

## KENYA

### KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

7 – 12 MARCH 2015

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### KEY FIGURES

**45,342**

Asylum seekers received since influx began in December 2013.

**2,759**

UAMS in Kakuma Camp.

**300**

Women who attended the opening of new GBV women's centre

**18.2**

Litres of water provided per person per day in Kakuma.

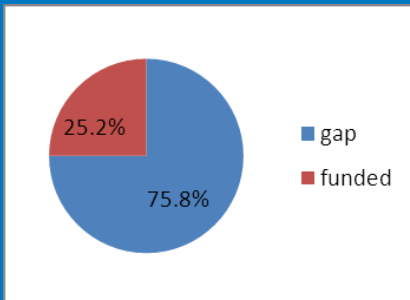
**7,115**

Number of roofed durable shelters in Kakuma 4.

#### FUNDING

**USD 36.5 MILLION**

Requested for the operation



#### PRIORITIES

- Monitor trends of daily new arrivals and their unhindered access to asylum.
- Finalizing Participatory Assessment for 2016 planning

- As at 12 March 2015, Kakuma had received 45,342 asylum seekers from South Sudan. As at 9 March, 181,015 refugees had been registered by UNHCR and DRA, with South Sudanese making up 49.8% of the registered population.
- On 7 March 2015, refugee women led UNHCR and partner agencies to mark International Women's Day. The event which is celebrated globally on 8 March was themed "Make It Happen" and was marked with lots of colourful performances. The Day is a celebration of women's strength and achievements and an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. The various speakers and performances underscored the importance of empowering the girl child and women to become pillars in society.



A South Sudanese group performed a cultural dance as part of the festivities on International Women's Day. UNHCR/ I.Charnetski



A group of refugee women carried a banner with the Day's theme as they led a procession through the camp. UNHCR/ C.Wachiaya

# UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

## Operational Context

- UNHCR has continued to field border monitoring visits to Nadapal three days a week (every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) with the aim of ensuring that asylum seekers received at the border have unhindered access to asylum and are treated humanely.
- The trend of daily new arrivals has remained low; on average about 100 people are received per week. Lutheran World Federation (LWF) manages the centre and has staff based there to receive arrivals and provide them with hot meals and accommodation. UNHCR has maintained a weekly convoy to the border to pick new arrivals who stay at the transit centre for an average of one week. The trend continues to be monitored closely for any possible upsurge.
- Issues of visa charges at the border by Immigration officials continue to pose a challenge to unhindered access to asylum seekers, despite the prima-facie status conferred on them by the Kenya Government. Discussions have been ongoing between the Immigration Office in Nairobi, UNHCR, the Department of Refugee Affairs and the Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) to address the matter

## Achievements

### Protection

#### Child Protection

- As at 9 March 2015, 1,241 new UAMS and 6,799 separated children had arrived in Kakuma since December 2013. Since then to date, 1,177 UAMs including 831 South Sudanese UAMs and 5,043 separated children have been registered, bringing the cumulative number of registered UAMs in Kakuma to 2,759\* and 12,075 separated children.

#### SGBV

#### Achievements and Impact

- A new GBV women's centre was opened during the reporting period. 300 women attended the opening of the centre which will serve beneficiaries in Kakuma 1. SGBV cases and referrals will be handled there.
- UNHCR facilitated SGBV training for 29 participants from Kakuma 4. The training was on proper use of the referral pathways, case management and sensitization on importance of reporting incidents.
- 353 home visits were conducted during the reporting week and 353 cases were assessed for various needs ranging from shelter, material and financial needs. Identified cases will be submitted to relevant agencies for follow-up and immediate intervention

### Education

#### Achievements and Impact

- WFP has introduced a new food basket to the School Meals Programme (SMP). The meal, which is a blend of sorghum-maize porridge, has been in the pipeline for the past one year and is funded by the Bill Gates Foundation. There was positive response from the learners as they took the new porridge for the first time.
- UNHCR has completed the registration process for Hope and Peace primary schools which serve the education needs of children in Kakuma 4. The schools were approved by the County Education Board and certificates of



registration issued. All the 19 primary schools in the camp are now registered with the Ministry of Education.

- Registration for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations was completed for 469 candidates. This is an increase of about 76% from last year’s number of registered candidates. The Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) registration process is ongoing and will be finalized by the end of the month

## Health

The general health status of refugees remained stable during the week. Malaria and Watery Diarrhoea cases are being closely monitored due to their outbreak potential. For four consecutive weeks the number of new cases of watery diarrhoea has been on the increase while the trend for malaria has improved.

