

KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

01 – 14 OCTOBER 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

KEY FIGURES

46,728

Asylum seekers received since influx began in December 2013.

2,880

UAMS in Kakuma Camp.

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The ratio of latrines to users in Kakuma 4

17.3

Litres of water provided per person per day in Kakuma.

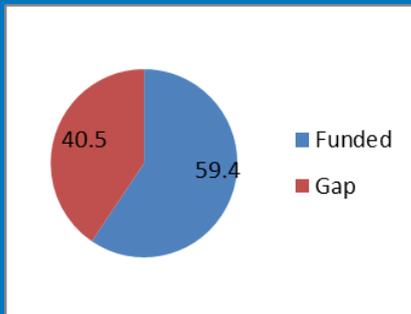
7,932

Number of roofed durable shelters in Kakuma 4.

FUNDING

USD 36.5 MILLION

Requested for the operation



PRIORITIES

- Monitor trends of daily new arrivals
- Maintenance of water network to ensure improved supply
- Monitor progress of electronic food vouchers
- Contingency plan for El Nino preparedness

- As at 14 October 2015, Kakuma had received 46,728 asylum seekers from South Sudan. During the reporting period, 75 individuals were transported to the camp from Nadapal. As at 12 October, the total registered camp population was 182,352.
- Humanitarian Aid and Development officials from the Embassy of Finland visited Kakuma on 09 October. The aim of the mission was to familiarize its humanitarian unit at the headquarters and the Embassy in Nairobi with the projects it funds through UNHCR and other partners in Kakuma. The mission was briefed by the office on the operation and development plans for the new Kalobeyei site. They were also briefed by WFP on the e-food voucher system and biometrics. They met with beneficiaries of the SGBV and WASH for People Living with Disabilities programmes.



One of the officials from the Finnish Embassy observes as families and children living with disabilities receive NFIs under the WASH inclusive disability project implemented by World Vision. UNHCR/C. Wachiaya

- On 12 October, officials from AAR Japan and Japan Platform met with UNHCR and IRC to co-sign documents for a paediatric ward that the Japanese organisations have jointly funded. The ward will be officially handed over to IRC which will manage the new 180 bed capacity hospital under construction in Kakuma 4.
- Officials from the Tegla Lorupe Foundation were in Kakuma from 09 to 12 October. The foundation is in partnership with UNHCR to identify refugee athletes who will participate in the 2016 Rio Marathon. 17 refugee athletes were identified and will begin training to prepare for the event.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- UNHCR conducts border monitoring visits to Nadapal three days a week to ensure that asylum seekers received at the border have unhindered access to asylum and are treated humanely. The border monitoring unit includes staff from UNHCR’s Protection Unit, LWF and IRC and ensures that vulnerable persons such as the elderly, pregnant and lactating women, children and the sick are attended to as a matter of priority. IRC sends a medical doctor or nurse at least once a week to carry out initial medical screening. Any emergency cases are transferred to AIC Mission or Lopiding Hospital in Lokichoggio or to Kakuma at the main hospital.
- The trend of daily new arrivals has remained low with some 100 people received weekly. Arrivals stay at the centre for a week where they receive hot meals thrice a day and sleeping facilities. UNHCR facilitates their transportation to the camp at the week end (Saturdays) and on any required day, depending on the numbers at the centre.



Fig 1: Trend of weekly new arrivals

- Issues of visa charges at the border by Immigration officials continue to pose a challenge to unhindered access to asylum seekers from South Sudan. 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

SGBV

- Seven SGBV related cases were reported during the reporting period. All reported cases received psychosocial counseling, legal and medical assistance to address their immediate needs.
- Five open focus group discussions and door to door awareness sessions were held in the camp. A total of 1,056 beneficiaries were reached. The information disseminated included basic concepts of GBV and referral pathways and the importance of reporting rape cases within 72 hours after assault.
- UNHCR in partnership with UNFPA and IRC conducted a community based counseling session for 100 vulnerable women at one of the women centres. The women expressed that the session was therapeutic as they were able to share their post traumatic experiences and it was a healing process. The participants also received several NFIs and dignity kits.



Beneficiaries pose with their NFIs and dignity kits after a counseling session.

Child Protection

- As at 14 October 2015, 1,319 new UAMS and 5,790 separated children had arrived in Kakuma since December 2013. Since then to date, 1,285 UAMs including 908 South Sudanese UAMs and 5,780 separated children have been registered, bringing the cumulative number of registered UAMs in Kakuma to 2,880 and 12,765 separated children.

