



HIGHLIGHTS

14,829

Identified unaccompanied

Minors and Separated
Children

86

Households provided with cash
grants since 1st January 2015

1,288,598

NFIs distributed since
January 2015

2,931

Shelters distributed since
January 2015

Population of Concern

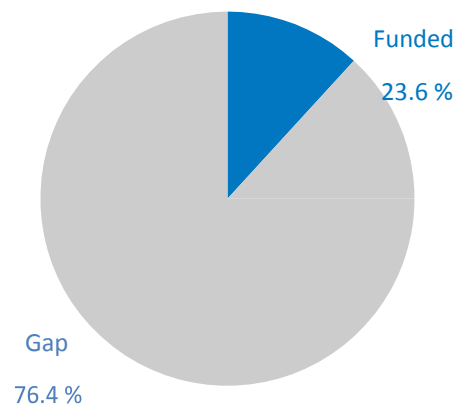
Total of people of concern **600,442**

Funding

USD 226,880,884 requested

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Somalia	413,209
Ethiopia	30,643
Sudan	10,836
DR Congo	27,833
Rwanda	1,664
Eritrea	1,614
Burundi	9,089
South Sudan	101,237
Uganda	2,012
Other	305
Total	600,442



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

353 national staff, 29 NUNVs
63 international staff, 11 IUNVS, 15 Consultants

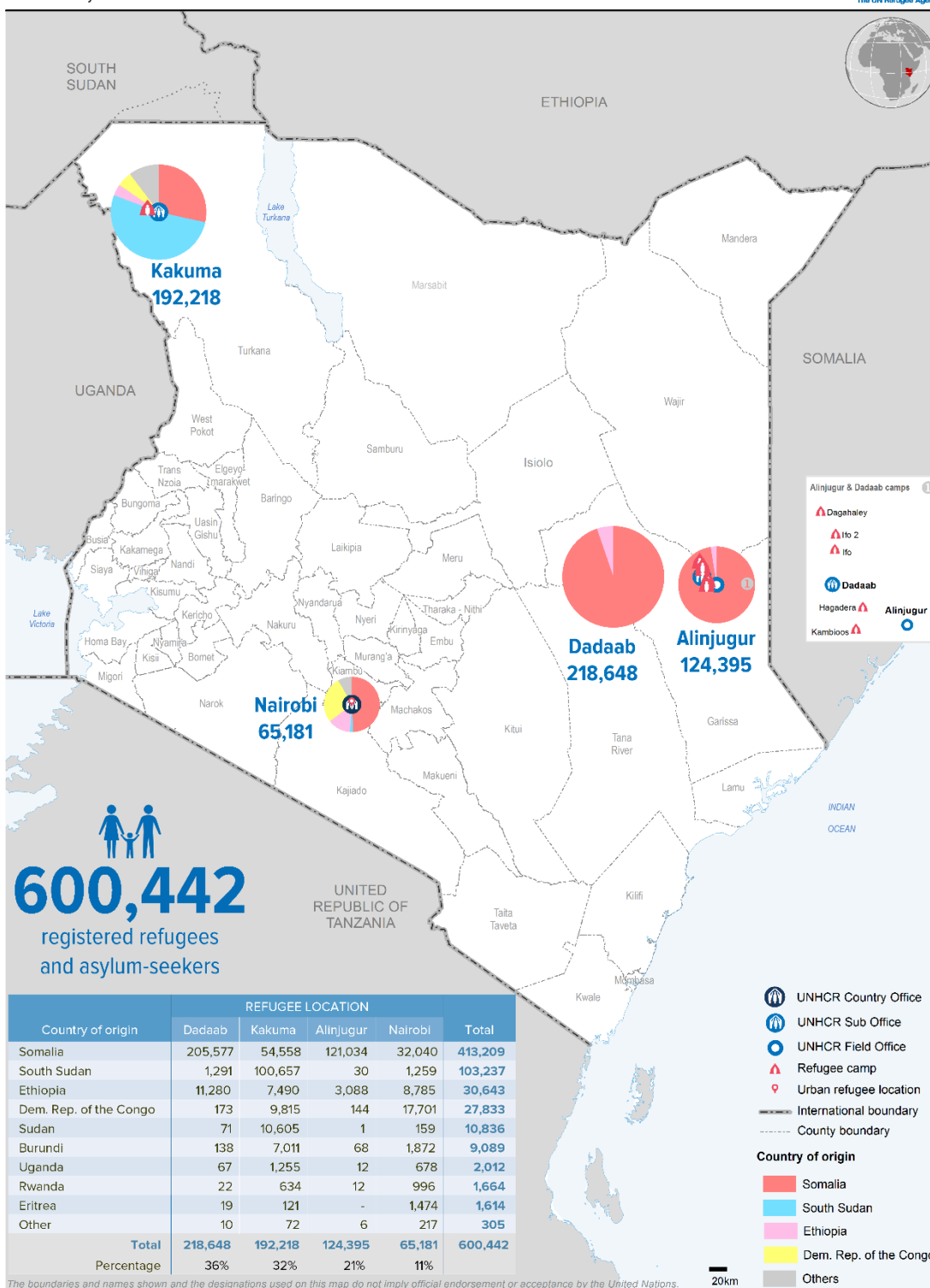
Offices:

