

KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

15 - 28 OCTOBER 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

KEY FIGURES

47,292

Refugees registered since influx began in December 2013.

2,876

UAMS in Kakuma Camp

1:14

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.

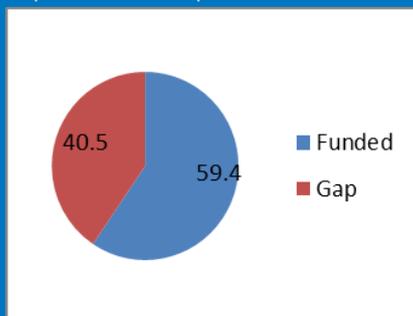
160

New plots set aside for households that may be affected by El Nino

FUNDING

USD 36.5 MILLION

requested for the operation



PRIORITIES

- Monitor trends of daily new arrivals
- Maintenance of water network to ensure improved supply
- El Nino preparedness measures ongoing
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- As at 28 October 2015, Kakuma had registered 47,292 refugees from South Sudan. As at 25 October, the total registered camp population was 182,770, with South Sudanese making up 50% of the population.
- An Australian delegation from the city of Sterling visited Kakuma from 16 to 19 October. The team which fundraises for education and community based programs in Kenya and Rwanda, was composed of civil servants working in various capacities in community development to support immigrants and refugees resettled in Australia. The City of Stirling is one of the more culturally diverse regions of Western Australia, having an immigrant population of over 17,000 as at end of 2014. The mission was briefed on the Kakuma operation by UNHCR and the Deputy County Commissioner. They also engaged refugees and partner agencies and met host community members.



The mission from Australia at a meeting with refugee community leaders; their interaction with them offered a better perspective of what their needs are and how to offer better services to refugees resettled in Australia. UNHCR/C. Wachiaya

- UNHCR as part of its support to the host community handed over 13 motorcycles to the Deputy County Commissioner on 19 October. The ceremony was attended by the area Member of Parliament, Members of County Assembly (MCAs), chiefs and other local leaders. The Head of Sub-office handed over the motorcycles which will assist the chiefs from the 13 locations in the sub-county to serve their communities more effectively. The area MP lauded UNHCR for its consistent support to host community projects



The Head of sub-office (third from left) stands with the Deputy County Commissioner (in hat) and area MP Nanok (in checked shirt) after the chiefs were presented with the motorcycles. UNHCR/C. Wachiaya

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- UNHCR conducts border monitoring visits to Nadapal three days a week to ensure that asylum have unhindered access to asylum. The border monitoring unit includes staff from UNHCR’s Protection Unit, LWF and IRC and ensures that vulnerable persons 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 less than 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.

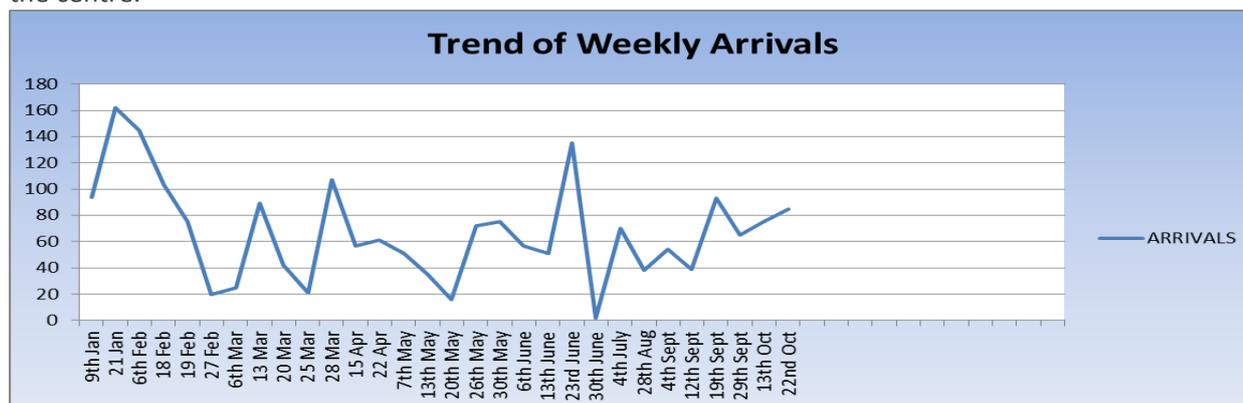


Fig 1: Trend of weekly new arrivals

- The trend of arrivals has recently included individuals from nearby Eastern Equatoria State; families are fleeing mainly because of environmental issues - intense famine and lack of food.
- Issues of visa charges at the border by Immigration officials have continued with adults being charged KES 5,000 (about USD 50). In some cases however, immigration officials have allowed asylum seekers to pass without paying visa fees; however no clear procedure is in effect at the border on how the application of visa fees is done. Discussions have been on-going between the Immigration Office in Nairobi, UNHCR and the Department of Refugee Affairs to address the matter.

