

KEY FIGURES

45,760

Asylum seekers received since influx began in December 2013.

2,790

UAMS in Kakuma Camp.

13

New SGBV cases reported during the week

1:14

The ratio of latrines to users in Kakuma 4

13.38

Litres of water provided per person per day in Kakuma.

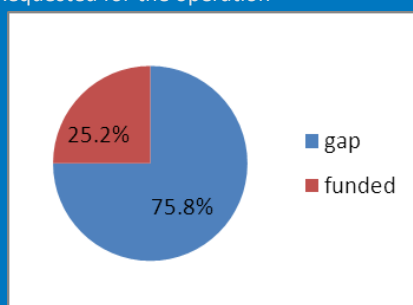
7,115

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.
- Maintenance of water network to ensure uninterrupted supply
- Distribution of NFIs to households affected by rains

KENYA

KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

23 - 30 APRIL 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- As at 30 April 2015, Kakuma had received 45,760 asylum seekers from South Sudan. As at 26 April, 182,713 refugees had been registered by UNHCR and DRA, with South Sudanese making up 50% of the registered population.
- On 23 April 2015, AAR Japan's Director Overseas and Domestic Operations - Ms. Ikuko Natori visited Kakuma. She had a briefing session with the Head of Sub-office (HSO) where the HSO reiterated his gratitude for the support extended by AAR Japan to the Kakuma operation since 2014. The Director mentioned that the organization was planning to build a secondary school in the camp that would benefit both the refugee and host communities.
- On 24 April 2014, Swiss Contact's Regional Director for Central, East and Southern Africa was in Kakuma. She met with the HSO and had discussions on possibilities of a three-year programme at the end of their pilot project (life skills training project).
- UNHCR joined NRC and IRC as they led refugees and host community members to mark World Malaria Day on 25 April 2015. The annual event's theme was '*Invest in the future, defeat Malaria*'. Activities included dissemination of health messages on malaria (causation, signs & symptoms, transmission, prevention and control) and demonstration on proper use of Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLITNs).
- UNHCR Protection Unit undertook a joint flight corridor mission with Refugee Consortium of Kenya from 25 to 30 April 2015. This was a follow up mission to the Immigration offices along the Kenya-Uganda border following reports that asylum seekers were being turned away from border points in Bungoma and Malaba towns.
- On 29 April 2015, the HSO met with the County Government, DRA and sub-County leaders in Lodwar to discuss progress on land for the new camp. The Terms of Engagement were endorsed by the leaders and will be submitted to the Governor to facilitate the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement.
- There are two Resettlement missions from the UK and the USA (RSC) in Kakuma. The RSC Field Team has conducted pre-screening interviews for approximately 76 cases (295 individuals). The UK Resettlement Processing Mission will interview about 200 individuals from Dadaab and 145 individuals from Kakuma and will depart on 08 May 2015.

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 less than 100 people are received per week. In the past week, 63 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 staff visit the border thrice a week to conduct health and nutrition screening for children (especially under 5 years) 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. On average, adults are charged KES 5,000 (about USD 50). 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

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- UNHCR Protection Unit undertook a joint flight corridor mission with RCK from 25 to 30 April 2015. This was a follow up mission to the Immigration offices along the Kenya-Uganda border following reports that asylum seekers were being turned away from border points in Bungoma and Malaba towns.
- The mission established that the Director of Immigration issued an internal memo to all border Immigration offices in Kenya dated 5th February 2015 directing officers to deny entry to any undocumented asylum seekers from Burundi and Congo. The directive further stated that Kenya “has no obligation to allow asylum seekers entry and should be returned to the last country they passed before coming to Kenya as Kenya does not share a border with the two countries”. The Immigration officers advised the mission that any query in regard to that directive should be directed to the Director of Immigration in Nairobi as border offices are under instructions to effect this directive.
- UNHCR and RCK will in this regard engage the concerned stakeholders at Nairobi level, through DRA to further discuss the issue and request for a review of the directive which contravenes International Refugee Law and goes against the Principle of non-refoulement.

Child Protection

- As at 30 April 2015, 1,262 new UAMS and 7,086 separated children had arrived in Kakuma since December 2013. Since then to date, 1,213 UAMs including 856 South Sudanese UAMs and 5,435 separated children have been registered, bringing the cumulative number of registered UAMs in Kakuma to 2,790 and 12,450 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 12 BID assessments. At the reception center and in the community, 32 BIAs were carried out.

- 78 home visits were carried out to 1,351 children living in either foster care arrangement or in child headed households for purposes of monitoring and assessment of their living conditions. Children with specific protection concerns were also assessed.

