

Dadaab, Kenya

August 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 31st March 2017** and **Ifo2** refugee camp was closed on **31st May 2018**.

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

212,936

Total Dadaab population as at **31 August 2019**

58%

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FROM DADAAB

80,628

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

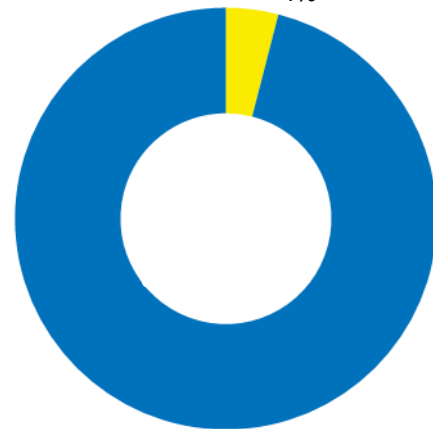
62,610

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

FUNDING (AS AT 31 JULY 2019)

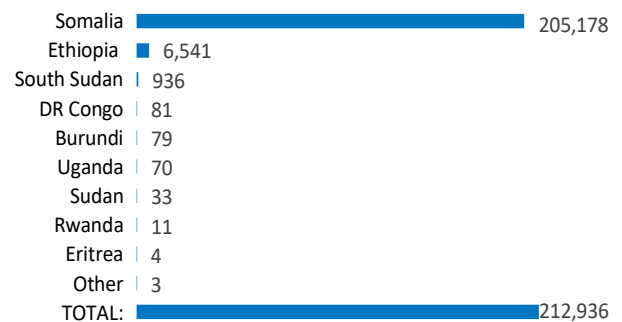
USD 170.1 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation Funds received
4%



POPULATION OF CONCERN AS AT 31 AUGUST 2019

Country of Origin



Voluntary Repatriation

- During the reporting period three repatriation flights were organized to Somalia (two to Mogadishu and one to Baidoa). A total of 130 individuals comprising of 43 households were assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia, (85 returned to Mogadishu and 45 to Baidoa). This brings total of refugees facilitated to repatriate to Somalia this year to 1,592 individuals.
- The cumulative figure of refugees facilitated to voluntarily repatriate to Somalia, from Dadaab refugee operations since the beginning of the process in 2014 to now has reached 80,628 individuals.
- All return movements both flights and road convoy to Kismayo (biggest return destination) remain temporarily suspended since 13th of July 2019 following explosions and gun attacks in Kismayo and tension in Jubaland Region linked to the contested results of the election. This came at a time when resumption of road convoy was planned on the 17th of July 2019, after it was halted for more than nine months. Majority of refugees who expressed interest to return, hail from Kismayo. Therefore, this suspension will have significant impact on the number of refugees returning to Somalia. Meanwhile, the flights option will be utilized to transport returnees to Mogadishu and Baidoa.
- A mission from UNHCR Somalia visited the Dadaab refugee camps between 26th and 28th August 2019 with the objective of having discussions on the voluntary repatriation programme and understand return dynamics and challenges in the process. The mission had a discussion with the refugee leadership and those willing to return to Somalia. The common issue raised as a challenge was access to basic social services inside Somalia. UNHCR Somalia noted that assistance to returnees in Somalia is under the cluster approach which is also dealing with IDPs and returns from countries in the region. In the meantime UNHCR Kenya and Somalia agreed to strengthen coordination and improve on updating Country of Origin information.



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

- During this period, no profiling of undocumented persons was done by the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and UNHCR due to other pressing activities on relocation of non-Somalis. Therefore, the total number of undocumented persons across the three camps stands at 15,379 individuals. Out of this, 14,872 are from Somalia and 507 are from other countries. Among them, 3,303 individuals came back to the camps after being assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia.
- As part of the preparation for relocation of non-Somalis a profiling exercise was conducted. During the month, 1,240 non-Somali households comprising 5,833 individuals have been profiled out of 1,799 households comprising of 7,758 Individuals. So far, the exercise has covered 71% of the targeted population (8,265).
- In total, 279 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 such as 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.
- The 2019 Kenya Population & Housing Census was conducted in camps peacefully and without any major issues. Majority of the refugees were counted but few were missed because of deadline.

