

Ifo Camp Profile



DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

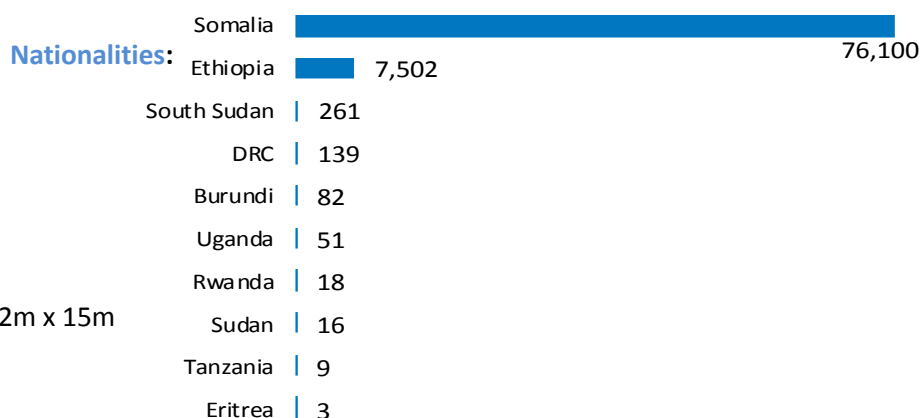
CAMP SNAPSHOT

Population: 84,181
42,189 female, 41,992 male

20,677 households

Size of camp area: 12.3 km²
Average plot size per household: 12m x 15m

(01/08/2015)



BACKGROUND

Established in 1991, Ifo is the oldest of the five refugee camps in Dadaab, currently accommodating refugees from ten countries. Due to the influx of new arrivals fleeing war and famine in Somalia in 2010/11, the neighbouring Ifo 2 camp was established in 2011 to decrease population pressure in Ifo.

ACTIVITIES

Protection

Through a foster home programme, vulnerable refugee children are accommodated with families in the refugee community. Children can play in two Child Friendly Spaces without fear of being harmed. A Safe Haven provides a secure environment for women and children facing life-threatening situations. They stay in the Safe Haven while long-term solutions are being identified. Some livelihood activities have been designed to engage the occupants. The education of children staying in the Safe Haven is a challenge. A Protection Area provides temporary shelter for families facing imminent threats to their physical safety.

Various security incidents were recorded in Ifo, some of which were politically motivated. They included attacks using improvised explosive devices (IEDs), grenade attacks and assassinations as well as cases of banditry and robbery.

Education

Ifo has eight primary schools and two secondary schools as well as an adult literacy centre and a youth vocational centre. A major challenge are the high drop-out rates due to a shortage of teaching and learning materials, school uniforms and stationary as well as the lack of qualified teachers. There are limited services for children with specific needs.

NRC is running a Youth Education Pack Centre (YEP) in Ifo, providing vocational training for youth both from the refugee and host community.

Health

Ifo has six primary health posts, which is below the standard of one health facility per 10,000 residents. One level four hospital (Islamic Relief) provides surgical services. Usually, health clinics are overcrowded and clinicians have little time for each patient, which is negatively impacting on service quality.

100% of pregnant women attending antenatal care services are voluntarily tested for HIV. Currently, 148 HIV positive persons receive care treatment and support services. 62% of all deliveries in the camp are attended by skilled personnel in health facilities. Round-the-clock comprehensive emergency obstetrics care services are available.

Food Security and Nutrition

Supplementary and therapeutic feeding programmes are being implemented in addition to the general food distribution. Children with severe malnutrition are admitted to the Stabilisation Centre in the main hospital.

Water and Sanitation

Ifo has seven operational boreholes. The average water coverage is 22.0 litres per person per day, which corresponds to the global standard. There are 12,930 latrines, resulting in an average of seven persons per latrine (global standard is maximum 20).

Shelter, Site Planning and Environment

Ifo is divided into nine sections, all of which are overcrowded. Half of the camp is considered a flood-prone area. In 2012, canalisation work was undertaken to drain floodwater away, with good results. The shelters in this part of the camp are very poor and some of them have not been replaced since the founding of the camp in 1991. Temporary shelters (T-shelters) are being constructed to resolve this situation. T-shelters have a timber structure covered by canvas. The Kenyan government does not allow agencies to construct more permanent shelters.

Serious environmental degradation has been caused by the overpopulation of the camp. Green belts (areas for natural regeneration of trees) have been established and are covering an area of 4.125 km².

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Ifo is headed by elected male and female chairpersons at the camp section and block level. In total, there are two camp chairpersons, 18 section leaders, and 212 block leaders. Because of strong cultural traditions, most decisions are made by the men without consulting the women.