SGBV

- During the reporting period, a total of 13 cases of SGBV were reported and assisted to access specialized services including psychosocial counseling and medical treatment to address immediate needs. Out of the reported cases, seven were sexual violence related, five were physical assault and one was a case of denial of resources. IRC provided individual and group counseling sessions for identified SGBV survivors at the two women centres (in Kakuma 1 and 4) in the camp.



Health

- The general health status of refugees remained stable during the week with mortality indicators remaining within Sphere/UNHCR standards. UNHCR and IRC continue to closely monitor the trend of malaria and watery diarrhea due to their outbreak potential.

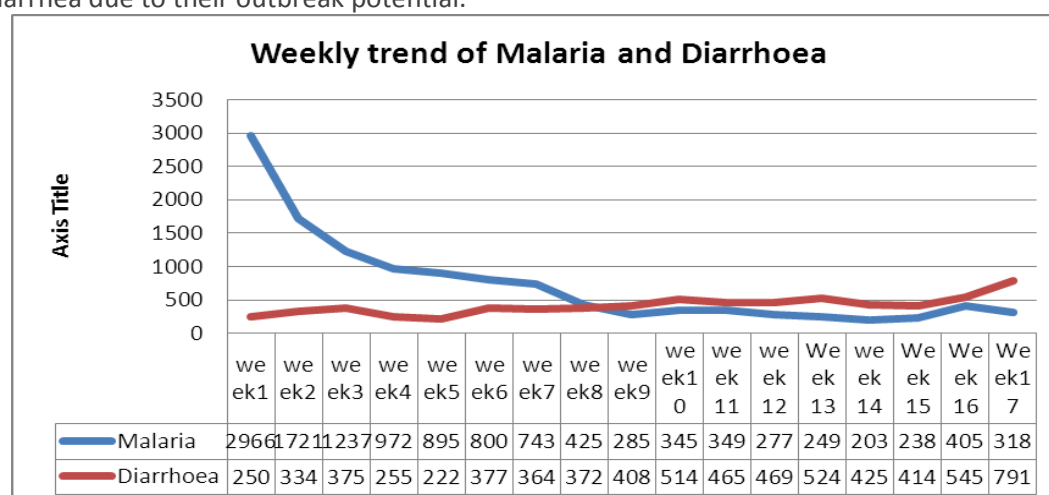


Fig1: Weekly trends of new malaria and watery diarrhoea cases

- The blood samples from the suspected measles cases that were sent for laboratory tests in Nairobi were received – two came back negative, one was indefinite while the rest are still pending. UNHCR and IRC continue to monitor the situation very closely.



Food Security and Nutrition

- During the reporting week, 63 newly arrived children aged 6-59 months were screened for malnutrition at the reception centre. Among these, 10 had severe acute malnutrition (16%) while seven (11.1%) were found with moderate acute malnutrition. All identified cases of acute malnutrition were enrolled to respective rehabilitation programs.

