

UNHCR Dadaab Update 12/13

Refugee Camps in
Garissa County, Kenya

15 – 30 September 2013

New developments

Leadership training

UNHCR in collaboration with the Department of Refugee Affairs, Kenyan police and partner agencies conducted a three-days leadership workshop for 44 refugee leaders from all the five camps. The workshop targeted newly elected camp chairpersons as well as members of Food Advisory Committees, Parents Teachers' Associations, the Youth Umbrella, Community Policing & Protection Teams, Community-Based Rehabilitation Teams and non-Somali community leaders. The training included topics such as camp management and coordination of activities, leadership role and code of conduct, conflict resolution, community communication, refugee protection, child protection, SGBV prevention, resettlement. Similar trainings will be rolled out at the camp level for section and block leaders.

Security

The otherwise calm month of September ended with two major security incidents in the camps.

Around midnight on 27 September a group of armed men attacked the Islamic Relief teachers' compound in Ifo, using an explosive device to blow up the gate and then opening fire inside the compound. A second device exploded inside the compound near the cafeteria. Most of the teachers had already retired to their accommodations and no casualties were reported. Police quickly responded to the incident but the culprits managed to escape the scene. The motive of the attack was not clear. As a reaction to the attack, Islamic Relief temporarily suspended activities.

Persistent and credible security threat information received around the end of the month indicated that humanitarian agency staff in Dadaab could be a target for attacks from Al Shabaab operatives.

On 29 September a grenade was thrown at a school construction site in Dagahaley injuring five construction workers of non-Somali origin. The attack was assessed to be connected to festering xenophobic resentment against local workers originating from other parts of Kenya. Other similar attacks have taken place in Dadaab over the last years.

Statistics

Population as of 30 September 2013:

Hagadera	Kambioos	Dagahaley	Ifo	Ifo 2	Total
114,397	19,915	104,606	100,858	65,702	405,478

Protection

Police/community talks

The so called tango talks between police and the refugee community were resumed in Ifo on 26 September. The discussion focused on prevention of and response to SGBV. The sessions will be convened on a monthly basis in Ifo. Tango talks were also planned for Hagadera and Ifo 2 to usher in the newly elected refugee leaders and induct them on cooperation and engagement with the police on security matters.

Community communication and accountability

The inter-agency Community Communication Working Group (CCWG) celebrated one year of activities. The working group was set up in June 2012 to coordinate information campaigns and to encourage an interactive dialogue between the humanitarian agencies and the refugee and host communities in Dadaab and Fafi. In the course of the year, all agencies in the Dadaab operation involved in information campaigns and communication joined the CCWG. On 24 September, the CCWG and the Accountability Working Group decided to merge in order to rationalize their activities, which were similar and to a large extent overlapping. The name of the new working group is the Community Communication and Accountability Working Group (CCAWG).

Child protection

Adolescent girls out of school participated in a one day empowerment forum organized by Womankind Kenya. Being the first of its kind, there was a lot of interest and over 50 girls participated. The girls requested support for access to education (tailor-made classes as they cannot follow the formal structure) and livelihood activities especially for young mothers. The forum will be held on a monthly basis.

Resettlement

A mission from the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) spent 10 days in Dadaab, managing to complete interviews for 213 cases / 1,396 individuals.

Education

UNHCR in coordination with partners and the refugee community conducted a school enrolment drive campaign in Ifo 2. The campaign focused on girls and children with special needs and resulted in the enrolment of 200 children of which 21 were children with special needs.

In Kambioos, it was noted that the dropout rate of girls was on the increase. One concern that emerged during discussions with girls and parents was alleged sexual harassment by teachers, leading parents to pull out their girls from school. In response, a PSEA (Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) training was planned for teachers, and awareness campaigns were conducted at block level with Terre des Hommes taking the lead. Thus far, 9 blocks have been reached.



Schoolgirls in Ifo 2

Photo UNHCR

Health and nutrition

The fifth round of the polio vaccination campaign was conducted in all the five camps of Dadaab 21 - 25 September covering all age groups. The total number of confirmed polio cases stood at 7 (5 in Hagadera, 1 in Kambioos and 1 in Ifo). The total number of cases for Kenya was 14, with the date of the last case being 4 July.

One positive measles case was reported in a 2 yrs. old child from Dagahaley, making a total of 6 confirmed measles cases in the past two months.

Data collection for the SMART nutrition survey was completed in all five camps in accordance with UNHCR SENS guidelines. Plausibility checks showed that the data quality was good in two camps and excellent in three camps. Preliminary results were to be released in October.

UNICEF organised a Communication for Development training targeting agencies specifically working in nutrition, health and education. The training was facilitated by a team from the UNICEF country office – C4D department. The aim was to support agencies to formulate effective communication strategies for behavioural change.

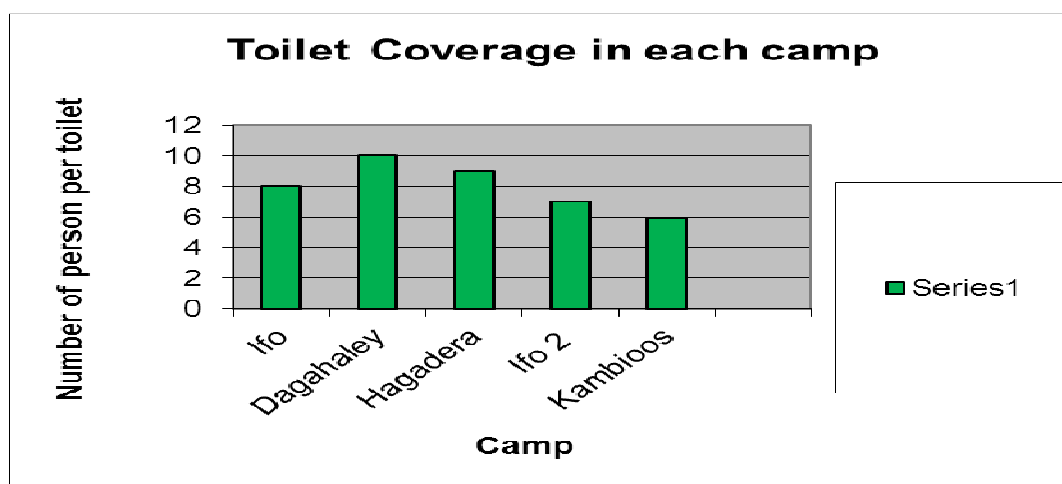
Water and sanitation

Daily water consumption per camp

Camp	Dagahaley	Ifo	Ifo 2	Hagadera	Kambioos
Population (#)	104,606	100,858	65,702	114,397	19,915
Average Water Supplied (L/d)	2,279,000	2,312,000	1,602,000	2,720,000	687,000
Coverage (l/d)	22	23	24	24	34

Comments: Water supply meets the basic requirement (of 20l/p/d) in all camps. There was a week-long breakdown of one borehole in Ifo.

Sanitation coverage



The number of households with latrines has been decreasing, as the construction of new latrines is not keeping pace with the filling up of old latrines. There are various reasons for this, including limited funding.

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