Child Protection

- Tdh conducted an adolescents' symposium for 150 (87 boys and 63 girls) children identified with psychological distress. The activity was geared towards strengthening coping mechanisms for adolescents and tapping into support structures in the community. The children discussed matters related to stress management and how they can cope with different types of stress.
- Save the children continued with case management where 67(29M, 38F) cases of children were followed up in Dagahaley while 25(11M, 14F) new cases were registered during the week. Tdh continued with normal case management, PSS activities continued in the camp as well as on going supervised children activities at the CFSs across the camps
- Save the Children held psychosocial counselling for 11 (5Females, 6Males) cases. A child resilience workshop reaching 35(16m 19f) children was conducted while the peer to peer sessions were conducted for 70 children (37 Male and 33 female).
- Tdh through its child friendly help desks held community dialogues; activity convened adolescents between the ages of 12-17 in the blocks to talk about the danger of using drugs in the camp and where to get help. Adolescents shared that they saw little future after school or in opportunities in the camp and that led to them abusing drugs to forget their problems. A total of 300 children (175 boys and 115 girls) across the blocks were reached through these forums.
- Save the children conducted a training on case management, child rights and child friendly Interview Techniques for 35 Partners and SCI Staff in Dagahaley on 22nd August 2019.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- Thirty-six (36) individuals were assisted by protection staff during individual case management. The cases were mainly related to inactive cases, request for shelter/latrines, and follow up of delayed medical referrals outside the camp, education, inter-camp transfers, family reunification, physical safety and legal support for SGBV and child protection. All cases were assessed, interventions made and/or referred for appropriate assistance.
- Home Visits: 27(F) home visits were conducted in Dagahaley camp, 4 (F) in Hagadera camp and 32(F) in Ifo camp during the reporting week. The home visits were aimed at strengthening family support systems for the survivors as well as intervene in family conflicts.
- Group Therapy sessions: 14 women attended a group therapy. The aim of the therapy session was to share their experiences and discuss challenges faced by the survivors and their families within the community
- EMAP session: 160 individuals comprising of 80 men and 80 women participated in the EMAP sessions. It is envisioned that the intervention will make men change their harmful behaviour and promote gender equality and enhance prevention of SGBV in the community.
- SASA Sessions: 80 individuals comprising 24 women and 46 men participated in SASA awareness sessions in the community which seek to enhance SGBV awareness.
RCK with support from UNHCR, used Radio Gargaar on 21st August, to highlight issues stigmatization and discrimination faced by SGBV survivors. The session sought to inform the community about the impact of stigma.

Access to Justice

- During this period, 06 persons of concern released from jail returned to the camps from Garissa. By the end of the month there are 62 persons of concern in the two-detention facility comprising 38 convicts and 24 remands, 37 individuals in prison were provided with legal aid at the Garissa law courts and main prison.
Twenty-two persons of concern were presented before court, where 12 persons were charged with residing outside designated areas while the other 10 were charged with being unlawfully present in Kenya.

Persons with Specific Needs

- During the period, 312 (183M, 129F) persons living with disabilities were attended to. Some 196 received occupational therapy and physiotherapy services, 30 were supported with assistive devices 6 repairs, 10 booked for fabrication of devices, 46 were provided with guidance and counselling, enrolled for tailoring at the LWF Livelihood Center, 20 referred to other agencies for card activations, shelter and latrines and 30 reached through and ADL training session for children with cerebral palsy.
- UNHCR in collaboration with Humanity & Inclusion held a Disability Mainstreaming Workshop on 28 August 2019 with RCK, LWF, WIK, DRC, KRCS, UNICEF, WFP, CVT, FILMAID, TDH, CARE, NRC and SCI. The aim of the workshop was to create understanding of existing programmes that factors persons with disabilities and to identify barriers that hinder persons them from benefiting from existing programmes. It is envisioned that actions will be taken to include PWDs into existing programmes.
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Working Group (MHPSS WG) meeting was held by protection, health and education partners. The rise of stress disorder in youth attempting to commit suicide was realized since 2 cases in Dagahaley, and 3 in Ifo camp were reported. The individuals asked, cited lack of durable solutions and fear of camp closure. Currently Partners are conducting individual and group therapy sessions, traumatic and peace building sessions, play-therapy for children, home visits,

continuous capacity building for national and community staff on epilepsy, schizophrenia and knowing the risk factors as well as recognizing the warning signs for suicide and prevention.