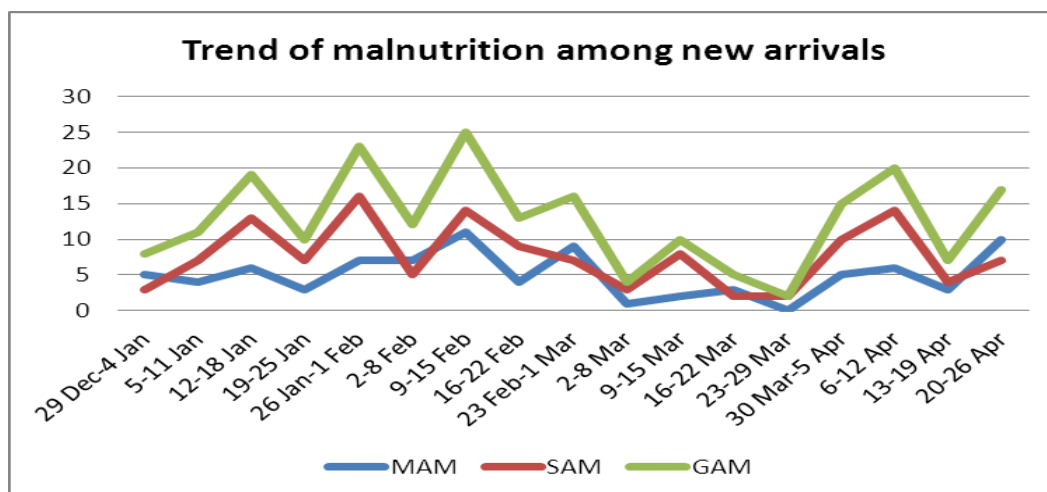
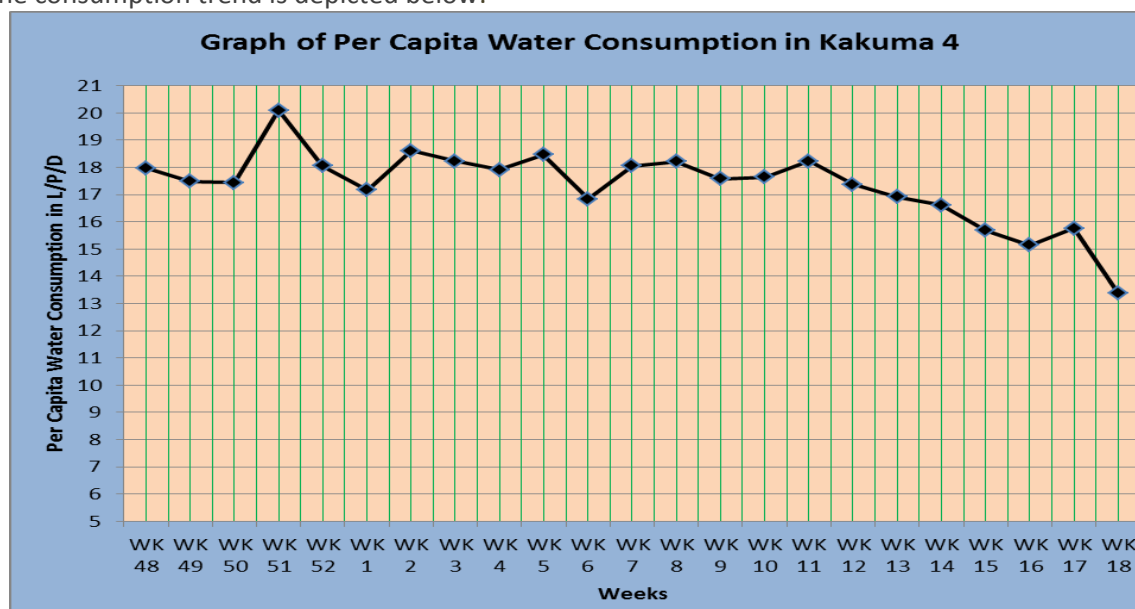


Fig2: Trend of malnutrition among new arrivals (Under 5 years) screened at reception centre



Water and Sanitation

The total amount of water supplied to residents in Kakuma 4 during the reporting week was 4,682m³. This translated to per capita water distribution of 13.38 l/p/d which is a decline from the previous week's 15.76 litres. The consumption trend is depicted below:



Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR, NRC, Team and Team and World Vision identified a location in Kakuma 4 for new water steel tanks (100m³) to be constructed by Team and Team. World Vision will be identifying a site near Kakuma 4 where they will drill a borehole.
- 60 latrines were constructed during the week in Kakuma 4 bringing the latrine to user ratio to 1:14 for both family shared and household latrines. Coverage stands at 34.5% for both family shared and household latrine categories and 15.2% coverage for household latrines only.

Identified needs and Gaps

- Water supply was intermittent in the reporting period due to rainfall which destroyed 18 metres of the main water supply pipeline for two days. Inability to access some boreholes and the breakdown of one borehole (BH 12) further exacerbated the situation. Re-routing of the pipeline and its full restoration has been done and it is now operational.

- Heavy rains rendered access roads to Kakuma 3 and 4 impassable on 24 April; as such fuel supply to boreholes in these areas was disrupted. However, during the reporting week the pumps were refueled and the boreholes are now functional. Routine maintenance of the water system and water quality monitoring continue to ensure supply is maintained at UNHCR standards.



Shelter and NFIs

- Progress has been made after extensive consultations between UNHCR, DRA, the County Government and the host community for new land. On 29 April, the Head of Sub Office, DRA Camp Manager, County Minister of Lands, County Minister of Finance, Sub-County Administrator for Turkana West, leaders from Kalobeyi (site where the new camp will be) and other wards met in Lodwar. After lengthy discussions, the Terms of Engagement (TOE) on utilisation of the new land were endorsed by the Committee. This now paves the way for the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Governor and DRA with UNHCR signing as a witness.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

- Action Africa Help International (AAHI) conducted socio-economic profiling of 13 new arrivals - skills identified included agriculture, business, mechanics and basket weaving. The Livelihoods partner also identified 10 mentors who have started training new arrivals at the reception centre on a rotational basis, to encourage and motivate them to start small scale businesses.

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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