

Kakuma Camp Weekly Update as at 01 April 2014

The past week has seen a total number of South Sudanese asylum seekers received as of 1st of April 2014 to 31,240. 31st March marked the end of phase 1 under our CP. If the current trend continues we would reach the 50,000 mark by July 2014. The office will soon embark on revising the submission for 100,000 projected influx by the end of the year.

Following a GOK announcement by the Minister of Interior that all urban registration centres be closed and that all urban refugees must relocate to Kakuma and Dadaab, we are working with RCK to monitor and intervene in cases of harassment and arbitrary arrest within our flight corridor and area of operation. Should the directive be enforced, it would exacerbate our situation in that we would be dealing with influx from both SS and urban centers at a time when DRA is struggling to secure land for the second camp.

1. PROTECTION

I. General Protection

Protection Unit maintained a presence at the border during the reporting week. The monitoring ensured that asylum seekers had safe access to the Kenyan territory. No cases of Refoulment were reported as the Immigration Department continued to receive and issue entry clearance to South Sudanese arriving at the border. This was done in conjunction with the Department of Refugee Affairs.

During the week the border monitoring teams came across the following:

- Few asylum Seekers leaving Kakuma Camp with the intent of returning to South Sudan. They were sensitized on the situation in the country of origin and the risks involved especially in certain hot spots so that they can make informed decisions.
- Asylum seekers/ Refugees returning from South Sudan. Some had gone to visit relatives while others had repatriated but had to flee owing to the on-going fighting.

II. Child Protection

Separated Children

- As at 31 March we had a total of 8,339 separated children (2,746 f and 5593 m) among the old case load in Kakuma. Another 803 (596 male & 207 female) UAM reached the age of 18years.
- 4,179 separated children have been registered among the new arrivals bringing the total number of separated children in the camp as at 31 March to 12,518 (4,358 f and 8,160 m). 87.7 % (1544) of the 1759 new separated children that have completed DRA & UNHCR registration are from South Sudan including 745 from Jonglei, 247 from Central Equatorial and 188 from Upper Nile)
- Monitoring of the situation of children in the communities continues as a regular part of the child protection efforts

Unaccompanied Children

By the end of March we had a total of 2,324 (584 f and 1,740 m) unaccompanied children among the old caseload another 454 UAM had reached the age of 18 years.

- 489 UAMs have been received among the new arrivals (182 f & 307 m) bring the total UAMs in the camp to 2,813 (766f & 2,047 m) March 31. 65% (299) of the 460 UAMs

- that have completed the registration process are from South Sudan including 87 from Jonglei, 69 from Easter Equatorial and 35 from Upper Nile.
- The number UAM among the new arrivals has reduced because some of the children who were initially identified as UAM where able to trace their relatives in the camp with support from the Red Cross.
 - 334 UAMs have been placed in alternate care including 48 children in group care (the children are put into households of their own and linked to support families in the communities to assist with monitoring their situation) and 295 have been placed in foster care with foster parents.
 - To protect the children, UAMs are kept at the reception center until they are fully registered and alternate care arrangements are made before integrating them into the community.

III. Education

- Standard school assessment was carried out primary and secondary schools between the dates 25-28 February 2014. The assessments was conducted by 6 assessors from the MoE Turkana County in collaboration with LWF education office, with the objective of the registration of camp schools with the Ministry of Education and assess the adherence of camp schools to MoE standard.
- 75 (12 female) new teachers attended a 6-day induction course. The training was based on pedagogy and was facilitated by internal trainers from LWF. The training equipped the teachers with knowledge and skills on preparation of professional documents and lesson delivery.
- The emergency tented school at the new site which was blown away by strong winds last month has been re-opened with 11 reinforced tents. A total of 1803(673 female) children from pre-unit to standard seven have been registered but the numbers continue to grow with the increasing refugee influx. We are planning to open a second school by the end early
- Construction work for the first 10 of the 20 Semi permanent classrooms to replace the tented classroom commenced this week. NCKK would complete the 10 units by end of April 2014. UNICEF is expected to start construction on additional 10 class rooms.

IV. Registration

- Total camp population as at 1st April 2014 stood at 162,033 of which 148,369 have been registered
- As at 1st April 2014 UNHCR has registered 18,371 new arrivals out of the total figure of 31,240.

