

KEY FIGURES

49,650

South Sudanese refugees received since December 2013.

2,360

UAMS in Kakuma Camp.

231

Newly arrived children received during reporting period

1,000

New learners enrolled in new primary school in Kakuma 4

22

Litres of water provided per person during reporting period

7,500

Number of roofed durable shelters for new arrivals

FUNDING

USD 18.9 MILLION

Requested for the operation

PRIORITIES

- Monitor trends of new arrivals
- Maintenance of water network to ensure improved supply
- Close monitoring of malaria and watery diarrhea trends
- Hygiene promotion activities to improve household level hygiene
- Follow up on Kalobeiyei settlement development plans

KENYA

KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

01 – 15 FEBRUARY 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- As at 15 February 2016, Kakuma had received and registered 49,650 asylum seekers from South Sudan. This brings the total registered camp population to 186,865 with South Sudanese making up 50% (94,492) of the population.
- IKEA Foundation, accompanied by UNHCR Private Sector Fundraising and Technical support staff based in Geneva, Amsterdam and Copenhagen visited Kakuma from 04 to 06 February. The team came to familiarize themselves with the new Kalobeyei settlement as well as other key livelihoods, energy, education and water projects in the camp. They held discussions with partners on how to identify innovative and sustainable solutions in the development of the settlement for the benefit of both refugees and host communities. IKEA Foundation has raised over 30 million Euros through the Brighter Lives for Refugees project to provide light and renewable energy sources for refugee families. Kakuma and Kalobeyei will benefit from the project that will see 900 street lights and solar lanterns installed.
- The head of DFID Kenya, Lisa Philips visited Kakuma on 08 February to see some of the programmes funded by the donor agency. She was accompanied by UNHCR Senior Programme Officer and WFP Kenya's Deputy Country Director. The mission was briefed on the Kakuma operation and the WFP *Bamba Chakula* (e-voucher cash transfer) project before meeting with refugee businessmen, girls in secondary school and health workers. DFID supports various programmes in child protection, education, health, livelihoods, food and nutrition. Philips reiterated DFID's commitment to support innovative solutions that would enhance delivery of services while equally ensuring sustainable livelihoods and empowerment of refugees and the host community.
- On 09 February, the Officer in Charge, Kakuma sub-office handed over furniture, computers and other ICT equipment to the Deputy Sub-County Commissioner, in the presence of the heads of the area security units (Kenya Police & Administrative Police). This is part of the support that UNHCR extends to the police under the joint UNHCR and Government of Kenya Security Partnership Project (SPP). This partnership has brought significant improvement in security personnel capacity to deliver services.



Mr. Valentine Ndibalema, the OIC (right) hands over computers to the Kenya Police Commander, Deputy Sub-County Commissioner & Admin. Police Commander

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- UNHCR conducts border monitoring visits to Nadapal twice a week to ensure that asylum seekers have unhindered access to asylum and are treated humanely. The border monitoring unit includes staff from UNHCR's Protection & Field Unit, LWF and IRC. IRC sends a medical doctor or nurse at least once a week to carry out initial medical screening. Any emergency cases are transferred to African Inland Church (AIC) Mission or Lopiding Hospital in Lokichoggio or to Kakuma at the main hospital.
- The trend of daily new arrivals has experienced a slight surge in arrivals during the reporting period. 313 people were received, up from the previous week's 100.

