

Sub Office Dadaab, Kenya

February 2020

The security situation in Dadaab remained calm throughout the month with incidences occurring in nearby counties, without directly impacting staff, partners and persons of concern. Entry points to Kenya remained accessible to asylum seekers with no reported cases of refoulment or conditional entry.

The office continues to profile new arrivals, relocation of refugees to Kakuma is ongoing, reports from Somalis reveal that security and political situations are volatile,

civilians are not guaranteed safety in most parts of the country with women and children being the most vulnerable to the systematic of violence.

217,197

Total Dadaab population as at **29 February 2020**

58%

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FROM DADAAB

81,018

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

67,872

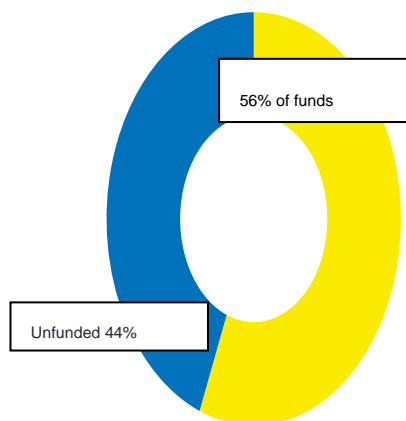
Refugee children are **enrolled in school** in Dadaab camps



FUNDING (AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2020)

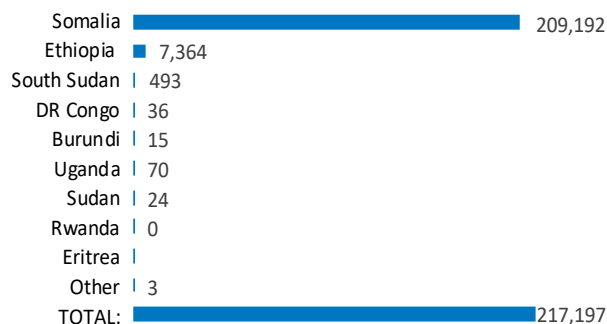
USD 170 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN AS AT 31 JANUARY 2020

Country of Origin





Twenty-four-year-old Balqeys Mohamed Mohamud is a class four Primary teacher at Ifo refugee camp in Dadaab, she is a certificate student of teaching, at the University of Canada, Dadaab campus. © UNHCR/Mohamed Maalim, February 2020.



PROTECTION

- A total of 242 individual cases were assessed and provided with legal, psychosocial support. The individuals were referred to specific interventions ranging from shelter/core relief items, resettlement counselling, reactivation, health, inter-camp transfers, family reunification, physical safety and legal support for SGBV and child protection for appropriate assistance.
- Pre-departure vulnerability assessment for Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs) was conducted during the reporting period. A total of 74 cases were identified and assessed at IFO transit centre for relocation to Kakuma/Kalobeyei. Among these, six cases were recommended to travel by air due to medical conditions. All the individuals identified for relocation were linked with livelihoods, psychosocial, rehabilitation and education support in Kakuma/Kalobeyei.
- During the reporting period, 53 households/157 refugees were processed and relocated to Kalobeyei /Kakuma. Cumulatively, 647 individuals have been relocated since January 2020.
- With the leadership of Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), Inter-agency relocation task-force meeting was held on the 25 February 2020 to engage the stakeholders involved in the process for better planning and coordination of relocation of refugees from Dadaab to Kakuma/Kalobeyei.

Child Protection

- Terres des Hommes (TdH) and Save the Children International (SCI) held case conferences where 41 cases were discussed, involving children facing discrimination, activation of ration cards, shelter, neglect, psychosocial distress and asylum seekers seeking registration. Additionally, eight Best Interest Assessment (BIA) and four Best Interest Determination (BID) were conducted across the three refugee camps.
- In the bid to improve the protection of children and mitigate the risk of exposing them to vulnerabilities, a stakeholders' coordination meeting was held in Garissa on 18 February 2020, to discuss children protection and safety in the Sub County. The meeting focused on promotion and strengthening of alternative care systems in communities to better protect children with various protection needs and those in contact with the law.
- In Dadaab, Terres des Hommes (TDH) facilitated a three-day training for 25 block leaders, Child Protection Committee (CPC) and community members at Hagadera Camp. The objective of the training was to reinforce community child protection mechanisms, in the same vein, SCI conducted a two-day training on CPIMS+ for 15 community staff, the training was aimed at enhancing efficiency and effectiveness in case management processes through strengthened competency of CPIMS data.

Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV)

- During the reporting period, a total of 11 cases were reported and provided with the necessary support across the three refugee camps. These include seven cases of physical assault and four cases of rape. All the Survivors received psychosocial counselling and referrals were made to the police and to hospitals as appropriate. Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) will continue to follow up with the police to ensure that proper investigations are conducted and witnesses record statements thereby aiding in survivors' access to justice.
- There was no discharge or admission to the 'Safe-Haven' or protection areas during the period. Currently, the 'Safe Haven' has 11 households which are female headed with 30 individuals and 21 children. Each family was supported with food and non-food items, kitchen gardening, psychosocial support and referral to other service providers as per identified needs. While the Protection Area hosts 10 SGBV survivors.
- In the effort to prevent and respond to SGBV, Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted a follow-up session with 125 mentors and mentees. Men were able to share and learn from one another experience. The abuse of drugs was identified as a factor causing SGBV. Boys shared their experiences and requested for the mentorship program to be extended as it provides 'safe-haven'. There is still need for learning materials for mentees, and more boys to be targeted for mentorship program especially, Somali Bantu communities, as most of the community members are involved in child labor at Ifo market and there are quite a number of children from the Bantu communities that are out of school.
- Peer to peer networking sessions for women was conducted by DRC in IFO reaching 80 women from the host community, where the women got an opportunity to discuss SGBV related issues that affect

them and the coping skills. They were given information about SGBV services in the camp and referral mechanisms available.

Access to Justice

- During the reporting period, the detention facilities in Garissa held 67 Persons of Concern in the two facilities comprising of 43 convicts and 24 remanded.
- RCK conducted detention/police station monitoring at the various police posts in the three camps. It was observed and reported that in the month of February, majority of cases reported were minor assault cases which were solved using the block leaders as they mainly involved tap stand conflicts, shelter, family, boundary disputes among others. Furthermore, a total of seven cases, namely: discrimination, assault, defilement and insecurity were reported at the legal aid and followed up at the police station.
- The Dadaab mobile court sitting, presided by Chief Magistrate, was in session from 24 to 27 February during which a total of 48 cases were heard involving 63 accused persons. Of these, RCK represented 15 cases of SGBV, two cases of unlawful presence and two cases of human trafficking.
- In the effort to improve access to justice to persons of concern, RCK conducted a legal aid clinic reaching 39 clients and appropriate referrals to relevant agencies were conducted. The persons of concern presented issues of discrimination, lack of proper shelter, insecurity and assault and follow-up was initiated to support the impacted individuals.
- In Dadaab, RCK conducted a leaders' meeting in Dadaab reaching 30 individuals drawn from the key host community leaders, namely: District Peace Committee members, religious leaders (Sheikhs), representatives of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and youth leaders. The objective was to inform the leaders about the 2020 projects that RCK shall be implementing in the camp and in the host community, possible areas of collaboration and strengthening the working relationship between the host community leaders and RCK. The leaders requested RCK to assist on legal issues relating to gender-based violence reporting and referral pathways.
- The camps remained calm during the reporting period. However, the monitors reported that due to the ongoing relocation of non-Somali refugees to Kakuma, an atmosphere of anxiety was reported because of the misconception that the remaining Somali refugees would be forced to repatriate to Somalia. The monitors advised the persons of concern to only rely on information communicated through the right channels of RAS, UNHCR and partners. The monitors also reported that there is general shortage of medicine in Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) hospitals. People are compelled to purchase the medicine at steep prices from pharmacies in the market. Moreover, individuals were forced to travel all the way to MSF hospital in Dagahaley from IFO or Hagadera camps to acquire the medicine and as a result face the risk of being arrested along the way during police patrols.

Persons with Specific Needs

- A total of 471 PWDs were reached by Lutheran World Federation (LWF) during the reporting period with rehabilitation services at the rehab centre. Among the services provided are physical therapy, occupational therapy and postural management and mobility aid training. The services also entail the repair for devices such as wheelchairs and crutches. PWDs continued to express fear on the alert

issued on the “chikungunya disease”. Staffs at the rehabilitation centre have been informed on the infection prevention measures to reduce the spread of the disease.

- UNHCR WASH partner, CARE International fabricated nine disability-friendly toilet seats using the local materials. The toilet seats will be issued to the vulnerable persons with disabilities in Hagadera.
- Humanity and Inclusion (HI) referred 11 PoCs to corrective surgery at CURE Kijabe hospital. The surgery will improve their functionality. Out of this, seven PoCs were referred for prosthesis fabrication and fitting in Nairobi Kangemi rehabilitation centre.
- Humanity and Inclusion conducted a two-day training on barrier and facilitator removal targeting humanitarian workers in Dadaab on 20 and 21 February. A total of 28 humanitarian workers were trained on providing enhanced services to PWDs. Humanity and Inclusion also supported LWF in training special needs education teachers on disability inclusion to refresh the teachers’ knowledge on disability. HI has started a three-month pre-vocational training for adolescents with intellectual impairment in Ifo and Dagahaley refugee camps. The training targets to benefit 40 adolescents with skills on henna application, tie and dye and liquid soap.
- Mental Health Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) meeting was held on 26 February, the concern raised was lack of psychiatrist in the camp to deal with difficult cases, lack of funds to refer complicated mental cases to Mathare National Mental hospital in Nairobi and the rise of substance and drug abuse. As deterrent measure, mass advocacy campaigns will be commencing in all the three camps. The working group appeals to UNHCR to give priority to MHPSS in current Global Compact Refugee approach among others.
- UNHCR participated in a four-day Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) workshop organized by WFP. The workshop was aimed at developing communication strategy for SBCC. The focus was on changing or positively influencing social norms in support of long-term sustainable behavior change at the population level, fostering long-term shifts in behavior in support of increasing the practice of healthy behavior and increasing correct use of health services and products.



