

KEY FIGURES

45,697

Asylum seekers received since influx began in December 2013.

2,790

UAMS in Kakuma Camp.

15

New SGBV cases reported during the week

1:15

The ratio of latrines to users in Kakuma 4

15.76

Litres of water provided per person per day in Kakuma.

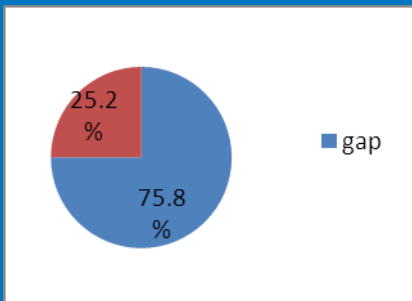
7,115

Number of roofed durable shelters in Kakuma 4.

FUNDING

USD 36.5 MILLION

Requested for the operation



PRIORITIES

- Monitor trends of daily new arrivals and their unhindered access to asylum.
- Maintenance of flood mitigating structures during rainy season.
- Distribution of NFIs to households affected by rains

KENYA

KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

17 - 23 APRIL 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- As at 23 April 2015, Kakuma had received 45,697 asylum seekers from South Sudan. As at 20 April, 182,384 refugees had been registered by UNHCR and DRA, with South Sudanese making up 49.9% of the registered population.
- The UNFPA Country Representative and his Deputy and IRC's Country Director were on a one-day mission to Kakuma on 17 April 2015. The main purpose of the mission was to assess and review ongoing CERF funded activities implemented through IRC and co-funded by UNHCR. The mission was briefed by the Head of sub-Office before visiting the camp where they were able to record gains especially in the SGBV programming with an improved women center (safe space) and construction of a one stop GBV recovery center.
- "Artistes for Refugees" - a livelihoods project funded by UNHCR was officially launched on 20 April with the arrival of Henry Ohanga (commonly known as Octoppizzo), a leading rap musician in the country and Victor Ndula, a respected illustration artist/journalist. The two artistes arrived in Kakuma to kick start the year-long project which aims to promote and nurture talents among refugee youths through the Arts. They have started conducting workshops for refugee artistes with potential in music, cultural arts, journalism, photography and fine art. The main outcome of the project will be to enhance livelihood opportunities for refugee artists who will be expected to continue training other refugees in the camp in order to build their capacity. Ultimately, this will improve their access to alternative livelihood opportunities



- UNHCR Livelihoods Officer from Nairobi visited Kakuma on a three-day mission from 22 April; the objective of the mission is to develop the livelihood strategy, reactivate the working group and review the viability of current livelihood interventions. The Officer has met the new implementing partner, Action Africa Help International (AAHI) and visited some of the project sites and refugees with success stories. A review of the first quarter's activities will also be done including plans for a refugee investment forum which will be held in Nairobi during World Refugee Day.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- UNHCR conducts border monitoring visits to Nadapal three days a week (every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) 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; on average less than 100 people are received per week. In the past week, 61 new arrivals were received. Lutheran World Federation (LWF) manages the centre and has staff based there to receive arrivals and provide them with hot meals and accommodation. IRC staff go to the border thrice a week to conduct health and nutrition screening for children (especially under 5 years) and women. UNHCR has maintained a weekly convoy to the border to pick new arrivals who stay at the transit centre for an average of one week. 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 unhindered access to asylum seekers, despite the prima-facie status conferred on them by the Kenya Government. On average, adults are charged KES 5,000 (about USD 50). Discussions have been ongoing between the Immigration Office in Nairobi, UNHCR, the Department of Refugee Affairs and the Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) to address the matter

Achievements

Protection

Child Protection

- As at 20 April 2015, 1,262 new UAMS and 7,075 separated children had arrived in Kakuma since December 2013. Since then to date, 1,213 UAMs including 844 South Sudanese UAMs and 5,425 separated children have been registered, bringing the cumulative number of registered UAMs in Kakuma to 2,790 and 12,430 separated children.

Achievements and Impact

- In the reporting week, the BID panel which comprises of representatives from UNHCR Resettlement and Protection Units, District Children's Office (DCO), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Kenya Red Cross and RCK conducted a total of 18 BID assessments. At the reception center and in the community, 29 BIAs were carried out.
- 83 home visits were carried out to 1,785 children living in either foster care arrangement or in child headed households for purposes of monitoring and assessment of their living conditions. Children with specific protection concerns were also assessed.