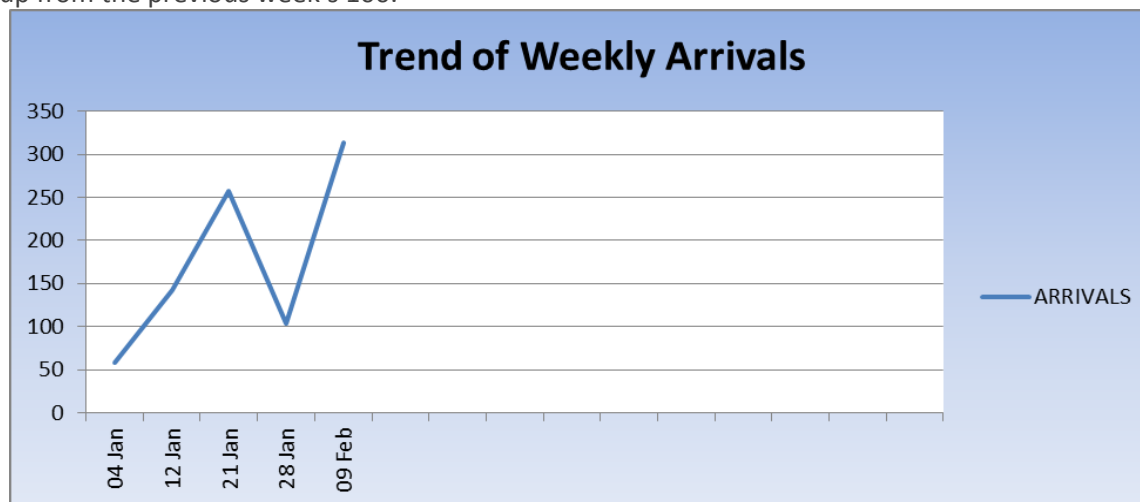


Fig 1: Trend of weekly new arrivals

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

Protection

- From the border monitoring missions conducted by the Protection Unit, it has been noted that the number of new arrivals is increasing steadily. In the past week 313 individuals were received. UNHCR staff and partners at the border (LWF) conducted a quick assessment to establish immediate protection concerns and possible reasons for the surge. The findings revealed that:
 - Women and children form the larger majority of the new arrivals; 231 were children (114 boys and 87 girls).
 - Majority of the new arrivals are coming from Eastern and Central Equatoria region and majority are from the Lotuku tribe.
 - Reasons cited for flight included need for education, insecurity, food shortage and family re-unification.
- UNHCR in collaboration with relevant partners has made plans to rapidly recruit additional interpreters of Lotuku language. A review of available NFIs in stock has been done and the shelter allocation to accommodate the needs of new arrivals. An additional social worker will be deployed to Nadapal in the next convoy and UNHCR will coordinate with colleagues in South Sudan to monitor subsequent movements.

Child Protection

- As at 15 February 2016, there were 2,360* UAMs registered in Kakuma, including 987 South Sudanese and 12,189 separated children including 5,199 South Sudanese who have been registered, assisted and supported. UNHCR in coordination with Child Protection partners assessed 231 newly received children, out of whom 19 were UAMs and 66 were separated children.
- Plans are underway to identify and prepare additional foster parents who will provide care to new UAMs. Preparedness levels among Child Protection and other related staff has been enhanced to ensure proper handling of increased numbers through better case management, follow up and service delivery.
- Additional child protection workers will be deployed to the reception center on rotational basis as the number of children being received is monitored.

- The Best Interest Determination (BID) panel comprising of representatives from Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK), UNHCR Resettlement, Protection and Community Services Units and LWF Child Protection Unit discussed 19 cases. 124 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were conducted - 44 at the reception center and 80 in the community. 198 home visits were made to 1,886 children in the community to monitor their status.

SGBV

- During the reporting period, 14 SGBV cases were reported and assisted to access specialized services including psychosocial counseling and medical treatment to address immediate needs. Out of the reported cases, 5 were sexual violence related, 2 happened in County of Origin, 4 cases of psychological violence, 5 were physical assault, and 1 case of denial of resources/opportunities.
- 1,105 beneficiaries were reached during the awareness sessions conducted in the camp at block level.. The awareness information disseminated was; basic concepts of GBV and referral pathway, importance of reporting rape cases within 72 hours after the assault.

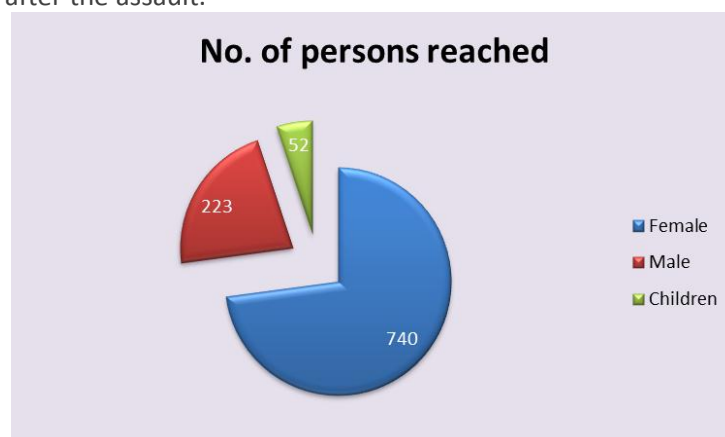


Fig. 2: Number of persons reached during SGBV awareness sessions

Persons with Special Needs (PSNs)

