

# Dadaab, Kenya

JUNE 2019

The first camp in Dadaab was established in **1991**. There are **3** camps in Dadaab: **Hagadera**, **Dagahaley** and **Ifo**.

**Kambioos** refugee camp was closed on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and Ifo2 refugee camp was closed on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018. Both were **officially handed over** to the Government on **21<sup>st</sup> June 2019**.

Since **December 2014**, Somali refugees who decide to voluntarily return to their home country, receive UNHCR support in Kenya and Somalia.

## VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FROM DADAAB

**80,368**

Somali refugees have returned home since **December 2014**

**57%**

**Percentage** of Dadaab population are **children**

**210,475**

Total Dadaab population as at **30 June 2019**

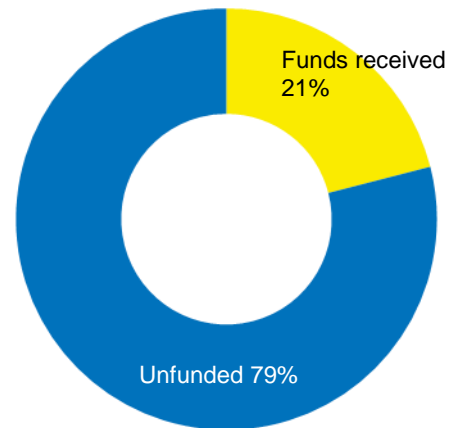
**62,610**

Refugee children are **enrolled in school** in Dadaab camps

## FUNDING (AS AT 24 JUNE 2019)

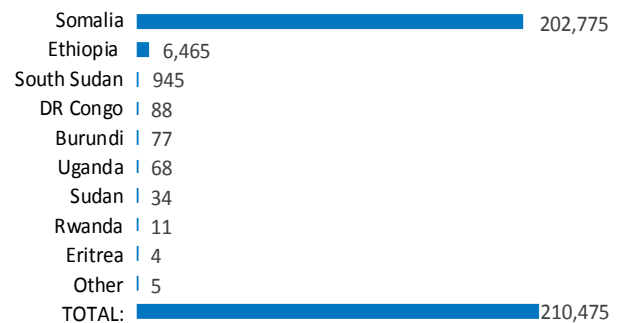
**USD 170 M**

requested for the **Kenya** situation



## POPULATION OF CONCERN AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

### Country of Origin



## Handover of Kambioos and Ifo2 consolidated camps

On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019, UNHCR Dadaab received delegates from the National and Garissa County Government for the official handover of existing assets within Kambioos and Ifo2 consolidated camps. The camp consolidation program started in the beginning of 2017. Former Kambioos refugee camp was closed as of March 2017 and former Ifo2 refugee camp was closed by the end of May 2018.

The national government was presented by Hon. Patrick Ole Ntutu, Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS), Ministry of Interior. The Garissa County Government was presented by the County Secretary for Garissa Deputy Governor.

Other delegates included, Maj. Gen. (RTD) Dr. Gordon O. Kihalangwe, Principal Secretary (PS), State Department of Immigration/Mol, Mr. Kodeck Makori, Ag. Commissioner, Refugee Affairs Secretariat/Mol, the Regional County Commander, and the Area MPs, Hon. Mohamed Dahir Duale/Dadaab, Hon. Abdikarim Osman Rati/Fafi, Hon. Mohamud Sheik Mohamed/Wajir South.

UNHCR Representative Ms. Fathiaa Abdalla accompanied the delegates to Dadaab.

The delegation toured various projects site and existing facilities in former Ifo2 camp. They were then warmly welcomed by a huge crowd comprised of both refugees and host community at the venue of the handover ceremony at Ifo2 hospital.

The main speakers at the event included CAS, PS, MPs and other officials from national and local governments thanked UNHCR for its partnership and collaboration on refugees 'issues. The key message regarding the handover of the two former camps from everyone, was to ensure that the existing facilities in both Kambioos and Ifo2 camps are well protected and effectively used to the benefit of local population who hosted refugees for nearly three decades.

