

KEY FIGURES

52,865

South Sudanese refugees received since December 2013.

1,448

New arrivals from South Sudan received during reporting period

2,380

Unaccompanied children in Kakuma Camp.

186

Children screened for malnutrition at reception centre

22

Litres of water provided per person

7,500

Number of roofed durable shelters for new arrivals

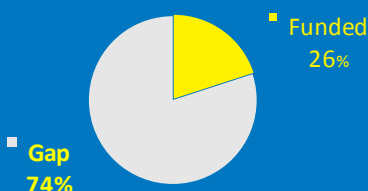
FUNDING

USD 226.7M

Requested for the Kenya operation

USD 45.2M

Requested for Kakuma operation



PRIORITIES

- Monitor trends of new arrivals
- Evaluation of available space in the camp
- Maintenance of water network to ensure improved supply
- Monitoring of malaria & diarrhea
- Hygiene promotion activities to improve household level hygiene
- Kalobeyei settlement development

KENYA

KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

16 - 31 MARCH 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- As at 31 March 2016, Kakuma had received 52,865 refugees from South Sudan. This brings the total registered camp population to 188,823.
- Premier Skills, a joint football program by the English Premier League and the British Council was in the camp from 21 to 23 March. The mission led by the Director of the British Council Kenya office met sports coaches from refugee and host community and conducted training sessions with them. They also distributed kits and discussed with UNHCR and partners ways of supporting sports. The program uses football to address social issues in communities and empower youth in the process.



Coaches and players who participated in the Premier Skills training pose with British Council Director (back left) and Premier Skills lead coach (center)

- Australia for UNHCR, a key UNHCR fundraising partner was in Kakuma from 21 to 23 March. The organisation supports the Kakuma operation in WASH and is currently fundraising for WASH in education, child protection and maternal and child health. The director of the organization and her team met with women, students and hospital staff and saw some of the challenges in these sectors. The team is working on a global campaign titled "I Will" that focuses on fundraising for refugee women and girls in the region.
- Livelihoods Week exhibition was held in Kakuma from 21 to 24 March. UNHCR and livelihoods partner Action Africa Help international (AAHI) led other agencies, refugees and host community members to showcase various livelihoods initiatives in the camp.
- 22 March was World Water Day – the day was marked by a procession in the camp by refugees, UNHCR, NRC (WASH partner) and other partners. The theme was "Water and Jobs" and issues concerning water and strides made in the sector were highlighted.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- UNHCR conducts border monitoring visits to Nadapal twice a week to ensure that asylum seekers have unhindered access to asylum and are treated humanely. The border monitoring unit includes staff from UNHCR's Protection & Field Units, LWF and IRC. Any emergency cases are transferred to African Inland Church (AIC) Mission or Lopiding Hospital in Lokichoggio or to Kakuma at the main hospital.
- With the increased trend of new arrivals from South Sudan, the number of pick-up trips to the border were increased from once to thrice a week during the reporting period. A total of 1,448 new arrivals were transported from Nadapal to Kakuma camp during the period. Majority of new arrivals received are children below 18 years and are accompanied by their legal guardians. Most come from Eastern Equatoria and Jonglei States and cite insecurity, intense famine and high cost of living as reasons for leaving South Sudan.
- The operation is considering identifying a section in Kalobeyei for settling new arrivals in light of the increased numbers and with the remaining empty spaces quickly filling up.

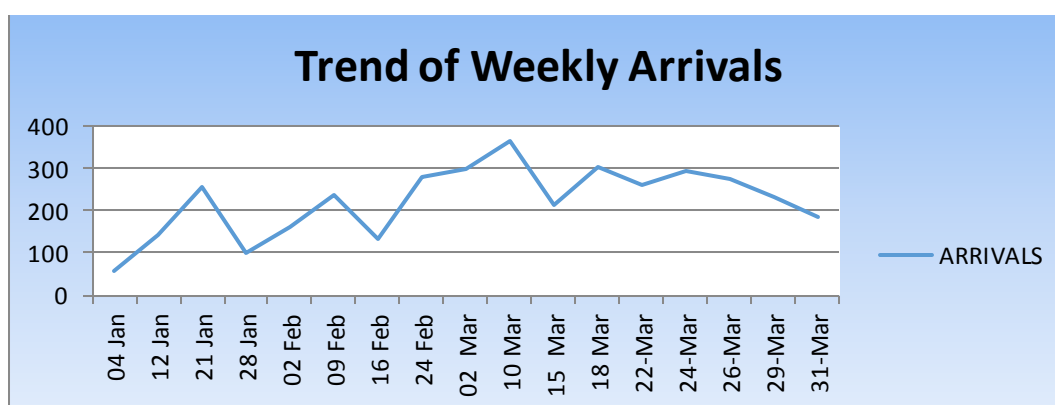


Fig 1: Trend of weekly new arrivals

Achievements

Protection

Child Protection

- As of 31 March 2016, 985 South Sudanese UAMs and 5,756 Separated Children had been registered in the UNHCR database as arriving after December 2013. The cumulative number (including other nationalities) is 2,380 UAMs and 12,220 SC. Many former UASC have aged out upon turning 18 years old hence are no longer registered as UASC.