EDUCATION

- Teaching and learning progressed well in all the schools. National Examination Management Information System registration of learners is ongoing.
- As a result of the ongoing relocation of non-Somalis refugees from Dadaab to Kalobeyei, 108 primary school and 29 secondary school non-Somali refugee candidates were registered to sit for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations in Kalobeyei in Kakuma. All non-Somali refugee candidates are expected to relocate to Kalobeyei before the examination period in October 2020.

- Sixty-five refugees are progressing well with education alongside host community learners at Alinjgur Secondary School (a public school) they have been registered to sit for KCSE 2020.
- UNHCR, UNICEF, Sub-County Director of Education, Windle International Kenya (WIK) and LWF held various school meetings with parents and teachers on poor performance in schools. The meetings emphasized the need of improved student school attendance and parents and guardian participation.
- Learners with disabilities continued to benefit from Cash Based Intervention (CBI) in primary and secondary education. The CBI is helping parents and caretakers transport the learners to school. Lack of enough qualified teachers is causing major challenges in the implementation of special needs education curriculum.
- Education technology continued to complement educational resources. LWF-DKH e-learning program was officially handed over to the schools after the training of six teachers from each school and the distribution of 37 tablets and two teacher monitoring devices. Instant Network School centres continue to be vital resource centres for learning and teaching.
- Two secondary school classrooms and more than 20 primary school classrooms have been identified as unsafe for children due to deteriorated infrastructure. UNICEF has provided five tents to the most affected primary schools to mitigate the impact.
- Congestion of learners continue to be reported in both primary and secondary schools. Four primary school teachers resigned from work due to heavy workload occasioned by staff reduction as a result of limited funding.
- Education working group meeting was held on 27 February, chaired by UNHCR. Borderless Higher Education for refugees (BHER) monthly meeting was also held on the same day and education partners attended via video link.



- In Dadaab, the health status of refugees and death rate remained stable within the UNHCR acceptable standards. Chikungunya/Dengue virus outbreak in Hagadera and the infection stands at 170 cases; watery diarrhoea accounted for the highest morbidity with 2,555 cases, followed by bloody diarrhoea and one case of measles reported.
- An average of 1,076 consultations were made, number of consultations per day, per clinicians was 86 below the threshold standard of 50 and 94 per cent deliveries were conducted in the health facilities across the three refugee camps.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

- A total of 2,152 mothers accessed antenatal care services and 564 mothers accessed postnatal care services; 112 individuals accessed ART services.
- A total of 1,854 individuals were admitted to Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP); 481 new admissions to CTC and 295 new admissions for moderately malnourished pregnant and lactating mothers.

