

## KEY FIGURES

**47,457**

Asylum seekers received since influx began in December 2013.

**2,877**

UAMS in Kakuma Camp.

**1:14**

The ratio of latrines to users in Kakuma 4

**17**

Litres of water provided per person per day in Kakuma.

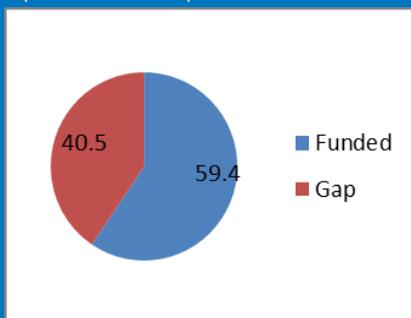
**7,932**

Number of roofed durable shelters in Kakuma 4.

## FUNDING

**USD 36.5 MILLION**

Requested for the operation



## PRIORITIES

- Monitor trends of daily new arrivals
- Maintenance of water network to ensure improved supply
- Reinforcement of El Nino preparedness measures
- Monitor diseases of outbreak potential i.e. watery diarrhea and cholera

## KENYA

# KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

29 OCTOBER – 11 NOVEMBER 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS

- As at 11 November 2015, Kakuma had registered 47,457 asylum seekers from South Sudan. During the reporting period, 96 individuals were transported to the camp from Nadapal. As at 06 November, the total registered camp population was 182,986
- UNHCR in collaboration with UNFPA and UN Women officially launched the **HeForShe** campaign on 09 November. The global campaign has been commissioned by the UN Secretary General and is widely supported by several heads of states including the US President. It recognizes that gender inequality is a human rights issue and encourages men to speak out and take action against inequalities faced by women and girls. The Head of sub office opened the event which was attended by the UN Women Country Director. Male staff from UNHCR and other agencies attended the launch in large numbers to support the initiative.



The **HeForShe** banner was displayed at the UNHCR compound where the campaign was launched. Staff (especially male) from various agencies came out in large numbers to support the initiative. Picture credit: Filmaid/A. Patient

- A PRM team was on a monitoring mission in Kakuma from 04 to 06 November. The officials, based in Nairobi and Washington had briefings with UNHCR, the Deputy County Commissioner and the agencies that implement various PRM funded projects. They also met with refugee leaders.

- UNHCR Kenya officially launched the Artists for Refugees project at the Alliance Française in Nairobi on 04 November. The colourful event was attended by refugees from Dadaab, Kakuma and Nairobi who showcased talent in art, music and culture. The event began with a screening of a documentary on the Project illustrating the work that UNHCR is doing in the camps, together with Filmaid and the Project facilitators and mentors - reknown musician Octopizzo and editorial cartoonist and illustrator, Victor Ndula.



Left: UNHCR Country Representative launches the Project at the Alliance Française in Nairobi. Ambassadors and representatives from the donor community were in attendance including members of the public. UNHCR/C. Wachiaya



Right: Refugees from Nairobi, Kakuma and Dadaab exhibited artwork and showcased cultural dances at the event. Cuba, an artist from Kakuma poses with his pieces.

- Kakuma experienced heavy rains over the last three days which resulted in some flooding in parts of the camp. Some access roads were cut off by flooded rivers rendering parts of the camp inaccessible for some hours. The water levels subsided after several hours.

Right: Parts of the camp were inaccessible for hours due to flooded rivers.



- UNHCR Field teams visited some 120 families that had been relocated to safer areas in anticipation of El Nino. Some of them lost their dry food rations while others' tents were water logged. Following a rapid assessment, all the families were issued with NFIs including sleeping mats and blankets. UNHCR in collaboration with shelter partner NCKK also provided iron sheets and plastic sheeting which will be used to construct 100 T-shelters immediately. Allocation of cash assistance to the families that lost food has been planned. Partner agencies are working with the community to lay sandbags in the affected areas. An excavator will also be deployed to dig trenches and unblock drainage passages to ensure free flow of excess water into the rivers and away from settlement areas.