SGBV

- During the reporting period, a total of 15 cases of SGBV were reported and assisted to access specialized services including psychosocial counseling and medical treatment to address immediate needs. Out of the reported cases, seven were sexual violence related, three were psychological/emotional violence, two were physical assault and three were cases of denial of resources, opportunities or services. IRC provided individual and group counseling sessions for identified SGBV survivors and other vulnerable women in the camp.

 Health

- The general health status of refugees remained stable during the week with mortality indicators remaining within Sphere/UNHCR standards. UNHCR and IRC continue to closely monitor the trend of malaria and watery diarrhoea due to their outbreak potential.

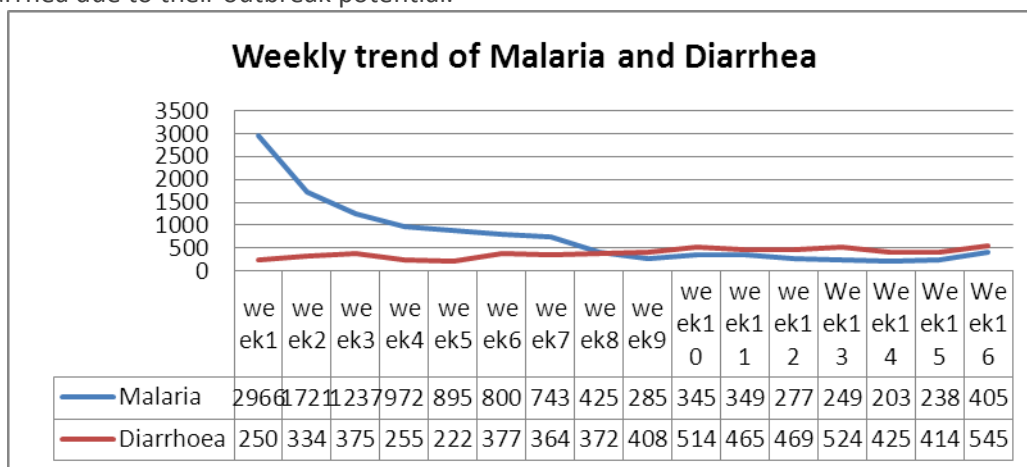


Fig1: Weekly trends of new malaria and watery diarrhoea cases

- Eight suspected cases of measles (five South Sudanese, two Somali and one Congolese) have been identified and isolated; the first suspected case was identified on 8th April and 6 cases have been discharged since then. Blood samples from the cases have been sent for laboratory tests in Nairobi and results are pending. The situation continues to be closely monitored.

 Food Security and Nutrition

- During the reporting week, 33 newly arrived children aged 6-59 months were screened for malnutrition at the reception centre. Among these, four had severe acute malnutrition (12.2%) while three (9.1%) were found with moderate acute malnutrition. All identified cases of acute malnutrition were enrolled to respective rehabilitation programs.

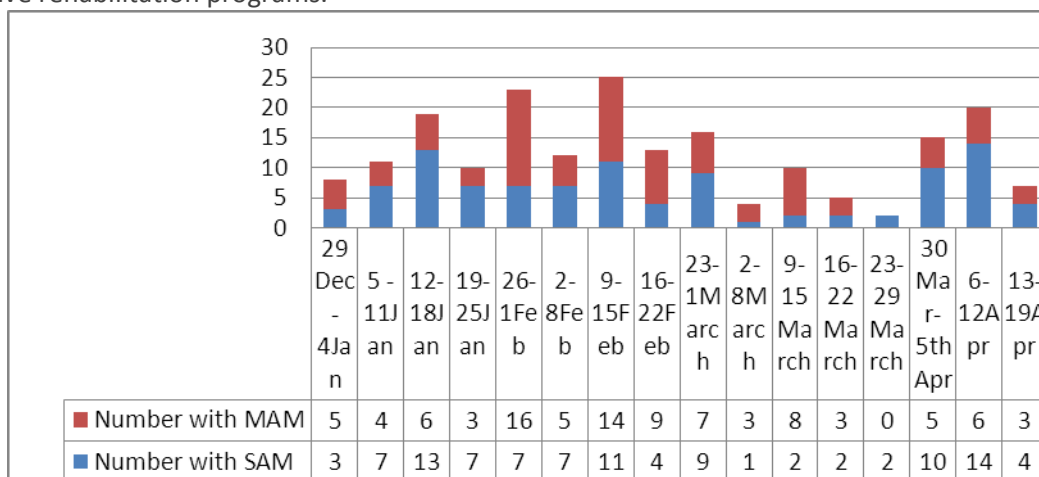


Fig2: Trend of acute malnutrition cases (Under 5 years) screened at Reception Centre.

