR Kenya and education sector implementing partner agencies from Dadaab, Kakuma and Nairobi. Officials from Kenya Ministry of Education (MoE) and Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) were also in attendance and gave presentations on Non-Formal Education (NFE). The workshop aimed at strengthening the quality of Accelerated Education programming in refugee contexts through a harmonized, standardized approach aligned with the Accelerated Education Working Group (AEWG) definition of Accelerated Education. Accelerated Education Programme (AEP) previously referred to as ALP is implemented in Dadaab operation by Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and RET International covering primary and secondary education respectively. The programme targets over-aged learners who cannot fit in formal schools with an enrolment of 1,273 learners in six primary AEP centres and 478 learners in three secondary AEP centres.

**HEALTH**

- The multi-sectoral disease outbreak response system was activated on confirmation of Cholera outbreak on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017. So far, a total of 510 cases had been line listed as at 08 September 2017. The last Cholera culture positive case was detected on 30 August 2017. Three mortalities related to Cholera among refugees have been recorded in Hagadera since the beginning of outbreak with case fatality rate (CFR) of 0.58%.

**WATER AND SANITATION**

- **Water Supply:** During the reporting period, on average, UNHCR supplied 29 litres of water per day per capita from 28 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the four 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 (NRC, DRC and RET International) was held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Partners provided the following updates under the Kenya-Somalia Refugees and Peacebuilding Cross-border Pilot Project for voluntary return, co-existence and sustainable re-integration in the areas of return:
  - **NRC:** Training is continuing for both the 105 (82 male, 23 female) and 220 (148 male, 72 female) cohort of learners. Attendance during the reporting period was 96%.

- **DRC:** Danish Refugee Council have so far registered 114 beneficiaries (85 male; 29 female) at the 2 Vocational Training Centres in Ifo and Dagahaley camps.
- **RET International:** There is an ongoing capacity building under the same project for returnees to Baidoa. Peace ambassadors have now developed peace messages.
- Under the Artists for Refugees (A4R) project, phase 3 of performing arts training kicked off on 11<sup>th</sup> September. The artists were trained on song structures, writing story telling lyrics, conveying emotions and communicating information, writing song titles, writing voice and viewpoints, timeframe and settings, composition of memorable melodies and melodic hooks and principles of successful song writing, rhythm and development technique.



## DURABLE SOLUTIONS

### Resettlement

As at 15<sup>th</sup> September, a total of 236 cases consisting of 693 individuals have been submitted since January 2017 while the total departure figures stands at 405 cases consisting of 1,172 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 camp 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 Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Office and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS).

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