**WATER AND SANITATION**

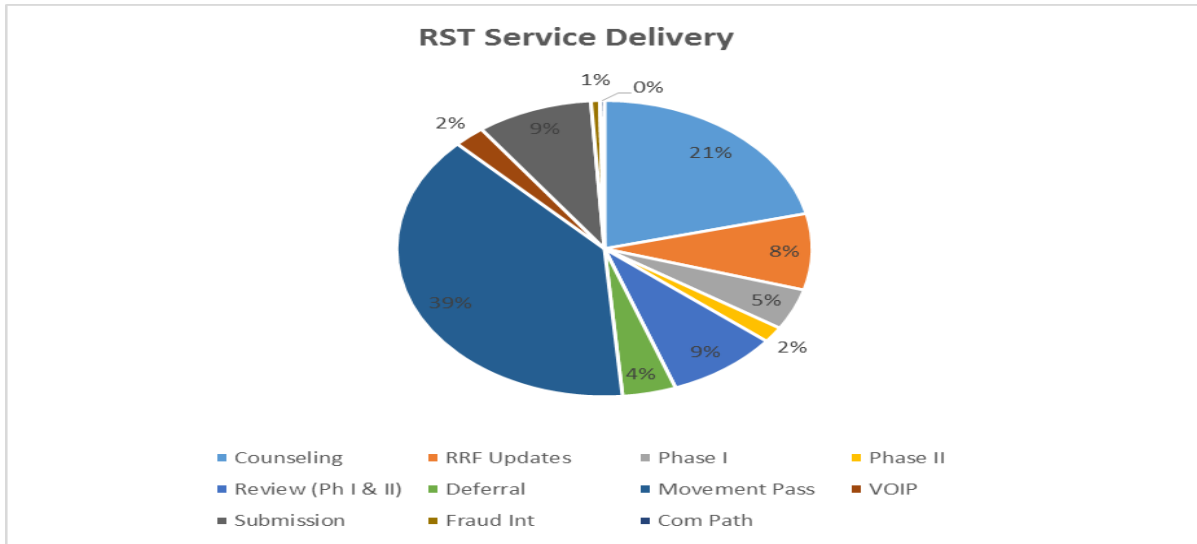
- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average of 24 litres of water per day per capita from 22 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the three refugee camps. Of which 19 boreholes operate on solar PV- diesel hybrid system. The water supply schemes convey water to 38 tanks with a storage capacity of 4,550 m³, distributed through a pipeline network of 235 km and relayed to 668 tap stands with about 2,784 taps dispensing water around the three camps.
- Across the three refugee camps of Dagahaley, Ifo and Hagadera, there were 37,322 household latrines and 250 communal latrines during the reporting period, translating to a coverage of 80. Per cent, 99 sanitation cleaners were actively engaged in managing solid waste in public areas in the camps. The WASH Partner is currently incorporating community structures in camp cleaning.

**LIVELIHOODS AND SELF RELIANCE**

- The Nyota Farsamo women group participated in the pop-up market linkage event in Nairobi village market from 28 February to 1 March 2020, the event was sponsored by Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and International Trade Centre (ITC).
- Digital skills training was held across the three camps, 50 youth are participating in the training which will run for three months. Continuous enrolment of vocational training in trades of tailoring, plumbing, electrical wireman and solar installation. Currently, 77 PoCs are enrolled and undergoing training in Ifo and Dagahaley vocational training centres.
- Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) is ongoing across centres in the refugee camps and Dadaab, where a total of 330 learners are currently enrolled in various skills courses such as: Hair and beauty therapy, tailoring, electrical, journalism, computer secretarial and motor vehicle and mechanics.
- The Dadaab Collective Freelancing Agency was formally registered in the month of February with the Dadaab Sub County Social Development Office and it is ready to solicit funds from the local potential markets and the global market at large to support livelihoods of PoCs.



RESETTLEMENT



- Sixty cases of 61 individuals were counselled on the status of their resettlement cases.
- Twenty-four RRFs of 89 individuals were updated. Of these, 14 cases with 41 individuals for the US, eight cases with 44 individuals for the Netherlands, one case with two individuals for the UK, and one case for New Zealand.
- Phase I Interview for 15 cases with 46 individuals were interviewed for possible resettlement to the UK.
- Phase II Interview for five cases with 19 individuals were interviewed for possible resettlement to the Netherland.
- Deferral for 12 cases of 12 individuals responded to the different resettlement countries.
- Movement Pass was been prepared for 112 cases of 145 individuals and handed over to IOM in support of the USCIS interview and medical screening for the resettlement countries.
- VIOP (Video Conference Interview) RST Unit supported RSC to conduct Video Conference Interview for the Phase III cases family reunification consisting of six cases with 18 individuals.
- Twenty-six cases of 100 individuals for Australia, eight cases of 34 individuals for the Netherlands, nine cases of 35 individuals and nine cases of 32 individuals for USRAP were submitted during this period.
- Other Activities including Fraud investigation conducted for two cases of two individuals. Resettlement Unit also supported one case that needed Complementary Pathway. Additionally, 15 cases comprising of 68 individuals identified through profiling, were approved for resettlement to Netherlands.

**ENVIRONMENT AND ACCESS TO ENERGY**

- UNHCR Dadaab launched the 2020 energy monitoring cycle as spear-headed by the Energy Section of UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva. The office organized bilateral discussions with both Relief, Reconstruction and Development Organization and Fafi Integrated Development Association (FaIDA), UNHCR partners for energy and environment. The objective was to agree on indicators to be monitored in 2020.
- Responding to the call by Government of Kenya for all persons of goodwill to plant a tree on the final day of laying the Kenyan President, His Excellency, Daniel Toroitich Arap, the Sub Office Dadaab planted trees inside the office compound on 12 February 2020.

Working in partnership

In **Dadaab**, Refugee Affairs Secretariat and UNHCR are working together with World Food Programme, UNICEF, IOM, County government of Garissa, Danish Refugee Council, Norwegian Refugee Council, MSF, Save the Children International, Terres Des Hommes, Lutheran World Federation, FilmAid International, Humanity and Inclusion, Refugee Consortium of Kenya and Peace Winds Japan.

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