

Dadaab, Kenya

16-30 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

73,614

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**

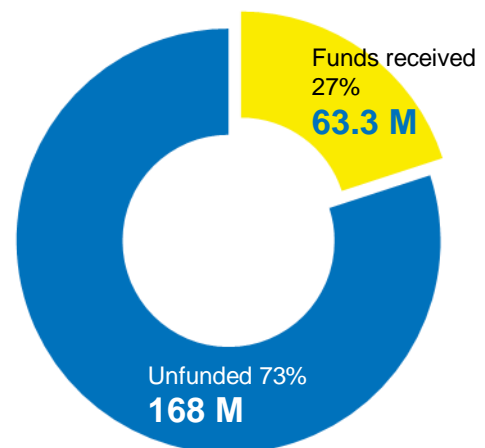
120,959

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

FUNDING (AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017)

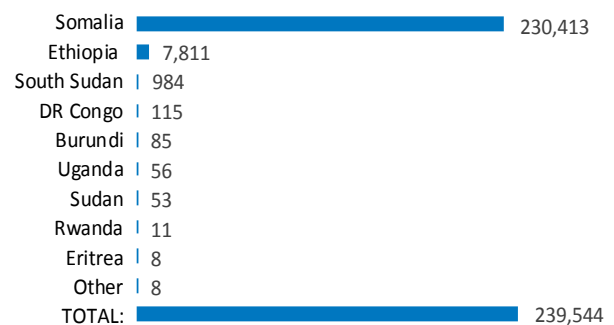
USD 231.3 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN

Country of Origin



Voluntary Repatriation

- During the reporting period, a total of 507 Somalis were assisted to return voluntarily to Somalia by flight (469 Kismayu, 38 Mogadishu).
- As at 30th September, a total of 71,503 individuals from Dadaab had been assisted in the framework of voluntary return to Somalia since the launch of voluntary repatriation on 08 December 2014. 32,189 refugees have returned in 2017 alone. The cumulative total number of persons repatriated from Kenya to Somalia stands at 73,614. Currently there are 17,029 refugees (active in our database) willing to return to Somalia, with 11,609 being registered in 2017 alone.



Brothers, seven-year old Warsame and five-year old Sharmake pose for a photo at UNHCR Field Office Ifo camps Dadaab, where they came with their parents to register for voluntary repatriation. © UNHCR/Assadullah Nasrullah

**PROTECTION****Registration**

- **Enrolment in the Biometric Identification Management System (BIMS):** During the reporting period, 8,713 were enrolled in BIMS. As at 30th September, 2017 and since the commencement of the exercise in Ifo2 on 21st August 2017, 20,378 individuals have so far been verified. Of the total number of individuals verified, 16,188 individuals (aged 5 and above) have been enrolled in BIMS.
BIMS Continuous Planning: On 21st September, a taskforce meeting was held with partners on the preparedness for the BIMS' exercise in Ifo, Hagadera and Dagahaley. It is expected that from 1st November, 2,700 individuals will be processed daily.
- **Continuous Registration Activities:** A total number of 290 new born babies were registered and issued with birth certificates.
- **Profiling of undocumented persons:** As at 30th September, 4,668 undocumented persons were profiled (4,467 Somali nationals and 201 persons of other nationalities). 1,959 individuals in 462 households were issued with tokens to access food assistance.
- **New arrival registration:** 1 new arrival person of concern from Somalia was registered in the UNHCR database after presenting a referral slip from RAS. The individual was registered on medical grounds.

Individual Case Management

A total of 233 cases were assessed across three camps and referred to the relevant partner agencies for specific interventions including security, assessments for categories of undocumented persons, card re-activation, camp transfer requests, RSD and resettlement enquiries, child protection and SGBV response, shelter and psychosocial counselling.

Temporary suspension of activities in Hagadera camp

During the reporting period, demonstrations organized by the host community over the intended closure of the Alinjgur Office continued to paralyse UNHCR and partner activities in Hagadera Camp. Notwithstanding, remote monitoring of the protection situation of persons of concern continued, including counselling of refugees who contacted the office over the telephone to inquire about their individual cases or to report security incidents.

Child Protection

- Two Best Interests Determination (BID) panel meetings were convened on 21st and 28th September with Save the Children International (SCI), Terre des Hommes (TdH), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK), and UNHCR in attendance. A total 30 cases were deliberated upon out of which 24 explored voluntary repatriation and resettlement as a durable solution, and 6 on identifying suitable care arrangements for children-at-risk. 26 recommendations were approved, and 4 deferred for further assessment.
- Child participation in the voluntary return process: On 21st September, UNHCR convened a meeting with Terre des Hommes, Save the Children and Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) to brainstorm on how to enhance child participation in the voluntary return process. This follows feedback received during community forums held with children, parents and caregivers as regards the return process to Somalia. On 28th September, members of the BID Panel reviewed the Return Intention Questionnaire to enhance child participation in the voluntary return process and developed a set of child-friendly

