

Dadaab, Kenya

16-31 October 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

73,943

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

58%

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

238,617

Total Dadaab population as at **31 October 2017**

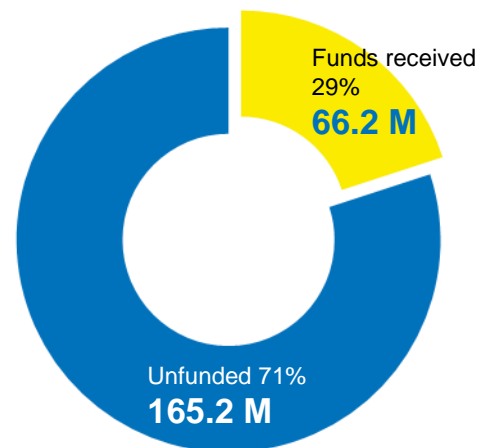
120,959

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

FUNDING (AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2017)

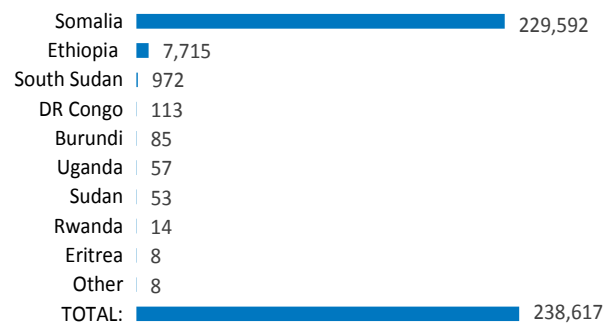
USD 231.3 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN

Country of Origin



Voluntary Repatriation

- As at 31st October 2017, a total of 71,716 individuals from Dadaab had been assisted in the framework of voluntary return to Somalia since the launch of voluntary repatriation on 08 December 2014. The cumulative total number of persons repatriated from Kenya (Dadaab, Kakuma and Nairobi) to Somalia stands at 73,943.
- Resumption of voluntary return by road is yet to be approved by the Government of Kenya, a situation that has contributed to the reduced number of refugees seeking registration for repatriation.
- As at 31st October 2017, there were 17,986 refugees (active in our database) willing to return to Somalia, with 12,671 being registered in 2017 alone.
- Repatriation flights to Kismayu were suspended during the reporting period pending clarification of the issue of payment of landing fees by UNHAS flights at Kismayu Airport. Discussions are ongoing between UNHCR Somalia, the Government of Somalia and Jubaland Regional Interim Administration in order to find a solution.
- **Go and See Visit:** Planning for the facilitation of third Go and See Visits from Dadaab camps to Somalia is underway. Refugee representatives will be selected to visit Baidoa and Mogadishu in the 3rd week of November.



Ifo 2 camp of Dadaab with current population of 22,759 individuals of whom 7,893 individuals have registered for Voluntary repatriation. © UNHCR/Assadullah Nasrullah

**PROTECTION****Registration**

- **Enrolment in the Biometric Identification Management System (BIMS):** During the reporting period, 2,890 individuals were enrolled in the BIMS in Dagahaley camp where the enrollment exercise is going on. Since the commencement of the exercise on 21st August, a total number of 20,604 individuals (aged 5 and above) have been enrolled in BIMS.
- **BIMS' training:** On 16th October, UNHCR staff were trained on BIMS, Bio-registrator, fingerprint configuration and ProGres database while staff from Partners and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) were trained on 17th and 18th October. The staff trained were expected to join the BIMS team in Dagahaley camp.
- **Profiling of undocumented persons:** During the period under review, 218 individuals were jointly profiled by UNHCR Registration Unit and RAS across the 4 camps. This brought the total number of unregistered persons to 5,186 individuals including 4,968 individuals from Somalia and 218 from other countries. Of the total number of unregistered persons profiled, 188 individuals were returnees. Of 5,186 individuals mentioned above, a total of 2,067 individuals have been issued with tokens to access food assistance.
- **Continuous Registration Activities:** A total of 111 new born babies were registered and issued with birth certificates during the reporting period.
- **The District Civil Registrar Mission:** On 23rd October, the Civil Registrar completed his mission to Dadaab after issuing a total of 1,516 civil documents including 1,493 birth certificates, 23 death certificates, 763 birth notifications and 1 death notification. Since the beginning of 2017, the Civil Registrar has processed 6,293 birth certificates and 94 death certificates

Individual Case Management

A total of 324 cases were assessed across the four camps and referred to partners for specific interventions notably security, assessments for categories of undocumented persons, card re-activation, camp transfer requests, RSD and resettlement enquiries, child protection and SGBV response, shelter/CRIs and psychosocial counselling.

Child Protection (CP)

- An ad hoc Best Interests Determination (BID) panel meeting was held on 19th October to discuss 2 urgent resettlement cases comprising of 6 BID assessment reports. The participants approved the cases.
- During the voluntary repatriation taskforce meeting on 19th October, additions were proposed to the Return Intention Questionnaire to be used when interviewing children at the Return Help Desks (RHD). It was agreed that children above the age of 10 years will be interviewed separately and a training on child-interviewing skills provided for RHD attendants.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- The Ifo camp case conference was held on 17th October at DRC Offices with attendance UNHCR and its SGBV partner agencies. 12 cases were deliberated on and action points agreed upon for specific agency follow up.
- Monthly SGBV/CP Coordination meeting: On 30th October, the Ifo2 SGBV/CP case conference was held where four cases were discussed and necessary referrals for follow-up and monitoring made.