27 registered youth groups are currently active in the camp. Their activities span various sectors, including promoting human rights, girls' and women's empowerment, prevention of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), counseling and conflict resolution, leadership and social justice, fighting illiteracy, news circulation, multimedia training, promoting sports, and assisting vulnerable groups.

Working in partnership – UNHCR’s partners in Ifo:

- **Associazione Volontari per il Servizio Internazionale (AVSI)** : Education Infrastructure, Teacher Training
- **CARE**: WASH, Logistics, Warehousing, NFI Distributions
- **Center for Victims of Torture (CVT)**: Psychosocial Support
- **Danish Refugee Council (DRC)**: SGBV, Livelihood
- **Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA)**: Camp Management/ Camp Administration, Registration, Security
- **Film Aid International (FAI)**: Community Communication
- **Handicap International (HI)**: Persons with Specific Needs
- **Islamic Relief**: Health, Community based HIV/AIDS Services, Primary Education
- **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**: Health infrastructure (TB ward in Ifo hospital)
- **National Council of Churches in Kenya (NCCK)**: Reproductive Health & HIV Services, Peace Education, Support Persons with Specific Needs
- **Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)**: Vocational Training
- **Peace Winds Japan (PWJ)**: Shelter
- **Refugee Consortium Kenya (RCK)**: Legal Assistance, Protection Monitoring
- **Relief Reconstruction and Development Organization (RRDO)**: Environment Protection Household Energy, Host Community Projects
- **Save the Children International (SCI)**: Child Protection
- **UNICEF**: Education
- **Windle Trust Kenya (WTK)**: Secondary Education and Scholarships
- **World Food Programme (WFP)**: Food



Ifo from the air

Photo: Yann Arthus-Bertrand

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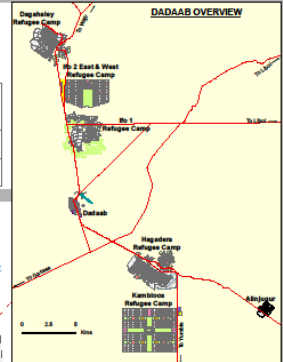
Kenya- Dadaab District

Ifo Refugee Camp Overview

As of June 2013



Geographic Information Systems unit
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Sources: UNHCR, LWF/DWS-Dadaab
Datum: WGS 1984
Projection: UTM Zone 37N
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Legend

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| Food | Main road |
| Blocks | Utility road |
| Health | Trails |
| Market | Solar Lights |
| Security | Existing Boreholes |
| Education | Proposed Boreholes |
| Boreholes | Water tanks |
| Sanitation | |
| Environment | |
| Camp Facilities | |

Key

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| A POLICE - Administration Police | ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross | SLS - Slaughter Slab |
| CC - Community Centre | IS - Islamic School | SM - Safaricom Mast |
| CFS - Child Friendly Space | LWF - Lutheran World Federation | SO - Satellite Office |
| FLC - Family Life Centre | MO & MD - Mosque & Madarassa | SS - Secondary School |
| FWDC - Firewood Distribution Centre | NCCK - National Council of Churches in Kenya | TC - Transit Centre |
| GDS - Garbage Disposal Site | NRC - Norwegian Refugee Council | UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees |
| GTZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Technische Zusammenarbeit | PA - Protection Area | VC - Vocational Centre |
| HC - Health Centre | PS - Primary school | WS - Welding Shed |
| HP - Health Post | RC - Registration Centre | YEP C - Youth Education Park Centre |
| | SC UK - Save the Children UK | |
| | SH - Social Hall | |

Population: 91,664 Persons
Camp size
1. Hectares - 1231.5548
2. Kilometers Squared - 12.3155

Services and Providers

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| Child Protection 1. SCI | Community Services 1. DRA | Core Relief Items 1. CARE 2. UNHCR |
| Education 1. ADEO 2. AVRI 3. DRC 4. Firm Aid 5. NRC 6. UNHCR 7. WTK | Food 1. CARE 2. NRC 3. SCI 4. WFP | Gender Based Violence 1. CARE |
| Logistics 1. CARE 2. UNHCR | HIV/AIDS 1. ADEO 2. CARE 3. FirmAid 4. IS 5. NCCK 6. SCI 7. UNHCR 8. WTK | Health 1. ADEO 2. DRC 3. FirmAid 4. NCCK 5. UNHCR |
| Nutrition 1. ADEO 2. UNHCR | Livelihood 1. DRC | Protection 1. CARE 2. DRC 3. FirmAid 4. NCCK 5. SCI 7. UNHCR |
| Shelter 1. NRC | Registration 1. DRA 2. UNHCR | Transportation 1. IOM |
| Water & Sanitation 1. CARE 2. NCCK 3. NRC 4. UNHCR | | |