

KEY FIGURES

45,431

Asylum seekers received since influx began in December 2013.

2,759

UAMS in Kakuma Camp.

12

New SGBV cases reported during the week

21

SGBV survivors that UNHCR has assisted

17.37

Litres of water provided per person per day in Kakuma.

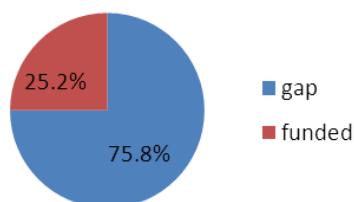
7,115

Number of roofed durable shelters in Kakuma 4.

FUNDING

USD 36.5 MILLION

Requested for the operation



PRIORITIES

- Monitor trends of daily new arrivals and their unhindered access to asylum.
- Finalizing Country Operation Plan for 2016 – 2017

KENYA

KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

13 - 19 MARCH 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- As at 19 March 2015, Kakuma had received 45,431 asylum seekers from South Sudan. As at 15 March, 181,119 refugees had been registered by UNHCR and DRA, with South Sudanese making up 49.9% of the registered population.
- On 17 March 2015, UNHCR organized a meeting with all partners to discuss ways of streamlining the prioritization, coordination, monitoring and implementation of 2015 activities. All implementing and operating partners were represented, including UNHCR sector specialists/units and focal persons for each sector. This was followed by another meeting on 18 March 2015 on the 2016 /2017 Country Operation Plan (COP).

Partners together with UNHCR sector focal persons during the coordination meeting for 2015 implementation. UNHCR/ C.Wachiaya



- A team from UNHCR and WFP headquarters is currently in Kakuma to look at the implementation of the biometrics food distribution system that was introduced in October 2013. The team had extensive discussions with WFP/UNHCR staff on the ground and witnessed food distribution at various centers. A meeting with refugee leaders will also be organized.
- On 19 March 2015, Team and Team International, a South-Korean NGO that came in as an operational partner in 2014 to support the operation in the water sector, handed over a new borehole that they drilled to NRC. The borehole which has an expected yield of 60m³/hour will assist in improving water supply to residents of Kakuma 4. The Head of the UNHCR sub-office Kakuma applauded Team and Team's efforts and support that will greatly alleviate the water situation in the camp.



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- UNHCR conducts border monitoring visits to Nadapal three days a week (every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) with the aim of ensuring that asylum seekers received at the border have unhindered access to asylum and are treated humanely.
- The trend of daily new arrivals has remained low; on average about 100 people are received per week. In the past week, 85 new arrivals were received. Lutheran World Federation (LWF) manages the centre and has staff based there to receive arrivals and provide them with hot meals and accommodation. IRC has staff who go to the border at least once a week to conduct health and nutrition screening for children and women. UNHCR has maintained a weekly convoy to the border to pick new arrivals who stay at the transit centre for an average of one week. The trend continues to be monitored closely for any possible upsurge.
- Issues of visa charges at the border by Immigration officials continue to pose a challenge to unhindered access to asylum seekers, despite the prima-facie status conferred on them by the Kenya Government. Discussions have been ongoing between the Immigration Office in Nairobi, UNHCR, the Department of Refugee Affairs and the Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) to address the matter

Achievements

Protection

Child Protection

- As at 16 March 2015, 1,251 new UAMS and 6,897 separated children had arrived in Kakuma since December 2013. Since then to date, 1,175 UAMs including 829 South Sudanese UAMs and 5,227 separated children have been registered, bringing the cumulative number of registered UAMs in Kakuma to 2,757* and 12,250 separated children.

Achievements and Impact

- In the reporting week, the BID panel which comprises of representatives from UNHCR Resettlement and Protection Units, District Children's Office (DCO), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Kenya Red Cross and RCK conducted a total of 13 BID assessments. At the reception center and in the community, 47 BIAs were carried out cumulatively.
- UNHCR shared a list of over 2,500 UASC with Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) for family tracing. KRCS has been reaching out to such children offering them family tracing and reunification services. In the reporting week, three newly arrived UAMs were reunified with their family in the camp.
- There are currently eight Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in the camp which are managed and supported by Waldorf. Despite the challenge of temporary structures (tents) being used at the sites and heavy dust storms, more children attend the activities from week to week. In the reporting week, 2,487 children participated in the CFS activities. Activities include singing, reciting poems and bible verses, eurhythmy, storytelling, modelling with clay, drawing with crayons and painting.

