



# Highlights

## Dadaab & Alinjugur Refugee Camps

2 – 15 April 2012

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- In Kambioos, OXFAM started digging trenches for water piping, which will obviate the need to truck water and will greatly improve the standard of the communities residing in Kambioos.
- A high-level Government mission visited Dadaab to assess the eventual roll out of a community policing project in order to enhance security in the camps.
- Due to rains starting this week, plastic sheets were distributed yet further contingency planning is needed.
- Mortality rates are stable and the number of new admissions to therapeutic feeding continues to reduce.
- Youth organized a series of sport activities, which aimed at raising awareness about the need to fight discrimination & drug abuse.
- Efforts continue to assist new arrivals in spite of suspended registration.
- Deputy Assistant Secretary of PRM Catherine Wiesner came to Dadaab and met with UNHCR staff, partners, and refugee communities.

### Updates

#### Security

- In Kambioos, increased tensions between two clans were noticed and it is expected that further violence will occur. The police is closely monitoring the situation.
- From 4 – 10 April, a large high level Government mission, including the Deputy Police Commissioner, visited Dadaab to roll out a community policing project. In order to assess the situation on the ground, the team met with local authorities, the Department for Refugee Affairs, refugee leaders, UNHCR and partners. The aim of the exercise is to involve the local community into security measures, which is already done in several parts in Kenya.
- On 6 April, during an attempted armed robbery in Hagadera, an innocent man was shot in the hand. The victim was transported to hospital for treatment.
- On 8 April, the Kenyan Police attempted to arrest three males disguised in women's clothing on the outskirts of Kambioos. One suspect escaped by firing at the police while the second suspect was apprehended. The arrested suspect remains in police custody and investigation is ongoing.
- On 12 April, a child drowned after falling into an open pit that had filled up with rain water in Ifo 2 West. This matter demonstrates the need for placement of protective guards around open pitted.
- Since 27 March, 175 staff has participated in *RedR training courses* (Personal Safety and Security Training, Fire Awareness Training). 24 staff received emergency trauma training by UNMAS/UNOPS Somalia Medical Staff. UNMAS/UNOPS IED training will re-commence on 17 April.

#### Population & New Arrivals

As of 15 April, the overall population in the Dadaab camps stood at **464,380** persons.

While continuing to advocate with the Government of Kenya for a lifting of the suspension of registration of new arrivals, UNHCR is also securing an understanding with the local authorities to ensure that all 4,500 new arrivals since 2011, are formally included in the food manifest and receive basic Non Food Items. In addition, daily continuous registration activities (addition of new born to their families' households, issuance of documentation, fingerprinting, ration cards management, family size adjustments, etc.) went on across all camps.

#### Verification

On 3 April, a task force meeting on the upcoming verification exercise took place to form committees to further look at issues, such as security, logistics, constructions, supplies, community communication/information dissemination, data management, protection, community services & training.

### Community participation

Community involvement and participation is a key activity in all camps and a crucial component of the *Operations Continuity Plan*. In Kambioos, the shelter committee is actively engaged in assisting the NGO Goal with shelter activities by locating collapsed or broken tents in need of repairs.

Furthermore, UNHCR met with a group of women to encourage the formation of a third women's group in Kambioos for the purpose of improving livelihoods and income generating opportunities. On 8 April, the community in Dagahaley distributed rice, milk and clothes to 400 vulnerable families comprising of minority groups, person with disabilities, and unaccompanied children (see photo). The NGO *Lifeline* is starting an internship program for vulnerable persons, including the deaf community. The internship lasts for one month and the trainees learn how to make stoves in the factories in Ifo and Hagadera.



### Youth

On 1 April, a series of community based sport projects started aiming at promoting social change in various protection and development related fields. *Dagahaley Elite Association* organized a football training for 30 youths with hearing impairment to promote social inclusion of people with disabilities. *Hormud Youth Group* organized a football exhibition tournament with 160 'Khat-chewing-idle-youth'. The players & over 600 spectators who turned up of the exercise were sensitized on the dangers of drug abuse. The Hagadera Youth Sports Committee organized a one-day clean up campaign at Hagadera Social Hall where 320 football players encouraged the community to promote hygiene within the community. A host community youth group, *International Refugees Help*, organized a 5-day football competition and workshop in Dagahaley. 120 youths from the host and refugee communities took part in the initiative whose aim was to promote reconciliation and peace.

The *Dagahaley Girls Volleyball team* won competitions held at District level and qualified to represent Dadaab at Provincial level. Three players qualified to represent North Eastern Province at national level in Mombasa.

### Education

This week marked the end of school term as approved by the Ministry of Education in Kenya and schools have been closed for vacations.

In Kambioos, total school enrolment is **3,988 learners**, approximately two-thirds of the school-age population in Kambioos. School feeding programme have not yet started since there are no well established storage facilities.