- UNHCR provided 243 vulnerable persons including the elderly, persons with serious medical conditions, disabilities and women at risk were supported with NFIs (kitchen sets, blankets, jerricans and mosquito nets) to meet their immediate needs. NCKK supported four vulnerable persons with cash assistance.
- 35 children benefited from occupational therapy to improve their daily living skills which include sitting and walking. Five persons with disabilities were issued with assistive devices (wheelchairs, auxiliary crutches and walking canes) and 48 devices were repaired.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- A new primary school constructed towards the end of 2015 in Kakuma 4 was opened. Two national and six incentive (refugee) teachers were posted to start off teaching and learning activities. About 1,000 learners have been enrolled. The main objective is to decongest Hope and Peace primary schools and new admissions of children who are joining school for the first time.
- 44 teachers were recruited and deployed in various schools in the camp. The teachers will be assisted by the head and academic teachers to undertake their duties as they wait for a detailed induction in April. The new teachers will take up positions left by head teachers and teachers who left for resettlement, exited to other jobs and others who returned to South Sudan.
- The two Instant Network Schools (INS) centres in the camp; the community hub and Greenlight secondary school are fully online following completion of internet installation at the centres. The use of the INS kits which were donated by the Vodafone Foundation has been impressive with 3,156 users benefitting from them. Completion of the educational content digitization exercise has been planned for the last week of February. The exercise will further enhance the use of the kits.



Achievements and Impact

- The overall health status of the new arrivals and of the pre-existing camp population remained stable. The Crude Mortality Rate was at 0.2/1,000/month and under-five mortality rate at 0.6/1,000/ month which are with UNHCR standards.
- During the period under review, it was noted that the high number of reported malaria cases over the previous month has started to reduce as illustrated in the graph below:

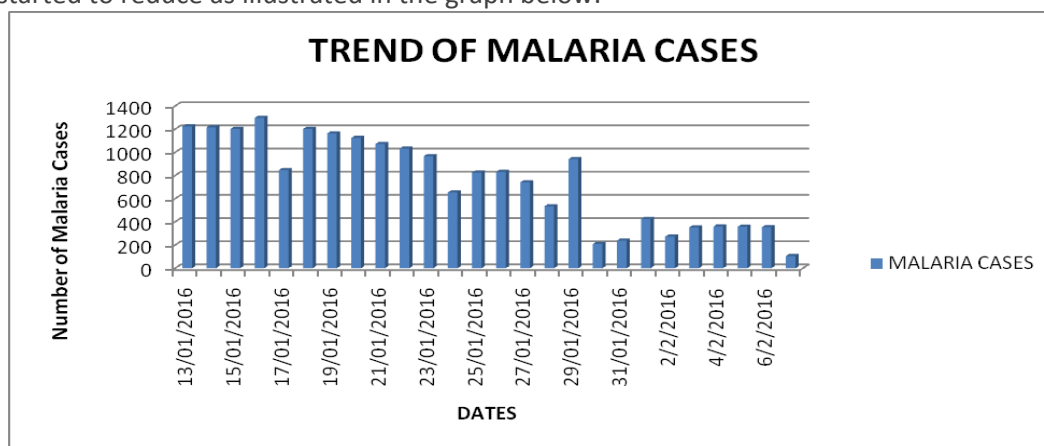


Fig. 2: Trend of malaria cases reported since January 2016

The cases have declined as a result of the rains stopping hence breeding of mosquitoes has reduced. Mosquito breeding sites have been sprayed with larvicides. Treatment of all cases with drugs that completely eliminate the has also played a role in reducing the transmission.

