

KENYA

KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

22 - 28 MAY 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

KEY FIGURES

45,924

Asylum seekers received since influx began in December 2013.

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New SGBV cases reported during the week

1:14

The ratio of latrines to users in Kakuma 4

19.23

Litres of water provided per person per day in Kakuma.

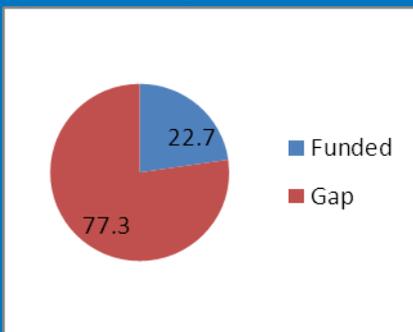
7,172

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 water network to ensure improved supply
- Close monitoring of malaria and watery diarrhea trends due to their outbreak potential.

- As at 28 May 2015, Kakuma had received 45,924 asylum seekers from South Sudan. As at 24 May, 183,839 refugees and asylum seekers had been registered by UNHCR and DRA, with South Sudanese refugees making up 50.1% of the total camp population.
- The second phase of the “Artistes for Refugees” project started on 22 May and will end on 29 May. The livelihoods project which aims to promote and nurture talents among refugee youths through the Arts has so far generated a lot of interest among the youth in the camp. Some 100 youth between 12 and 35 years are involved in the various art, music and sports workshops that rapper Octopizzo and illustration artist Victor Ndula are facilitating. The end result of the project will be to showcase the budding talent among youth in the camp and the possibilities of improving their access to alternative livelihood opportunities.



- An interagency Regional Child Protection team is in Kakuma for a weeklong mission. The team comprised of staff from UNHCR's Regional Hub in Nairobi, UNHCR Uganda, World Vision, UNICEF and Plan International is visiting all the countries affected by the South Sudan influx. They are looking at the achievements and challenges of the child protection response. The mission will also revise the Regional Child Protection Framework for Sudanese and South Sudanese children based on field findings. They will also hold focus group discussions with refugees and meetings with all stakeholders.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- UNHCR continued to conduct border monitoring visits to Nadapal three days a week (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) to ensure 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; UNHCR has maintained a weekly convoy to the border to pick new arrivals, in the past week, 72 new arrivals were received. 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 from South Sudan, despite the prima-facie status conferred on them by the Kenya Government since 1st August 2014. On average, adults are charged KES 5,000 (about USD 50). Discussions have been on-going between the Immigration Office in Nairobi, UNHCR, the Department of Refugee Affairs and the Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) to address the matter.

Protection

Child Protection

- As at 28 May 2015, 1,274 new UAMS and 7,116 separated children had arrived in Kakuma since December 2013. Since then to date, 1,252 UAMs including 864 South Sudanese UAMs and 5,630 separated children have been registered, bringing the cumulative number of registered UAMs in Kakuma to 2,810 and 12,628 separated children.

Achievements and Impact

- In the reporting week, the Best Interests Determination (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 28 BID assessments. At the reception center and in the community, 48 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were carried out.
- 1,028 home visits were carried out to 1,325 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

- Eight survivors of SGBV were assisted to access specialized services including psychosocial counseling, legal and medical assistance to address their immediate needs. Out of the reported cases, one was a sexual violence case; two were physical assault and five cases of psychological/emotional abuse. Counseling sessions were conducted at the women's centres and IRC's main offices in the camp to improve the psychosocial wellbeing of the survivors.
- UNHCR conducted focus group discussions with women across the camp on the introduction of new sanitary pads for women and girls of reproductive age. Additionally, the new Senior Protection Officer (SGBV) for Kakuma made field visits to various facilities including the safe haven, boys centre and LGBTI community in her familiarization of the camp's SGBV programming.

Education

- UNHCR’s Accelerated Education Specialist from the Education Unit in Geneva visited Kakuma on a weeklong mission. The mission’s objective was to assess the education needs of over-age learners in the camp. Options to set-up an accelerated education program for high number of over age learners in schools are being explored and the initial pilot for the program is set to be initiated in the coming months.
- Six Special Needs Education (SNE) learners who had dropped out of school in the previous term were successfully convinced to return to school during the week. In addition, two albino children were visited at their homes by SNE community mobilizers who provided their parents with information on ways of helping their children cope with the weather. The parents were also provided with sunscreen lotion and caps for their children. Albino children are among the most vulnerable groups in the camp requiring special attention.

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 - which has shown an upsurge in the past five weeks - and watery diarrhea due to their outbreak potential.