On 13 April, a *EU Somalia Delegation* visited Dadaab and met with UNHCR Education Team, UNICEF, education partners, teachers, PTAs, and the District Education Officer to discuss funding opportunities for the education sector.

### Child Protection

- Main issues of concern raised by in the Working Group include children identified to be involved in sex work, child labour and early marriage. UNICEF and Save the Children are looking into strategies to further tackle the issue of out-of-school children and to involve the community more in the running of the Child Friendly Spaces.
- A trend, in which unaccompanied and separate children in Kambioos are being registered with the family names of their caregivers and not the children's own family names has been noted in Kambioos. It is necessary to conduct regular screening to identify such cases.
- In Kambioos, the need for child protection is high as there are no child friendly spaces and no child protection partner. Children often play in the road for lack of playgrounds or sports areas and are often left alone in over-heated shelters during the day as parents walk to Hagadera in search of food or work. In addition, IRC continues to receive child SGBV survivor cases and continues to liaise closely with Save the Children in Hagadera on how to fill this gap in the interim. UNHCR and UNICEF are looking into possibilities to get a child protection NGO on the ground as quickly as possible.

### Health

- Mortality rates are stable and the number of new admissions to therapeutic feeding continues to reduce. Under five mortality rates have continued to reduce since November 2011 and are now at an average of 0.42 deaths per 1000 under fives per month (emergency threshold is 3 deaths per 1000 per month).
- The measles outbreak in Dadaab continues with 10 cases line-listed. All the cases were reported from Hagadera. Thus, IRC is planning on conducting a mass measles vaccination campaign that will be combined with Malezi Bora activities.
- The Reproductive Health/HIV Task Force met on the 13 April. Maternal death notification and review process for camps will now be integrated with the national system; this will include use of national format,

formation of maternal audit teams who will be responsible for conducting the audits within seven days of the death and strengthening the community involvement in the audit.

- A ten-day *HIV Counseling and testing* training was held in Dadaab. 29 refugee incentive staff took part in the training, which aimed at strengthening HIV counseling and testing services provided in all camps.
- A 5-day *Prevention with Positives* training was held in Dadaab for 20 refugees living with HIV to empower and strengthen their role to undertake HIV prevention and stigma reduction activities.

### **Resettlement**

On 12 April, UNHCR Resettlement, Child Protection & UNICEF child protection conducted a training for 14 resettlement, protection and community services staff. The training covered child protection, communication with children, and child protection procedures in resettlement.

### **WASH**

In Kambioos, OXFAM is digging trenches for water piping. The exercise is frequently interfered with by host community members and beneficiaries who are both vying for unskilled labour positions. Water piping will greatly improve the standard of living for Kambioos residents. Women and children will no longer be forced to walk long distances for water and tensions with neighbouring blocks will reduce as water trucking draws to a close and competition for water in nearby tanks decreases.



### **Alinjgur**

The contract for the installation of the *HESCO barrier* in Alinjgur is ongoing and is expected to be completed by 23 April, leading towards the inauguration of the Sub-Office Alinjgur.

### **Environment**

In Kambioos, Faida is undertaking awareness training and campaigns on trees cutting and plantation. In Ifo 2, Lifeline has started environmental awareness campaign targeting 200 people teaching the communities about the importance of using fuel-efficient cooking stoves. Lifeline also distributed 250 stoves in Kambioos & 60 in Hagadera outskirts and conducted 1-hour training on the stove use and environment to all beneficiaries. All the stoves are made by members of the community (see photo).

### **External Relations / Public Information**

- From 2 - 4 April, BBC World Radio & Online Services visited Dadaab and aired three features on community involvement, youth's involvement in service delivery, and the situation in Dadaab six months after the drought.
- On 11 April, a representative of the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) and the Deputy Head of Mission of the Swedish Embassy in Nairobi came to Dadaab for a 1-day mission and visited sites in Kambioos and Hagadera and seized the opportunity to meet with all Heads of Agencies, UNHCR Units and Management. The representatives stated that they will share their impressions and information with the international community that regularly meets for donor meetings on Nairobi level. UNHCR aims at facilitating regular donor missions to Dadaab, when the security situation allows.
- On 13 April, Deputy Assistant Secretary of PRM Catherine Wiesner visited Dadaab, joined by Deputy Representative of UNHCR and Lubna Khan, PRM Refugee Coordinator. The delegation visited Ifo and Ifo 2, met with partners on the ground, UNHCR Field Teams and debriefed Heads of Agencies and UNHCR Staff in the afternoon.

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Updated population statistics of Dadaab can also be accessed via the UNHCR Web Portal:

<http://data.unhcr.org/horn-of-africa/region.php?id=3&country=110>