- UNHCR has facilitated a consultancy visit by AMREF specialists – a surgeon, radiologist and pediatrician who will be on ground from 15 to 19 February offering specialized services to beneficiaries in Kakuma.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- During the period under review, a total of 122 children aged 6-59 months were screened by weight for height at the reception centre on arrival in Kakuma, out of which 7 (5.7%) were found with severe acute malnutrition and 3(2.5%) with moderate acute malnutrition. All identified cases of acute malnutrition were enrolled to respective rehabilitation programs.

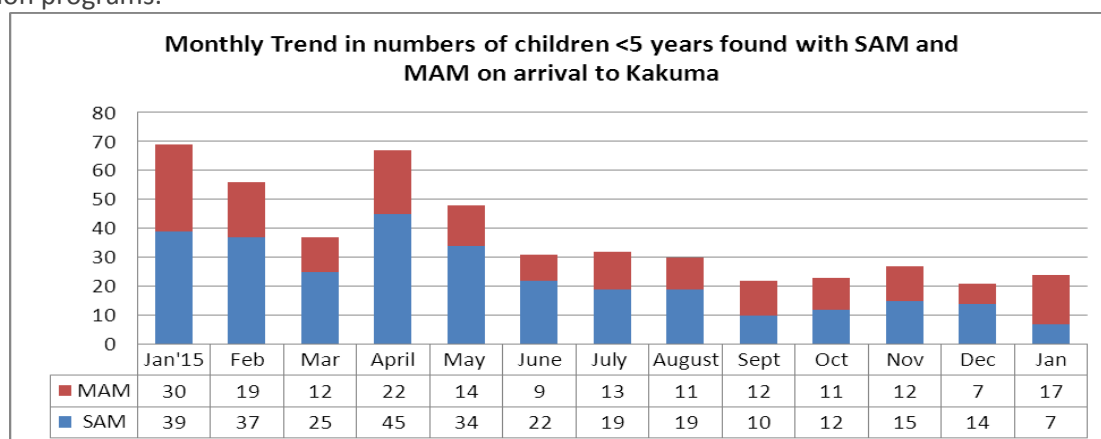


Fig. 2: Trend of malnutrition in newly arrived South Sudanese children

- UNHCR & WFP have organized a round table discussion with different donors including DFID and ECHO on the 15 February 2016 in light of the increased levels of malnutrition in Kakuma camp. The discussions will centre on identifying different ways of tackling the current food insecurity in the camp.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, per capita water distribution in Kakuma 4 was 22.1l following a cumulative supply of 14,942m³ of water.
- NRC WASH engineers repaired leakages/burst of various sizes equivalent to replacing 24 m of pipeline and monitored PH and chlorine levels from households, tap stands and storage tanks with chlorine residuals varying from 0.5 to 1.0mg/l at tap stands and 0.2 to 0.5mg/l at household level.
- Monitoring of water treatment at all boreholes and maintenance of cleanliness at water storage points continued.
- Inspection of water supply distribution system to identify leaks for repairs at areas prone to possible faecal contamination in the water distribution system was done.
- Community hygiene promoters conducted a latrine clean-up campaign in Kakuma 4 where 61 latrines were cleaned. The hygiene promoters demonstrated how to clean and cover the latrines. They also conducted two jerry can clean-up campaigns where 713 jerry cans were cleaned.
- 820 household assessments were conducted to provide awareness on proper water collection and storage, malaria prevention and control and latrine usage.
- 150 latrines were doused with ash to kill odours and 61 stagnant water ponds were drained to prevent mosquito breeding. The hygiene activities were done in collaboration with community members.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, 50 new arrivals were profiled at the reception center to match them with existing livelihoods opportunities. AAHI had a community awareness meeting to inform members of various livelihoods groups on the revolving fund and the requirements for loan application.
- AAHI constructed 35 culverts for the rehabilitation of 12 shallow wells - the rehabilitation of the wells is expected to increase water availability for irrigation. This comes after a monitoring exercise revealed that the water table of most shallow wells has reduced, hence the need to deepen them.

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. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and co-chaired by DRA continue to be held including monthly meetings with refugee representatives in the camp.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total requested funding for the operation amount to **US\$ 18.9 million**

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 unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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