

DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

UNHCR BI-WEEKLY UPDATE

16 - 31 March 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

as of 3rd April

Security

- The Dadaab humanitarian family lost a member on 1st April. In the early morning hours, three armed men accessed Windle Trust Kenya (WTK)'s compound in Hagadera camp. They killed a teacher and injured three security guards. WTK is UNHCR's partner for secondary school education.

In consequence, WTK relocated its teachers from Hagadera. UN agencies limited activities to essential services and plan to resume full operations in Hagadera on Tuesday, 7th April. Activities in the other four Dadaab camps have not been affected.

- On 2nd and 3rd April, UNHCR and its health partners contributed to the emergency response to the attack on Garissa University; providing trucks, ambulances and medical supplies from the Dadaab Refugee Operation.

The Dadaab camps are hosted by Garissa County and located about 95km from Garissa town.



Photo UNHCR/Dadaab

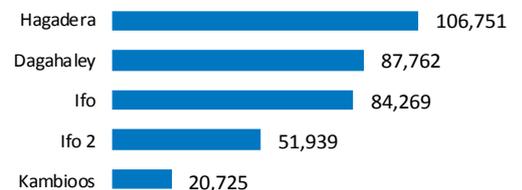
UNHCR trucks left Dadaab for Garissa in the early afternoon of 2nd April

UPDATES

Population as of 31 March 2015: **351,446**

Refugees: 347,922

Asylum seekers: 3,524



Protection

Individual Case Management and Protection Counselling

- During the second half of March, 414 individuals approached UNHCR Protection staff in the five camp offices. Among the issues discussed were Refugee Status Determination (RSD), livelihood support, family reunification, child protection, requests for relocation within the Dadaab operation or to Kakuma, as well as physical safety and legal support for survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV). UNHCR provided information and intervention in coordination with its partners.

Arrest, Detention and Freedom of Movement

- UNHCR in collaboration with Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) successfully intervened and prevented unlawful arrest, detention and prosecution of 32 refugees. The individuals had been arrested around Garissa town and charged with the offence of unlawful presence outside the designated camp areas. During the reporting period, a total of 148 refugee prisoners were held in two detention centers in Garissa County.
- On 26th March, 11 families consisting of 27 individuals were relocated from Nairobi to Dadaab camps. The families settled in the relatively new Section 5 of Kambioos camp and were provided with food rations and non-food items such as mats, blankets, family tents and firewood.

Education

- In the last week of March, all primary and secondary schools as well as vocational training centers started their examination for Term 1. The exams ended on 2nd April and schools will remain closed until 10th April for the first term holiday.
- An expert from Vodafone Foundation visited the Dadaab Instant Network Schools (INS) from 23rd to 27th March. During this mission, monitoring and evaluation of the INS project was strengthened. Vodafone Foundation also met with UNHCR, partners and teacher coaches and agreed to mainstream the INS project within the larger Dadaab education programme. UNHCR staff were trained accordingly and familiarized themselves with their expanded roles and responsibilities.
- 27 students from Dadaab camps are currently enrolled at the N.E.P (North Eastern Province) Technical Training Institute. Their courses include Plumbing, Carpentry, Masonry, Electrical and Automotive. Three of the vocational training graduates were chosen to represent their college in the National Intercollege Athletics Championship in Kisii County and competed in long distance running.



Makfiro and Adut - two young residents of Ifo camp

Food Security and Nutrition

- The World Food Programme (WFP)'s fresh fruit voucher project targeting pregnant and nursing mothers came to an end. The pilot was well received by the refugee community and had a positive effect on livelihood opportunities of refugees and the Kenyan host community. WFP now plans to substitute part of the cereals of the general food distribution with vouchers. The first distribution of vouchers in Dadaab is expected to take place in October.
- More than 240 cooking demonstrations took place in 'Mother to Mother Support Groups' in Ifo and Kambioos camps. The aim was to improve complementary feeding practices for children aged 6-23 months.

