

KEY FIGURES

166,880

The camp population as at 15th March 2017. The figure is inclusive of Kalobeyei population.

4,429

Total number of South Sudanese new arrivals registered in 2017.

5,951

The total number of new arrivals registered in 2017.

26,002

The population currently hosted at Kalobeyei Settlement.

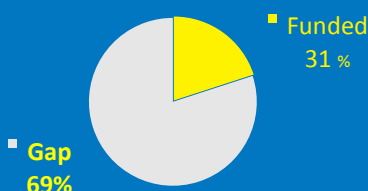
2,405

The total number of registered UAMs of which 1,175 are from South Sudan.

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

1ST – 15TH MARCH 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- The operation continues to receive refugees from South Sudan at the Kenya – South Sudan border at Nadapal Transit Centre. A majority of the new arrivals are women and children. New arrival refugees cite insecurity and famine as the cause of flight.
- The Government of Kenya through the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), The UN Agency for migration (IOM) and the UN Agency for Refugees (UNHCR) continue to relocate non-Somali refugees from Dadaab refugee camp to Kalobeyei Settlement. During the reporting period, a total of 278 Households comprising of 1,208 individuals were relocated to Kalobeyei settlement. The relocates received non-food items (NFIs) and were allocated shelters upon arrival.



PHOTO: New arrival South Sudanese refugees at Nadapal Transit Centre prepare to board a UNHCR vehicle to Kakuma refugee camp. UNHCR/S.Otieno

- On 1st March 2017, the operation hosted a mission from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). The mission, led by Ms. Ingrid Sandstorm from SIDA, interacted with business people from the host and refugee community and also held a meeting with the Branch Manager for Equity Bank (a local Kenyan Bank). This was a follow up on a high level mission from SIDA that took place on 17th – 18th January 2017.
- On 8th March 2017, the operation hosted the Danish Minister for Development Cooperation H. E. Ulla Tornaes, members of the Foreign Affairs Committee from the Danish Parliament and staff from the Danish Embassy on a 1-day visit. The Minister visited Kalobeyei and Kakuma refugee camps as well as Danish Refugee Council implemented projects at youth centre 4 in Kakuma 4.
- Distribution of 1,020 ALP textbooks, teachers' guides, assorted reference materials and learning supplies was done to 12 Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) Centres on 9th March, 2017. This will enhance effective ALP curriculum implementation.

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 15th March 2017, Kakuma had a registered population of 140,878 refugees from 18 countries. The majority of these refugees are from South Sudan (44 %) and Somalia (22.8%), followed by Sudan (5.5%) and Democratic Republic of Congo (5.5%) with smaller numbers from other countries.
- As at 15th March 2017, the population at Kalobeyei settlement stood at 26,002 individuals from 13 countries including 18,264 (11.2%) individuals from South Sudan. Other nationalities include 3,529 (2.1%) from Ethiopia, 1,910 (1.1%) Burundians, 1,061 (0.6%) Congolese among other nationalities.

