

DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

UNHCR DADAAB MONTHLY UPDATE

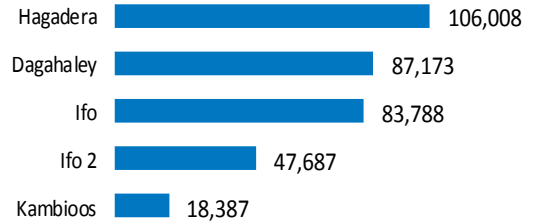
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UPDATES

Population as of 1st June 2016: **343,043**

Refugees: 339,955

Asylum seekers: 3,088



HIGHLIGHTS

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees visit to Dadaab

- UNHCR chief Filippo Grandi has visited Kenya's refugee camps for the first time as the High Commissioner for refugees. While visiting Dadaab camps on Friday 10th June, he met with refugees, host community representatives, government officials, UNHCR staff and other workers from various organizations based in Dadaab.

He also visited a family in Ifo camp (one of the five camps in Dadaab established in 1991). Refugee leaders representing youth, women and other groups thanked the High Commissioner for his efforts in engaging the international community to find solutions for refugees. They however asked him to rally more support for the Dadaab community (both refugees and the host community).

"It should be in the international community's interest to promote stability in Somalia. A stable Somalia will promote voluntary repatriation." One of the refugee leaders told him.

The High Commissioner on his part thanked the refugees for their resilience. He told them that the search for durable solutions for refugees has not been easy but UNHCR will continue to work with the Governments of Kenya and Somalia and it will try to seek more support from the international community.

"Voluntary repatriation is the most important durable solution for refugees and it should always happen in conditions of safety and dignity." He added.

Both the High Commissioner and refugee Representatives thanked the Government of Kenya for its generosity of hosting refugees for many years and its efforts to promote asylum.



UNHCR chief Filippo Grandi talking to a refugee during his visit to Dadaab camps.

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Protection

- UNHCR organized for the distribution of 49 bicycles to Community Peace and Protection Teams (CPPTs) leaders across the camps. This will help to facilitate their community based security system in support of camp safety.
- **Registration:** Out of 2,593 new-born babies that were issued with birth certificates following the visit of the Garissa County Civil registrar in April and May 2016, 1,107 were registered into UNHCR data base during the period under review.
- **Counselling:** 206 protection cases were provided with counselling in the camps at the Protection Help Desks during the reporting period.
- **Access to Justice:** 23 individuals were able to access justice through the Kadhi's court for individuals having family matters and professing Muslim faith.
- **Legal Aid and Representation:** UNHCR supported RCK to attend to 37 refugees requiring legal aid and representation in court to all refugees facing various charges in Garissa court. 140 Persons of Concern were reported to be in the prison centers in Garissa with two children at the Children's facility.

Child Protection

- From 13th to 15th June 2016, Save the Children in collaboration with UNHCR's Protection Unit facilitated workshop on the Child Protection Minimum Standards (CPMS). The workshop emphasized ways in which participants and their respective agencies can utilize the CPMS to establish common approaches in child protection, and strengthen coordination between them. Discussions highlighted the critical gaps and best practices in the quality of the child protection response in Dadaab, and participants from UNHCR and partners explored strategies for mainstreaming child protection into other humanitarian sectors. Representatives from refugee Children's Assemblies also participated in the workshop where they raised key issues affecting them, inter alia water shortages in Ifo 2 schools, the need for awareness raising on reporting child abuse and exploitation, and anxiety among children in the wake of the Kenya Government's announcement on the camp closure.
- The Dadaab Inter-Agency Best Interest Determination (BID) Panel meeting was held on 8th June. In total, 42 BID reports of children in need of consideration for durable solutions and interventions for children facing diverse protection risks were discussed (29 resettlement-related, 11 identifying temporary care arrangements, 1 voluntary repatriation-related, and 1 RSD-related). Of these, 36 BIDs were approved by the Panel, with the remaining six deferred for further clarification.
- UNHCR participated in the Child Protection network meeting that was held on 8th June at Garissa County Headquarters. In attendance was the Deputy Governor for Garissa County who endeavoured to introduce children issues affecting both refugees and Kenyan children at the Garissa County Government executive committee.