questions in areas of interest to children. Upon validation, these questions will be incorporated into the existing Return Intention Questionnaire in use at the Return Help Desks.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- The monthly inter- agency SGBV Safe Haven panel meeting was convened on 21st September with the participating agencies (RCK, TdH, SCI, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS), Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and UNHCR) reviewing the profile of 11 persons of concern and their families residing at Safe Haven, and deliberate on the identification of durable solutions for them. The panel is co-chaired by UNHCR and Danish Refugee Council. A subsequent joint monitoring visit to the Safe Haven and Protection Area was conducted on 27th September.
- The IFO Camp Inter-Agency SGBV and Child Protection case conference was held on 26th September. In attendance were representatives from RAS, DRC, SCI, RCK, Centre for Victims of Torture (CVT), Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and UNHCR. A total of 9 cases were deliberated upon and agreed action points assigned to respective agencies.
- An Inter- Agency Coordination meeting was held on 28th September with key discussions revolving around strengthening the capacity of police gender desks. Participants agreed to increase monitoring of police stations and identify police officers to undergo protection training including child protection and SGBV. Participants also discussed plans to review and update the Dadaab SGBV Strategy and organize activities for the 16 Days of Activism that will be taking place in November 2017.

Access to Justice

- During the period under review, a total of 11 persons of concern were arraigned before the Garissa Law Courts charged with immigration related offences: 6 were charged with being unlawfully present in the country while 5 were charged with residing outside a designated area. 09 accused persons were discharged and 2 cases are still pending before court.
- During the reporting period, a total of 13 persons of concern (7 men, 5 women and 1 child) were attended to during legal aid clinics at the Garissa Prison. They were provided with pre-trial counselling to help prepare them for their court cases, and psychosocial support.
- As at 30th September, there were a total of 115 persons of concern held in both detention centres in Garissa.



EDUCATION

- On 20th September, Windle Trust Kenya (WTK) in partnership with World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and UNHCR, and funded by the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) under the Girls Education Challenge (GEC) launched Kenya Equity in Education Project (KEEP) 2 program. After successful implementation of KEEP 1 (March 2013 to March 2017), DFID funded KEEP 2, a five year program that will run from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2022. The project is tailored to provide targeted support to female learners including awarding secondary school scholarships to high performing girls. Just like in KEEP 1, girls in school will continue to receive sanitary wear in addition to the sanitary kits distributed by UNHCR thus contributing to retention of girls in school. Other facets of the program include provision of remedial classes over weekends and holidays which in turn promotes high academic performance and increased transition of girls into secondary schools, and the support given to girls through provision of school uniforms hence contributing to girls' attendance to lessons and retention in schools. On 27th, 28th and 29th September, a team from Kenya Equity in Education program (KEEP) 2 and World University Service of Canada

with a team of evaluators visited Dadaab operation to further evaluate the impact of the remedial studies program for girls in the operation. They conducted a qualitative and quantitative research methodologies training for the research team.

- A trustee from HELP Dadaab, a charitable organization based in the UK and Director of Studies from Cambridge International College were in Dadaab from 20th September to give orientation to a new cohort of students, administer examinations to cohort 2 of students and, engage different stakeholders in Education. In June 2017, UNHCR Dadaab entered into an MOU with HELP Dadaab as an Operational Partner (OP) to promote access to post-secondary education for refugees and the host community. The organization which is founded by a former Dadaab refugee has partnered with Cambridge International College and supports refugee and host community learners access distance learning professional Diploma courses. Since rolling out the education program, the organization has been able to offer sponsorship to 117 youth. The first cohort comprising of 33 students were enrolled in September 2015 and successfully completed their diploma courses in September 2016. A second cohort of 43 students was enrolled in September 2016 and sat for their final exams on 22nd September. The third cohort of 41 students was enrolled on 22nd September and given orientation and study materials.
- UNHCR Dadaab is preparing for trip of 82 primary and secondary school candidates from Kalobeyei to enable them sit their national examinations in Dadaab. The road movement is expected on 19th October, 2017.



WATER AND SANITATION

- **Water Supply:** During the reporting period, on average, UNHCR supplied 31.3 liters 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 m³, 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

- The second Workshop on the Development of Dadaab Livelihood strategy 2018-2020 was organised on 28th September. The workshop brought together partners involved in livelihood activities in Dadaab, representatives of the government and representatives of the refugee and host communities. The workshop made it possible to validate the Livelihood 2018-2020 Strategy - vision and strategic objectives, develop a framework with specific activities, and have discussions on contemporary livelihoods and new service delivery modalities within the sector.
- During the reporting period, 163 prospective Somali returnees were trained during the period under review reaching a total of 465 (238 male, 227 female) prospective Somali returnees trained in peace building and conflict resolution and are participating in democratic governance and reconciliation processes. This includes 77 youth peace ambassadors trained.
- 13 visual artists are attending the last phase of the visual arts training that kicked off on 27th September. Training of musicians has completed and recording of VCD's & DVD's will take place on 10th October. The artists are working on the final art work that will be presented during the Dadaab gala scheduled for 14th October and Nairobi gala.

- Under the Village savings and Loans (VSLAs) for grant support, 7 groups were assisted during the period under review to draw up business plans for grant support. Assessment of 13 VSLAs in Hagadera for grant support resumed on recommendation of the camp leadership, RAS and UNHCR.
- On the occasion of the 2017 World Peace Day, whose theme was “Youth Building Peace”, a sport event was held on 21st September to mark the day for the refugee community in Dagahaley camp and at Dadaab Main Office involving humanitarian agencies. A soccer game between football teams in Dagahaley and Tango 2 (Dadaab Police) and a team comprising of staff from various agencies in Dadaab was organized in which peace messages were shared with the youth and other community members.

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 Alinjugur 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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