

UNHCR Dadaab Update 07/14

Refugee Camps in
Garissa County, Kenya

16 - 30 April 2014

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Armed attack and attempted kidnaping

On Wednesday, 23rd April at about 0820hrs, a convoy of vehicles carrying humanitarian staff, including from UNHCR was attacked by unknown gunmen whilst waiting for departure procedures outside the Hagadera Camp UNHCR Field Offices. The gunmen approached one of the UNHCR vehicles in the convoy in which two UNHCR Staff Members were seated.

The UNHCR national staff member who was seated in the driver's seat was shot and wounded. The international staff who was seated rear left immediately jumped out but was caught and roughed up to force her back to the car. The attackers later left her unharmed and drove off with the vehicle. The vehicle was later recovered by the police about 30km southeast of Dadaab.

Following the attack, humanitarian operations in the camps temporarily suspended except lifesaving services until the Wednesday 29th April. The incident has been assessed as an attempted kidnaping. The perpetrators of the incident are not yet known and no one has claimed responsibility.

Vehicles handover to Region Police Commander

In an effort to improve the security of refugees in the camps and enhance their protection, UNHCR handed-over four vehicles to the Kenyan Administration Police operating in the five refugee camps in Dadaab.

The handover took place during an event at UNHCR Sub Office Dadaab on Wednesday, 30th April.

UNHCR's Country Representative in Kenya, Mr. Raouf Mazou, officially handed-over the keys of the four-wheel drive vehicles to Mr. Henry K. Barmao, the Region Police Commander for North Eastern Kenya. During the event, officials from both UNHCR and the Administration Police committed to enhance their cooperation to provide better security to refugees and to protect their human rights.



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STATISTICS

Population as of 30 April 2014:

Hagadera	Kambioos	Dagahaley	Ifo	Ifo 2	Total
105,792	19,641	88,948	85,188	52,675	352,244

PROTECTION

General Protection Environment

The continued police swoops in urban areas saw the relocation of hundreds of urban Persons of Concern (PoC) to the camps. During the reporting period, UNHCR received 124 refugees and asylum seekers in Hagadera camp that were brought from Nairobi by the Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA).

Majority of them are Somalis and Ethiopians. There was also one Cameroonian and one minor. They were all received by UNHCR staff, who provided them with food and were interviewed to record their protection concerns.

Currently there are 19 PoCs in the Hagadera transit centre. Only three have never been registered by UNHCR or DRA, while 16 others have previously been registered with UNHCR in Nairobi and Kakuma. The 19 are planned to be relocated to Ifo2 and Kambioos where they will be given plots and other necessary assistance.

Registration of the unregistered

During the reporting period, UNHCR and DRA continued registration of unregistered persons of concern.

In Kambioos camp, a total of 571 individuals were registered by DRA and UNHCR. 28 Households comprising of 34 individuals were rejected by the government security panel and were referred to the protection desk for follow up. On Tuesday 22nd April, registration of unregistered persons of concern begun in Hagadera and was planned to continue in May. As of 30 April, 2,083 refugees/asylum seekers had been registered in both camps.



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Refugees are being registered in Hagadera camp

Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

During the reporting period, four Refugee Status Determination (RSD) assessments were concluded and set-aside for review. Only two RSD interviews were conducted due to the Easter holiday break and scaling down of field operations as a result of the security incident in Hagadera. A total of 10 letters of notification and 3 recognition certificates were prepared.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

In Kambioos, a mass information campaign was conducted from 7th to 30th April at the International Rescue Committee (IRC) gender based violence support centre which aimed at creating awareness on reporting GBV incidents in the camp and how the community can help reduce such incidents. The campaign reached over 2,000 women, school-going girls and members of Community Peace and Protection Teams (CPPT).

In Hagadera, a meeting was held with 16 religious leaders. The aim of the meeting was to improve collaboration with religious leaders because they play an important role in community mobilization and other issues that are of concern community like peaceful coexistence, prevention and response to SGBV. The religious leaders pledged to continue addressing these issues during their preaching sessions in mosques.

In Dagahaley camp, UNHCR and SGBV partners participated in the first of a series of gender based violence training sessions organized by the GBV working group on 15th April. The focus was to train participants on GBV case management and improved service delivery to survivors.

Child Protection and Civil Documentation

During the reporting period, the civil register visited Hagadera and Kambioos camps. During the last six months 1556 births (791 males and 765 female) had been processed in both camps. A total of 709 home births were registered and notified and a total of 70 late home deliveries (occurring after 6 months) were notified.

Distribution of birth certificates was still on-going but concerns were raised over the low number of parents collecting them. Protection and field units are strategizing on how this can be improved.

In Kambioos, a motivational talk was organized for both boys and girls at the Terre de Hommes (TdH) community centre. The elders spoke about culture, traditions and beliefs, the importance of education, peace and respecting each other regardless of clans, tribes or disability.