Health

- The Fistula Foundation visited Dadaab on 16th March and identified patients to benefit from surgical care. The Foundation supports the Fistula Repair Program at Jamaa Hospital in Nairobi. The experts saw 25 patients, ten of which were booked for surgery at Jamaa Hospital. Causes for fistula can be obstructed labor and a delay in seeking medical attention.
- Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC) training was conducted by County Ministry of Health team from 23rd to 27th March. 31 health professionals from Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) and International Rescue Committee (IRC) participated.
- Section leaders in Hagadera were sensitized on safe delivery. Unsafe deliveries have in the past resulted in complications for mothers and infants. The leaders agreed to advocate for hospital deliveries in their camp.
- Representatives of the National Tuberculosis Program visited Dadaab on 18th March. UNHCR, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Islamic Relief Kenya (IRK) presented the Multi Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR TB) program. A drug resistance survey conducted in 2011 in Somalia showed that the country had the highest rate of MDR TB infection in Africa. MDR TB develops when a patient receives ineffective treatment or treatment is interrupted; a common occurrence when people are subjected to violence and insecurity. Patients with drug-susceptible TB must take treatment drugs for six to eight months, while MDR TB treatment can take two years. Dadaab's Ifo camp hosts a MDR TB Center in which patients stay during their treatment.
- Between 2nd and 5th March, the World Health Organization (WHO) provided training on the Ebola Virus for 30 potential front line respondents in Dadaab Refugee Camps.

Photo UNHCR/Alinjurgur



All age groups participated in the clean-up campaigns



Water and Sanitation

- The camps celebrated World Water Day (22nd March) with the theme 'Water and Sustainable Development'.
- Mass clean-up campaigns were conducted in Kambioos and Hagadera camps with active participation of the refugee community, camp leaders and humanitarian agencies.
- In Kambioos camp, World Vision Kenya distributed water storage tanks with 100l capacity to 70 physically challenged beneficiaries. This means that their families no longer have to fetch water every day.

Shelter and Site Planning

- The construction of the new market in Ifo 2 camp is proceeding. The camp residents have so far been travelling long distances to Ifo and Dagahaley camps to access basic household commodities. The new market is expected to improve livelihood opportunities for the population in Ifo 2.



Market stalls under construction in Ifo 2 camp

Photo UNHCR/Dadaab

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- A group therapy for children with cerebral palsy was conducted at the Rehabilitation Center in Hagadera camp. A total of 30 children benefited from this play group session. Their parents and other caregivers shared and discussed their daily experiences with the rehabilitation team. The caregivers also acquired 'Activities of Daily Living' (ADL) skills. This included how to create an environment that stimulates affected children to learn from other children.
- UNHCR's livelihood partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) invited tailoring students to apply for grade 3 classes in Ifo, Ifo 2 and Dagahaley camps. A total of 60 students were selected. 120 students of Ifo, Ifo 2 and Dagahaley camps are currently being registered for exams with the Kenyan National Industrial Training Authority (NITA).
- Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is supporting 50 vocational training students on tailoring and upholstery training and will book them for NITA exams. Students who participated in LWF's beginners' classes last year proceeded to the next grade in 2015.
- DRC is planning to support income generating activities based on business plans and is currently in the selection process of 'Livelihood Support Groups'. The agency had called for proposals from business groups and individuals. Shortlisting and oral interviews have been conducted with the involvement of the livelihoods committee.
- A total of 289 scholarship students continued their studies in various colleges, including Garissa District Centre for Early Childhood Education (DICECE), North Coast Medical Training College, University of Nairobi, Egerton University and Frontier Institute.



Parents, caregiver and rehabilitation team during play group therapy on 22nd March

Photo: Lutheran World Federation (LWF)

Durable Solutions

Resettlement

- During the second half of March, a total of 25 cases comprising of 87 individuals were submitted to Branch Office Nairobi for onward resettlement to the USA, Denmark and New Zealand. 21 new born babies and five spouses were added on to cases already in the US resettlement processing pipeline. 27 individuals departed Dadaab for onward resettlement to Sweden, USA, Norway, France and UK.
- Swedish resettlement experts arrived in Dadaab on 30th March and conducted Cultural Orientation for refugees who will be resettled to Sweden.

Voluntary Return

- 2,048 individuals (442 households) voluntarily returned to Somalia between the beginning of the return pilot project in December 2014 and 31 March 2015. The majority returned to Kismayo.

Breakdown by Place of Return				
Row Labels	Female	Male	Total	%
Baidoa	258	251	509	25%
Kismayo	773	730	1,503	73%
Luuq	19	17	36	2%
Grand Total	1050	998	2,048	-

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