

KEY FIGURES

164,571

The camp population as at 28th February 2017. The figure is inclusive of Kalobeyei population.

2,069

Number of South Sudanese new arrivals registered in the month of February 2017

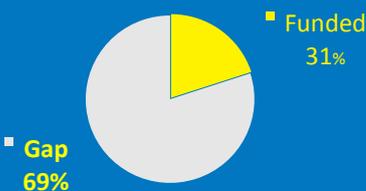
23,642

The population currently hosted at Kalobeyei Settlement.

FUNDING

USD 65M

Requested for Kakuma operation.



PRIORITIES

- Movement of new arrivals from Nadapal transit centre to Kakuma
- Monitoring of new arrivals trend
- Development of Kalobeyei settlement
- Maintenance of roads and water network
- Relocation from Dadaab
- Voluntary repatriation (VOLREP)

KENYA

KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

15TH – 28TH FEBRUARY 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- The operation continues to receive refugees from South Sudan at the Kenya – South Sudan border at Nadapal Transit Centre.
- As at 28th February 2017, a total of 14 Kilometre of water pipeline from Tarach to Kalobeyei had been laid. The pipeline will ensure that refugees and host community in Kalobeyei have access to clean water.
- Farmers have commenced harvesting and selling of vegetables at the 3 acre plot in Kakuma 2. The projected total vegetable yield for the 3 acre farm is 8,585.2Kg reflecting an average vegetable production of 2,861.74Kg (2.862 tons) per acre per crop cycle.



PHOTO: Mlasi Salima (right) and her daughter Sofia pose for a photo at the 3 acre agriculture farm in Kakuma 2. UNHCR/S. Otieno

- On 21st February, UNHCR Kakuma operation hosted a mission from Swiss - Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). The mission which comprised of the SDC Director General Manuel Sager, Swiss Ambassador to Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Somalia and Uganda Amb. Ralf Heckner, UNHCR representative to Kenya Raouf Mazou among others visited Skills for Life projects in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement where they interacted with the beneficiaries from the refugee and host communities.
- On 20th – 21st February 2017, UNHCR Kakuma operation hosted the new ECHO Desk Officer Kenya Mr. Thorsten Muench. The new Desk Officer, accompanied by Jean-Marc Jouineau – Technical Advisor for Somalia, Kenya and Djibouti and Ms. Irene Bosire, was on a familiarization tour of Kakuma where he visited among others Kakuma Reception Centre, the IRC hospital and Kalobeyei settlement.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- UNHCR conducts border monitoring visits to Nadapal two to three times a week to ensure that asylum seekers have unhindered access to asylum procedures and are treated humanely. Emergency medical cases are transferred to African Inland Church (AIC) Mission or Lopiding Hospital in Lokichoggio or to Kakuma's Referral Hospital in Kakuma 4.
- As at 28th February 2017, Kakuma had a registered population of 140,929 refugees from 18 countries. The majority of these refugees are from South Sudan (44.1%) and Somalia (23.1%), followed by Sudan (5.5%) and Democratic Republic of Congo (5.5%) with smaller numbers from other countries.
- In February 2017, UNHCR has registered a total of 2,945 individuals including 2,069 individuals from South Sudan. Since the beginning of January 2017, a total of 4,894 new arrivals have been registered in the UNHCR database. Most new arrival refugees come from Eastern and Central Equatoria States and cite insecurity and drought as reasons for leaving South Sudan.
- As at 28th February 2017, the population at Kalobeyei settlement stood at 23,642 individuals from 13 countries including 17,674 (10.7%) individuals from South Sudan. Other nationalities include 2,437 (1.5%) from Ethiopia, 1,721 (1.0%) Burundians, 996 (0.6%) Congolese among other nationalities.
- The Government of Kenya through the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and The UN Agency for Migration (IOM) continues to relocate non-Somali refugees from Dadaab refugee camp to Kalobeyei settlement. As at 28th February 2017, a total of 894 Families comprising of 2,891 individuals had been relocated to Kalobeyei settlement.