4 offices located in:
Nairobi, Kakuma, Dadaab, Alinjgur

KENYA

Registered refugees and asylum-seekers

as of 31 May 2016



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- On 6th May 2016, the Principal Secretary for Interior Ministry issued a statement to disband the Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA) with immediate effect and the government's intention to close Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps. The government subsequently adjusted their position to confirm that Dadaab was the priority for imminent closure.
- Following the pronouncement by Government of Kenya on the decision to close Dadaab Camps, a number of refugees have approached UNHCR field offices seeking assurances on their plight. Some refugees have opted to be relocated to Kakuma, stating that they are not willing to be forced to return to Somalia where their lives would be at risk.
- Kenya National Commission on Human Rights and Kituo che Sheria have submitted a legal petition challenging the directive to disband DRA and close Dadaab.
- The disbandment of DRA affected the issuance of Conventional Travel Documents (CTDs) for refugees. The Protection Delivery Unit (PDU) intervened and met with the Head of the Secretariat for Refugee Affairs, Mr. Makori. He assured UNHCR of his support.
- The closure of DRA worsened refugee documentation situation. Refugees with expired ID cards cannot renew them and those who need to be transferred to the camp could not move by lack of valid movement pass.
- During the week of 23 to 27 May Kakuma received a large group of European journalists accompanied by ECHO colleagues based in Nairobi. The group visited a school, hospital and several projects implemented by partners. They also received an overall Protection briefing, met with Refugee Youth and observed performances by several refugee artists.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

Registration and Refugees Status Determination (RSD)

- Due to the Kenyan Government unprecedented disbandment of DRA, all RSD decisions are on hold, and no decision letters were issued in Dadaab.
- UNHCR Nairobi continuous to register new born based on their birth certificate. Since the disbandment of the DRA, on average, 5 to 20 individuals are approaching UNHCR per day, requesting for registration.
- In the month of May 2016, a total of 1,423 individuals were registered in Nairobi bringing the total of new registrations during the first five months of the year to 6, 357 of which 89 are born in 2016.

Protection Delivery

- UNHCR Dadaab has initiated a protection help line that is intended to complement pre-existing protection tools such as weekly intakes and protection needs assessment interviews.

Access to Justice

- UNHCR partners Refugee Consortium of Kenya and Kituo Cha Sheria continued to intervene for refugees arraigned in court charged with the offence of being unlawfully present in the country.
- Protection Delivery Unit (PDU) together with the legal partners engaged in active monitoring of 14 police stations in Nairobi during the month as well as 9 detention stations in other urban areas including Isiolo police station, Marsabit and Moyale prisons.

SGBV and Persons with specific needs

- 20 SGBV related protection interviews were undertaken in Nairobi. All cases were referred to partners for psychosocial assistance. 15 of the cases are being assessed for resettlement consideration.