Achievements and Impact

- A BID panel comprising of representatives from Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK), Kenya Red Cross, UNHCR Resettlement, Protection and Community Services Units and LWF Child Protection Unit discussed 48 cases. 31 Best Interest Assessments were conducted.
- UNHCR in coordination with LWF facilitated Child Protection training in Lokichoggio for 40 primary teachers. The objectives were to train teachers how to identify and report cases of child mistreatment and GBV Gender Based Violence (GBV) so that child protection and youth development is enhanced in the camp.

Services to Persons with Special Needs (PSNs)

- During the reporting period, UNHCR provided NFIs to 28 vulnerable persons that included the elderly, persons with serious medical conditions, persons with disabilities and women at risk. The NFIs included kitchen sets, blankets, mats, buckets and mattresses. A further 88 persons were supported with cash assistance.
- 64 children benefited from occupational therapy which includes massage therapy, sitting and walking exercises to improve their daily living.
- 69 persons with disabilities were assisted with assistive devices; wheelchairs, crutches and walking canes.



Health

Achievements and Impact

- The general health status of refugees has been stable with crude mortality rate in the period remaining at 0.2/1000/month while Under 5 mortality rate is at 0.5/1000/month. The indicators have remained within Sphere/UNHCR standards.
- On 12 October, officials from AAR Japan and Japan Platform met with UNHCR and IRC to co-sign documents for a paediatric ward that the Japanese organisations have jointly funded. The ward will be officially handed over to IRC which will manage the 180 bed capacity hospital under construction in Kakuma 4.



UNHCR Officer in Charge observes as officials from AAR Japan and Japan Platform co-sign the documents. UNHCR/C. Wachiaya

- Three AMREF consultants comprising of a gynecologist, dentist and radiologist were in Kakuma during the reporting period and saw 150 patients cumulatively. 55 patients with gynecologic and obstetric complications were reviewed with eight benefitting from surgery. 35 patients with various dental problems were reviewed with 30 extractions and 5 fillings done. The radiologist conducted ultrasounds for over 60 patients. This enabled clinicians to make accurate diagnoses and decide on the best treatment for the patients.
- UNHCR led partner agencies in marking World Mental Health day on 10 October. The theme for this year was providing “Mental Health with Dignity”. The day was marked with celebrations in the camp where persons living

with mental conditions showcased their talents through plays, poems and songs. Various testimonials and speeches were given, stressing the importance of integrating patients with mental issues in community activities including decision making.

Identified Needs/Gaps

- There is a gap in funding to support various contingency measures proposed to counter the effects of *El Nino*. UNHCR is fundraising from various partners to support the plan while looking at available resources to initiate required the measures.
- The consultations per clinician ratio are still high at above 100 consultations per clinician per day. This is above the sphere standard of 50 consultations per day and is largely due to high staff turnover as well as inadequate resources. IRC is currently facilitating trainings for their staff while UNHCR continues to collaborate with specialist missions by AMREF and AIC Mission to support with consultations.

 **Food Security and Nutrition**

- During the period under review, 54 newly arrived children aged 6 - 59 months were screened at the reception centre for malnutrition. Out of these, four children (7.4%) were found with severe acute malnutrition and three (5.6%) with moderate acute malnutrition. All identified cases of acute malnutrition were enrolled into respective rehabilitation programs.