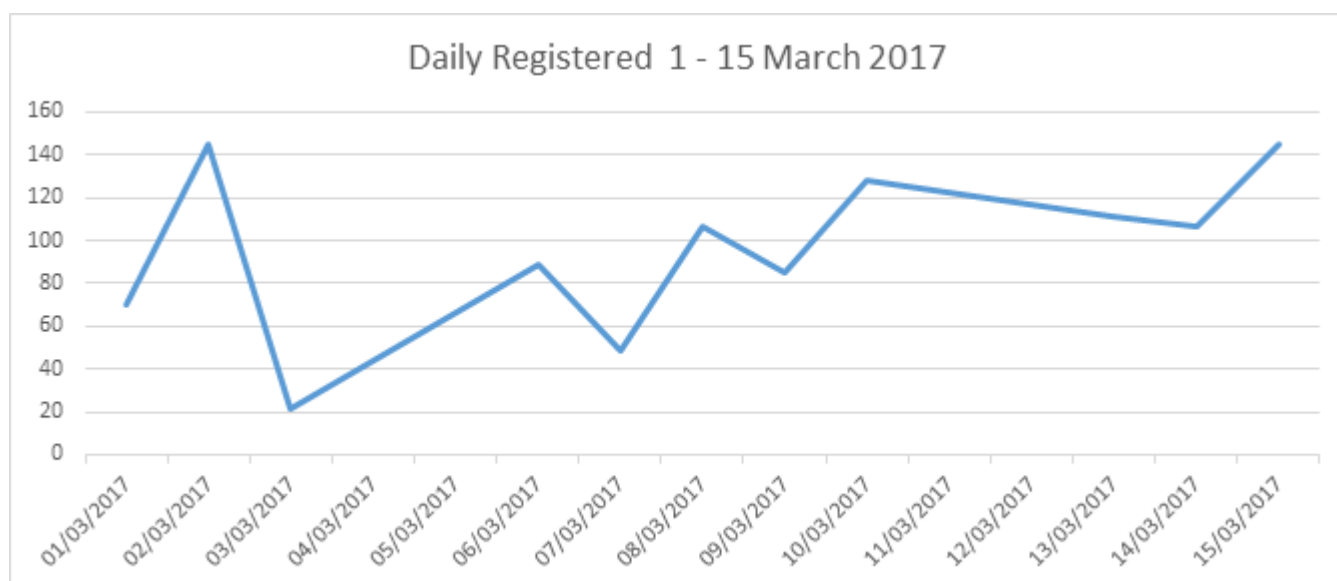


Fig 1: Trend in daily new arrivals

Achievements

Protection

- PDU and RST (resettlement Unit) unit held a meeting on 4th March 2017 with the LGBTI community where the new Senior Protection Officer was introduced and a briefing on the changes in resettlement processing was given. The meeting also addressed a wide range of issues raised by members of the community including rising insecurity and conflict with law enforcement, challenges in getting case updates and difficulties in getting employment to supplement their meals given the ration cuts.
- On 1st March 2017, PDU participated in SGBV Coordination meeting. The core agenda of the meeting was to plan for the International Women's Day celebrations in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. The meeting also called upon the members to voice the challenges encountered by the female workforce in a bid to petition various heads of offices to make improvements for their respective staff. A section of PDU participated in marking the celebrations at Kalobeyei on 8th March 2017
- A total of 278 Households made up of 1,208 individuals were received from Dadaab as at 1st to 15th March 2017. PDU followed up on some of the concerns raised by the relocatees and also referred others to the concerned units.
- During the reporting period, PDU received a total of 32 individuals who were relocated from Nairobi. Some of the cases were new arrivals who had sought asylum through Nairobi while some were Kakuma Refugees who had self-relocated to Nairobi. PDU also received a total of 36 Burundian asylum seekers who facilitated their own travel from Kitale to Kakuma.

- PDU facilitated Convention Travel Documents for 5 Kakuma Got Talents Finalists (G2S group). The 5 children are scheduled to travel to Denmark in April. The 5 were invited to Denmark following their outstanding performance during Kakuma Got Talent presentations in 2016. The children are set to travel to Nairobi on 22nd March 2017 for Embassy Interviews.
- PDU participated in a webinar held on 13th March 2017. The purpose of the conference was to discuss the implementation of the youth fund since Kakuma Youth Project has been selected for special funding in 2017.
- PDU participated in a videoconference on 2nd March 2017. The purpose of the conference was to highlight the modalities for the launch of the tool in Kakuma. CPIMS is a case management tool used by LWF Child Protection. It has been modified to CPIMS+. A team from HQ made up of UNICEF and UNHCR arrived in Kakuma on 13th March 2017 to facilitate the launch.
- Two BID panel meetings were held on 3rd March 2017 and 10th March 2017. 15 BIDS were approved and forwarded to the referring units for action.