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Sexual and Gender based Violence (SGBV):

- 27 cases in Dagahaley, Ifo and Ifo 2 were deliberated upon during the bi-weekly case conferences. Appropriate interventions were provided.

Education

- The school timetable for primary and secondary schools have been adjusted to accommodate the holy month of Ramadhan. Throughout the Ramadhan period, learning will take place from 6.30 am to 1.00 pm.
- UNHCR and Vodafone Foundation engaged the services of Chloride Exide Company to conduct a survey on the solar system installations in 13 Instant Network schools. The survey will ensure the system adheres to safety standards and operates efficiently. The survey started on 14th June and will be conducted until 17th June.
- 30 teachers working with Windle Trust Kenya benefitted from a training on guidance and counselling was conducted by the Kenya Equity in Education Program (KEEP). Additionally 56 head teachers from 5 camps benefitted from a training on school club management.



Students in their classroom at Hurmod Primary School, Ifo camp of Dadaab, Kenya.

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Food Security and Nutrition

- The general food distribution for the month of June was commenced on 2nd June. It was completed successfully across all the five camps by 11th June with no major incident reported.
- On 13th June, UNHCR nutrition and food security team was part of a WFP mission which hosted a delegation from the Embassy of Japan in Kenya, in Ifo camp of Dadaab. The delegation handed over Super Cereal Plus, a fortified special nutrition product for children, pregnant and lactating women. The delegation also toured the WFP food distribution centre and had a meeting with the local leadership, appreciated the support that the Japanese government has given through UNHCR and WFP.
- On 15th June, Kenya Red Cross conducted a community dialogue meeting as part of the routine community activities under the nutrition programme, which seek to improve Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN). The session was attended by 20 mothers in addition to MIYCN counsellors, who facilitated the session. Discussion topics included early initiation of breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding, complementary feeding and continued breastfeeding.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- 26 livelihoods beneficiaries across the five camps were identify in order to participate in the Market Day on 14th June as part of the WRD celebrations. The expected outcome of the market day was to enhance refugees' linkage with producers, middle business men and the financing institutions.
- 50 youths from Fafi host community benefitted from a two days marketing and innovation skill training. This training will enhance the use of creative potential in designing innovative ideas among the youth and allow them to market this creativity as business ventures.

Water and Sanitation

- During the first half of June, on average, the daily water production from 29 operational boreholes was 6250 m3. On average, 23.4 litres of water was supplied per capita per day. Water is chlorinated at the boreholes and regularly monitored Free Residue Chlorine (FRC).

- **Hygiene Promotion:** During the reporting period, 289 Hygiene promoters were actively engaged in carrying out hygiene promotion campaigns in all camps. All hygiene promoters were fully engaged in cholera response across the camps to carry out community sensitization on good hygiene practices, visiting affected households and responding to WASH needs by addressing negative practices.
- UNHCR and its partner agencies also continue carrying out soap distribution, toilets disinfection and hygiene promotion campaign in the residential areas. During the reporting period, 2,123 Jerry cans and 9,450 pieces of soap were distributed to Cholera affected refugee households in the camps.

Durable Solutions

Resettlement

- During the first half of June, a total of 42 cases comprising of 172 individuals underwent resettlement case composition interviews. 21 cases comprising of 61 individuals were submitted to UNHCR Branch Office Nairobi for onward resettlement to the United States of America. 33 individuals were submitted as new spouses and babies to cases already in the USA pipeline. 61 exit passes were prepared for 226 individuals travelling to Canada, Sweden and USA. 206 individuals were proceeding for CIS interviews in Kakuma camp.

Voluntary Repatriation

- During the reporting period, 1,041 returnees were supported to voluntarily return to Somalia. Four road convoys to Dhobley and one flight to Mogadishu were organized. In total of 15,229 Somali refugees returned home since 8th December 2014, when UNHCR started supporting voluntary return of Somali refugees in Kenya.



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Refugees from Dadaab camps board buses to be transported to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation program.

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