Youth Protection

Achievements and Impact

- A total of 237 league and friendly matches involving 212 male and 25 female teams were played in the course of the week. The matches were organized as a means of enhancing peaceful coexistence among the various communities in the camp and also with the host community. 946 youth also participated in indoor games in all the camp's zones.
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC) which is responsible for youth protection activities in Kakuma 4 conducted trainings on group savings, proper loaning methodology and financial literacy for 43 youths in Kakuma 4. The trainings aim to impart some life skills to the youth and create a culture of entrepreneurship.
- DRC also conducted a four day resilience training workshop for adolescents and youth in Kakuma 4. The resilience workshops are an ongoing activity aimed at improving the resilience levels and coping mechanisms of the youth in the face of adversity in their day to day lives. A total of 45 adolescents and youth were reached.

SGBV

- 12 SGBV cases were reported during the reporting period (1 case of physical assault, 5 cases of psychological violence, 5 cases of rape and 1 case of sexual assault). The survivors received psychosocial counseling services and medical treatment.

Achievements and Impact

- IRC met with women refugee leaders from across the camp to follow up on the of the referral card in the community. The feedback from the leaders was positive as they mentioned that the uptake has been good among the community members.
- Seven IRC staff attended training in Nairobi for GBV Information Management System (GBVIMS). The training is meant to improve analysis and reporting of SGBV cases in Kakuma.
- UNHCR facilitated a door to door campaign which was conducted through IRC and Filmaid during the reporting week. 131(110 female and 21male) community members were reached through the campaign where messages were disseminated on various ways that women and girls can be empowered to reduce risk of sexual and gender based violence.
- 21 home visits were conducted during the reporting week to ascertain the progress of the cases in the community. Four were found to be progressing well while the rest had various needs which continue to be addressed.



Health

The general health status of refugees remained stable during the week with mortality indicators remaining within Sphere/UNHCR standards. Malaria and Watery Diarrhoea cases are being closely monitored due to their outbreak potential. The trend for malaria has shown improvement while that of watery diarrhea in week 11 has shown a slight decrease as compared to week 10; however it is still higher than week 9 and week 8.

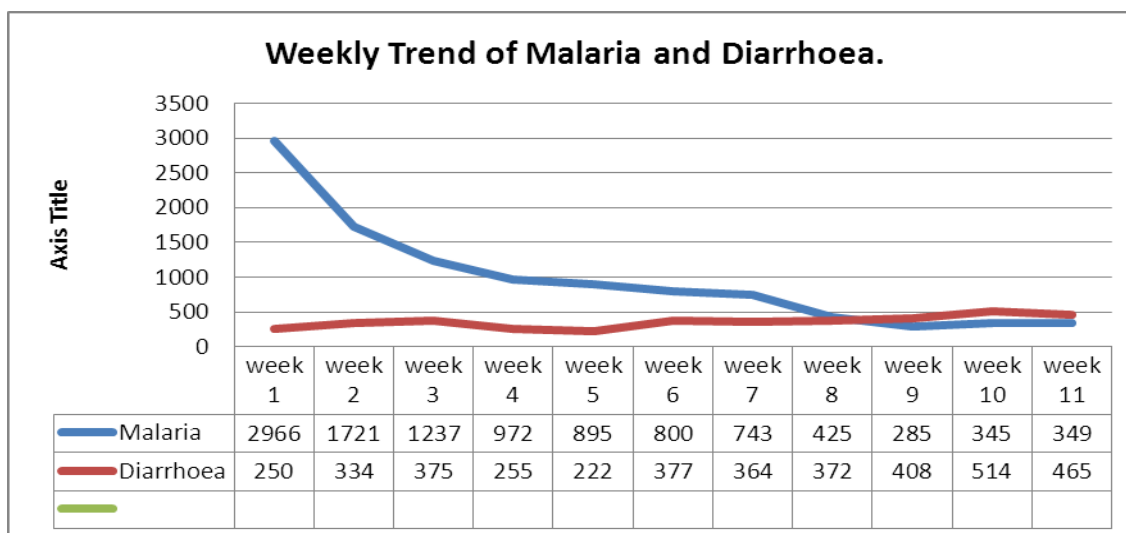


Fig1: Weekly trends of new malaria and watery diarrhoea cases

Achievements and Impact

- Further investigation and active surveillance by IRC continues to assess new watery diarrhoea cases and identify specific problems related to WASH, tracing and referral of new cases. Hygiene promotion activities are also ongoing at household level to sensitize individuals on proper water storage and management.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There has been a high turnover of staff including doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and trained refugee incentive workers; this creates a gap in consistent efficiency of service delivery to persons of concern. Staff recruitment is ongoing to fill in the gap. UNHCR has also strengthened its partnership with AMREF and AIC Missionaries who conduct monthly outreach missions to the camp for specialized treatment.