- 30 men in Ifo camp were taken through three sessions on behaviour change communication forums whereby they discussed topics such as definitions of power, gender roles and how to promote more gender-equitable relationships between men and women; boys and girls as well as demystifying the traditional roles of men and women.
- Between 24th and 31st October, two focus group discussions were held by Kenya Red Cross staff sought to highlight physical violence in marriages. The discussion was attended by 25 participants comprising of 15 female and 10 men and the sessions sought to promote gender equality and use of dialogue in families so as to address intimate partner violence.
- During the reporting period, 1,241 individuals comprising of 341 men, 638 women, 262 youths living in Hagadera Camp had been reached by community awareness and sensitization sessions conducted through the Start Awareness Support Action (SASA) intervention. The model intervention relies on an array of approaches to evoke discussion in the community, especially through conversation, quick chats, health chats, card games and community posters.

Persons with Specific Needs

- Between 16th and 20th October, 242 (96F) persons living with disabilities were attended to in Hagadera. Of these, 62 received physiotherapy and occupational therapy services, 28 were supported with assistive and mobility devices including repairs, 11 were referred to International Rescue Committee (IRC) Hospital for medical assistance, 29 were counselled, while 112 were reached through home visits and follow up.

Access to Justice

- On 17th and 25th October UNHCR and prison authorities facilitated the return of 10 persons of concern (PoCs) from Garissa prison to the camps. The same were received by RAS and reunited with their families. Since the beginning of the year, a total of 94 persons have been released from custody and returned to the camps.
- As at 31st October, a total of 88 persons of concern have been convicted while 38 are held in remand in Garissa prisons, totalling to 130. Among them are four children who are with convicted parent. This represents an increase of 8 PoCs incarcerated during the previous reporting period.



EDUCATION

- On 17th and 19th October, UNHCR Education held a series of meetings with Ministry of Education and education partners in Dadaab on the upcoming national examinations scheduled to kick off on 1st November 2017 for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and 6th November 2017 for Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE). The discussions focused on exams logistics, invigilation, exam supervision as well as exams ethics. It was agreed that partners will support logistics by providing vehicles, exams center leaders (School Principals/Head Teachers to be accountable in ensuring that no unauthorized materials are brought to exam centers), and the Ministry will work closely with security organs to ensure maximum security during the exam period.
- On 19th October, a total of 71 KCPE and KCSE non-Somali candidates who were relocated to Kalobeyi were facilitated to travel back to Dadaab to sit for their national examinations. They had arrived in Dadaab on 21st October accompanied by UNHCR Education staff. Out of the 71 students relocated, a total of 28 students (16 girls and 12 boys) were accommodated at Ifo camp transit center while the rest joined their relatives as per their request. Through partnership with Danish Refugee Council (DRC), each student (regardless of the preferred accommodation option), was issued a meal

allowance during their stay in Dadaab and solar lanterns to enable them undertake revision at night. The 28 candidates hosted at Ifo transit centre were issued with bars of soap, jerry cans and mosquito nets. Girls were also given sanitary kits.

- Primary and secondary schools in Dadaab closed for third term break on 24th October, and 25th October respectively. This was in line with the Ministry of Education revised term dates meant to allow repeat presidential general elections slated for 26th October. National examinations are scheduled to begin on 1st November. In the week leading to the commencement of the national examinations, only KCPE and KCSE candidates will be in school undertaking revision.



WATER AND SANITATION

- **Water Supply:** During the reporting period, on average, UNHCR supplied 32.5 liters of water per day per capita from 27 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

- **Support to child-mothers:** Terre des Hommes (TDH) undertook a two week long training for child-mothers and foster parents on basic skills such as tie & dye, baking and hairdressing and to enable them generate income and earn a living. To this end business start-up kits were also distributed. Foster parents were also provided with social support items such as mattresses, mats and clothes.
- **SGBV survivor's livelihood activities:** Continuous follow up visits were made for bread-making and scrap metal business groups earlier supported by CARE. Bread -making and small business women groups reported sales of Ksh.15,400 with an expenditure of Ksh.6,300. Scrape metal business groups reported sales of Ksh.32,500 after incurring an expenditure of Ksh.12,900. Five financial Inclusion (VSLA) groups are currently functional and carrying out different businesses in the market, including grocery shops, shop-keeping and selling of clothes. They cited challenges like inadequate capital and lack of access to markets outside the camp for business.
- **ICT training in Dagahaley and Ifo camp:** ICT skill training is ongoing for 100 refugee students including 20 female in Ifo and Dagahaley camps. The students are undergoing basic training in computer packages including internet and HTML. The students are expected to be examined and be certified by the Computer Society of Kenya in December, 2017.

Working in partnership

The Dadaab refugee operations are 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 covers Hagadera camp in Fafi Sub-County. Both UNHCR offices cooperate closely with NGOs and other international organizations including WFP, UNICEF and IOM. The main government counterparts are the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Office and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS).

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