

KEY FIGURES

44,575

Asylum seekers since influx began in December 2013.

3,264

UAMS in Kakuma Camp.

24

SGBV survivors monitored by UNHCR in the previous week

17.4

Litres of water provided per person per day in Kakuma 4.

81

Number of newly arrived children screened for malnutrition at the reception centre.

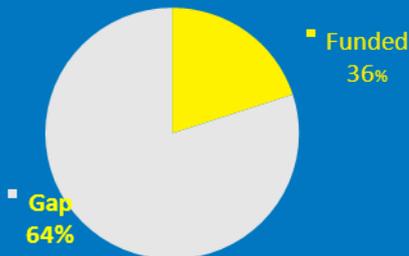
6,329

Number of roofed durable shelters in Kakuma 4.

FUNDING

USD 52 MILLION

Requested for the operation



PRIORITIES

- Continuously engage the youth and community leaders to enhance peace among communities.
- Relocating vulnerable families to T-shelters in Kakuma 4.
- Monitor trends of daily new arrivals and their unhindered access to asylum.

KENYA

KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

4TH – 10TH DECEMBER 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

- As at 10th December 2014, Kakuma had received 44,575 asylum seekers from South Sudan. This brings the total camp population to 179,336. As at 8th December 177,821 refugees had been registered by UNHCR and DRA, with South Sudanese making up 49% of the registered population.
- The 16 Days of Activism against Child Marriage and Gender Based Violence drew to a close on 10th December 2014, which is also Human Rights Day. The annual event which is marked from 25th November to 10th December was commemorated throughout the camp with various activities, including sports tournaments, dialogues and cultural performances that underlined the 2014 theme of “Protecting rights and preserving childhood; working together to address child marriage.”



One of the “youth champions” for advocacy on ending GBV and child marriage is awarded with a certificate by the UNHCR Head of Office for Kakuma and the DRA Camp Manager at the close of the 16 Days campaign. UNHCR/ C.Wachiaya

- Good Neighbors International (GNI), an NGO that fundraises for various global emergency and relief projects has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UNHCR as an operational partner. This follows several assessment missions to the camp during the year to identify areas of partnership with UNHCR. The agency will support the operation from 2015 in the shelter sector by providing 275 shelters for an initial period of 3 months.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- UNHCR has continued to field border monitoring visits to Nadapal daily. The team comprises of the Protection, Community Services, Registration, Resettlement, RSD and Field Units and these missions are conducted with the aim of ensuring that asylum seekers received at the border have unhindered access to asylum in Kenya and are treated humanely. The trend of daily arrivals from Nadapal has declined significantly over the past months, with the number of new arrivals ranging between 20 – 30 arrivals every week. The situation is being monitored closely for any possible surge of arrivals that may require revision of the frequency of convoys from the current weekly trips (scheduled on Fridays).
- UNHCR in coordination with DRA and partners has continued to engage the refugee community leaders and update them on various issues ranging from the food situation to measures in place to ensure security and safety is enhanced in the camp. This is in light of the 50% reduction of food rations by WFP and the need to ensure that the refugees are confident that UNHCR and partners are doing all that is possible to ensure their wellbeing.

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- As at 10th December 2014, 1,068*UAMs (including 774 South Sudanese UAMs) and 4,327 separated children had been registered since the influx begun. This brings the cumulative number of registered UAMs and SC in Kakuma to 3,264 and 13,484 respectively. 30 BIAs were carried out for UASC at the reception centre and 63 for those in the community. UNHCR Child Protection unit will oversee the submission of these cases for follow up and service delivery by various child protection agencies in the camp.
- Six new SGBV cases were recorded during the reporting week and 24 previous cases were visited during the week to monitor their progress after arbitration and getting medical treatment. UNHCR identified 546 SGBV survivors from the camp, including the new arrivals that were issued with second hand clothes; the exercise was done in coordination with the Kenya Police and the local community security from the camp.
- UNHCR in coordination with other SGBV partner agencies conducted an awareness campaign to introduce 150 beneficiaries to the SGBV referral card pathway and hotlines for reporting cases. The awareness also included messages on protecting children's rights and preserving childhoods.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The trend of South Sudanese asylum seekers/refugees crossing back to South Sudan has continued, especially with the Christmas holiday approaching. While some of the people crossing over may not necessarily be asylum seekers, UNHCR continues to closely monitor the trend as there have been reports of genuine asylum seekers being charged visa fees by immigration officials at the border. According to the immigration officials at the border, about 100 – 200 people cross back and forth between Kenya and South Sudan on a daily basis. In the absence of proper vetting at the border for people travelling in and out of Kenya, UNHCR insists that the charging of visa fees is unwarranted and goes against Kenyan and International law while posing a major challenge for access to asylum for South Sudanese.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- The overall health status of the new arrivals and of the pre-existing camp population remained stable. The U- 5 mortality rate remained at around 0.19/10,000/day and crude mortality rate at about 0.06/10,000/ day compared to UNHCR standard of $\leq 1/10,000^*/\text{day}$ for U-5 and $\leq 0.5/10,000^*/\text{day}$ for crude.

The number of registered UAMs may change when a UAM is reunited with a relative. In this case, the UAM becomes a Separated Child UNHCR

- 168 children (new arrivals) including 82 aged between 5 and 15 years were immunized at the reception centre against one or more of the childhood vaccine-preventable diseases in accordance to the Kenya Expanded Program on Immunization (KEPI) protocol. The exercise was conducted in the past week.
- A decline of 26.2% in the number of new malaria cases was recorded during the week from 1,652 in the previous week to 1,219 in the week under review. However, there was a 19.3% increase in the number of new cases of watery diarrhea, from 285 to 353. Promotion of hand-washing with soap or ash at critical times, proper infant and young child feeding practices, improvement in sanitation and potable water supply are ongoing to minimize the number of new watery diarrhea cases.

