



HIGHLIGHTS

15,714

Identified unaccompanied minors

93

Households provided with cash grants since 1st January 2015

1,288,655

NFIs distributed since January

2,987

Shelters distributed since January

Population of Concern

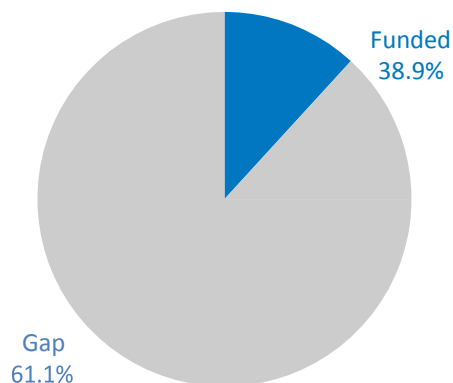
A total of **593,881** people of concern

Funding

USD 251,196,144 requested

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Somalia	418,913
Ethiopia	30,473
Sudan	10,266
DR Congo	24,738
Rwanda	1,609
Eritrea	1,625
Burundi	8,312
South Sudan	95,765
Uganda	1,907
Other	273
Total	593,881



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

353 national staff, 29 NUNVs
63 international staff, 11 IUNVs, 15 Consultants

Offices:

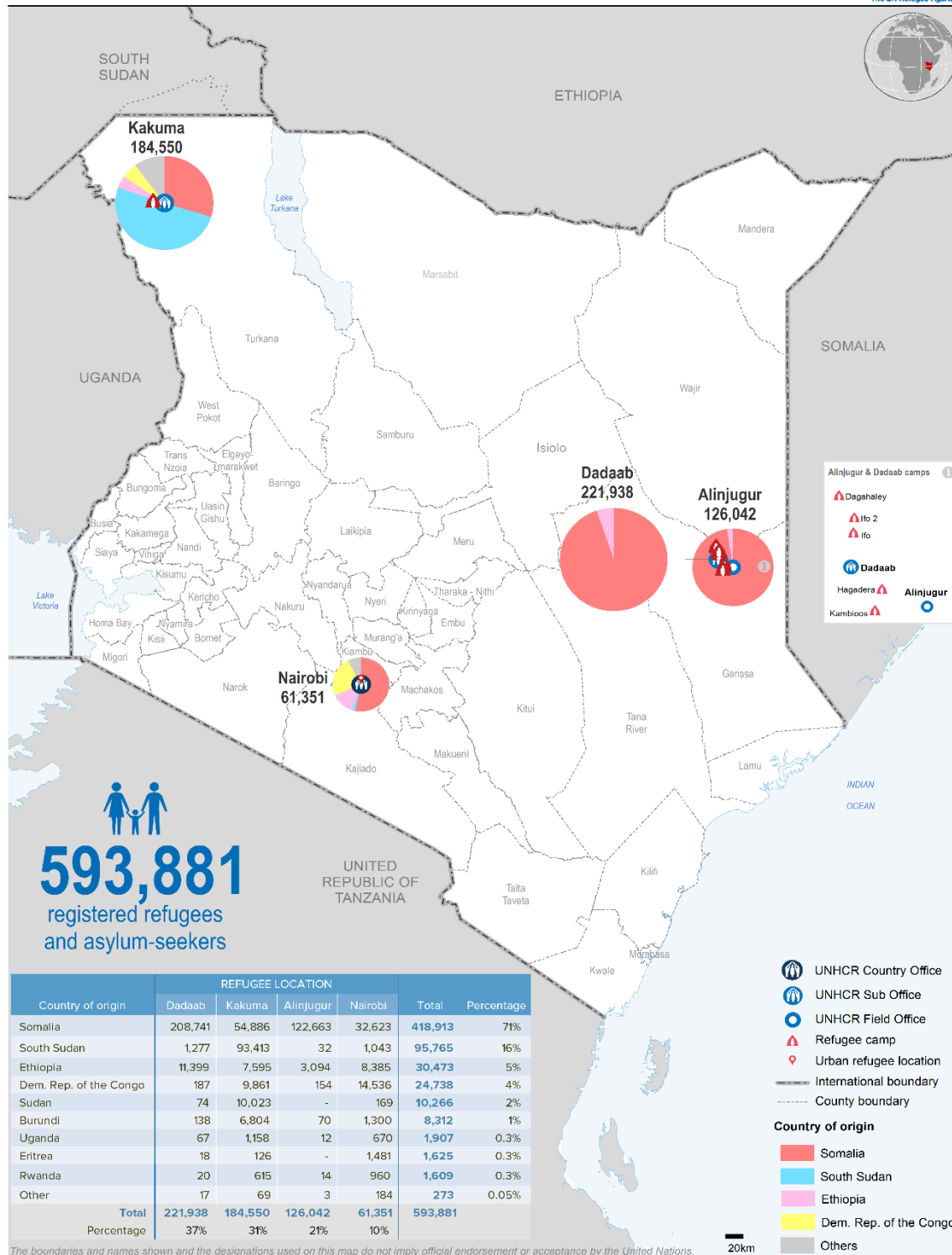
4 offices located in:
Nairobi, Kakuma, Dadaab, Alinjogur