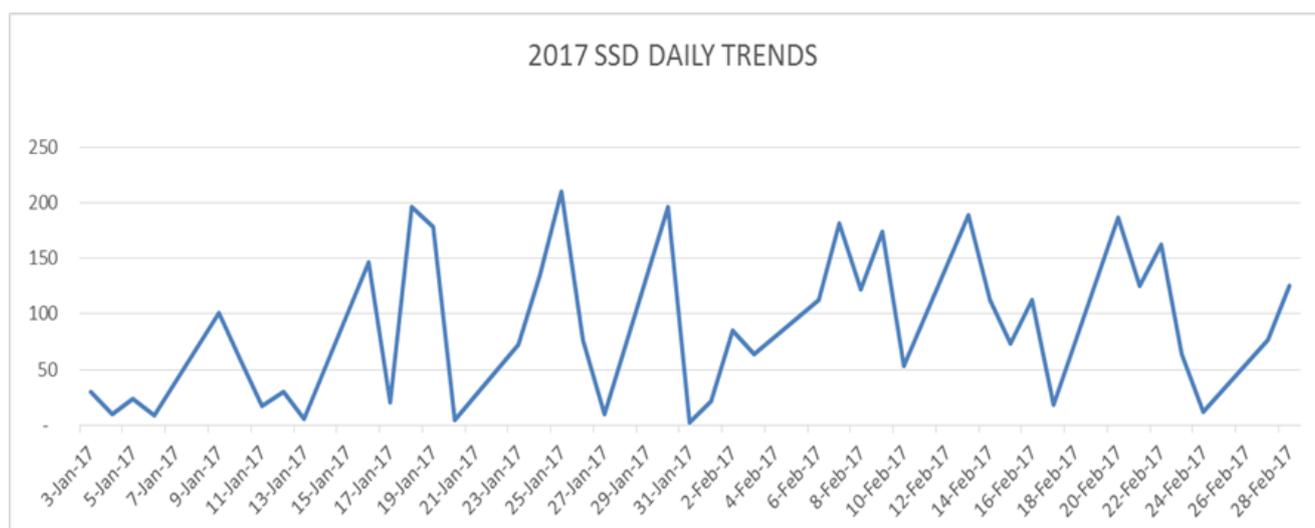


Fig 1: Trends in daily new arrivals

Achievements

Protection

- **Border Monitoring- Nadapal**
PDU attended Nadapal border monitoring on 18th, 21st, 23rd, 25th and 28th February 2017. The missions ensured that persons of concern encountered no challenges in accessing asylum territory. The monitoring also ensured that the asylum seekers were living in dignity at the transit centre. No cases of refoulement or major challenge was noted during the reporting time.



PHOTO: New arrival children at Kakuma's reception centre UNHCR/S. Otieno

- **Birth and Death Certificate Distribution.**

136 birth certificates were distributed during the week through the field post system.

- **Field Post Coverage**

A total of 228 cases were attended to during the protection counselling at field post 1 and 4 and at the reception center. The queries received included insecurity, Resettlement, RSD, Self-Relocations from Daadab and general vulnerability.

- **Daadab - Kakuma Relocations**

PDU monitored relocations of non-Somali refugees from Daadab to Kalobeyei. A total of **72 families and 280 individuals** relocated during the reporting period. Due to low turn up or unwillingness of non-Somalis to be relocated, the relocation process was put on hold from 16th – 26th February 2017.

- **Flight Corridor Monitoring.**

A total of 59 asylum seekers from Burundi and Congo were facilitated by the Kenya Red Cross Society - Kitale office to Kakuma Refugee Camp.

Protection Unit has noted an increase of asylum seekers arrested and charged for being in the country illegally which is against article 31 of the 1951 convention.