The Head of sub-Office speaks to some families in the camp as they wait to receive NFIs and building materials to reinforce their houses. UNHCR/C. Wachiaya

- A team from Kimetrica was in Kakuma from 02 to 06 November to conduct training for interpreters and enumerators who will participate in the forthcoming vulnerability assessment survey. The training was finalized on 06 November after which data collection commenced on 08 November and is expected to end on 04 December 2015.

## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

### Operational Context

- UNHCR conducts border monitoring visits to Nadapal three days a week to ensure that asylum seekers have unhindered access to asylum. The border monitoring unit includes staff from UNHCR’s Protection Unit, LWF and IRC and ensures that vulnerable persons are attended to as a matter of priority. IRC sends a medical doctor or nurse at least once a week to carry out initial medical screening. Any emergency cases are transferred to AIC Mission or Lopiding Hospital in Lokichoggio or to Kakuma at the main hospital.
- The trend of daily new arrivals has remained low with less than 100 people received weekly. Arrivals stay at the centre for a week where they receive hot meals thrice a day and sleeping facilities. UNHCR facilitates their transportation to the camp at the week end (Saturdays) and on any required day, depending on the numbers at the centre.



Fig 1: Trend of weekly new arrivals

- Issues of visa charges at the border by Immigration officials have continued with adults being charged KES 5,000 (about USD 50). In some cases however, immigration officials have allowed asylum seekers to pass without paying visa fees; however no clear procedure is in effect at the border on how the application of visa fees is done. Discussions have been on-going between the Immigration Office in Nairobi, UNHCR and the Department of Refugee Affairs to address the matter.

### Protection

#### Child Protection

- As at 11 November, 1,358 new UAMs including 933 South Sudanese UAMs and 6,124 separated children have been registered, bringing the cumulative number of registered UAMs in Kakuma to 2,877 and 13,032 separated children.

#### Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, 10 unaccompanied minors and 18 separated children were received at the reception centre. UNHCR is facilitating a verification exercise of UAMs to physically confirm those who may have changed status through spontaneous family reunification and those who have moved from one camp zone to another. This will be important for proper updates on the database and enable easier follow up of cases.
- The BID panel assessed a total of 22 cases. 98 home visits were made to 989 children in child headed households, foster families and to those with other protection concerns.

#### SGBV

- Seven SGBV related cases were reported during the reporting period. All reported cases received psychosocial counseling, legal and medical assistance to address their immediate needs.
- UNHCR and IRC conducted information and outreach sessions targeting refugees including new arrivals on selected topics including referral to SGBV specialized services, SGBV basic concepts and advocacy to eliminate early marriage. A total of 976 beneficiaries were reached.
- During the reporting period, 15 UNHCR SGBV focal persons were trained on basic concepts of SGBV and the internal referral mechanisms. The training is meant to equip staff with practical knowledge and skills to identify and coordinate timely referral of SGBV cases within UNHCR (internal) and to SGBV lead case management partners and service providers.

## Education

### Achievements and Impact

- End of year exams were concluded in all the primary schools. The teachers are currently compiling and analyzing exams results in preparation for school closure on 13 November. UNHCR field and education officers visited various camp schools to assess the impact of the rains on the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exams. The situation was fine and examinations proceeded without incident. Students from areas that experienced some flooding were assisted to get to school on time.
- Following the prototype phase of the mobile mentorship program targeting teachers in Kakuma, a team of officers from Finnish Church Aid organisation visited the camp on 02 November 2015 to collect data and get feedback from the teachers participating in project. The results of the prototype will be used to set up a teacher continuous professional development programme that includes mobile mentoring to improve teachers' practice and quality of instruction.
- Special Needs Education (SNE) mobilizers visited 73 students under the Home Based Programme during the reporting period. The students' parents received psychosocial support and were trained on how to teach their children basic daily living skills. Two learners with disabilities were also identified and will be placed in SNE schools in January 2016.