PHOTO: New arrival children pose for a photo at Nadapal transit Centre UNHCR/S.Otieno

- PDU conducted border monitoring at Nadapal on 2nd, 7th, 9th and 14th March 2017. The purpose of the monitoring missions was to ensure that asylum seekers arriving at the border from South Sudan are granted safe passage into the Kenyan territory. It was noted that Asylum seekers related well with security officers and Immigration officers in the course of accessing documentation. No incidences of Refoulement and harassment were noted during the reporting period.
- PDU also monitored the reception conditions at Nadapal Reception Centre and flagged issues for follow up with other units. It was noted that most of the asylum seekers arrived from Eastern Equatorial, Central Equatorial. Reasons for flight were given as famine, lack of social amenities and insecurity.

Community Services

Achievements and Impact

Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- Prevention and response activities were ongoing throughout the reporting period in Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlement. A total of 33 cases were reported during the reporting period. Comprehensive medical and psychosocial support was offered to survivors, with 10 cases from SSD. Referrals were conducted for appropriate comprehensive services including legal and material support.
- On 8th March 2017, Kakuma operation led the refugee and host community in marking the International Day for Women in both Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement. The event, which was attended by different heads of agencies and women leaders, attracted thousands of participants. Messages around this year's theme, "Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030" were shared. A similar celebration was held at the Safe-Haven space on 10th March 2017.

Persons with specific needs (PSN)

- Monthly coordination meeting was held on 7th March 2017. Issues discussed and agreed upon include development of a joint campaign awareness strategy and mainstreaming of disability and mental health components in all thematic areas. A tentative date was set to have all the partners share information related to their PSN activities. Partners were also tasked to develop and draft sections of the TOR for the coordination meetings.
- A total of 131 (90 female) persons of concern benefited from home based care through home visits while 2 PWDs were referred for specialised care. 1 disability awareness campaign was conducted in 6 schools. A total of 306 (158 female) volunteers were engaged in information dissemination.
- A total of 138 (51 female) children living with various forms of disabilities were served in the day care centres of which 2 (1 female) were new admissions.

- A total of 124(49 female) persons leaving with disabilities received various session of occupational therapy while 3 (1 female) were supported with assistive devices; 21 (10 female) had their assistive devices repaired while 5 (2 female) received locally made assistive devices.
- Out of the total 724 (421 female) persons with specific needs who received individual counseling sessions, 202 (108 female) were discharged after completing their therapy sessions and improving their psychological wellbeing while 27 (19 female) were newly admitted.
- 20 groups of 272(196 female) individuals continued to receive group therapy sessions while 10 groups of 180 (112 female) continued to receive family therapy sessions. These groups are in their 8th session of healing process and will be discharged after the 12th session of therapy.
- During the reporting period, a total of 267 (148 female) new arrivals benefited from psychological debriefing at the reception center.
- A total of 639 (368 female) received individual alternative therapy sessions, 163 (79 female) were newly admitted while 141(80 female) were discharged after completing their therapy sessions.
- A total of 6,032 women and girls of reproductive age were provided with sanitary wear materials in the ongoing distribution. A total of 4,846 women (2,928 households) were served in Kalobeyei while of 1,186 (485 households) were served in Kakuma 1. The distribution is targeting 26,133 households comprising of 45,696 women and girls aged 11 -50 years individuals for both Kakuma and Kalobeyei.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- The inter-zonal ball games for primary schools were conducted within the camp. A total of 20 teams of boy's and girl's participated in Football, Volleyball and Netball at Kakuma 2. Kakuma 4 won in boy's football while Kakuma 1 won girl's football competition. Kakuma 4 also won both boys and girls volleyball while Kakuma 1 won netball competition.
- Tutors on 15th and 17th March 2017 assessed a total of 8 male ECD teachers undergoing Early Childhood Education (ECD) training at the District Centre for Early Childhood Education (DICECE) in Lodwar. This is a one-year certificate course for ECD teachers.
- A total of 600 Junior Farmers Field and Life School (JFFLS) from the 20 primary schools who were trained by AMREF and are to graduate on 18th March, 2017 at Al Nuur primary school.
- During the reporting period, a total of 42 female teachers sat for a Diploma in Education bridging course exams at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) hence increasing the number of female teachers undertaking Diploma for Education training.

