

## KEY FIGURES

**45,222**

Asylum seekers received since influx began in December 2013.

**2,753**

UAMS in Kakuma Camp.

**8**

Child friendly spaces in the camp

**17.6**

Litres of water provided per person per day in Kakuma.

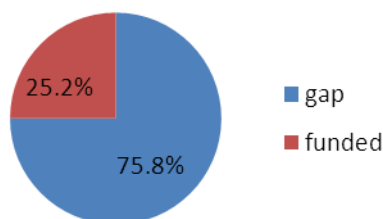
**6,306**

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 with partners 2014 year end reports
- Participatory assessment for 2016 planning
- General distribution of NFIs to residents in Kakuma 1 and 4

## KENYA

### KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

20 - 27 FEBRUARY 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS

- As at 27 February 2015, Kakuma had received 45,222 asylum seekers from South Sudan. As at 28 February, 180,674 refugees had been registered by UNHCR and DRA, with South Sudanese making up 49.8% of the registered population.
- On 23 February 2015, Vodafone Foundation's Director visited Kakuma; this comes after two earlier missions by Vodafone and Safaricom on the set-up of Instant Networked Schools (INS). The foundation piloted the project in several schools in Dadaab last year where it has taken off well. The same will be replicated in Kakuma, where the Director witnessed first-hand the congestion in schools and insufficient learning materials. He believes the INS project, which aims to enhance the learning and teaching experience by using innovative technology through internet connectivity and tablets, will help to alleviate the situation significantly.



- UNHCR facilitated the annual technical review workshop from 23 – 24 February 2015 in Kakuma. The workshop drew 38 participants from UNHCR Kenya, IRC, NRC, UNFPA, Handicap International, NCKK, Africa Inland Church (AIC), WFP and Turkana West Sub-County. The technical unit is comprised of health, HIV/AIDS/Reproductive health, nutrition, water, sanitation, hygiene, shelter, environment and site planning sectors. The objectives of the workshop ranged from reviewing 2014 implementation, paving the way for 2015 implementation, promoting teamwork and reinforcement of efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery.
- UNHCR Kenya Representative, Raouf Mazou visited Kakuma on 27 February 2015. He visited the site for the proposed new camp, accompanied by UNHCR Kakuma Head of sub-office and the Site Planner. He also saw some of the major developments in Kakuma 4 such as the new hospital under construction

and the recently finished police post. He witnessed the general distribution of Non-Food Items in the camp, handed over newly constructed classrooms in Unity Primary School, funded by the Education Above All initiative, saw construction developments in the UNHCR compound and inaugurated newly constructed staff houses. The Representative also met with the staff where he was updated on some of the strides achieved towards promoting staff welfare. He lauded the entire team for the great collaboration shown especially in 2014 during the South Sudan emergency and requested for the same effort in 2015.



**The Representative hands over the new classrooms to the students of Unity Primary school. UNHCR/C. Wachiaya**

## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

### Operational Context

- UNHCR has continued to field 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. Lutheran World Federation (LWF) manages the centre and has staff based there to receive arrivals and provide them with hot meals and accommodation. 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 per LWF data's of 23 February, 1,237 new UAMS and 6,795 separated children had arrived in Kakuma since December 2013. Since then to date, 1,170 UAMs including 824 South Sudanese UAMs and 5,039

separated children have been registered, bringing the cumulative number of registered UAMs in Kakuma to 2,753\* and 12,070 separated children.

## SGBV

- UNHCR formally introduced UNFPA as the new supporting agency on SGBV coordination and funding through IRC at the monthly SGBV working group coordination meeting. UNFPA was also coopted as a member of the working group.

## 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 25 BID assessments. At the reception center and in the community, 36 BIAs were carried out cumulatively.
- UNHCR facilitated the reunification of 13 children with their families. Three boys were also moved from the reception centre and placed under foster care. 273 home visits were conducted to 1,390 (756 boys and 634 girls) children with specific protection concerns, living in foster care arrangement and in child headed households.
- A new child friendly space (CFS) in Kakuma 4 was handed over by Danish Refugee Council to Waldorf to manage. The site has not had a proper CFS for children to play in for over a year. There are currently eight sites managed and supported by Waldorf. A total of 2,688 children attended the CFS activities in the week.
- General sanitary distribution which started on 2 February has been ongoing and is expected to end on 6 March 2015. So far, 30,845 women and girls within the reproductive age have been reached in Kakuma 1, 2 & 3. The distribution will continue in Kakuma 4 next week and is expected to reach a target population of 45,016 women and girls.

## Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Apart from the newest CFS in Kakuma 4, all the other sites in the camp are temporary structures (tents) which are unable to withstand the strong wind and dust storms.

## Education

### Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR, through LWF began the registration process of the two primary schools in Kakuma 4; Hope and Peace school at the County Education Office. Documents for the schools were presented to the County Director of Education and a date has been set for deliberations of registration by the Ministry of Education. Registration will ensure that the candidates from the two schools can sit for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE).
- Registration of candidates for this year's KCPE is ongoing and so far 1,381 candidates have been registered in 12 schools. The number of candidates to be registered has been increased from 2,000 to 2,700 by lowering the pass mark from 250 to 200. Special Needs Education (SNE) and affirmative action on girls' enrollment also contributed to the decision to increase the number by 700 candidates.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Despite the construction of 96 additional classrooms by end of 2014, there still remains high overcrowding and congestion in schools with over 150 - 180 children sharing a classroom in majority of schools. The situation is particularly acute in schools in Kakuma 1 and 4 (where majority of South Sudanese children were received during the influx reside). Kakuma 4 has only two primary schools with a total student population of 13,225 against a total of 47 classrooms. The severe congestion imperils learning and also poses potential health challenges for learners.

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*\*Every week, the child protection data may change as new arrivals come in; some children are reunified with their families hence changing their status, leading to reduction/ increase in number of UAMs and SC.*





## Health

### Achievements and Impact

- The health status of refugees remained stable during the week with no excess mortality or morbidity reported.
- The UNHCR-facilitated outreach mission by AMREF specialists from 16 – 20 February 2015 resulted in 137 patients receiving specialized medical services. The team comprised of a general surgeon, physician, biomedical engineer and sonographer.
- A total of 38 patients with dental and 78 with Ophthalmic (Eye) conditions received treatment during the dental and eye camp mission conducted by African Inland Church (AIC) missionaries from 18 – 20 February 2015.
- The Ministry of Health, Nairobi (MOH) released enough immunization commodities for three months as promised.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

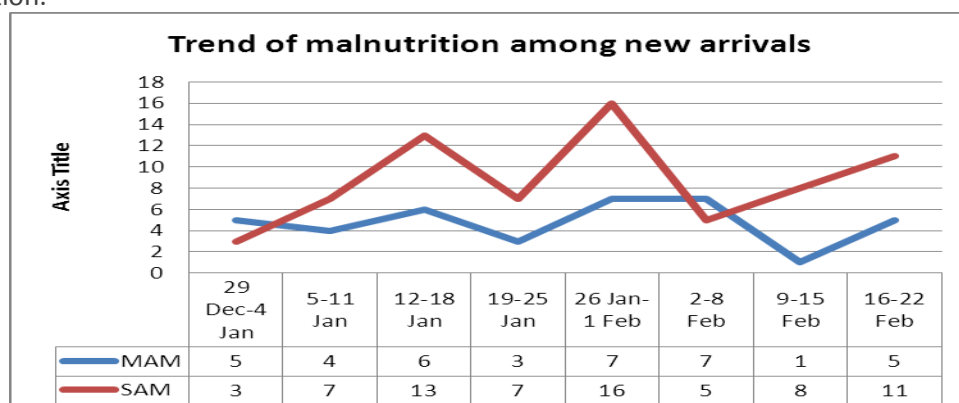
- While the MOH provided sufficient immunization supplies for three months, there were no BCG syringes which are reportedly out of stock across the country. Stocks of 0.5 ml syringes are reportedly insufficient.
- High turnover of health care workers, especially doctors has dogged the program for over five years and is seriously compromising the quality of health care delivery in the camp. To mitigate the impact, UNHCR has continued to strengthen its partnership with AMREF and AIC to continue with their respective five-day bi-monthly and 5-day monthly outreach programs to the camp to attends to patients with special medical conditions that cannot be managed by the IRC medical team. The specialized visits also aim to build the capacity of the health workers on the ground.
- As at 25 February 2015, there was a complete stock out of condoms. UNFPA reported that there were ongoing discussions with MOH to provide the refugee programmes with additional stock. UNHCR Kenya is also exploring ways of purchasing some 2 million pieces in the course of 2015.
- There is a gap in funding to complete and equip the hospital currently under construction in Kakuma 4. AAR Japan is constructing a ward to support IRC's efforts. However, additional funding would be required to complete the hospital.