Child Protection

In Kakuma at end of May, the total registered UAMs in the camp were 2,379 and 12,607 Separated children.

Statelessness

- On 11th May, UNHCR hosted the Coordination Meeting for Statelessness Working Group with NGOs working on issues of statelessness and nationality, as well as implementing partners to address the needs of populations who are either stateless or at risk of becoming stateless. During this meeting, stakeholders agreed to write policy papers to support advocacy towards the Registration of Persons Bill which is at the second reading in the Senate. The policy papers will be used for advocacy towards the African Union draft Protocol on Nationality.

Community Empowerment, Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

- 65 refugee and host community groups comprising of 650 persons of concern will receive grants to enable them start businesses. This will be done in collaboration with UNHCR Dadaab livelihoods Partner Danish Refugee Council.
- Discussion on Kenya – Somalia cross –border linkage in view of livelihoods programming were held. The meeting reviewed the livelihoods proposal presented by the American Refugee Committee (ARC) Somalia. ARC has proposed a project aimed job creation opportunities in Somalia for 10,000 skilled returnees. UNHCR Dadaab is currently collaborating with DRC and other livelihoods partners to develop a skills database.
- 183 persons of concern have been newly identified and selected for technical and professional studies through the support of UNHCR, DRC and other donors.
- Following the opening of a new traders' market in Kambioos camp and subsequent handover to community traders, relocation of traders from blocks and resultant increasing trading activities at the central market was recorded.

Education

- A second batch of 2100 notebooks and 2000 pens donated by CEO Coca-Cola Company were handed over to students of Hormud Primary School.
- UNHCR conducted a myriad of consultations with Vodafone Foundation and Implementing Partners where proposals for the revised topology and power connectivity were discussed. The technical team recommended a commercial solar energy company to be engaged in preventive maintenance and ongoing support on the solar power system.
- Mass information campaign was held to increase girl child enrolment.
- 32 refugee students from the Dadaab camps participated in World University Service of Canada (WUSC) scholarships. Successful candidates will get sponsorship for further studies in Canadian universities under the Student Refugee Programme.

Health

- UNHCR and medical service providers have been leading community structures and religious leaders in the camps to conduct cholera prevention and response.
- In Kakuma crude mortality rate 0.3/1000/ month while under 5 is 1.3/1000/month. All new arrivals were screened at border and vaccinated for yellow fever. 598 new arrivals were screened for malnutrition, 126 with moderate malnutrition and 103 with severe malnutrition.

Shelter

- In Kakuma 240 temporary shelters were constructed in May to accommodate the increased number of new arrivals to Kalobeyi Settlement.

Water and Sanitation

- In Kakuma user ratio of latrine was 1:7 for both communal and household latrines. Overall coverage stood at 74% for both family shared and household latrines. Average water distribution in K4 was 20 l/p/d.



Voluntary Return

- 303 individuals have been assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia in May 2016. The returnees were transported by flight with Mogadishu receiving 221 individuals, while 82 persons returned to Baidoa. A total of 14,107 returnees have been supported as of 30th May 2016 out of which 8,006 were assisted between January and April 2016.
- The Integrated Help Desk in Nairobi is still operational for those seeking information about return. The desks are managed together with UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council. In May, three (3) individuals approached the desk and were counselled on the process.
- 22,941 individuals have visited the return held desks in Dadaab to make repatriation related inquiries since the desks were officially launched in December 2013.
- Since the repatriation process started in December 2014, 63 road convoys and 83 flights have been organized to Somalia of which 73 flights were to Mogadishu, 6 to Baidoa and 4 to Kismayo. All returnees have reached their respective destinations without any security incident directly affecting them.
- Road convoys transporting returnees to Baidoa and Luuq and their environs remains temporary suspended because of the rainy season that has made the roads impassable.

Resettlement

- A total of 254 cases totalling 648 individuals were referred from Dadaab, Kakuma and Nairobi and submitted to the U.S.A. and Canada for resettlement consideration.

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