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, a total of 841 children of age between 6 to 59 months were screened for malnutrition at the Kakuma reception centre out of which 14 (1.7%) were found to be having severe acute malnutrition and 46 (5.5%) to be having Moderate Acute Malnutrition, giving the proportion found with Global acute malnutrition at 7.2%. All the children identified with acute malnutrition were admitted to respective nutrition rehabilitation programs.

Food Assistance

- Cash based intervention and In-kind support was given to refugees in Kakuma and Kalobeyei last for 31 days.
- Refugees in Kalobeyei settlement received Ksh 1,400 per person per month and Corn-Soya Blend for the month of March 2017.
- Refugees in Kakuma continue to receive reduced rations at 70% of the recommended monthly food ration. Varied amount of cash/food voucher depending on family sizes was given for Kakuma together with in kind support.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- Crude mortality as at end of February stood at 0.2/1000/month with under five mortality rate of 0.6/1000/month which are both within UNHCR standards of 0.8/1000/month and 1.5/1000/month.
- AIC in collaboration with IRC conducted an Orthopedic workshop in which 15 beneficiaries benefitted from various major surgeries aimed at correcting musculoskeletal deformities.
- The International Rescue Committee (IRC), the lead implementing partner for health in Kakuma refugee camp, and UNHCR have launched piloting of an electronic management records aimed at centralized storage of patient record as well as drug inventory management to move away from paper based records. This will enable historical medical data of patients to be easily accessible to help with better patient care as well as improve drug inventory management
- UNHCR also coordinated outbreak prevention meeting in March aimed at coming up with measures among WASH and Health implementing partners to reduce risk of diseases such as cholera and malaria which mostly occur when rains start after a long duration of drought.
- Screening at Nadapal border is ongoing as well as vaccination of all new arrivals with yellow fever, polio and measles vaccine as well as monitoring for communicable diseases.
- A case of suspected polio was identified in Kakuma from a new relocatee from Dadaab samples were collected and taken to KEMRI laboratory for testing to confirm if it is indeed a case of polio.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- The construction of a 13km pipeline from Tarach seasonal river to Kalobeyei settlement was completed. Currently, piping within cluster one of Kalobeyei settlement is ongoing.
- Water pumping to cluster one of Kalobeyei is ongoing and residents are now able to access clean water from tap stands installed in their neighborhoods.
- Water trucking is on going in Kalobeyei cluster 2 and 3. However, the distance covered by the water trucks has drastically reduced as water trucks are now sourcing water from cluster one of Kalobeyei settlement, hence more water is delivered to refugees per day.
- The process of initiating the formulation of Water Master Plan for Kalobeyei and Kakuma commenced with a meeting with the Turkana County Officials in Lodwar. Follow up meetings with all stakeholders is to take place in Lodwar on the 31st March 2017.

Shelter & Kalobeyei Settlement

Achievements and Impact

- Development of Kalobeyei settlement is ongoing with various permanent facilities being constructed.
- A total of 370 shelters were constructed in Kalobeyei settlement. The new shelters were allocated to relocates from Dadaab refugee camp and South Sudanese new arrivals.
- The construction of a temporary school that would ensure access to education for learners in cluster 2 of Kalobeyei was completed pending the construction of wash facilities.

Durable Solutions

Livelihoods

- VSLA trainings were conducted in Kalobeyei settlement for 3 groups with a total of 39 participants (all female), and another three days training for 8 groups consisting of 174 participants (58 female).
- The validation workshop on integrated livelihoods strategy 2017-2019 took place with the objective to help streamline programming.

- WFP and FAO together with the Turkana sub-county authorities initiated the registration of interested head of households to take part in the kitchen gardening activity in Kalobeyi.

Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep)

- During the reporting period, a total of 187 individuals were assisted to return to Somalia (119 individuals to Mogadishu, 39 to Baidoa, and 35 to Kisimayo) through the voluntary repatriation process (VolRep). Cumulatively, a total of 813 individuals have been assisted to return to Somalia since the beginning of Volrep in 2016.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government, 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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