The UNHCR Garissa Liaison Office participated in a three-day stakeholders forum on civil registration which focused on data management of births and deaths. Gaps were identified and interventions for improvement in the larger Garissa County including refugee camps were suggested.

Resettlement

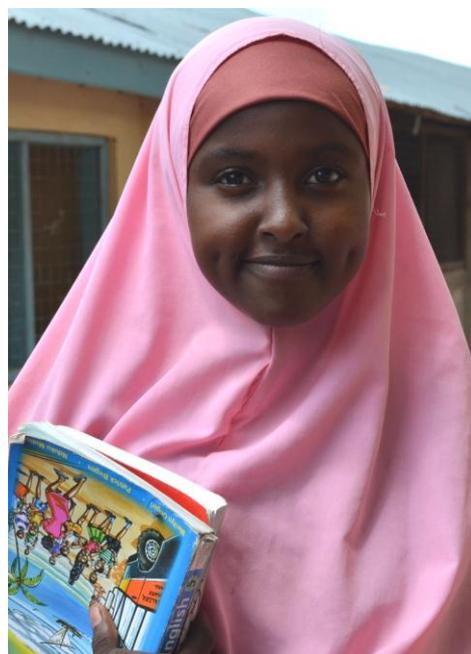
During this reporting period, resettlement referral interviews for 6 cases comprising of 24 individuals were conducted and completed. A total of 34 cases of 116 individuals departed to Nairobi for onward resettlement. Since 1st January, 543 individuals have been submitted to UNHCR Branch Office Nairobi for onward resettlement. Among this, 273 individuals have departed for onward resettlement.

Resettlement Referral Training (RRT) for medical practitioners was done on 30th April aimed at enhancing medical referrals from medical partner agencies staff (IRC, MSF, KRCS & IRK) in Dadaab. The objective of the training was to ensure a common understanding of medical resettlement procedures and to learn how the referral process works.

Education

In Kambioos, construction of a third primary school in section 6 was completed and made ready for inauguration. Schools were scheduled to open for second term on 5th May.

UNHCR's partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) held a career open day for secondary school leavers who have qualified for middle level colleges and universities' scholarships. The event exposed the participants to available career options and entry-level requirements. 10 higher learning institutions that offer technical and professional courses also counselled them about careers.



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A refugee student in Hagadera

Services for Persons with Specific Needs

During the reporting period, the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) distributed 1,345 elderly persons with supplementary food items in Ifo2 camp. The food comprised of canned fish and milk. They were also distributed with core relief items including mattresses and mats.

In Kambioos camp, 17 elderly persons were distributed with plastic sheets, blankets, mosquito nets and assorted clothes.

Durable Solutions

During this reporting period, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) completed its first phase of the Return Intention Survey. The IOM team is currently consolidating and analysing data for which results are to be shared in the next few weeks.

UNHCR held an orientation workshop for staff members from DRA, NRC and UNHCR working at the return help desks. This was an introductory session which was meant to enhance protection focused service provision to Somali refugees in camps who are intending to return to their country spontaneously. The modules covered included: UNHCR legal framework and protection principles; durable solutions, child protection principles, sexual and gender based violence as well as sexual exploitation and abuse.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

The Ear Throat and Nose (ENT) surgeon visited Dadaab as per the reverse referral strategy. 231 patients in camps were screened and 32 surgeries conducted.

The monthly nutrition coordination meeting was held on 29th April and among the issues discussed was the diabetes problem among refugees. This discussion was important because it prepared participants on the possible impact of the recently proposed fresh food voucher programme.

The increasing number of admissions of children under five years in the nutrition programme during the previous two months was also discussed. Partners were urged to look in the causes of this increase and to accelerate community mobilization and active case finding to ensure that children are identified and treated on time.

WASH

Daily Water Consumption Per Camp

During the reporting period, the entire population in camps was supplied with safe and clean water from the 27 boreholes. The daily water production in Dadaab stands at 10,113,830 liters which means 28.5 liters per person per day. Water safety is ensured by regular chlorination and monitoring at the boreholes.

Reduction of daily water supply from the present 28.5 liters per person per day to 22 litres by September 2014 was discussed with partners in the monthly WASH coordination meeting. This discussion involved all stakeholders including partners and persons of concern. During the discussion, a long gradual reduction was suggested to give time for community mobilization as well as to supply water to pockets in camps with limited coverage.



A tap stand (communal water point) in Hagadera

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Hygiene Promotion

Hygiene promoters have actively been engaged in hygiene promotion campaigns in all camps. With the April long rains subsiding, partners are alert as this is the period when water related illnesses occur in camps. All partners are taking measures to improve sanitation and hygiene across the camps.

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