The handover documents were signed and handed over by UNHCR to the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of national Government and subsequently handed over to the Garissa County Government.



*Kambioos and Ifo2 refugee camps were officially handed over to the Government on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019. © UNHCR/Assadullah Nasrullah*

## Voluntary Repatriation

- As at 30 June 2019, a total 80,368 refugees were facilitated to voluntarily go back to Somalia, from Dadaab refugee operations since the beginning of the process in 2014.
- During the month of June, 9 voluntary repatriation flights were organized to help return 382 individuals from 108 households, to Somalia. Majority (348) individuals returned to Kismayo while 34 returned to Mogadishu.
- Facilitation of road movement remains suspended due to military operations en route to Kismayo, Baidoa and other major return areas. However, flight options remain open to refugees willing to return to Mogadishu, Kismayo and Baidoa.
- An Inter-agency Repatriation task force meeting was held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 during which UNHCR briefed partners on key action points of the deliberations of the repatriation cross border coordination meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019. In particular facilitation of the 2,000 refugees, who are believed to have registered their intentions to return was emphasized, and follow action plan agreed upon.
- Diminishing interest in voluntary repatriation is continued to be observed in the three camps. This may be linked to the limited number of return areas due to political developments which have impacted on the security situation in the country. Just before the commencement of the election period in October 2018, the operation was conducting voluntary repatriation returns of up to ten out of the twelve designated as safe areas for return. However, since mid-October 2018, the operation has only been able to facilitate return to two areas, notably Kismayo and Mogadishu. Nonetheless, those interested in return have approached the Integrated Return Help Desks to initiate the process of voluntary repatriation and are being facilitated to return to Somalia in safety and dignity.



*Refugees returning to Somalia under UNHCR's voluntary repatriation Program.  
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**PROTECTION**

- During this period, 95 undocumented persons were jointly profiled by UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS). Therefore, the total number of undocumented persons across the three camps stands at 15,302 individuals. Out of this, 14,795 are from Somalia and 507 are from other countries. Among them, 3,295 individuals came back to the camps after being assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia.
- During the month, a total number of 126 new born babies were registered and issued with birth certificates.
- In total, 155 cases were attended to, at the Protection Delivery Unit (PDU) and Community-Based Protection (CBP) desks. The cases were mainly related to insecurity, follow up on resettlement case status, request for general assistance (Food tokens, Shelter, Core Relief Items) and card reactivation. Community Based Protection cases attended to were mainly on card reactivation, voluntary repatriation, general protection, health, education, inter-camp transfers, family reunification, physical safety, child protection and legal support for SGBV survivors. CBP continued to receive unregistered persons who are in need of immediate medical assistance and inactive persons with various vulnerabilities.

**Child Protection**

- Between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June, the National Council on the Administration of Justice, a high level policy-making and oversight body composed of state and non-state actors from the justice sector, whose purpose is to inter alia look into the gaps that impede efficient delivery of justice to children in contact with the law, conducted a two day sensitization workshop for the Garissa Court Users Committee(CUC) members on various aspects on handling children matters in Garissa including child protection, legal aid, diversion, plea bargain and other related topics.

**Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)**

- The Garissa mobile court presided over 14 SGBV matters during their 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June circuit. The charges included Defilement (10), Assault causing actual bodily harm (3) and Grievous harm (1). Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK), will continue to monitor the progress of the cases and advise clients accordingly. It was noted during the proceedings that accused persons were requesting to be supplied with witness statements when arraigned in court which led to adjournment of cases, thereby delaying the trial process. RCK is working with prosecution and the police to ensure that perpetrators are supplied with witness statements at the plea taking stage instead which will minimize adjournment of cases thereby enhancing access to justice for survivors.
- The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted 8 home visits for 65 survivors across the camps for continued support in the process of recovery and rehabilitation. During the visits, survivors expressed the need to be linked to livelihood activities to enable them to earn an income to support themselves and their families.
- The partner also conducted 8 group therapy sessions across the camps reaching a total of 123 survivors. These sessions gave participants a chance to establish expectations, fill in checklists which were meant to provide information on their wellbeing and establish networks for support. The sessions also focused on establishing connections to enable the survivors feel free to share experiences during the consecutive sessions.