- Elderly Persons: 413(201M, 212F) older persons were attended across three camps. Elderly persons received psychosocial support, material, counselling and referral services. Three psychosocial sessions for older persons 90 were facilitated in 2 Hagadera and 1 in Ifo. Caregivers in these sessions were trained on provision of appropriate support care for older persons. Hygiene kits were also distributed to bedridden older persons reaching 30 in Hagadera, 35 in Ifo and 35 in Dagahaley.
- Most at risk population (MARPs): 30 (15LGBTI, 15FSW) in Ifo participated in a two-day workshop on Bamba Chakula facilitated by FilmAid and WFP. Part of the workshop's agenda was to identify if there are challenges in accessibility and possible solutions moving forward. General case management for the LGBTI progressed well across the camps.



EDUCATION

- Registration of refugee and host community students in the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS) is still ongoing despite the system being inaccessible during most of the working hours. Grade 3 learners have been registered in the Kenya Early Years Assessment (KEYA) portal. A total of 26 INS tablets were issued to LWF to support the activity of registration of refugee learners to the national systems as a priority for the operation in line with CRRF efforts.
- There are plans to fast track NEMIS data capture to ensure that it becomes the main source of education data in Dadaab but MoE explained that NEMIS is still under development hence the challenges being experienced currently. In the meantime, Dadaab EMIS is being updated by UNICEF to reflect end of July 2019 figures (end of term 2) using data submitted by partners.
- Schools in Dadaab closed on 2nd of August 2019. The Ministry of Education extended the reopening dates of the August school holiday to September 2nd to pave way for the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) national census that was slated for August 24 and 25.
- In support of schools' meals program, 96(4M) cooks underwent medical screening for proper food handling and hygiene. WFP engineers conducted schools' kitchen and stores assessment within the three camps in preparation of repairs and renovation.
- One hundred teachers from the refugee schools across the three camps attended CBC facilitated by staff from the Ministry of Education. LWF reported that procurement of competency-based curriculum and upper primary textbooks was also completed during the reporting period. Textbooks will be distributed to schools, once learners report for term 3, so as to facilitate their learning.
- Educational Assessment and Resource Centers officers from LWF verified with Equity bank details belonging to 172(104M 68F) parents of children with disabilities within the three camps to benefit from the CBI program. Parents were informed to ensure that their children get access to education once schools reopen. Additional 14(3F) SNE learners on scholarship outside the camp benefitted from CBI.
- A total 226 secondary school leavers in Dadaab applied for various courses for the scholarship opportunity advertised by the International University of Africa, a public University in Khartoum, Sudan. Only 50 students will benefit from the scholarship nationally (Dadaab, Kakuma and Urban). Applications review ongoing during the reporting period.
- The Instant Network Schools (INS) centers remained intermittently open during the school holidays. Learners interested in using the INS centers during the holidays, were granted access.
- UNHCR Global Goodwill Ambassador Ms. Kristin Davis visited Hormud primary school in Ifo Camp during her mission in Dadaab on 19th August 2019. Ms. Kristin interacted with learners who were attending remedial classes as schools were on August school holiday during her visit.

Livelihood

- On 15-16 August 2019, Garissa County organized a two-day workshop in Malindi, where multiple stakeholders attended. Alongside other thematic working groups, the 'Trade, Entrepreneurship and Private Sector Development Group' worked on further discussing and refining the Livelihoods sectoral plan in more to come up with concrete key interventions under each proposed objective, underlining some baselines and challenges. This plan will now be further enhanced with targets, baselines, budgets ahead of a Technical Workshop planned from 16-18 September in Dadaab.
- NRC with UNHCR Kakuma and Dadaab alongside other partners have been closely following up with the Social Development Office in Nairobi with a view to getting a clear way forward on registration of refugee Self Help Groups and remove barriers.

Dadaab Solutions

- On 15-16 August 2019, Garissa County organized a two-day workshop with support from UNHCR, having representatives from the National Government, County, County Assembly, UN sister agencies, NGO partners, donors including refugee and host representatives. More than 100 participants attended the workshop at Pine Court Hotel in Malindi. During the workshop, 07 Thematic Working Groups (TWG) worked on further developing their sector plans. The objective of the workshop was to further discuss and develop the Strategic Plan with a wider group of representatives later to be presented to all. This was to underpin discussions will all stakeholders that could eventually lead to a more equitable, predictable and sustainable responsibility-sharing arrangement.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- All health services have been carried out without any interruptions. The hospitals as well as the health posts in the refugee camps are fully operational.
- There have been two waves of cholera in 2019. The first case (1 no) was reported on 11/03/2019 and was successfully controlled by Joint efforts from Health and WASH partners. The second wave surfaced on 28/03/2019. So far a total 757 persons have been line listed (Hagadera 650, Ifo 98 and Dagahaley 9).