SGBV

- There has been an outcry in the camp especially among the Somali community over increased sexual assaults. UNHCR in coordination with DRA has called a meeting with the security offices, concerned partner agencies, refugee leaders and host community leaders to address the situation and chart a way forward.
- During the reporting period, 28 SGBV cases were reported and assisted to access specialized services including psychosocial counseling and medical treatment to address immediate needs. Out of the reported cases, 11 were sexual violence, five psychological violence, seven physical assault and five denial of resources & opportunities.
- 1,530 beneficiaries were reached during the community awareness campaigns conducted in the camp. Information disseminated touched on GBV, early marriage, forced marriage, contributing factors and consequences of rape and the importance of reporting to the hospital within 72 hours of rape.

Persons with special needs (PSNs)

- NCK's community monitors conducted 316 home visits where home based therapy was carried out for 278 beneficiaries. 121 new arrivals were debriefed at the reception centre upon arrival and 330 new arrivals received psychosocial counselling in Kakuma 4.
- 14 children benefited from occupational therapy to improve their daily living skills which include sitting and walking. Two new arrivals with disabilities received assistive devices.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, UNHCR and LWF in collaboration with Ministry Of Education completed the online registration of 786 candidates for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) that will be administered at the end of the year.
- Solar lamps and sanitary wear were distributed to students in 18 camp schools, including three secondary schools.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- 186 children aged 6-59 months were screened by weight for height at the reception centre on arrival in Kakuma, out of which 9 were found with severe acute malnutrition and 4 with moderate acute malnutrition. All identified cases of acute malnutrition were enrolled to respective rehabilitation programs.



Health

Achievements and Impact

- During the period under review, Crude Mortality was at 0.2/1,000/month while Under Five Mortality was at 0.6/1,000/month.

Identified needs and Remaining Gaps

- A new directive has been issued by the Ministry of Health to have all new arrivals vaccinated against yellow fever and put on quarantine at Nadapal border for at least ten days before being moved to Kakuma. As the transit centre has a capacity of only 500 persons, the operation is looking at ways of rapidly procuring the vaccines to ensure new arrivals don't stay too long at the centre and are moved to the camp as soon as possible.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, per capita water distribution in Kakuma 4 was 22 l/p/d following a cumulative supply of 16,385m³ of water.
- Solarisation of five boreholes (with DFID funding) is ongoing with two contractors on site. This activity is expected to save almost 40 per cent of fuel used to power the boreholes.
- UNHCR is currently constructing four new elevated steel tanks in the camp to boost storage capacity and improve refugees' access to clean potable water.
- 55 household latrines were constructed in Kakuma 4. Cumulatively, the total latrines constructed in the whole camp during the period is 330. Latrine to user ratio stood at 1:7 for both communal and household latrines. Overall latrine coverage for the whole camp stood at 72.41% for both communal and household latrines.
- Community WASH promoters conducted door to door campaigns to 1,071 households to sensitize refugees on proper latrine use.
- 17 stagnant water ponds were treated to prevent mosquito breeding.



Workers constructing an elevated water tank in the camp.

Identified needs and Remaining Gaps

- Nine more boreholes require solarisation but there are no funds to support the process. With all the camp boreholes on solar power, there will be better output and less costs in pumping water for both household and institutional use in the camp.

Shelter & Kalobeyi Settlement

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR commenced drilling of boreholes in Kalobeyi and has received further support from Team and Team International which will drill additional four boreholes at the settlement.

Identified needs and Remaining Gaps

- With the increased number of new arrivals, the transit and reception centers get overpopulated quickly - as at 30 March there were 2,400 persons at the reception center (which has a capacity of 2,000). With limited space in the camp, arrivals stay longer than required at the RC (sometimes for over 3 weeks). So far, 1,000 new arrivals have been relocated from the centre to the camp – however, plot sizes are reduced (from 10m x 15 m to 10m x10m) to make use of limited space. 115 temporary shelters were constructed for this purpose and 3 temporary halls put up at the RC to accommodate new arrivals.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government, DRA and other partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and DRA 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\$ 45.2million**

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 unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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