KENYA

Registered refugees and asylum-seekers

as of 31 December 2015



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WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- The Deputy Secretary General of Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Mr Geir Olav Leisle, the Regional Director Mr. Gabriella Waaijman and Safaricom CEO, Mr. Bob Collymore and other dignitaries fielded a one day mission to Kakuma on 15 Dec to familiarize with the Kakuma operations. The delegation was accompanied by the UNHCR Country Representative, Mr. Raouf Mazou and other key staff from UNHCR, Safaricom and NRC staff. The mission was keen to discuss possibilities and innovative ways of humanitarian agencies and private sector companies working together to support humanitarian programs. They toured various places in the camp. The team later held meeting at the UNHCR conference room with representatives of all agencies in Kakuma where economic and social dynamics was discussed. The visitors finally planted trees at the NRC compound before departing for Nairobi
- The Danish Minister for foreign affairs, Mr. Kristian Jensen and his delegation comprised of officials from Danish Government including Ambassador and Under-Secretary for Global Politics and Security, fielded a one day mission to Kakuma on 16 Dec to familiarize with the Kakuma operations. The mission was accompanied by the UNHCR Country Representative, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) Country Director for Kenya and Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA). The minister made a courtesy call to the Deputy County Commissioners office before touring the camp. The delegation toured various places in the camp and the Minister had an opportunity to interact with refugees and even sat in a session conducted by the Kakuma Youth Parliament. He encouraged the youth to be positive and responsible for their future.
- The 2nd edition of the talent extravaganza dubbed “Kakuma Got Talent” took place in the camp from 11 to 13 December. The talent search under the theme “My Talent, My Voice!” was a multi-agency initiative led by the youth themselves with support from UNHCR, LWF, DRC and Filmaid. Kenyan rapper and UNHCR supporter Octopizzo attended the event as one of the judges and also as a guest artist. Hundreds of youth competed in the various categories to make it to the finals. Eight (8) groups emerged as winner. One per category: Drama, Oral Narrative, Fashion, Cultural Dance, Modern Dance, Music and Comedy.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

Registration and Refugees Status Determination (RSD)

- Findings of the joint Department of Refugees Affairs (DRA)/UNHCR evaluation mission that assessed the progress of the ongoing process of transition of RSD responsibility from UNHCR to DRA were presented to the Commissioner and the Representative on 17th December. Key challenges noted included the lack of a DRA registration database and technical RSD operational expertise, management related concerns and the RSD backlog of cases. The Commissioner agreed to extend the transition until 31 March 2016 when DRA intends to fully take over.
- During the week of 7 to 11 December, UNHCR and DRA provided training to the Refugee Appeal Board (RAB) on RSD related matters and presented a comparison of various appeal systems in refugee situations. These 5 days sessions also allowed discussions with the RAB on its work plan and rule of procedure to enable its operationalization in 2016
- In Kakuma newly arrived asylum-seekers from both South Sudan and Somalia continue to be granted *prima facie* refugee status upon their arrival in Kenya. Throughout the course of 2015, the RSD unit in Kakuma comprised of both UNHCR and DRA interviewing officers, submitted 827 cases of 2,462 individuals to the Government of Kenya's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for their review and submission to the Commissioner of Refugee Affairs (CRA) for endorsement of refugee status. The 827 cases represent a diverse group of refugees from seven countries, including Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Eritrea, Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and Sudan.