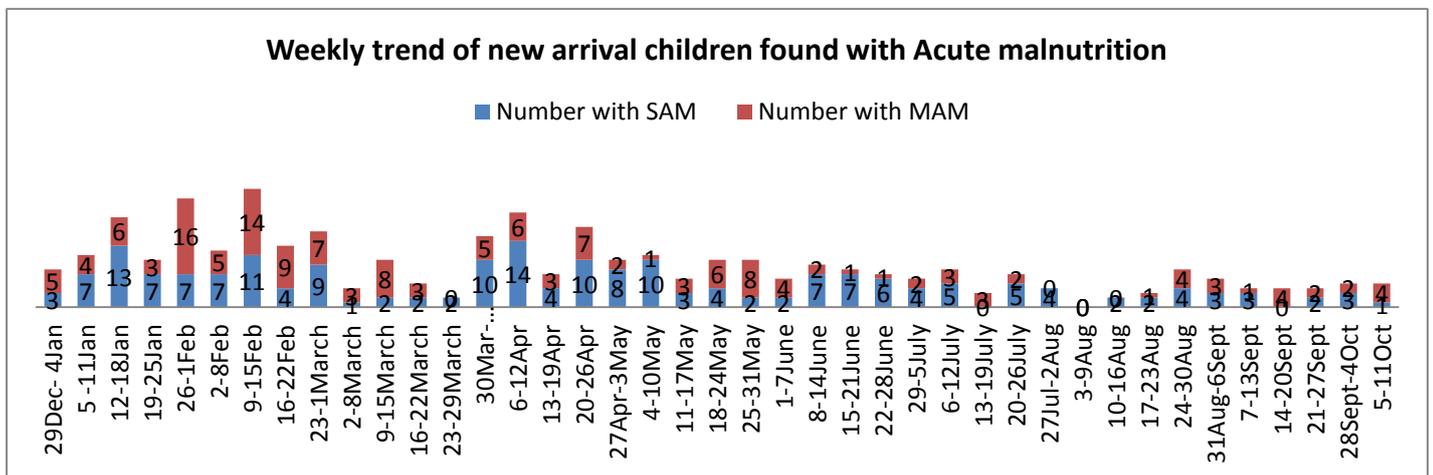


Fig 2: Weekly trend of children found with acute malnutrition

 **Water and Sanitation**

- A total of 13,244m³ of water was supplied to refugees residing in Kakuma 4 during the reporting period. This translated to a per capita consumption of 17.3 l/p/d.

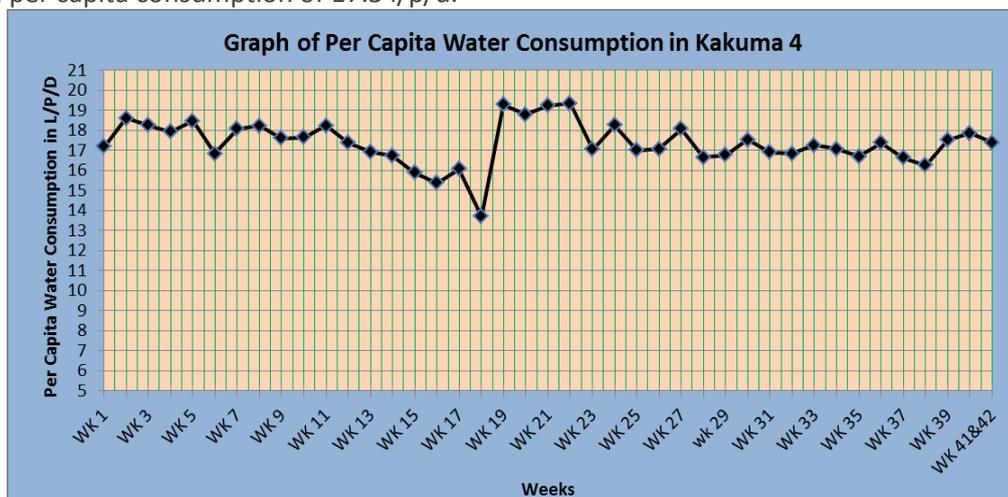


Fig 3: Per Capita water distribution in Kakuma 4

Achievements and Impact

- 14 leakages and pipe bursts (equivalent to replacement of 16 full lengths of UPVC pipes) were repaired as operation and maintenance of water systems continued through servicing, maintenance and monitoring of pumping equipment at the various boreholes to ensure smooth operation.
- Two school hygiene awareness campaigns were conducted at Peace primary and Hope primary schools in Kakuma 4. The message focused on the importance of hand washing with soap. Hand washing demonstrations were done and the learners were taught the proper steps.
- A jerrican clean-up campaign was done in Kakuma 4 with 85 community members participating. A total of 179 jerricans were cleaned.
- NRC hygiene promoters conducted 623 house to house visits where they shared hygiene messages focused on hand washing with soap, proper solid waste disposal and latrine maintenance. 59 latrines were doused with lime to kill odour and vectors. The latrine to user ratio stands at 1:14 for both communal and household latrines. Coverage is 36.4% for both communal and household latrines.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- The preliminary results of the hydrological survey at the Kalobeyei site have been received; they indicate promising water levels at the 15 locations initially investigated for potential water. The topographic survey will commence next week and will inform the development of various infrastructure at the settlement. The Environmental Impact Assessment survey has been completed and the report will be submitted to the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) in the course of the week for certification.
- Construction of the police post and schools is scheduled to commence in November.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, 80 new arrivals were profiled at the reception center. Agri-business, catering services, fish farming, driving, medical/clinical and teaching were among the business skills noted. This information will assist AAHI (the Livelihood partner) to plan targeted livelihood support based on capacities of different groups. AAHI also conducted a life skills and financial literacy training for 30 new arrivals at the reception center.

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\$ 21.7 million** representing **39.1%** of the requested funding.

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