- **Individual Case management**

During the reporting period, 8 protection interviews were conducted during the reporting period. Field visits were also conducted in the course of follow up of some of the cases.

- **Nairobi- Kakuma Relocations**

A total of 16 persons of concern were facilitated to travel to Kakuma and received by PDU on 23rd February 2017. The group included those who sought asylum through Nairobi and also some who were registered in Kakuma but had self-relocated to Nairobi.

Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- Prevention and response activities were ongoing throughout the reporting period in Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlement. During the reporting period, a total of 23 (15 South Sudanese related cases) SGBV cases were reported.

Comprehensive medical and psychosocial support was offered to survivors. Referrals were conducted for appropriate comprehensive services including legal and material support.

- The monthly coordination meeting was hosted by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and attended by SGBV partner agencies. The meeting deliberated on the planning for the International Women’s Day (IWD) celebrations to be held in Kakuma and Kalobeyei simultaneously. Celebrations in Kakuma will be led by IRC while Danish Refugee Council (DRC) will take the lead in Kalobeyei.
- During the reporting period, DRC held a joint meeting with the SGBV committee members in Kalobeyei. The aim of the meeting was to introduce new community workers to the committee members and also to inform the committees about the International Women’s Day celebrations.

Education

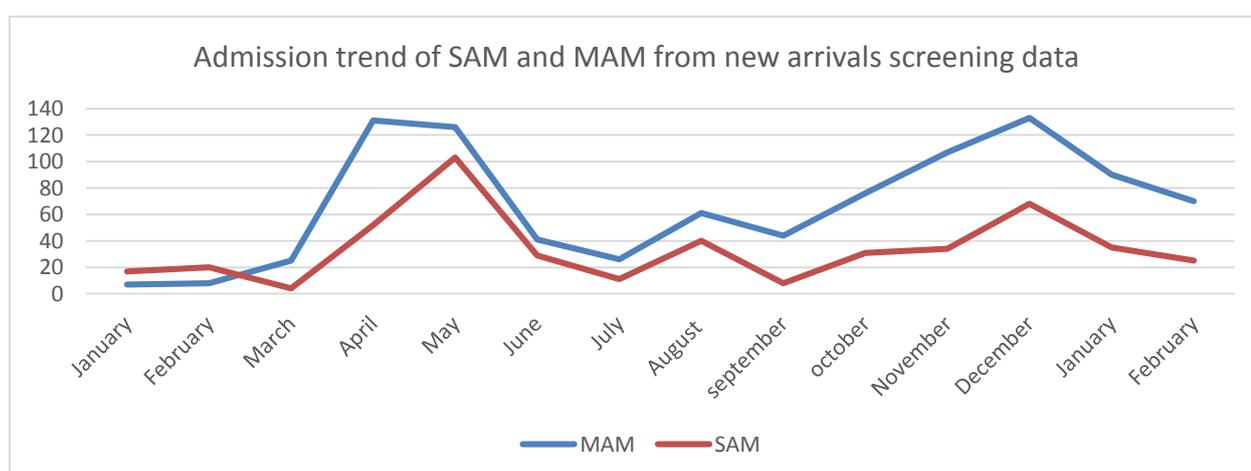
Achievements and Impact

- Registration of 2017 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) candidates was concluded with a total of 4,742 (1,197 females) candidates registered in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlement schools.
- The process of renewal of school registration certificates by the Ministry of Education was conducted successfully.
- A total of 31 (9 female) Special Needs Education (SNE) learners at Kalobeyei settlement school were screened and referred as follows: three learners with Physical disabilities were referred to Handicap International and others with Otitis media cases were referred to Red Cross Hospital in Kalobeyei. 3 (1 female) learners with multiple disabilities were identified during home visits in Kakuma 2, two of them are to be enrolled in Fashoda Primary Unit for the Deaf.
- **Challenges:** Schools are severely overcrowded with insufficient number of teachers, inadequate WASH facilities and teaching/learning resources.
- Special Needs Education team collaborated with an ophthalmologists from IRC to screen 116 (56F) individuals from the following schools: Mogadishu, Unity, Malakal and Kawarnaparan. One (1) Learner from Kawarnaparan was given a pair of Elbow Crutches, three (3) boys with Cataracts and Trachoma from Unity Primary school underwent a successful visual surgery at IRC Hospital.