 Education

Achievements and Impact

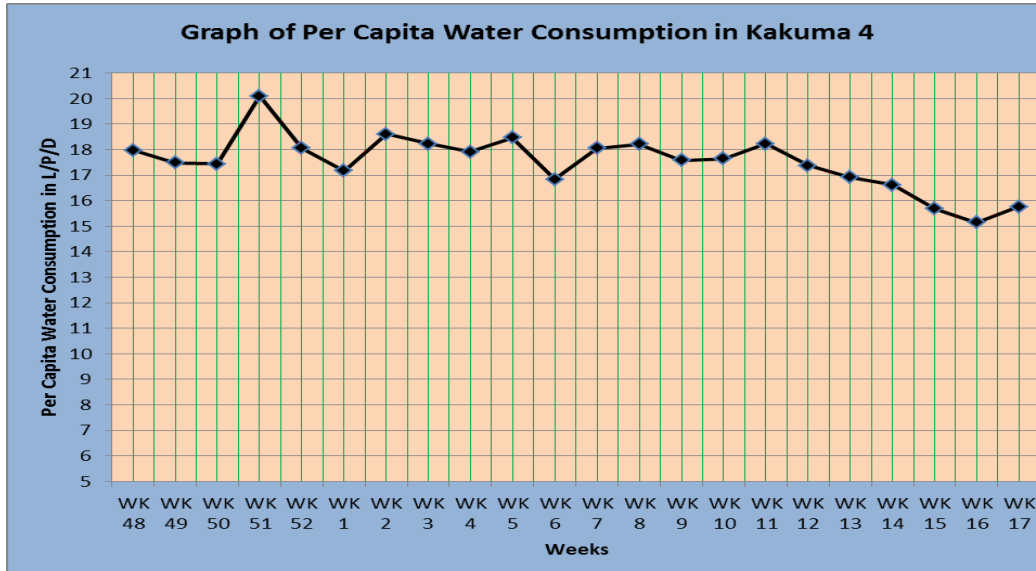
- UNHCR has donated 16 filing cabinets to selected primary and secondary schools in the camp to improve safe storage of teaching and learning materials in the schools.
- Pre-primary school teachers from the camp have reported to Turkana Resource Training Centre in Lodwar for the District Centre for Early Childhood Education (DICECE) training. The school based training

programme will last 3 weeks and the trainees are expected to gain knowledge and skills in Early Childhood and Development.

- World Vision organized a one-day induction workshop on its new disability project targeting NGOs and refugee representatives of the disabled persons from the camp.

Water and Sanitation

The total amount of water supplied to residents in Kakuma 4 during the reporting week was 5,489m³. This translated to per capita water distribution of 15.76 litres per person per day. The consumption trend is depicted below:



Achievements and Impact

- 12 meters of water supply pipeline from borehole 4B to Kakuma 4 was swept away by floods following the heavy rains in the past week. This interrupted water supply to Kakuma 4 for a day while replacement work was being conducted. Supply has since resumed.
- Continuous routine maintenance of the water system and water quality monitoring was carried out during the reporting period as per schedules. This has especially been heightened following the heavy rains.
- No latrines were constructed during the week as the latrine census is still ongoing. Distribution of superstructures may interfere with the counting process either through double counting or mixing-up the data. The exercise slowed down in the past week due to the rains but will be completed by the coming week.
- Latrine to user ratio is at 1:15 for both family shared and household latrines while coverage stands at 33.9% for both family shared and household latrine categories and 14.5% coverage for household latrines only.

Shelter and NFIs

- Kakuma has been overstretched by over 56,000 refugees and progress has been made after extensive consultations between UNHCR, DRA, the County Government and the host community for new land. UNHCR has been informed by DRA that the final draft of the Memorandum of Agreement for the new land has been presented to the Governor’s office for his endorsement.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

- Five graduates from the Don Bosco Vocational Training Centre have applied for the seed capital from AAHI, the Livelihood implementing partner. The group will be enrolled once they meet the selection criteria.

- AAHI has been undertaking a mobilization and identification process for their business and entrepreneurship management course. Over 300 applications have been received; beneficiaries will be identified based on their interests and demands.
- Socio-economic profiling and assessment of livelihood capacities of 3,600 new beneficiaries has commenced. So far, 16 new arrivals have been identified by AAHI as possessing essential skills in driving and business skills. The selected beneficiaries will be supported to start small scale businesses.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Central and County Governments, DRA and other partners to ensure protection and wellbeing of refugees and asylum seekers. 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\$ 9.2 million** representing **25.2%** 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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