

# Dadaab, Kenya

01-15 November 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 FROM KENYA

**74,141**

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

**58%**

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

**238,786**

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

**120,959**

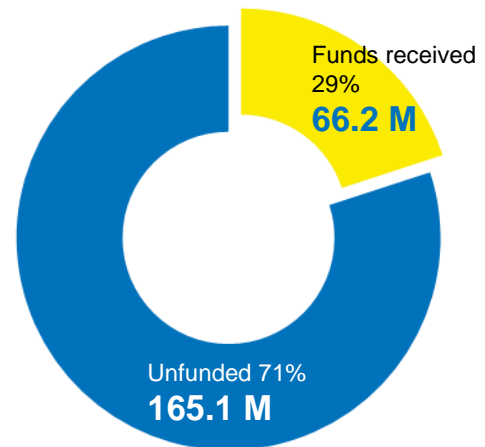
Children of school-going age (**3-17 years**) in Dadaab



## FUNDING (AS AT 15 NOVEMBER 2017)

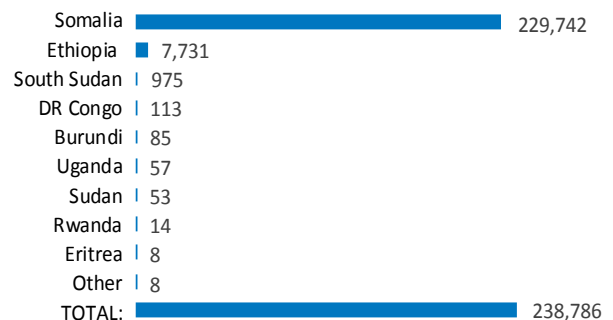
**USD 231.3 M**

requested for the **Kenya** situation



## POPULATION OF CONCERN

### Country of Origin



## Voluntary Repatriation

- As at 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017, a total of 71,792 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 74,141. 32,478 returnees having been supported in 2017 alone.
- As at 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017, there were 18,140 refugees registered in our database willing to return to Somalia, with 12,874 being registered in 2017 alone.
- Resumption of voluntary return by road was cleared by the Government of Kenya, however due to heavy rains, roads are not passable on the Somalia side.
- 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 first week of December.



*Ifo 2 camp of Dadaab with current population of 22,829 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, 6,721 individuals were enrolled in the BIMS in Dagahaley camp where the enrollment exercise is going on. Since the commencement of the exercise on 21<sup>st</sup> August, a total number of 33,944 individuals (aged 5 and above) have been enrolled in BIMS database.
- **Profiling of undocumented persons:** During the reporting period, 332 individuals were jointly profiled by UNHCR Registration Unit and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) across the four camps. This brought the total number of unregistered persons to 5,673 individuals (5,460 individuals from Somalia and 213 from other countries). Of the total number of unregistered persons profiled, 418 individuals are returnees.
- **The District Civil Registrar Mission:** The Civil Registrar's office from Garissa is on ground to conduct their fourth civil registration exercise in Dadaab from 12<sup>th</sup> November to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017. During the mission the Civil Registrar will issue birth certificates to new-born refugee children, issue death certificates for deaths occurring within six months in the camps, notify home deliveries, rectify/make corrections on erroneous civil documents and meet with partner agencies, RAS and UNHCR on Civil Registration processes.

**Individual Case Management**

A total of 329 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 and psychosocial counselling.

**Child Protection (CP)**

- On 14<sup>th</sup> November, the Child Protection Working Group (CPWG) convened a one-day workshop to initiate discussions for the development of the 2018-2019 Child Protection Strategy for the Dadaab Operation. Partners reviewed existing data and key outcomes of assessments and surveys conducted over the past two years to realize the gains and gaps in the delivery of services to children in Dadaab, and brainstormed on the comprehensive and priority areas for intervention and support in 2018-2019. The strategy is expected to focus on inter alia achieving durable solutions, strengthening the capacities of refugee communities for the protection of children, ensuring access to national child protection and social services, and enhancing child participation. UNICEF, Save the Children, TdH, RCK, LWF, DRC, IRC, Kenya Red Cross, NRC, Film Aid, Peace Winds Japan and UNHCR were represented.
- The inter-agency Best Interests Determination (BID) Panel held a mini-BID meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November, with panellists deliberating on 06 cases for children under consideration for voluntary return presented by SCI and Tdh. One case was deferred for further assessment, and 05 were approved. Since the beginning of the year, a cumulative total of 1,460 BIDs have been referred to the panel from across all camps. This accounts for 36 resettlement BIDs (of which 14 have been completed), 49 BIDs for care arrangement and other protection concerns (of which 35 have been completed) and 1,375 voluntary repatriation BIDs (of which 1,279 have been completed).
- On 13<sup>th</sup> November, 20 staff from NRC, DRC and UNHCR attended the Integrated Return Help Desks across the camps, participated in a one-day training on child protection in voluntary repatriation