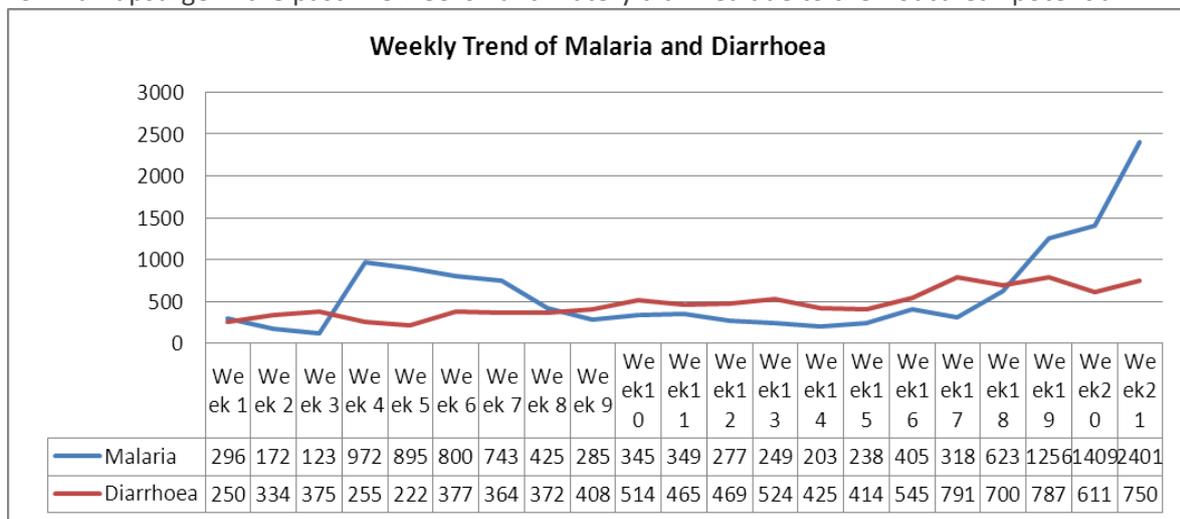


Fig 1: Trend of malaria and watery diarrhea cases

Food Security and Nutrition

- During the reporting week, 53 newly arrived children aged 6-59 months were screened for malnutrition at the reception center. Among these, six (11.3%) had severe acute malnutrition while four (7.5%) were found with moderate acute malnutrition. All identified cases of acute malnutrition were enrolled to respective rehabilitation programs.

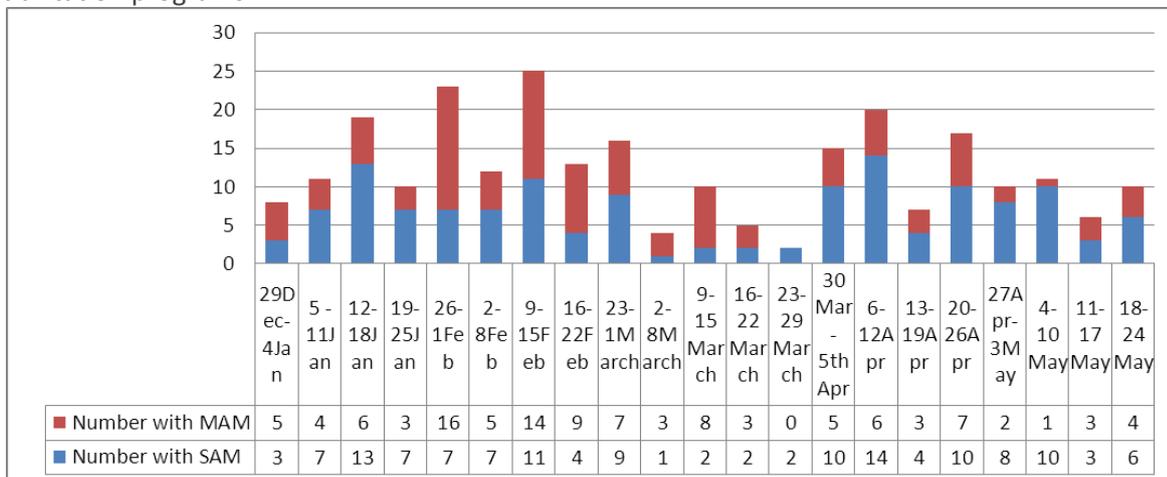


Fig 2: Number of newly arrived children found with acute malnutrition at reception centre

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- A total of 6,842m³ of water was supplied to refugees residing in Kakuma 4. This translates to a per capita consumption of 19.23 L/p/d. Continuous monitoring of the water supply has led to stabilization of water access in Kakuma 4.