- In Dadaab the RSD Unit held discussions with the leadership of minority communities in Ifo. They were sensitized on reopening procedures for rejected cases, the criteria for consideration for derivative status, the progress made in handing over RSD to DRA, as well as the progress made on the creation of the Refugee Appeals Board among other issues. On 16th December 2015, the Commissioner for Refugee Affairs approved the recognition of 41 cases submitted for his approval from Dadaab. 115 individuals were notified of their RSD decisions and counselled on appeal procedures. 27 first instance and 9 appeal cases were assessed and decisions recommended.

Individual Case Management:

- During the reporting month, 559 individuals from all Dadaab five camps benefited from protection counselling. These individual cases were included Resettlement, RSD inquiries, family reunification, requests for relocation to Kakuma, physical safety and legal support for SGBV and child protection and camp transfers. The cases were assessed, interventions made and/or referred for appropriate assistance. On 2nd and 3rd December, 28 households comprising of 108 individuals of refugees and asylum seekers were relocated from Dadaab to Kakuma on the basis of family reunification. The relocated refugees had family members in Kakuma who had agreed to accommodate them with agreement of UNHCR Sub-Office Kakuma.

Child Protection

- In Kakuma in December, the total registered Unaccompanied minors (UAMs) in the camp were 2,881 and 13,037 Separated children. A verification exercise of potential missing children/adults was conducted to confirm the identity of children before reunifying with their loved ones. The exercise will continue in January 2016. Judgement was issued by Justice Lenaola in Petition 382 of 2014, the Children Petition on 18th December 2015. The court held that the State violated the rights of refugee children by forcefully relocating their parents to the camp without considering the children's best interests. The Court also ordered that the state should compensate each of the children for the violation of their constitutional rights.
- In Dadaab a joint inter Agency monthly Best Interest Determination (BID) panel and Cluster Protection Working Group (CPWG) meeting was held on 2nd December 2015 with Save the Children International (SCI), Terres des Hommes (TdH), Danish Refugees Council (DRC), Refugees Consortium Kenya (RCK), Handicap International (HI), Kenya Red Cross (KRCS) and UNHCR in attendance. 21 cases of children with different protection needs of care arrangement, resettlement, voluntary repatriation, family reunification, discrimination and stigma, RSD among others were discussed and recommendation made. Highlights on BID process as a broader CP programming tool, BID process achievement, challenges and way forward were discussed, SCI gave summary of findings and recommendations of the Impact of Voluntary Repatriation Assessment they conducted in Hagadera, Kambios and Ifo 2 and RCK conducted a brief information sharing on Criminal Capacity on Children highlighting on UNCRC, The Children's Act, the Penal Code, The Sexual offences Act among others. The Civil Registrar issued a total of 4,466 civil documents (4,447 birth certificates/19 death certificates) during his mission that ended on 19 December. As at 31st December a total of 12,688 birth certificates (6,415M/6,273F) have been issued against a target of 14,000. This represents a success rate of 90.3 %. While 61 Death certificates issued since January. Challenges remain the mothers delivering at home (3,831 cases), typo errors and few cases of forgery of certificates to secure update of new-born babies. UNHCR continues to engage the Registrar to reduce/address such incidents.

SGBV and Persons with specific needs

- In Kakuma 11 cases of SGBV were reported within the month of December. One rape case was assisted to access medical and psychosocial counselling, one case of physical assault and 2 cases of psychological violence were also assisted with counselling. All the cases received psychosocial support and rape cases receiving medical care.
- In Dadaab the closing of the 16 days of activism against Gender Based Violence was done on the 10th of December. As part of the 16 days of activism marking, UNHCR conducted a training workshop on PSEA (Prevention of Sexual Exploitation & Abuse) for 70 religious leaders across the five camps. It was aimed at involving Community leaders and opinion makers in the overall SGBV Strategy and to advocate against social injustices to rape and defilement, discrimination and stigma, early marriage, FGM and denial of education faced by women and girls in the refugee community.