V. Refugee Status Determination

- By end of 31st March 2014, some 19,414 cases of 60,814 individuals were pending first instance RSD interview. Majority of them are from South Sudan (11,282 cases of 41,187 individuals), Congo DRC (1,978 cases of 5,183 individuals), Burundi (1,907 cases of 4,409 individuals), Sudan (1,773 cases of 4,507 individuals), Ethiopia (1,564 cases of 3,017 individuals), Somalia (485 cases of 1,742 individuals) and Uganda (262 cases of 453 individuals). Cases from other nationalities pending first instance interview added up to 163 cases of 316 individuals.

VI. Resettlement

- A USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) Circuit Ride to Kakuma, Kenya was undertaken from February 18 – March 06, 2014 to process eligible refugees

- for the US Refugee Admissions Program. The USCIS Team adjudicated approximately 432 cases/1338 individuals.
- A Pre-Screening Circuit Ride to Kakuma, Kenya was also undertaken by Resettlement Support Center (RSC) from 07-21 March 2014 to pre-screen 122 cases/ 360 individuals.
 - A US State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM) delegation undertook a mission to Kakuma on 24 March 2014.
 - The Three ICMC deployees based in Kakuma attended a training on *Sexual and Gender Non-Conformity: What Refugee Professionals Need to Know and Do*. The two-day training was organized by ORAM (Organization For Refuge, Asylum and Migration) in Nairobi from 26 March -27 March 2014 in Nairobi, Kenya.

VII. Training of Government Officials

- PDU and RCK undertook one day Legal Outreach training at Lokichoggio on 28th March 2014 for Law Enforcement Officers, Immigration and DRA staff.

VIII. Missions

- A Joint DFID/ECHO team undertook a two-day mission from 27 to 28 March 2014. The team visited the Nadapal border where they interacted with the new arrivals, partners on the ground and government officers. In Kakuma the mission visited the Reception Centre and Kakuma 4 and also held meetings with IPs. The mission had a debriefing session with partners and WFP before departure to Nairobi.
- A mission was also undertaken by staff from the Regional Support Hub and BON to look at livelihood efforts and make recommendations on ways of enhancing this interventions.
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2. PUBLIC HEALTH

- An Annual technical review workshop was held at the UNHCR Conference Room from 24th–26th March 2014 coming up with practical recommendations to increase community participation in addressing their health issues. The workshop was attended by specialists in Health, HIV/AIDS, Food/Nutrition and WASH from UNHCR-RSH, UNHCR-BON, IRC-Kakuma/Nairobi, MSF-B, NRC, Film-AID, LWF, WFP, UNHCR-SOK, Ministry of Health and UNICEF-Lodwar.
- Basic Health Indicators for health remained within the normal limits. Mortality was reported among new arrivals.

I. Measles

- Measles outbreak is waning. Only 2 cases are still admitted at the Kakuma camp hospital. No new suspected case of measles has been detected at the Nadapal border point for the last 7 weeks. However, a few sporadic cases are still being identified in the camp. As at 2nd April 2014, a cumulative total of 159 suspected and confirmed cases have been seen since the outbreak was detected. Of these cases, 31 were treated at Lopiding hospital and 128 at Kakuma camp hospital. Only 1 death was recorded in the camp (case fatality rate of 0.6%).
- Routine immunization and emergency immunization against measles, polio and other vaccine preventable diseases is on-going at the border and in the camp to prevent any outbreak of vaccine preventable diseases.
- A cumulative total of 318 severely malnourished children, 187 (57.5%) of them new arrivals, were still enrolled in the outpatient therapeutic feeding program (OTP). Adequate supplies were available for rehabilitation of all malnourished children.

3. FIELD

- Since commencement of the rains in Kakuma the operation has witnessed floods which have made transporting new arrivals from Nadapal to Kakuma a challenge both enroute to the camp and towards the Reception Centre.
- A total number of 1,475 asylum seekers were received and accommodated at the reception centre. They were all provided with assistance which included UNHCR fixing tokens cards, NFIs and wet feeding,
- 2319 including others who arrive from Nairobi and Dadaab were relocated to the community and continue to receive food ration entitlements accordingly.
- Roofing is on-going in the camp. Currently NCCK has finished roofing K3 Z2 B3, Kak 2 Z2 B1; and part of Kak 4 and extension of Kak 3 B1 7, 8, 9 respectively have been roofed for those who have erected the walls.

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