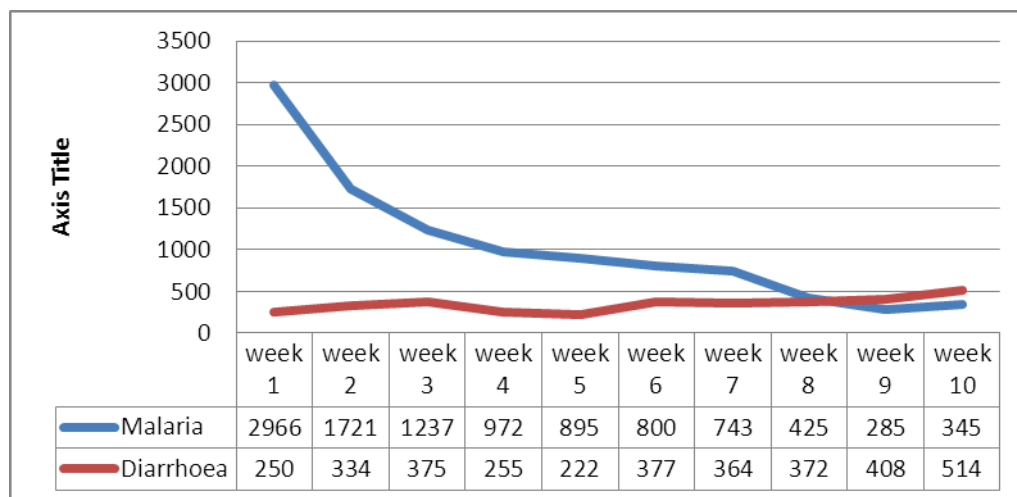


Fig1: Weekly trends of new malaria and watery diarrhoea cases

### Achievements and Impact

- Further investigation and active surveillance is ongoing to assess the geographical distribution of watery diarrhoea cases, identify specific problems related to WASH, tracing and referral of new cases. IRC has put in place active surveillance mechanisms at community level to monitor the trend of the disease. Hygiene promotion activities are also ongoing at household level to sensitize individuals on proper water storage and management.
- The UNHCR-facilitated AMREF outreach mission during the reporting period was comprised of a psychiatrist and ophthalmologist. The psychiatrist reviewed 144 patients with mental health conditions while the ophthalmologist performed 23 cataract surgeries and provided 120 consultations and treatment for various eye conditions. The specialists also conduct continuous medical education as part of capacity building; 24 staff involved in treatment of psychiatric disorders were trained.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There has been a high turnover of staff including doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and trained refugee incentive workers; this creates a gap in consistent efficiency of service delivery to persons of concern. Staff recruitment is ongoing to fill in the gap. UNHCR has also strengthened its partnership with AMREF and AIC Missionaries who conduct monthly outreach missions to the camp for specialized treatment.

## Food Security and Nutrition

- During the reporting week, 19 newly arrived children aged 6-59 months were screened for malnutrition at the reception centre. Among these, 3 had severe acute malnutrition, while 1 had moderate acute malnutrition. The proportion of children with GAM was 20 % and SAM was 15.8%

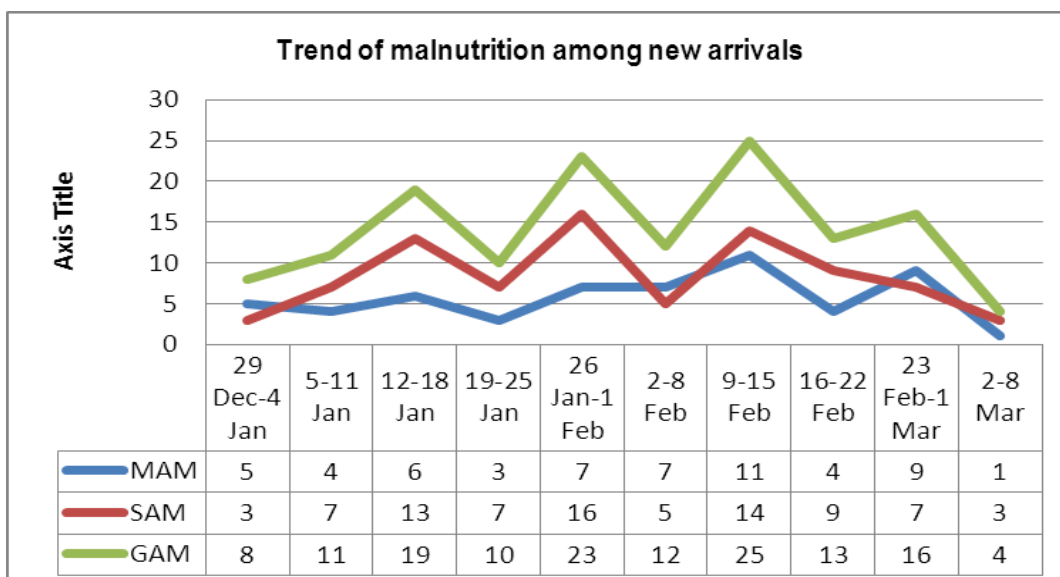
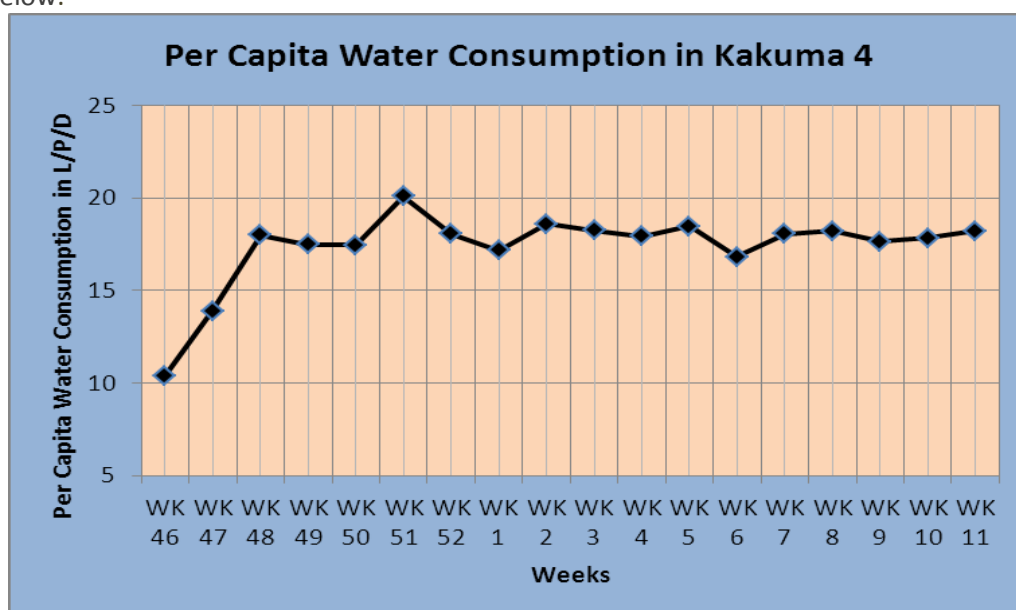