- UNHCR participated in the training of about 79 G4S guards on PSEA and about 186 police officers from Dadaab areas and other border areas were also trained on basic international refugee law, national law as well as improvement in collaboration by highlighting the existing gaps, opportunities and strengthening future collaboration. . The training was for the old and newly recruited police officers who had not been trained on refugee matters; the aim of which was to provide the police with an overview of refugee protection.

Statelessness

- UNHCR hosted a meeting to consolidate and handover the draft National Action Plan (NAP) on Statelessness. CSO members of the National Action Plan writing committee, the task force on statelessness and UNHCR attended the meeting. The aim of the meeting was to jointly review NAP, to incorporate agreed upon input and to plot a way forward for the NAP. A way forward was agreed upon and shared including actions required to advance NAP to validation and implementation stage.
- **Access to territory - border monitoring**
Border monitoring missions in Kakuma continued twice every week to Nadapal along the Kenya-South Sudan border to ensure that asylum seekers received at the border had unhindered access to asylum in Kenya and are treated humanely. Charging of visa fees by Immigration officials at the border has reduced – many asylum seekers reported that they were not asked to pay visa fees. A total of 261 asylum seekers were received and accommodated at the Nadapal Transit Center in the reporting period. Majority are from Malakal, Bentiu and Unity states as well as Nuba Mountains and the main reason for flight is continued war. Over 70% are children. A Burundian family of 4 was also assisted to travel to Kakuma from the Busia/Malaba border.

Community Empowerment, Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

Education

- The annual education working group meeting was held with participation of the ministry of education. Key achievements during the year including the development of admission guidelines for non-citizens by the ministry of education, UNHCR and the education partners were discussed and areas of mutual cooperation in other planned activities for 2016 identified. The 2015 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) result was released on 30 December 2015. Candidates in Kakuma schools overall performance in the 2015 KCPE examination based on their standardized scores indicated remarkably excellent performance with 2,753(567 female) of the 2,859(587 female) scoring 200 marks of the possible 500 marks required to transit to secondary school. This represented a pass rate of 96.3% which was way above the national average pass rate of 75.6%. The pass rate achieved in 2015 is an improvement of the one recorded in the 2014 KCPE which was 86.7%.
- **Skills & Capacity building**
46(17f, 29m) new persons of concerns (PoCs) socio-economic capacities were assessed and profiled at the reception center. Notable skills were agri-business, grocery broking, hotels and restaurants. The data will be used to match PoCs with livelihoods opportunities. Life skills and financial literacy training were conducted to 113 (55f, 58m) PoCs at reception center to impart basic business skills. Harvesting of vegetables at the model farms was done, Kshs.45, 090 was raised from the two model farms in October and November. This was achieved at 60% crop harvesting stage on the mean acreage size of 0.035 hectares.
- **Livelihood and Environment**
- Partnership discussion with MasterCard Labs is underway. Refugees will be included as part of the pilot for financial inclusion program for traders in Nairobi (Kiosk Connect).

Health and Nutrition

Cholera outbreak response

- Cholera outbreak hit the Dadaab Refugee Camps in the month of November for the second time this year. UNHCR in collaboration with its partner agencies supporting patient care through four Cholera treatment centres. Community leaders and health workers are also playing a key role in fighting the outbreak in the camps. Four Cholera treatment centres with the capacity to respond to any new admissions have been set up. Community leaders are also playing a key role in sensitizing the community on best hygiene practices. Soap distribution is routinely done in all camps. Promoting hygiene and public awareness campaigns are part of UNHCR broader response to the current Cholera outbreak in Dadaab. The cholera outbreak has killed 10 people and sickened around 1,000 others since it broke out in Mid-November.
- In Kakuma the health status of the camp population remained stable. The Crude mortality rate was at 0.2/1000/month and Under-five mortality rate at 0.8/1000/month which are within the acceptable standards. The leading diseases for morbidity were Malaria 44% and respiratory tract infections 29%. During the month of December 2015, the nutrition status of the population in Kakuma deteriorated as indicated by increase in the new admissions into the nutrition rehabilitation programs. The deterioration is attributed to persistent reduced rations being issued in General food distribution since June 2015, coupled with an increase in prevalence of Malaria and Pneumonia. The most affected are the new arrivals residing in Kakuma 4 due to limited coping mechanism among the new arrivals in comparison to the old stayers in Kakuma refugee camp. The recovery rates in the CMAM programs were above 80% which is within the acceptable standards of >75%
- In the framework of reverse referral, Urologist consultant visited Dadaab. 46 patients were reviewed and 14 surgeries/procedure performed (prostatectomy-5, hypospadias-5, hydrocelectomy-2, cystoscopy-2). In the same framework a consultant cardiologist visited Dadaab from 11th to 13th December. 84 patient from both refugee and host community benefitted from the review.
- Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) training was conducted in Dadaab for 25 qualified health workers as from 7th to 12th December. The objective of the training was to build the capacity of the health care staff on optimal MIYCN practices with a scope of improving service delivery.