Protection

Child Protection

- As at 26 October 2015, 1,357 new UAMs including 933 South Sudanese UAMs and 6,124 separated children have been registered, bringing the cumulative number of registered UAMs in Kakuma to 2,876 and 13,011 separated children.

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR in coordination with the District Children's office and partners have been working together to support the ongoing El Nino rains preparedness activities. Child and youth friendly prevention messages have been developed and disseminated throughout the camp. Rescue teams have been organized and a child protection contingency plan finalized.
- The BID panel assessed a total of 28 cases. 60 Best Interest Assessments were conducted. During the reporting period, 102 home visits were made to 933 children in child headed households, foster families and to those with other protection concerns.

Youth protection

- United Drama Group for Peace – the youth group that won the UNHCR Global Youth Initiative Fund 2015 has been carrying out peace activities across the camp. The group uses Community Theater to promote peaceful co-existence in Kakuma. During the reporting period they performed in Kakuma town, in Kakuma 3 and 4.
- 218 league and friendly football matches involving 181 male and 37 female teams were played in the reporting period. A total of 865 youth participated in indoor games across the camp. These activities provide a platform for disseminating HIV/AIDS information, promotion of peaceful coexistence and development of the youth's talent.



United Drama Group for Peace performs in Kakuma 4. UNHCR/C. Ntampaka

SGBV

- Five SGBV related cases were reported during the reporting period. All reported cases received psychosocial counseling, legal and medical assistance to address their immediate needs.
- UNHCR and SGBV working group partners conducted 12 open focus group discussions and door to door awareness sessions in the camp. A total of 1,856 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.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR continued with El Nino preparedness measures in the camp and compound during the reporting period. There were several episodes of rains which resulted in light pooling of water in some areas. Reinforcement of dykes has been done and sandbags have been placed at various flood-prone areas to mitigate excessive flooding.
- One secondary school was identified as a safe area for all the secondary school students to sit their final examinations. With the onset of the rains, the examinations which started two weeks ago have continued without any incident.



One of the rivers after the rains. UNHCR/Field Unit.

- UNHCR together with partners has identified three safe sites for relocation of refugees living close to the river beds and flood prone areas. Demarcation of plots, pitching of tents and digging of latrines is ongoing and some families have already started relocating. As of 28 October, 160 plots had been demarcated, of which 33 were allocated to families. UNHCR has issued 65 households with token cards to enable them relocate to the new sites. The relocations will be done by block to ensure family composition and community structures remain intact. Individuals with specific needs are given priority.



Some of the families relocated to the safe site. UNHCR/Field Unit.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR in collaboration with LWF has facilitated Diploma courses for 46 teachers in Primary Education Certificate. This is one of the measures in place to offer training and capacity building for incentive teachers in camp schools. Cumulatively, 92% of teachers enrolled at the beginning of the year for the course are set to graduate at the end of the year upon successful conclusion of their exams.
- The Amplify Refugee Education Challenge supported by DFID was launched in the camp during the reporting period. The initiative which aims to kick start a Teacher Professional Development program will focus on mobile mentoring of teachers. If successful, a pilot teacher training programme that includes components of training, mobile mentoring, in-service support and teacher learning circles will be initiated.



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 0.6/1000/month. The indicators have remained within Sphere/UNHCR standards.
- Two AMREF consultants comprising of a surgeon and a pediatrician were in Kakuma during the reporting period and saw some 90 patients cumulatively. 40 patients were reviewed by the surgeon and 12 benefitted from surgery. Over 48 patients with chronic conditions were reviewed and a management plan was put in place to monitor the cases.
- UNHCR facilitated a Health, Nutrition and WASH coordination meeting on 28 with a focus on current health indicators, preparation for upcoming health and nutrition survey in November as well as implementation of El Nino preparedness plans.
- UNHCR in collaboration with IRC, Sight Savers Kenya and Kakuma Mission Hospital is facilitating a cataract and trachoma eye campaign in the camp. The weeklong campaign will mostly target South Sudanese refugees due to the high prevalence of trachoma among them. Cataracts are mostly common among aging populations and they will be targeted as well for consultations and surgeries.



Food Security and Nutrition

- During the period under review, 23 newly arrived children aged 6 - 59 months were screened at the reception centre for malnutrition. Out of these, two children (8.7%) were found with severe acute malnutrition and two (8.7%) with moderate acute malnutrition. All identified cases of acute malnutrition were enrolled into respective rehabilitation programs.

