

## KEY FIGURES

**44,953**

Asylum seekers received since influx began in December 2013.

**2,719**

UAMS in Kakuma Camp.

**11**

SGBV cases reported in the past week.

**18**

Litres of water provided per person per day in Kakuma.

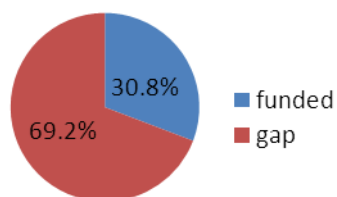
**7,115**

Number of roofed durable shelters in Kakuma 4.

## FUNDING

**USD 29.8 MILLION**

Requested for the operation



## PRIORITIES

- Facilitating general distribution of NFIs to households in the entire camp
- Finalizing Partner Agreements for 2015.
- Relocating registered refugees to vacant shelters in KAK 4.
- Monitor trends of daily new arrivals and their unhindered access to asylum.

## KENYA

### KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

22<sup>ND</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS

- As at 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015, Kakuma had received 44,953 asylum seekers from South Sudan. No new arrivals have been transported to the camp from the border during the reporting period. This brings the camp population to 179,714. As at 25<sup>th</sup> January, 179,415 refugees had been registered by UNHCR and DRA, with South Sudanese making up 49.5% of the registered population.
- The General Distribution for NFIs commenced on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The distribution targets the entire camp population, including the new arrivals. This distribution comes almost 4 years since the last partial distribution was done in 2011.

# UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

## Operational Context

- UNHCR has continued to field border monitoring visits to Nadapal three days a week with the aim of ensuring that asylum seekers received at the border have unhindered access to asylum and are treated humanely.
- The trend of daily new arrivals has remained low with UNHCR continuing to receive new arrivals at the transit centre in Nadapal. The arrivals stay at the centre for an average of three days before being transported to the camp. The trend continues to be monitored closely for any possible upsurge.
- Issues of visa charges at the border by Immigration officials continue to pose a challenge to the unhindered passage of asylum seekers, despite the prima-facie status conferred on them by the Kenya Government. The matter has been raised with the government and the Commissioner of Refugee Affairs in a bid to stop these charges which are against Kenyan and International law.

## Achievements

### Protection

#### Achievements and Impact

- As per LWF data's of 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1,240 new UAMS and 6,643 separated children had arrived in the Kakuma camps since December 2013. Since then to date, 1,151 UAMs including 817 South Sudanese UAMs and 4,856 separated children have been registered, bringing the cumulative number of registered UAMs in Kakuma to **2,735\*** and **11,884** separated children.
- UNHCR together with other child protection agencies carried out 47 BIAs at the reception center and 61 BIAs for UASC in the community. 17 BID assessments were also conducted for 12 boys and 5 girls. 184 home visits were made to new and old foster parents/care givers/child headed households and children with protection concerns during the week.
- 11 SGBV cases were reported in the course of the reporting period (4 cases of physical assault, 5 cases of psychological violence, 1 case denial of resources and 1 case of forced marriage). The survivors received psychosocial counseling services and medical treatment. 57 home visits were conducted in the course of the week to assess the progress of SGBV survivors and vulnerable community members.
- UNHCR facilitated a meeting for all SGBV survivors in the camp where a total of 201 participants attended. Women were able to give their views on some of the empowerment activities that they would wish to be engaged in.

### Health

#### Achievements and Impact

- The health status of refugees remained stable during the week. The consultations per clinician per day was 1:65 compared to 1:62 in the previous week while CMR and U-5 mortality rates remained within UNHCR/Sphere thresholds of <1/10,000 and <2/10,000 per day respectively. The weekly disease surveillance report showed a 21.4% and a 47 % decline in the number of new cases of malaria and watery diarrhea respectively compared to the previous week.
  - General distribution of long lasting insecticide treated nets (LLITNs) commenced on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at a ratio of one piece per 2 persons.
- African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) specialists comprising a pediatrician and a general surgeon were on ground from 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015. The team attended to 87 patients and performed 10 surgeries.