### Access to Justice

- During the reporting month, a total of 65 persons of concern (1 female and 64 male) are held in both Garissa Main Prison and Garissa Minimum Prisons. UNHCR facilitated the return of 2 persons of concern back to camp, for reintegration, after being released from detention.
- During a legal aid clinic organized by RCK, 15 persons were attended to at the Garissa Main and Medium Prisons. They were provided with legal advice on their cases and also provided with counselling on how to cope with the conditions while incarcerated.
- As part of psychosocial support, 16 (15 male / 1 female) persons of concern, were provided with counselling at Garissa law Courts, Garissa Medium and Main prison. They were provided with counselling on coping with their current situation, advised on pursuing education and making good career choices.

### Persons with Specific Needs

- A total of 1,000 Core Relief Items (blankets, plastic sheets, mosquito nets, buckets and 10 litres collapsible jerry cans) from UNHCR were distributed to vulnerable older persons, persons living with disabilities Special Needs Education learners and referrals from protection partners.
- One mainstreaming and awareness forum reaching 30 People with disability (PLWDs) was conducted in Hagadera. The forum helped raise awareness on the importance of inclusion and how PLWDs can be assisted in the camp to better access services. Additionally, a three-day training on management of neurological disorders (spinal cord injuries) targeting 30 community staff was conducted in Hagadera. Staff were capacity built on identification and management of various neurological disorders.



### EDUCATION

- During the reporting month, schools closed for mid-term break for one week and reopened on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- UNICEF Education in Emergencies team and the Digital Learning Expert in the University of Cambridge visited Dadaab to learn more about digital learning programmes. The team visited Instant Network Schools (INS) and Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) centres.
- Students, teachers and parents participated in the World Refugee Week activities including the WRD main event.
- Interviews for WUSC scholarship were carried out and 22 applications were received from Dadaab compared to 135 applications from Kakuma refugees. The small number of applications received in Dadaab has been attributed to fewer eligible candidates within the camps because the scholarship requires a KCSE minimum score of B+ for male and B- for female applicants.
- Four hundred and fifty (450) secondary school course books published by Kenya Literature Bureau (KLB) were donated to Dadaab refugee schools through Dadaab Book Drive initiative. This was in addition to 4,450 course books donated earlier.

### Livelihood

- Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) learning and Skill development activities are ongoing at camp levels in Hagadera, Ifo and Dadaab town with a learner attendance rate of 99%. The food for Training program, a partnership with WFP, has led to many learners to continue learning afternoon classes for business and entrepreneurship lesson, literacy and numeracy, and computer literacy packages.

- Registration for the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) examination for the 120 TVET students commenced during the reporting period. By the end of June 23<sup>rd</sup> out of the 120 students had been registered, while the remaining are still undergoing the process.
- Technical engagements with the Garissa County government continued in the development of sectoral Roadmaps. During the reporting period the County Executive Committee Members visited Dadaab on a familiarisation tour, which included a visit to Ifo2 camp and discussions on the KISED P.

