

Kenya

01 – 28 February 2018

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76,589 Somalis have been assisted to return to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation programme since 2014.

231,103 (**48%**) refugees reside in Dadaab, 185,899 (**38%**), in Kakuma & Kalobeyei Settlement and 66,595 (**14%**) in Nairobi.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

483,597 refugees and asylum-seekers as of 28 February 2018.

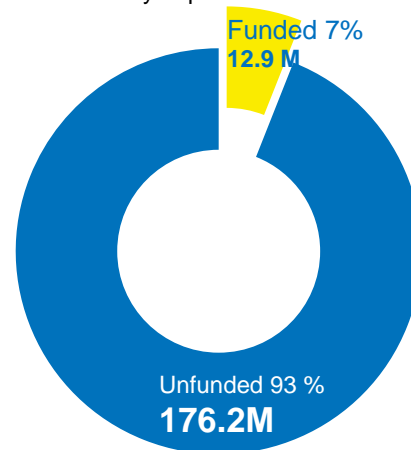
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

SOMALIA	276,899	57.3%
SOUTH SUDAN	113,008	23.4%
DRC	36,417	7.5%
ETHIOPIA	27,825	5.8%
BURUNDI	13,174	2.7%
SUDAN	10,132	2.1%
UGANDA	2,518	0.5%
RWANDA	1,659	0.3%
ERITREA	1,360	0.3%
OTHERS	605	0.1%

FUNDING (AS OF 13 FEBRUARY 2018)

USD 189.1 M

requested for the Kenya operation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

353 National Staff

63 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi

1 Field Offices in Alinjugur

2 Sub Office in Dadaab and Kakuma



Working with Partners

- 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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- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya, the Turkana County Government through the Office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held including monthly meetings with refugee representatives in the camp.
- UNHCR continued to hold a joint protection desk with Kenya Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) at the refugee processing center in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.

Main Activities

Protection

Protection Delivery

- The verification exercise and enrolment in the Biometric Identification Management System (BIMS) continues in Dadaab. As of 28 February 126,333 (55%) individuals had been verified in Dagahaley, Hagadera and Ifo1 camps. 102,099 (44%) individuals have been enrolled in BIMS since the beginning of the exercise in August 2017.
- By the end of February, a total of 7,206 (6,942 Somali nationals; 264 from other nationalities) undocumented persons had been jointly profiled by UNHCR Registration Unit and RAS across the four Dadaab camps.
- 7 cases of 30 individuals departed for resettlement in the United States of America and Australia in February. Since the beginning of the year, 22 cases comprising of 64 individuals have departed for resettlement in USA and Australia.
- 42 Asylum seekers from Burundi and Congo were facilitated to Kakuma Camp from Kitale. These asylum seekers crossed the border through Uganda.

Registration

- 3,810 new arrivals were registered in February 2018; 2,215 in Kakuma, 1,587 in Nairobi, and 8 in Dadaab.
- 171 refugees in Dadaab registered and confirmed their intention to voluntarily repatriate to Somalia. There are currently still 16,325 refugees active in UNHCR database willing to return to Somalia.
- 113 birth certificates were issued at UNHCR field post 1, 2 and 3 in Kakuma camp.
- 274 newborn babies were registered and issued with birth certificates in Dadaab

Capacity Development

- Rapid Response Interview exercise in February began at Shauri Moyo, Nairobi. The RRI is a specific initiative jointly designed by RAS and UNHCR under the joint backlog reduction strategy to reduce the interview time without compromising on quality. It is expected that 450 cases will be interviewed at RAS per week.

Education

- Teachers Service Commission (TSC) registered teachers, principally Kenyan Nationals, were deployed to all the 24 primary schools in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei as per the recommendation from the Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Education.