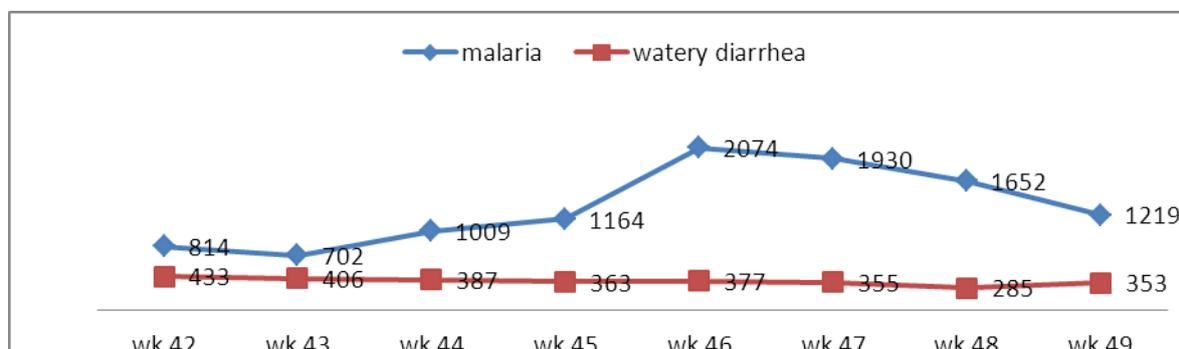


Figure 1: Trend of new cases of malaria and watery diarrhea: weeks 42 – 49

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- The Annual Standardised Expanded Nutrition survey that was carried out in the camp from 17th November was concluded on 3rd December. While the exercise targeted 667 children, over 820 children were screened. The preliminary results show GAM and SAM levels among children aged 6 - 59 months at 7.4% and 0.7% respectively. Based on the indicators for a stable program, the SAM rate was still within UNHCR standards of <2% but the GAM rate was below the UNHCR threshold of ≤5%. The results also indicated a decline in the proportion of children who are anaemic; 41.6% of the children aged 6 - 59 months were anemic compared to 46% in 2013.
- The December GFD which started in the first week of the month went on without any incident. 88% of the targeted population (35,507 beneficiaries) in Kakuma 4 collected their rations despite the 50% food ration cuts by WFP. UNHCR in conjunction with DRA and other agencies continued to engage the community even as WFP strives to ensure the situation returns to normal by January/February 2015



Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- During the reporting period, 81 children between 6 and 59 months were screened by weight for height at the reception centre. There was an increase in the proportion of children found with GAM and SAM among this group compared to the previous week's group; the proportion of those with GAM was 25.9% and SAM was 12.3% compared to GAM of 22.2% and SAM of 11.1% in the previous week. These levels are high compared to the emergency threshold of 15% for GAM and 2% for SAM.
- Due to the increasing number of beneficiaries being served in nutrition programmes that has also led to increased workload and a gap in staffing, some important components of health promotion and prevention of malnutrition like

Mother-Infant and Young Child Nutrition counseling and follow up are not adequately covered. Moreover, the existing infrastructure being used as the stabilization center requires expansion and refurbishing to make the space safe and child friendly.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- The targeted number of 1,755 family shared latrines and 600 household latrines for Kakuma 4 to be constructed by NRC has been reached. As such, the latrine to user ratio at the site is currently at 1:19 which is within the emergency threshold of 1:50.
- Per capita water distribution in Kakuma 4 is currently at 17.4 l/p/d which is an improvement from the previous week's 17 l/p/d. This has been largely through efforts by UNHCR and LWF to increase water supply through the extension of the water pipeline at the site which is currently 35.4km long. The three elevated water tanks have been completed and one is already connected to the existing water supply and is serving residents in the area.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There are less than 100 community hygiene promoters serving the entire camp and out of these, 21 serve Kakuma 4 alone. With a projected figure of 40,000 residents in Kakuma 4, 80 hygiene promoters would be required to serve this population. Currently, the ratio of hygiene promoters to beneficiaries is 1: 2,500 which is extremely high and way above the UNHCR standard of 1:500.
- While the targeted number of latrines in Kakuma 4 has been reached and with the current fill-up rate of 3 - 6 months for family shared latrines, there remains an urgent need for more household latrines. However, issues of space pose a great challenge for their construction.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- NCKK has roofed a cumulative total of 6,329 durable shelters in Kakuma 4. About 75% of the targeted shelters have been roofed ensuring that the number of refugees with adequate housing facilities is increased. The current shelter model that has been adopted is made with eucalyptus frames that act as the support structure for the mud brick walls.
- A further 53 transitional shelters (T-shelters clad with tarpaulin) were constructed for vulnerable families and those affected by floods, bringing the cumulative total to 237 T-shelters. This is against a targeted number of 300 for the emergency response for vulnerable households in Kakuma 4.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The need for land remains a critical and urgent one as there is no more space in Kakuma to put up more shelters. The camp is hosting 60,000 refugees over and above its design capacity and as such service delivery has been overstretched. The over congestion could contribute to friction among refugees and make it difficult for the security organs to properly manage situations as experienced recently. The regular relocations from the reception centre have stalled as a result and with the rains, the need to secure new land to allow decongestion and accommodate new arrivals is very urgent.

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. There have been consistent bi-weekly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and co-chaired by DRA to address the emergency response and issues arising since the start of the influx.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the emergency operation amount to **US\$ 19.1 million**

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