Fig.2: Trend of malnutrition among new arrivals (6-59months).

## Water and Sanitation

### Achievements and Impact

- The total amount of water supplied to residents in Kakuma 4 during the reporting week was 6,077m<sup>3</sup>. This translated to per capita water distribution of 18.2 litres per person per day. The consumption trend is depicted below:



- Water supply to Kakuma 4 is expected to improve once the following works are completed:
  - Final connections of main pipeline from Borehole 6B. The tank has been tested and NRC is carrying out minor repair of leakages before connection to main water distribution pipelines and tap stands.
  - Final connection of borehole 4B once Team and Team international hands it over to NRC. The main pipeline has already been laid. The borehole is expected to pump over 40,000liters per hour to Kakuma 4 based on tested yield of 48,000Litres/Hr. Borehole 4D which has been serving Kakuma 4 will now revert to serving Kakuma 1.
  - NRC has continued to extent pipelines to enable installation of additional tap stands to improve residents’ access to water. 1,011 meters of pipeline have been done in Kakuma 4 and 200 meters in Kakuma 3. Timely service maintenance and repairs on water infrastructure have been undertaken to ensure smooth operations in the camp.



- IRC and NRC have been conducting household water quality sampling and monitoring to identify the causes of watery diarrhoea reported in parts of Kakuma 4. Increasing the water supply to the area from the two mentioned boreholes will also improve access to water for domestic use thereby maintaining good hygiene. Other measures that have been put in place include intensified hygiene awareness at household level and assessment of latrine: user ratio (coverage) and usage. Based on the findings, latrine construction materials will be provided to those without latrines to ensure proper excreta disposal.
- NRC constructed four family shared latrines during the week. Cumulatively, 3,150 latrines have been constructed - 1,325 household latrines and 1,825 family shared latrines. The latrine to user ratio in Kakuma 4 is at 1:15 for both family shared and household latrines. Coverage currently stands at 33.09% for both family shared and household latrine categories and 13.9% coverage for household latrines only.

## Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, UNHCR facilitated the relocation of 120 new arrivals to identified empty shelters in Kakuma 4; these are shelters that were left vacant by individuals who spontaneously relocated to other parts of the camp. More new arrivals will be relocated in the coming week when additional T-shelters are constructed to provide them with adequate and appropriate houses. 1,000 shelters out of the 2015 target of 7,500 shelters will be allocated to new arrivals to gradually reduce the gap as the construction of durable shelters progresses.
- UNHCR conducted a joint assessment with NCKK to identify the road sections in the camp that require urgent rehabilitation before the rainy season begins. About 3.6km of road sections were selected for repairs and seven drifts which turn to pools of water during rainy seasons were identified for hardcore filling.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Kakuma is currently overstretched by over 55,000 refugees and as such progress on the land for a new camp is a priority. While discussions between UNHCR, DRA, the County Government and the host community have yielded some results, there remains the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement before it is officially approved and obtained. The target capacity of the identified land is 80,000 refugees and the layout caters approximately for 1,300 ha of agricultural land.

### Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government, DRA and other partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers is assured. Bi-monthly Inter-Agency meetings continue to be held as well as monthly meetings with refugee leaders from the entire camp.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the emergency operation amount to **US\$ 9.2 million** representing **25.2%** of the requested funding.

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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