Food Security and Nutrition

- The General Food distribution was done in Dadaab and 229,254 individuals were served (representing 98% of the 234,654 individuals are expected to be served). All served families were transferred to WFP Commodity Transfer Model (CTM) for cash voucher assistance.
- Supplementary Food Distribution: A total 1,562 Households comprising of 4,602 individuals from the four camps in Dadaab were forwarded to WFP for supplementary food assistance.
- A total of 230,865 individuals in 52,495 Households in Dadaab were forwarded to World Food Programme (WFP) for the March 2018 food distribution Cycle.

Water and Sanitation

- In February, UNHCR supplied 31.3 litres 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 average per capita consumption stood at 20.83 Litres of water per person per day in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. The per capita consumption in Kakuma camp was reported at 21.92 Litres while refugees in Kalobeyei settlement received 19.73 litres per person per day.

Shelter and NFIs

- Peace Winds Japan started the conversion of **486** temporary shelters to permanent homes. In 2017, UNHCR constructed **304** permanent homes in Kalobeyei out of which **20** were allocated to the host community.
- Close to 8,000 families currently living in temporary shelters in Kalobeyei settlement are in need of permanent shelter. In addition, there is need to provide adequate shelter for close to 2,000 newly arrived refugees currently accommodated in temporary family tents in Kakuma camp.

Access to Energy

- 9,802 tree seedlings were distributed to both host and refugee communities in Kakuma. An additional 8,400 tree seedlings were produced in all three nurseries in the month of February 2018.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- As of 28 February 2018, 400 refugees and host community members in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement had received business skills training to improve business operations and competitiveness.
- As of 28 February 2018, 3,470 youth (433 from the host community) had enrolled for vocational training at Don Bosco and Norwegian Refugee Council vocational training centres.
- Terre des homes (TDH) hosted a staff from their headquarter office and a consultant from Global Humanitarian Lab (GHL) which is a cross-sector platform created last year with WFP, OCHA, UNHCR, the Red Cross Movement, MSF and HI that works on scaling up innovation in humanitarian projects. They are conducting needs assessment on viability of starting a Fab Lab project to benefit both refugees and host communities in Dadaab. If found viable, a pilot project will be set up in Dadaab.

Community Services

- UNHCR, in collaboration with RAS and partners held an outreach forum in Eastleigh attended by 470 PoCs mainly Somalis, Ethiopians and Eritrean. The main issues raised during the forum included documentation, RSD and delays in provision of refugee ID cards which expose PoCs to risks of arbitrary arrests and detention, as well as the lack of information on access to basic services.

Durable Solutions

Voluntary Repatriation

- In February, 1,315 refugees were assisted to voluntarily repatriate to Somalia (569 by road and 746 by flight to Kismayu and Mogadishu). 2,463 have been assisted to return from Dadaab bringing the total to 75,175 returnees so far supported from

Dadaab Refugee operation under the framework of voluntary repatriation since the beginning of the process in December 2014.

- Facilitation of repatriation by road convoys through Liboi/ Dhobley resumed on 20 February 2018. Road convoys are the preferred mode of transport for many refugees and it is therefore expected that the number of refugees expressing interest to return will significantly increase. Road convoys had been temporarily suspended for 10 months due to insecurity and heavy rains.
- 171 refugees in Dadaab registered and confirmed their intention to voluntarily repatriate to Somalia. There are currently still 16,325 refugees active in UNHCR database willing to return to Somalia.
- In Kakuma, 328 refugees from Somalia have been assisted to return to Somalia since of the beginning of the year, bringing the number of those assisted from Kakuma since 2016 to 2,848.

Resettlement

- 7 cases of 30 individuals departed for resettlement in the United States of America and Australia from Kakuma. Since the beginning of January, 22 cases from Kakuma, comprising of 64 individuals have departed for resettlement in USA and Australia.
- Cumulatively, **67** cases comprising of **271** individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration, from Kakuma, to Australia and USA since the beginning of January 2018.
- 55 cases from Nairobi, comprising of 120 Individuals were submitted to Australia, U.S.A and UK for resettlement consideration.

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Web portal on Somali Displacement <http://data.unhcr.org/horn-of-africa/regional.php>

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