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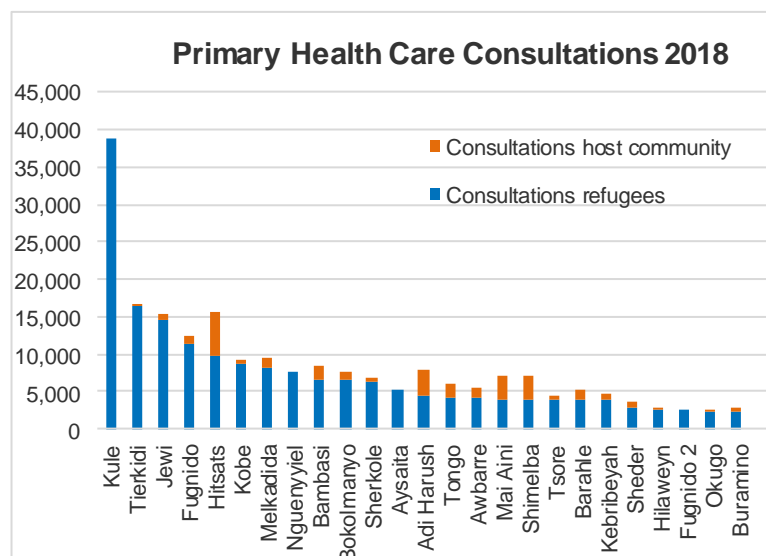
In 2018, more than **210,000** consultations were conducted in primary health care centres while more than **10,000** refugees were counselled and tested for HIV

More than **1,300** patients were referred to secondary health facilities for further diagnostics and treatment

More than **3,600** mothers delivered with the help of skilled birth attendants in 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- Forty-four primary health care centers and health posts provide services free of charge for refugees and host communities in all 26 camps where health programmes are implemented jointly with the Government of Ethiopia's Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) and NGO partners. Close linkages have been established with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and UN partners to enable refugees to benefit from national health programmes.
- In the first quarter of 2018, a total of **210,312 consultations** were given in all health centers, 13.4% of whom were members of the host communities. **38.1%** of the **consultations** were conducted for children under five years of age.

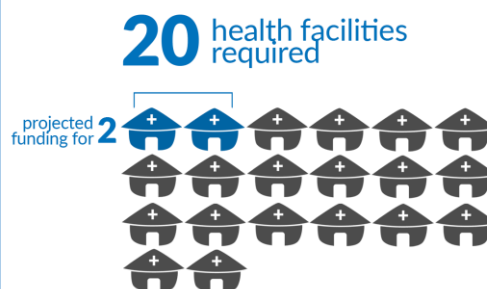
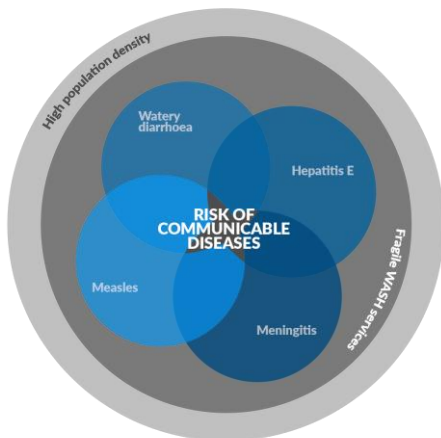


- Major health problems in the refugee operation are *upper respiratory tract infections*, *diarrhea*, *lower respiratory tract infections* and *malaria*. The health facility utilization rate reached 0.9 consultations per refugee per year and is slightly below the standard of 1-4 consultations. The mortality rate in children under five is 0.1/1,000/month and remains within the expected range
- New health service initiatives:** Cervical cancer screening combined with treatment of pre-cancer lesions will be rolled out in all refugee camps as part of UNHCR's global initiative and in line with the strategic priorities of the Ethiopian Ministry of Health. The cost-efficient service will contribute to the early detection of cervical cancer and reduce mortality and referral costs.
- The new Health Commodity Management Information System has been rolled out in all refugee camps. The system is used in public health facilities in Ethiopia and now also used in refugee health centre pharmacies. It will enhance management of drugs and medical supplies, improve monitoring and accountability.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- The Ethiopia Refugee Programme Public Health Sector Strategic Plan 2014 – 2018, covering health (including HIV & reproductive health), nutrition & food security and WASH, forms the basis of programme planning and implementation in all regions where refugees are hosted.
- Key objectives of the public health response are to improve access to quality primary health care; strengthen disease prevention and health promotion; improve childhood survival; ensure access to integrated prevention of non-communicable diseases incl. mental health; reduce transmission of HIV and facilitate universal access to antiretroviral therapy; improve access to comprehensive reproductive, maternal and new-born health.
- **Linkages:** Strengthen the multi-sectoral approach between health, nutrition, WASH and livelihood programmes for cross referral to enhance the intake of complimentary services, as well as preventive health services. Presently community based outreach activities are being reviewed with the aim to have a united outreach workforce addressing topics in health, nutrition and WASH to reduce existing overlaps and enhance efficiency of the programmes.
- **Enhancing health service quality:** Capacity building continues to be conducted in cooperation with Regional Health Bureaus for health providers from all refugee camps. Assessments of the quality of care in the health centres are being conducted in several camps using UNHCR's revised Balance Score Card. The mobile Health Information System will be rolled out in the second half of 2018 to enhance the timeliness and quality of health data. Emergency preparedness plans are being updated.

CHALLENGES



LACK OF MEDICAL REFERRAL FACILITIES
at a close distance



CHALLENGING DATA COLLECTION & UNDERREPORTING

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