## Health

### Achievements and Impact

- The general health status of refugees has been stable with crude mortality rate in the period remaining at 0.2/1000/month while Under 5 mortality rate is at 0.6/1000/month. The indicators have remained within Sphere/UNHCR standards.
- UNHCR is working closely with WASH and health partners (NRC and IRC) to closely monitor cases of watery diarrhea in the camp with the onset of the rains. Activities between the agencies are coordinated to ensure this is well controlled with mechanisms for early detection already in place.
- Three AMREF consultants comprising of a gynecologist, pediatrician and a surgeon were in Kakuma during the reporting period and saw 115 patients cumulatively. 35 patients were reviewed by the gynecologist and eight benefitted from surgery. Over 48 pediatric patients were reviewed with 32 patients seen by the surgeon and 12 benefitting from surgery.
- UNHCR in collaboration with IRC, Sight Savers Kenya and Kakuma Mission Hospital facilitated a cataract and trachoma eye campaign during the period. 30 cases from the camp benefitted from surgery during this campaign.

## Food Security and Nutrition

- During the period under review, 54 newly arrived children aged 6 - 59 months were screened at the reception centre for malnutrition. Out of these, three children (5.6%) were found with severe acute malnutrition and three (5.6%) with moderate acute malnutrition. All identified cases of acute malnutrition were enrolled into respective rehabilitation programs.
- UNHCR in collaboration with health and nutrition partners started the Annual Standardized Expanded Nutrition Survey activities on 06 November. The training of participants is on-going and actual data collection exercise is

scheduled to run from 17 to 24 November 2015. The aim of the survey is to assess the health and nutritional status of the vulnerable groups within the population as well as the household food security status in the camp.



## Water and Sanitation

- A total of 13,108m<sup>3</sup> of water was supplied to refugees residing in Kakuma 4 during the reporting period. This translated to a per capita consumption of 17 l/p/d.

### Achievements and Impact

- NRC hygiene promoters conducted 418 house to house visits where they shared hygiene messages focused on hand washing with soap, proper solid waste disposal and latrine maintenance. 46 latrines were doused with lime to kill odour and vectors. The latrine to user ratio stands at 1:14 for both communal and household latrines. Coverage is 36.4% for both communal and household latrines.



## Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements and Impact

- The topographic survey for the development of Kalobeyei settlement has begun; the preliminary data and information collected have been analyzed for the review of the settlement layout in line with the new contour lines. Based on the new layout, 500 - 600ha of agricultural will be secured along the two rivers crossing the site with appropriate buffer zones.
- The topographical surveys shall provide relevant information to better locate various infrastructure as well as the areas to apportion agricultural and demarcation of different plots. Additionally, it will provide soil analysis information (an expert from the survey firm has been assigned to conduct the soil analysis) along the rivers which will inform on suitability of soil and appropriate drainage systems to put in place.
- Tenders have been analyzed and first batch of constructions/drilling of boreholes will commence in late November upon conclusion of exact locations with enough water availability.



## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

### Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, 48 new arrivals were profiled at the reception center. Agri-business, driving, nursing, plumbing and teaching was among the business skills noted. This information will assist AAHI (the Livelihood partner) to plan targeted livelihood support based on capacities of different groups. AAHI also conducted a life skills and financial literacy training for 35 new arrivals at the reception center.
- During the reporting period, harvesting of vegetables was done at the model farms. The harvested crops were planted in August and included kales, spinach and okra.

## Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Central and County Governments, DRA and other partners to ensure protection and wellbeing of refugees and asylum seekers. Bi-monthly Inter-Agency meetings continue to be held as well as meetings with refugee leaders in the camp.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the emergency operation amount to **US\$ 21.7 million** representing **50.1%** of the requested funding.

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