Food Security and Nutrition

- The second cycle of March General Food Distribution began on 16 and will end on 23 March 2015. The GFD target population to be served at Food Distribution Centre 4 in Kakuma 4 is 32,369 individuals (7,479 households) and 62,675 individuals (15,978 households) to be served at Food Distribution Centre 3 in Kakuma 3. So far, 56% and 60% of the targeted households have been served at FDC4 and FDC3 respectively.
- During the reporting week, as at 15 March, 41 newly arrived children aged 6-59 months were screened for malnutrition at the reception centre. Among these, 8 had severe acute malnutrition, while 2 had moderate acute malnutrition. The proportion of children with GAM was 24.4 % and SAM was 19.5%

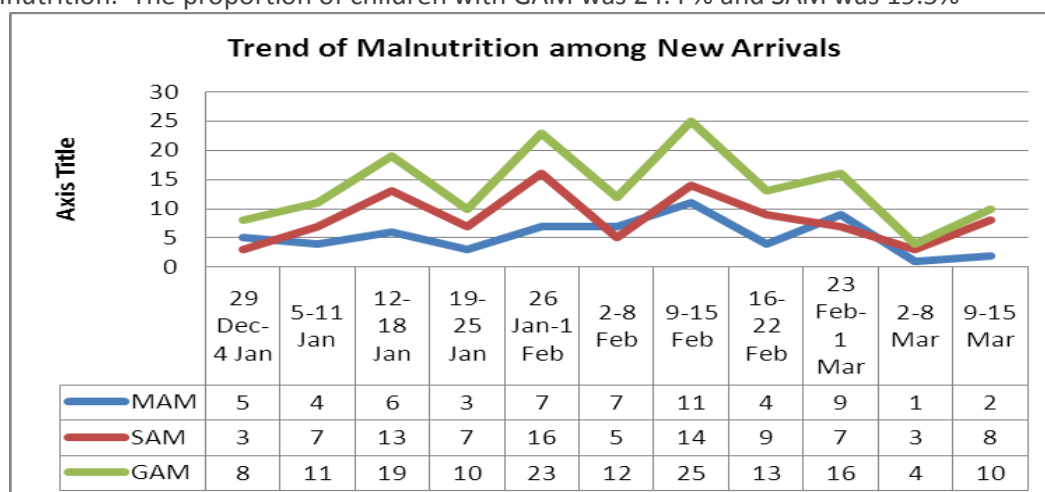
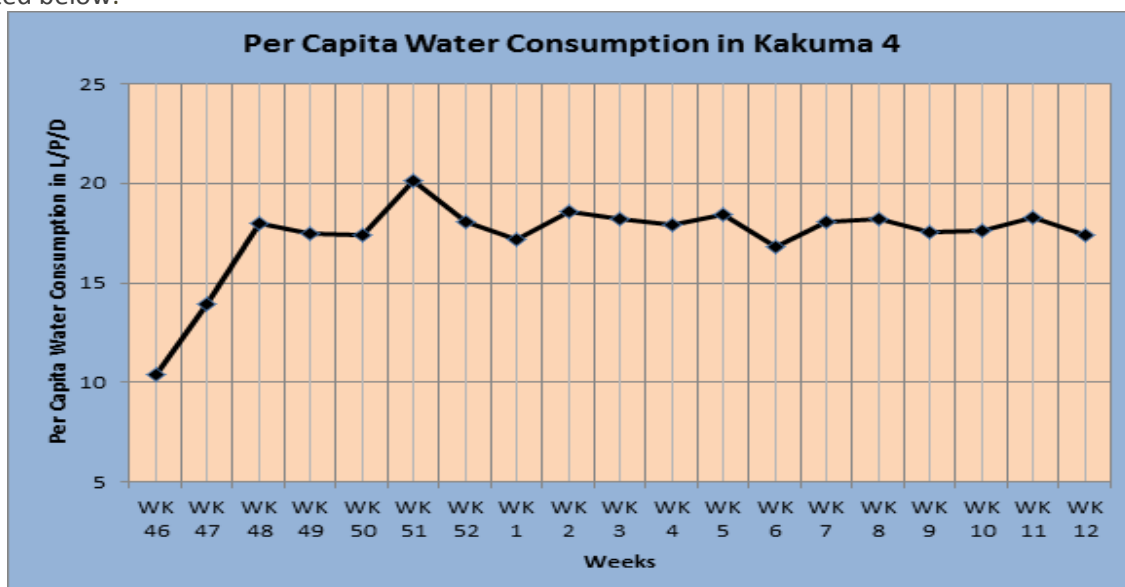


Fig.2: Trend of malnutrition among new arrivals (6-59months).