processes. Modules covered included an introduction to child protection and children's rights; applying principles of the child's best interests, family unity and special considerations when dealing with the voluntary repatriation of unaccompanied and separated children; child participation and techniques for interviewing children. Participants also reviewed the additional questions developed by the CPWG to be directed at children at the Help Desk to enhance their involvement in the decision making for return to Somalia. UNHCR, Save the Children, Tdh and Handicap International co-facilitated the session.

### Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- The first Ifo2 monthly SGBV/Child Protection case conference was held in on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017. In attendance were representatives from UNHCR, KRCS SCI, HI and RCK .Four cases were discussed and relevant action points shared.
- 96 adolescence boys and girls of age 13 years to 17 years in Ifo, Ifo2 and Dagahaley were trained on HIV/AIDS, understanding the biological and physical changes that take place in their bodies as they are growing and also education on delaying peer sex to avoid teenage pregnancies. These sessions were conducted from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November that are normally held after school.

### Persons with Specific Needs

- 1,273 (627M, 646F) older persons were attended to during individual case management in the four camps from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November. Of these 339 older persons were supported with core relief items (blankets, mats, mosquito nets, plastic sheets and kitchen sets) donated in kind by UNHCR which enhanced their well-being with dignity in the camps.

### Access to Justice

- A new courthouse constructed by UNHCR in Dadaab Refugee Camp was handed over to government officials at an official opening ceremony on 1st November 2017. The new courthouse was funded by the European Union (EU) and cost US \$310,000 to construct. The courthouse includes a main courtroom, chambers, offices and other facilities.

Prior to the opening of the new courthouse, refugees would have to travel over 100 kilometres to Garissa town, the capital of Garissa County, where Dadaab is situated, for hearings and other legal services.

The lack of a courthouse in Dadaab over the years has made it difficult for refugees to access justice and resolve disputes. UNHCR works with the Kenyan judicial authorities to make sure that the nearly quarter of a million refugees that live in Dadaab, have access to justice. Opening a new courthouse is crucial which was also welcomed by Dadaab refugees. [Read more...](#)



### EDUCATION

- Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exams were successfully administered in Dadaab refugees' schools from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to 2<sup>nd</sup> November. A part from the heavy down pour in Ifo that rendered some of the roads impassable, there were no major incidents reported. Out of the total 3,416 (1,044 girls) candidates that registered for the exams, 3,246 (999 girls) sat for the exams representing 95%. 170 students (45 girls) who did not turn up for exams constitutes those that had been repatriated to Somalia, those resettled to third countries, some who relocated to Kalobeyei and registered for exams in Kakuma and some for unknown reasons. Compared to 3,253 (946 girls) candidates who sat for KCPE examinations in 2016, there was a notable increase in the number of

girls who sat for 2017 KCPE examination, a testament programme promoting girl-child education is bearing results.

- Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations commenced nationwide on 6<sup>th</sup> November. A total of 1,500 (320 female) refugee candidates sat for the exams. The number comprises of 1,258 students (238 female) candidates registered in seven secondary schools run by Windle Trust Kenya (WTK) and 242 (37 female) candidates in 3 secondary accelerated education programme centers run by RET International. There was an increase of 110 candidates in 2017 compared to 1,148 registered by WTK in 2016. The examinations will continue into the coming weeks and conclude on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
- For the period 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November, UNHCR Innovation and Vodafone Foundation facilitated a 3-day Instant Network Schools (INS) workshop in Nairobi. UNHCR Education officers, INS Programme Managers and INS Coaches from Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, South Sudan and Ethiopia participated in the workshop where each country/operation made presentations on achievements and challenges of their respective INS programme. Facilitators also took participants through data collection and analysis, monitoring and evaluation, INS equipment maintenance and trouble-shooting, measuring the programme impact, INS personnel roles and responsibilities and communication strategies. The workshop was a good opportunity to learn from other operations and exchange knowledge.



#### 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 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.



#### FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- The general food distribution for the month of November was commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> November in the camps. It was completed successfully across all the four camps.
- During the period, a total of 617 families comprising of 2,550 individuals were shared to WFP for supplementary food assistance including undocumented persons and individuals processed for reactivation.

## 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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