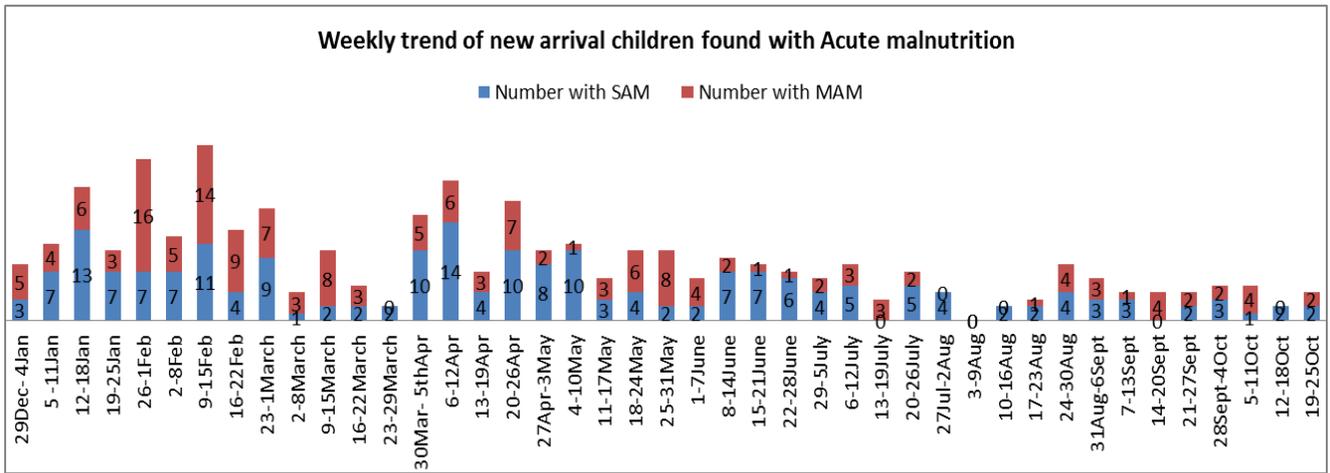


Fig 2: Weekly trend of children found with acute malnutrition

Water and Sanitation

- A total of 12,309m³ of water was supplied to refugees residing in Kakuma 4 during the reporting period. This translated to a per capita consumption of 22.2 l/p/d. Performance of generators and pumps in boreholes 12 and 4B continue to perform well with minimal interruptions.

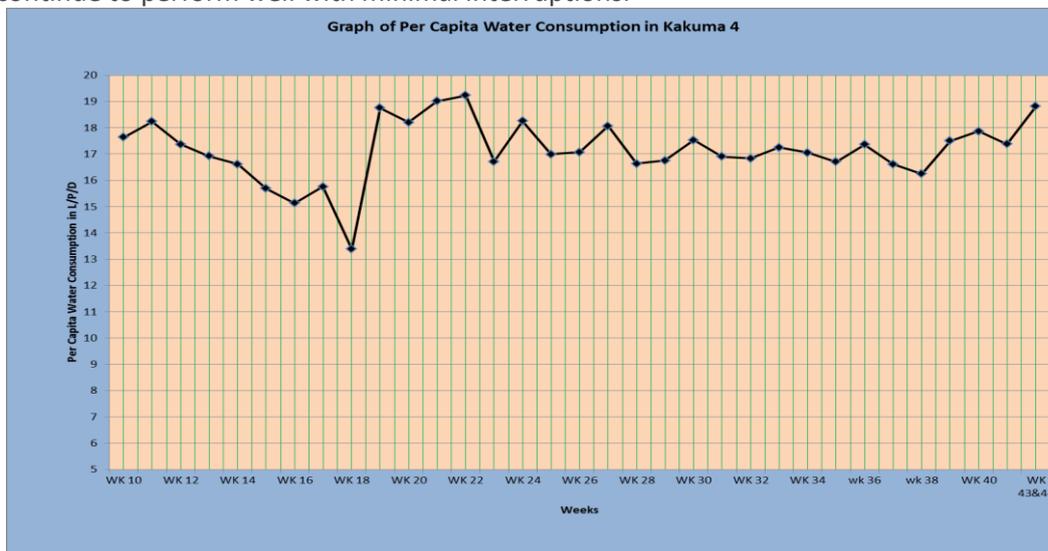


Fig 3: Per Capita water distribution in Kakuma 4

Achievements and Impact

- 11 pipe leakages equivalent to the replacement of 19 full length UPVC pipes were repaired during the reporting period.
- NRC hygiene promoters conducted 378 house to house visits where they shared hygiene messages focused on hand washing with soap, proper solid waste disposal and latrine maintenance. 27 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 47.3% for both communal and household latrines.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, 25 new arrivals were profiled at the reception center. Agri-business, driving, nursing, plumbing and teaching was 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 48 new arrivals at the reception center.

- During the reporting period, harvesting of vegetables was done at the model farms. The harvested crops were planted in August and included kales, spinach and okra.



Farmers who harvested their first crops show their produce to visitors at the model farms. UNHCR/C. Wachiaya

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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