*\*Every week, the child protection data changes as new arrivals come in; some children are reunified with their families hence changing their status. This causes either a reduction or increase in number of UASC.*

- Construction of the new hospital in Kakuma 4 is ongoing with part funding from ECHO of Euro 500,000. AAR Japan and UNFPA have also pledged to support the construction project by erecting and equipping a pediatric ward and an SGBV recovery center respectively.



Consultation rooms



Isolation ward

An additional three out-patient consultation rooms and preparations for installation of pre-fabricated staff accommodation units are under way at clinics 2 and clinic 6 respectively in the camp.

- Immunization against polio and measles for 0 - 15 year olds continued at Nadapal border point by the County Health Team.
- UNFPA donated an assortment of reproductive health kits, comprising family planning commodities, including 50,000 pieces of condoms; delivery sets, HIV Post Exposure Prophylaxis pills, emergency contraceptive pills, manual vacuum aspirators (MVAs) for management of unsafe abortions; antibiotics and other commodities for management of obstetric complications.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There has been a high turnover of staff including top management, doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and trained refugee incentive workers; this creates a gap in consistent efficiency of service delivery to persons of concern. In order to improve the situation, Johanniter International - a German NGO seconded through African Inland Church (AIC) missionaries has seconded 2 clinical officers and 8 nurses to IRC.
- Despite the donation of condoms by UNFPA, the supply is inadequate; the current stock will run out within a month. UNHCR Kenya is exploring ways to purchase 2 million pieces in the course of 2015 which would be enough for about 1 year only.
- Insufficient supply of vaccines and associated supplies, including solo-shots. The amount of vaccines supplied to camps is pegged on the target population of under-1 year olds with no consideration that refugee camps are mandated to vaccinate all children aged 0-59 months. As at 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014, there were nil balances of BCG (TB vaccine); Rota Virus (against infant diarrhea) and polio antigens. Other antigens are also running out apart from tetanus. UNICEF has promised to purchase enough antigens and related supplies to cover all refugee children aged 13-59 months.



### Food Security and Nutrition

#### Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting week ending on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 13 children aged 6-59 months, among the new arrivals, were screened. 10 of the 13 children screened (**76.9%**) had acute malnutrition, 7 (**53.8%**) had severe acute malnutrition, while 3(23.1%) had moderate acute malnutrition. Despite the high proportions of acute malnutrition during the reporting period, the absolute numbers have reduced (only 3 children were found with acute malnutrition.)



96,218 individuals (25,213 households) who will receive kitchen sets, mosquito nets and jerry cans. The beneficiaries include most vulnerable groups and households that have not received NFIs for over 4 years.

- NCKK has continued the roofing of durable and transitional shelters for emergency response in Kakuma 4 and a few others in Kakuma 1, 2 and 3 where attention has shifted to respond to the needs of the older population. As such, 311 mud brick shelters have been roofed while 17 transitional shelters have been constructed. This brings the total number of roofed shelters to 7,115. Good Neighbors International (GNI) Kenya as a recent UNHCR operating partner has been contributing to the shelter project targeting 300 households in Kakuma 1. During the reported period, GNI has been able to construct 28 transitional shelters. The project is ongoing and the remaining shelters will be completed before end of February.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The need for land remains a critical and urgent one as the camp has surpassed its design capacity of 125,000 by over 55,000 refugees, resulting in overstretched facilities and congestion. The camp layout is constantly changing due to the newly established communities and relocations. Discussions between UNHCR, DRA, the County Government, local leadership and the host community have yielded some results – a piece of land has been identified about 20kms from Kakuma. While this is a positive development, the endorsement of the Governor is still being awaited after which technical assessments on availability of water and suitability of the land for a refugee camp can begin.

#### 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. Bi-monthly Inter-Agency meetings continue to be held as well as monthly meetings with refugee leaders from the entire camp.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the emergency operation amount to **US\$ 29.8 million** representing **30.8%** of the requested funding.

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 un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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