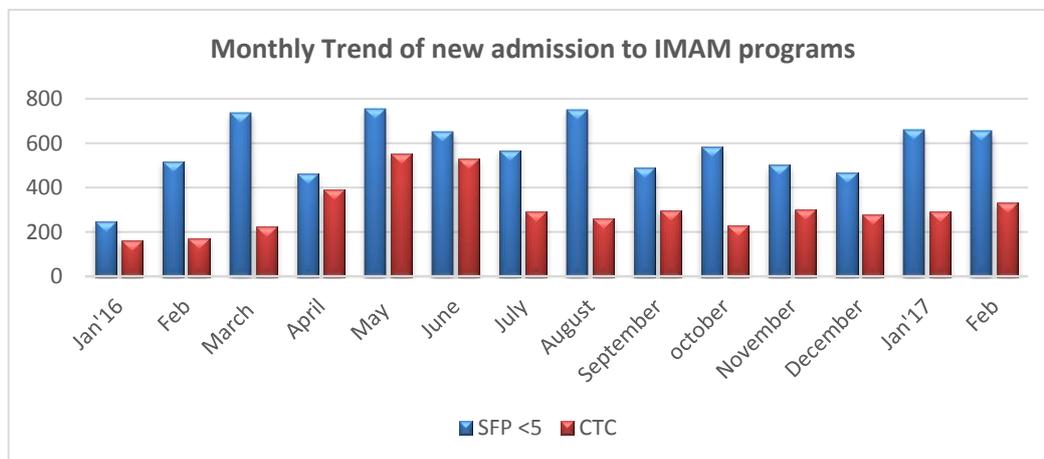
Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, a total of 2,091 children aged between 6 - 59 months were screened for malnutrition at the Kakuma reception centre out of which 25 (1.2%) were found to be having severe acute malnutrition and 70 (3.35%) to be having Moderate acute malnutrition, giving the proportion found with Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) at 4.55% . All the children identified with acute malnutrition were admitted to respective nutrition rehabilitation programs.



- Nutrition situation continues to deteriorate in Kakuma and Kalobeyei refugee camps indicated by an increase in number of admissions to nutrition management programs and an increased relapses as well as average length of stay in the programs.
- Increase in malnutrition is attributed to the reduced food rations and cash based intervention that is disproportionate to the increasing food prices. Incidences of Watery and bloody diarrhea has also been in an increasing trend due to lack of access to sufficient amount of clean water and deplorable sanitation situation in Kalobeyei settlement. There has been chronic water shortage in some parts of Kakuma camp which is contributing to this problem.



Food Assistance

- In kind and Cash intervention continue to be implemented in General Food Distribution supported by WFP. The proportions given vary between Kakuma and Kalobeyei:
- In Kakuma Family size one received 500 Kenyan shillings per person per month and other family sizes receive 300 shillings per person per month together with In kind food basket as presented in the table below

Food commodity(per person per day)	All Family sizes	
	grams	Kilocalories
Cereals	168	570
Red Beans	30	102
CSB	20	76
Vegetable Oil	20	177
GRAND TOTAL	238	925

- In Kalobeyei, the whole population received 1,400 Kenyan shillings per person per month together with 1.12kg of Corn Soya Blend.
- Reduction in Food rations is persisting and currently only 70% of the recommended food basket is being issued.

Shelter & Kalobeyei Settlement

Achievements and Impact

- Development of Kalobeyei settlement is ongoing with various permanent facilities being constructed.
- During the reporting period, a total of 246 shelters were constructed in Kalobeyei settlement.