## Food Security and Nutrition

### Achievements and Impact

- The second cycle of the General Food Distribution which began on 16 February ended on 23 February. Out of the 23,571 households targeted for the GFD, 22,290 households were served, representing 94% of the target population.
- During the reporting week, 56 newly arrived children aged between 6 and 59 months were screened for malnutrition at the reception center using weight for height. Among these, 16 children (19.3%) had global acute malnutrition, 11(13.3 %) had severe acute malnutrition, while 5.6% had moderate acute malnutrition.

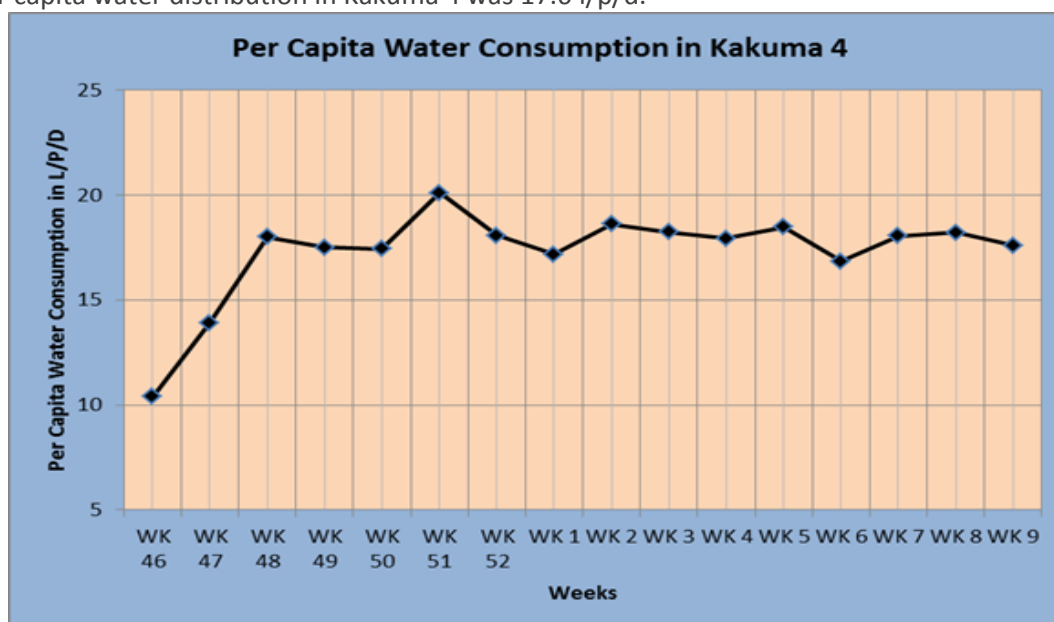




## Water and Sanitation

### Achievements and Impact

- The per capita water distribution in Kakuma 4 was 17.6 l/p/d.



- Team and Team have managed to successfully drill one borehole to replace borehole 4B. The preliminary test has shown that the borehole is capable of yielding 48m<sup>3</sup>/hr. This borehole will be connected to the network to serve Kakuma 4 only.
- NRC has so far constructed 382 household latrines in Kakuma 4 out of the 800 latrines marked for construction in 2014. This has resulted in household latrine coverage of 14.1% and 33.2% for family shared latrines. The latrine to user ratio is at 1:15.
- Metering of water supplied to institutions is at an advanced stage with selection of the sites having been done by UNHCR WASH officer and NRC in consultation with the refugee community block leaders in Kakuma 4.



## Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting week, GNI completed 149 transitional shelters in Kakuma 1 and Kakuma 2. The transitional shelters are meant to be gradually transformed to durable shelters with mud bricks walls. There are currently 6,306 completed durable shelters for new arrivals in Kakuma 4.
- UNHCR and NCCK held a planning meeting to discuss the 2015 implementation strategy for shelter and beneficiary selection considering the current gaps by location. With the assumption of the development of the new planned camp, approximately 66% of the total shelter target (7,500 shelters) will be considered for the new camp while the remaining 34% will be distributed strategically within Kakuma 1, 2 and 3 according to needs. NCCK will submit a work-plan in the coming week.
- The General distribution of NFIs resumed on 26 February in Kakuma 1 targeting 1,371 households (12,603 individuals). Beneficiaries were issued with blankets and jerry cans.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Kakuma is currently overstretched by over 55,000 refugees and as such progress on the land for a new camp is a priority. While discussions between UNHCR, DRA, the County Government and the host community have yielded some results, there remains the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement before it is officially approved and obtained. The target capacity of the identified land is 80,000 refugees and the layout caters approximately for 1,300 ha of agricultural land.

## Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government, DRA and other partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers is assured. Bi-monthly Inter-Agency meetings continue to be held as well as monthly meetings with refugee leaders from the entire camp.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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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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