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- Tdh held the quarterly information forum with community members in Hagadera. The forum was to give feedback on the progress of the program and to enable members of the community take leadership roles and participate in decision-making to ensure improved child protection systems for the children and their families. The activity targeted 250 community members (88 male's 162 females) across 15 sectional help desks in Hagadera camp. Some of the concern raised during this forum included increased in cases of neglect noted, limited shelter materials and water shortages. Additionally, Tdh conducted a radio session on the 19th of August majoring on drug abuse and other child protection concerns providing information on where to report cases, services offered by Tdh and complimentary services offered by other partners. During the sessions, Tdh responded to feedback questions from

listeners on services being offered. A total of 500 (309 females and 191 males) direct listeners from the camp were reached by the activity. The following talking points were considered in the discussions.



RESETTLEMENT

- During this period, 69 cases were counselled on the status of their resettlement cases.
- Sixteen households (16) households comprising of 63 individuals underwent phase one interviews.
- In the reporting period, 32 interviews for RRFs of 141 individuals were conducted and RRFs drafted.
- A total 25 cases of 147 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries, specifically to Canada, USA, Denmark (pending acceptance confirmation from resettlement country) and Sweden (one emergency case submitted on dossier basis via Regional Service Centre in Nairobi).
- From January to August 2019, 821 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries, namely UK, Sweden, Canada, Australia and USA among others. From January to July 2019 (NB departure figures for August not yet available), 417 individuals have departed for resettlement to following countries: USA, Canada, Australia, Sweden and UK among others. The 2019 quota for refugees to be submitted for resettlement from Dadaab has been increased to 975 individuals.
- During first eight months of 2018, Resettlement Unit submitted a total number of 465 individuals for resettlement considerations, while 821 were submitted (76% increase) in 2019.
- Between January and July 2018, 65 refugees departed to resettlement countries, in comparison with 393 who did it in first seven months of 2019 (504% increase). In 2018, the resettlement quota was fixed at 900 refugees from Dadaab and Initial quota for 2019 was fixed at 500 individuals and then revised to 975.
- The significant increase in terms of submissions is due to a different distribution of submissions during the course of the year, specifically having received a larger quota to be submitted during first semester. Secondly, the significant increase in terms of departures is the outcome of submissions from previous years and the increase in departure activities from major resettlement countries for refugees from Dadaab after a period of relative stall in terms of post-submission activities.
- The increase in quota and departures offered by resettlement countries is also the result of high quality of cases submitted as per resettlement criteria and priorities as well as matching the additional criteria set by resettlement countries. This is reflected by a high acceptance rate (above 90%) of cases submitted.

Environmental rehabilitation

- UNHCR and WFP are working together to start Bee Keeping project to support refugees and hosting communities in enhancing self-reliance and resilience. Five viable sites have been selected following a joint assessment in collaboration with UNHCR partners (RRDO, FaIDA, KRCS) and Dadaab Sub-County Agriculture Office. The 5 sites include: 1 in Dagahaley, 2 in Ifo2, 1 in Ifo1 and 1 in Hagadera. To kick off the Project 20 beehives, 4 per site will be distributed in September and will progressively continue in 2019 and beyond. WFP will produce 100 beehives in phases. They will also bilaterally engage with NRC on possibility of involving 15 carpenters (former trainees and currently entrepreneurs) identified to hasten the production of beehives using recycled materials. UNHCR will procure some 200 modern beehives to bring the project to scale, fund permitting. UNHCR's green belts and nursery sites with a good mix of tree species and availability of water are very ideal for the project. During the feasibility assessment, the team had received positive community feedback on the proposed project.

Indeed, both refugees and hosting communities do have experiences and beehives on the ground, and with a little support and training the project will succeed.

- The Environment Unit has continued working with the Garissa County Ministry of Environment on the roadmap on energy, environment, natural resources and agriculture as part of Dadaab Solutions. The work is progressing smoothly.



WATER AND SANITATION

- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average of 28 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 m³, distributed through a pipeline network of 235 km and relayed to 668 tap stands with about 2,784 taps, scattered around the three camps.
- Cholera response is being coordinated by health partners in Dadaab, Sub County level and Garissa county health teams. In order to address the outbreak of cholera, the WASH partners disinfected houses, schools, mosques, distributed jerry cans to affected families and also carried out mass awareness campaigns using the local radio station and camp clean-up exercise.



*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). As part of solutions strategy for Dadaab, UNHCR is also working with the county government of Garissa and its line ministries.

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