### **Dadaab Solutions**

- UNHCR and partners in response, met with the County Secretary and Gender, Youth County Executive Committee member and her team to discuss the protection roadmap and direction UNHCR is taking in line with the CRRF/GCR approach. A matrix was shared with the county for their inputs reflecting the various activities undertaken by UNHCR and partners including potential interventions in future. This was the first meeting and the start of a good relationship in the protection sector.
- A stakeholders meeting coordinated by the County and National Drought Management Authority in Garissa was held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June. The sectoral forum for Agriculture and Livestock reviewed the sectoral plans for 2013 to 2022. The plan was key in providing for providing strategic direction for the county. UNHCR participated in the review and our interventions on refugee inclusion and CRRF were acknowledged and in some cases reflected in the draft plans (this will be seen once the final draft is out).
- On the 27<sup>th</sup> June, County Executive Committee (CEC) members representing various ministries from Garissa County, including the County Attorney, visited Dadaab. This was the first ever mission undertaken by the most senior sectoral level personnel from the County to get familiarized with the Dadaab complex and to know more about the Kalobeyei model. The delegation met with refugee representatives and toured Ifo refugee camp. This familiarization visit was regarded as an eye opener for the county officials who gave their commitment and assurance in working towards the CRRF goals in the Dadaab context.



### **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE**

- Four Gender Equity Debates were conducted on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Midnimo, Hornimo, Friends and Horyal primary schools in Ifo camp respectively, reaching 120 learners. The motion was ‘Women who are economically empowered could be as productive as their male counterparts from the same society’. The motions aim at enabling the young generation in the community to understand the need to advocate for equal opportunities for empowerment of women and girls in the community.

### **Coordination**

- UNHCR together with the Refugee Affairs Secretariat conducted return/relocation intention survey for Ethiopian refugees where 592 individuals were interviewed. The survey is expected to inform the intentions of non-Somali refugees for possible relocation to Kalobeyei settlement.

**DURABLE SOLUTIONS****Resettlement**

- The Swedish Selection Mission was in Dadaab from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June where they interviewed 321 persons for resettlement considerations.
- The total quota for 2019 was increased to 975 individuals (75-UK, 300-Sweden, 350-Canada, 50-US and 200-Australia).
- During the period, 30 cases of 113 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries. As of June 2019, 592 individuals were submitted for resettlement being 69 to UK, 319 to Sweden and 204 to Canada.
- The departure figures are yet to be compiled but as at May 2019, a total of 341 individuals have departed for resettlement representing 92 to Canada, 16 to Australia, 197 to Sweden, 30 to UK and 6 to other countries.

Fifty-two cases were counselled on the status of their resettlement cases. In the reporting period, 42 interviews for RRFs of 155 individuals were conducted and RRFs drafted.

**Environment Rehabilitation**

- On 5<sup>th</sup> June, the Dadaab refugee operations joined the rest of the world in commemorating the World Environment Day. This is the day that is spearheaded by the UN Environment (formerly UNEP) and is marked by thousands of communities worldwide. The theme for this year “Air Pollution”, was informed by global concern on the sustained contamination of the air we breathe by activities associated with households, industry, transport, agriculture and waste management. Respective communities were expected to customize the global theme to fit the local circumstances and here in Dadaab, the Inter Agency Environment Coordination Committee settled on the following hybrid theme: “Do not trash our future. Clean Environment, better health”. The occasion took place in Hagadera camp and was graced by Ms. Habon Aden Maalim, County Executive Committee Member in charge of Environment, Energy and Natural Resources for Garissa County.



*The Garissa county Minister for Environment, Ms. Habon Aden Maalim, giving a speech during World Environment Day. ©UNHCR*

**WATER AND SANITATION**

- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average of 26.8 liters of water per day per capita from 22 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. Nineteen (19) of these boreholes operate on Solar PV- Diesel hybrid system. The water supply schemes convey water to 38

tanks with a total storage capacity of 4,550 m<sup>3</sup>, distributed through a pipeline network of 235 km and relayed to 668 tap stands with about 2,784 taps, scattered around the three camps.



*Refugees collect water from one the water distribution points in Ifo camp of Dadaab.  
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## Working in partnership

The Dadaab refugee operations are coordinated by UNHCR Sub-Office Dadaab, which also serves the three camps in Dadaab Sub-County. UNHCR Field Office Alinjgur 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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