- The construction of a temporary clinical was completed in cluster 2 of Kalobeyei settlement. The clinic will provide medical services to residents of cluster 2 and 3 and the surrounding host community.
- The construction of a temporary school is ongoing cluster 2 of Kalobeyei settlement. Currently, there is only one Primary school in Kalobeyei settlement located in cluster 1. The temporary school is expected to serve residents of cluster 2 and 3 of Kalobeyei settlement.
- The construction of 12 classrooms in primary school B located in cluster 1, an administration and a library block in primary schools B is ongoing.
- Construction of the twin laboratory in the secondary school is also ongoing and is expected to be complete in the next one month.

Durable Solutions

Voluntary Repatriation (Volrep)

- On 21st February, a total of 40 individuals were assisted to return to Kismayo - Somalia through Volrep. Since the beginning of Volrep in 2016, UNHCR Kakuma operation has facilitated a total of 18 return trips to Somalia of 626 individuals.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

Livelihoods

- Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) trainings were conducted in Kalobeyei settlement, Kakuma 3, and Kakuma 4. A total of 13 groups comprising of 230 individuals were formed to start saving and lending among members.
- A total of 65 individuals from the refugee and host community were trained on poultry production. The trained groups stand to benefit from 6,000 once procured.
- A total of 180 refugees' socio-economic profiles were captured, to enable the operation to plan and build on the asset based approach to livelihoods.
- A total of KSH 42,000.00 was paid by the revolving loan beneficiaries to the revolving loan account.

Persons with Specific needs

- A total of 204(102 female) persons of concern benefited from home based care through 171 home visits. 1 awareness outreach campaign targeting 4 schools was conducted reaching out to 218(100 female) individuals; 81(42 female) new cases were identified with 31(21 female) being referred for various specialised services in the camp.
- Out of 139 (51 female) served in the day care, 5 (3 female) were new admissions during the reporting period. A total of 41(12 female) benefited for occupational therapy of which 5 (3 female) were newly identified client while 17 (11 female) clients were assisted to access vocational skills training.
- Out of 141 cases assessed and discussed during 4 case management sessions, 129 were approved to benefit from the available specific services while 12 cases were send for re-assessment. These cases will be presented to the panel one the re-assessment is completed.
- During the reporting period, a total of 70 (21 female) persons leaving with disabilities received various session of occupational therapy while 6 (3 female) were supported with assistive devices; 74(30 female) had their assistive devices repaired while 4 (2 female) received locally made assistive devices.
- A total of 9 persons with specific needs including the elderly, chronically ill, child headed household and single parents at risk were supported with material assistance.

Psychosocial Counselling

- Out of the total 607 (358 female) persons with specific needs who received individual counselling sessions, 49 (33 female) were discharged after completing their therapy sessions and improving their psychological wellbeing while 365(209 female) were newly admitted.

- 20 groups of 274 (196 female) individuals received group therapy sessions while 10 groups of 198 (156 female) received family therapy sessions.
- During the reporting period, a total of 183 (91 female) new arrivals benefited from psychological debriefing at the reception centre.
- A total of 629 (391 female) persons' of concern received individual alternative therapy sessions of which 284(158 female) were newly admitted. Of the 629 individuals who received individual alternative therapy, 206(115 female) were discharged after completing their therapy sessions.
- In Kalobeyi settlement, a total of 94 (53 female) individuals received occupational therapy services. 30 (22 females) new cases of persons' with specific needs were identified, out of which 14 (9 female) were assessed for appropriate intervention.
- During the reporting period, total of 179 (116 female) lay counsellors and alternative therapist participated in two sessions of continuous training on various topics related to psychological wellbeing.
- During the reporting period, a total of 53 (5 female) and 34 (8 female) community members continued to be trained on mental health level 1 and 2 respectively.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya, Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and other partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held including monthly meetings with refugee representatives in the camp.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total requested funding for the Kakuma operation amounts to **US\$ 65 million**

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