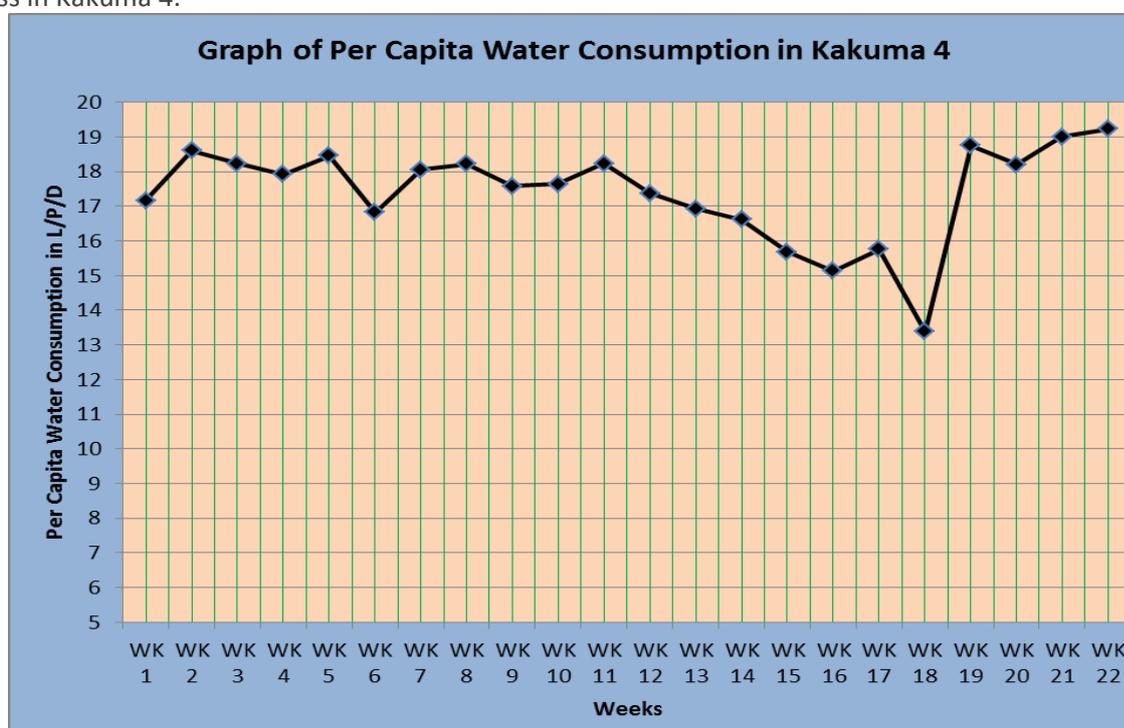


Fig 3: Per Capita water distribution in Kakuma 4

- The construction and extension of a kilometer of water pipeline between two water towers in Kakuma 4 is complete. Additionally, Team and Team international has completed construction of two tank foundations in Kakuma 4. The fabrication of the 100m³ elevated steel tanks is ongoing.
- Water connection to Clinic 7 in Kakuma 4 was finalized, improved water supply to the clinic. The connection works by-passed the ongoing hospital construction site to minimize pipeline damage.
- An elevated water tank near Hope primary school in Kakuma 4 was connected to the community water distribution system and commissioned. This connection has contributed to the steady improvement in water supply to beneficiaries in the area.
- NRC is carrying out pit digging for 10 family shared latrines in Kakuma 4. The latrine to user ratio to 1:14 for both family shared and household latrines. Latrine coverage is 33.5% for both family shared and household latrines and 14.8% for household latrines.
- Hygiene promotion and vector control activities have continued during the week; Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) is on-going, 15 full latrines have been backfilled, 47 stagnant water pools drained and 159 latrines doused with ash to kill odour.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- 91 applications have been received from existing business groups and individuals seeking additional capital to grow their businesses. Those that meet the basic criteria will be further analyzed for business proposal viability and consideration for loans. The qualifying groups will be trained in financial literacy and business skills by Equity Bank in collaboration with AAHI. UNHCR has given the go ahead for AAHI (livelihood implementing partner) to enter into an MOU with Equity Bank, Kakuma Branch where a revolving fund account will be opened to manage funds that will be lent to beneficiaries.

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 meetings with refugee leaders in the camp.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the emergency operation amount to **US\$ 8.3 million** representing **22.7%** of the requested funding.

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