

# Ifo Camp Profile



DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

## CAMP SNAPSHOT

**Population: 84,565**

42,443 female, 42,122 male

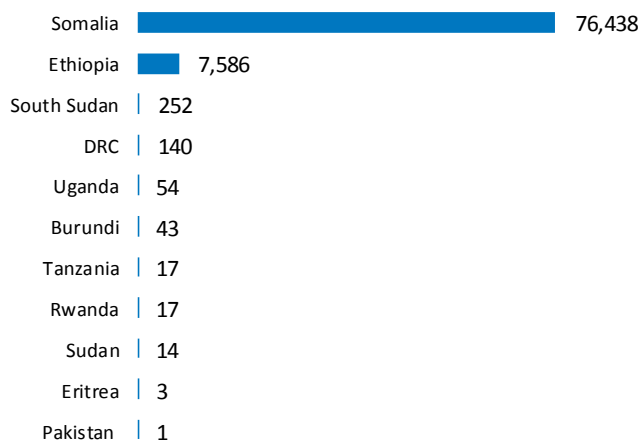
20,916 households

Size of camp area: 12.3 km<sup>2</sup>

Average plot size per household: 12m x 15m

(01/03/2015)

### Nationalities:



## BACKGROUND

Established in 1991, Ifo is the oldest of the five refugee camps in Dadaab, currently accommodating refugees from eleven countries. Since 2010, the population has increased by 35% because of the influx of new arrivals fleeing war and famine in Somalia. The neighbouring Ifo 2 camp was established in 2011 to decrease population pressure in Ifo.

## ACTIVITIES

### Protection

Ifo is the central registration point for all new arrivals to the Dadaab camps. The Kenyan authorities suspended registration of new arrivals in October 2011. A window for registration was opened between April and June 2014. There is a transit centre for the temporary residence of individuals awaiting registration or relocation.

Within 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. Alleged Al-Shabaab terrorists were arrested in September 2012 and January 2013.

## Education

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Ifo has eight primary schools and two secondary schools as well as an adult literacy centre and a youth vocational centre. The primary school enrolment rate is 37% (63% boys) and the secondary school enrolment rate is 23.4% (76.6% boys). 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. The four YEP centres in Dadaab (Dagahaley, Ifo, Hagadera and Dadaab municipality) enrol more than 700 students.

## Health

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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 km<sup>2</sup>.

## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

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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:

- **Action Against Hunger (ACF):** Infant- and Young-Child Nutrition
- **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
- **UNOCHA:** Humanitarian Work Coordination
- **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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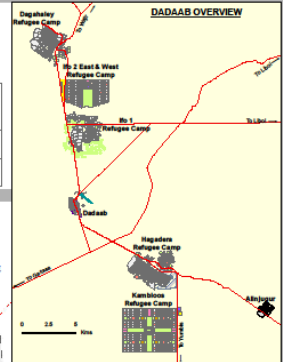
# Kenya- Dadaab District

## Ifo Refugee Camp Overview

As of June 2013



Geographic Information Systems unit  
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Datum: WGS 1984  
Projection: UTM Zone 37N  
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**Legend**

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**

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**

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
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