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- The total amount of water supplied to residents in Kakuma 4 during the reporting week was 5,904m³. This translated to per capita water distribution of 17.37 litres per person per day. The consumption trend is depicted below:



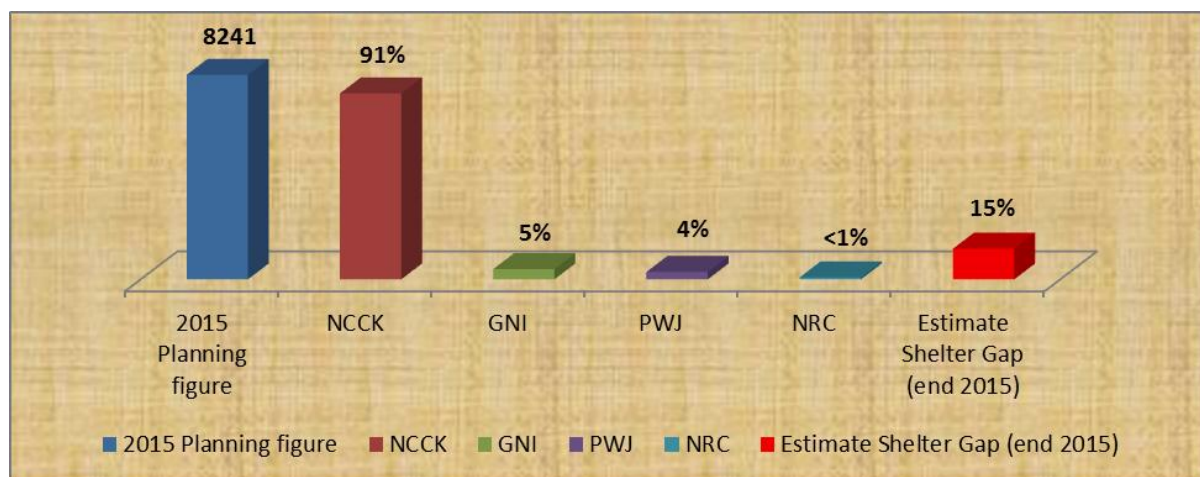
- Team and Team International handed over the new borehole 4B to NRC. The final works on installation of the main pipeline has been completed. The borehole is expected to pump over 40,000liters per hour to Kakuma 4 based on tested yield of 48,000Litres/Hr. Borehole 4D which has been serving Kakuma 4 will now revert to serving Kakuma 1.
- The latrine to user ratio in Kakuma 4 is at 1:15 for both family shared and household latrines. Coverage currently stands at 33.9% for both family shared and household latrine categories and 14.1% coverage for household latrines only.

Shelter and NFIs

- Kakuma has been overstretched by over 56,000 refugees and progress has been made after extensive consultations between UNHCR, DRA, the County Government and the host community for new land. UNHCR has been informed by DRA that the final draft of the Memorandum of Agreement for the new land will be finalized in the course of this week and presented to the Governor for his endorsement by the coming week.

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, UNHCR agreed with shelter partners that the 2015 planning figure would targets 8,241 households in the entire camp. This will contribute to reducing the baseline gap of 42% at the beginning of the year to 15% at the end of it. However, the estimated gap may increase as long as the operation will continue receiving new arrivals from South Sudan. Out of the planning figure, 64% of the shelters will target new arrivals while 6% - 8% persons will be for persons with specific needs (PWSN).
- The Kakuma shelter project will be implemented by four partners; NCK with funding from UNHCR for 91% of the shelters, Good Neighbours International contributing 5%, Peace Winds Japan contributing 4% and NRC contributing about 1% to the shelter project.



Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Central and County Governments, DRA and other partners to ensure protection and wellbeing of refugees and asylum seekers. Bi-monthly Inter-Agency meetings continue to be held as well as monthly meetings with refugee leaders from the entire camp.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the emergency operation amount to **US\$ 9.2 million** representing **25.2%** of the requested funding.

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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