Food Security

- The general food distribution for one month's cycle Commenced in Dadaab on 1st December 2015. It was completed successfully across the camps with the respective dates: Kambioos on 7th December 2015, Ifo 2 on 9th December 2015, Dagahaley and Ifo 1 on 10th December 2015 while Hagadera camp completed on 12th December 2015. The food distribution for the month of December was completed smoothly with no major incident reported.

Water and Sanitation

- In Kakuma water supply to refugees maintained at an average of 21 liters per person per day in Kakuma 4, and 19 liters per person per day for Kakuma 1, 2, and 3. The latrine to user ration stands at 62.62 for both communal and household latrines while the coverage is 41.9% for household latrines in Kakuma 4. The remaining areas the coverage is 77.6% for both household and communal (communal is 58%). One borehole dug by world vision in Kakuma encounter high fluoride level and the bore was to supply water to Kakuma 4.

Durable Solutions

Resettlement (RST)

- By submitting 7586 individuals during the 2015 calendar year, UNHCR's three offices in Kenya have exceeded the 2015 RST target (6550) by 1036 individuals. In Dadaab during the month of November, a total of 173 cases underwent resettlement case composition interviews. 51 cases interviewed and assessed for possible submission to

resettlement various resettlement countries. During the period under review, 51 cases comprising of 194 individuals were submitted to Branch Office Nairobi for onward resettlement. Since 1st January 2015, 1750 individuals have been submitted for resettlement (including new born babies added on to cases already in the pipeline) countries. This is approximately 116 % of the 2015 annual target (of 1500 individuals). A total of 108 individuals are confirmed to have departed Nairobi for onward resettlement to United States of America, Canada and Australia. Since 1st January 2015, 1292 individuals have departed to resettlement countries. The departure figures continue to be lower compared to the previous years due to the stringent and lengthy process for issuing exit visas by the Government of Kenya. Another reason is the mandatory requirement for all departing refugees to possess valid refugee IDs

Voluntary Return

- Cross border meeting was held on the 8th December 2015 second floor. In attendance were UNHCR Somalia, UNHCR Dadaab, DRA Dadaab and Mercy corps. WFP and partners attended via video conference. A representative of Jubba land Commission of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons Affairs visited Dadaab refugees between 16th and 17th December. The objective of the visit was to hold discussions with refugees from Jubba land region in Dadaab camps in connection with the Voluntary Repatriation process. The Tripartite Commission meeting was held in Nairobi on 11th December. This meeting focused among others the follow-up to the pledging conference organized in Brussels on 21st October 2015 as well as measures aiming at enhancing the voluntary repatriation process.
- The 1st flight of 63 Refugees returning to Baidoa – South West State of Somalia was allowed to go to Baidoa on 7 December 2015 after the Minister of Interior of Somalia gave the go ahead to UNHCR in writing. They were accompanied/escorted by the UNHCR Representative for Somalia and a UNHCR Staff based in Baidoa Field Office. These Returnees had spent a week in the Hagadera camp Transit Centre as their flight could not leave Dadaab on Monday 30th November and on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 because the ISWA Authorities were refusing to receive them. During the reporting period, 248 returnees were assisted to return by flight to Mogadishu (185) and Baidoa (63). As of 15 December 2015, 6101 refugees had voluntarily returned to Somalia with UNHCR's support. 3900 returned by 38 Road Convoys through Dhobley, while 2201 returned by 44 Air Convoys (41 flights to Mogadishu, 2 Flights to Kismayu and 1 to Baidoa).

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