

KEY FIGURES

53,253

South Sudanese refugees received since December 2013.

1,200

New arrivals from South Sudan currently at the transit centre

2,370

Unaccompanied children in Kakuma Camp.

278

Children screened for malnutrition at reception centre

23

Litres of water provided per person

7,500

Number of roofed durable shelters for new arrivals

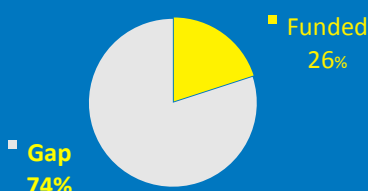
FUNDING

USD 226.7M

Requested for the Kenya operation

USD 45.2M

Requested for Kakuma operation



PRIORITIES

- Movement of new arrivals from Nadapal transit centre to Kakuma
- Evaluation of available space in the camp
- Maintenance of water network to ensure improved supply
- Monitoring of malaria & diarrhea
- Hygiene promotion activities
- Kalobeyi settlement development

KENYA

KAKUMA OPERATIONAL UPDATE

01 – 15 APRIL 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- As at 15 April 2016, Kakuma had received 53,253 refugees from South Sudan. This brings the total registered camp population to 189,913.
- On 15 April, UNHCR met with youth groups across the camp to share encouraging news regarding the proposals they submitted to the Global Youth Initiative Fund 2016. For the second year in a row and out of 80 proposals submitted globally, a group from Kakuma was selected among the winning groups. The group submitted a proposal on promoting and empowering young people with disability in the camp.
- The second edition of the Artists for Refugees project started on 15 April with the arrival of Victor Ndula and his team. Victor is a leading editorial illustrator for *The Star* newspaper and is one of the lead facilitators of the livelihoods project, which aims to mentor and nurture talented youth in the camp in various fields of the Arts.



Victor with his visual arts students in the camp

- The visual arts workshop will take place from 16 to 21 April
- UNHCR is hosting a team from the Oxford Research Mission which will be Kakuma from 11 to 18 April. The team is undertaking a preparatory visit for Oxford University to lay the foundation for a bigger research mission on "Refugee Economies" in Kakuma. The planned research will take place later in the year. During the week, the mission will hold meetings with DRA, partners and refugees to gain a better understanding of refugees' economic activities.
- The Tegla Lorupé Peace Foundation was in Kakuma on 08 April to conduct trial races for refugee and host community athletes which were held on 09 and 10 April. Competitions for short races; 100m, 200m and 400m and long races; 10,000m, 5,000m, and 1,500m were held with an impressive turn up of some 900 refugees. 16 refugees (6 females) were selected in the process and will undergo basic medical screening by IRC before departing for Nairobi for high-altitude training.



Some of the participants who took part in one of the long races. Pic. Courtesy: Filmaid

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.
- During the reporting period, 388 arrivals were transported to Kakuma from Nadapal. However, with the Ministry of Health (MOH) directive that all new arrivals should be vaccinated against yellow fever and quarantined at the border for ten days, no further movements have been conducted since 04 April. The increased number of South Sudanese arrivals, coupled with this directive has led to the transit centre being over congested. There are currently over 1,200 people at the centre, stretching it to almost three times its capacity.
- Following discussions with Immigration and MOH officials, UNHCR has urgently procured vaccines which will be taken to the border on 23 April so that arrivals can be vaccinated and the first group transported to the camp. Those who have stayed for more than 10 days will be given priority, including the most vulnerable ones.

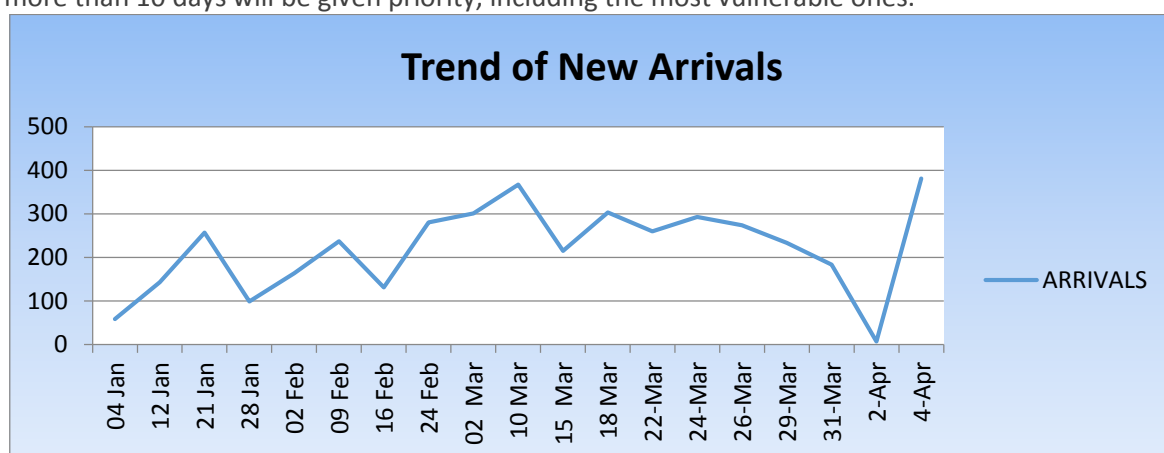


Fig 1: Trend of weekly new arrivals

Achievements

Protection

Child Protection

- During the reporting period, 29 new UASCs (16 male, 13 female) from South Sudan were received at the reception Center. As of 10 April 2016, 973 South Sudanese UAMs and 5,742 Separated Children had been registered in the UNHCR database as arriving after December 2013. The cumulative number (including other nationalities) is 2,370 UAMs and 12,200 SC. Some children change status because of circumstances leading to reduction/increase in number of UASC; for instance many former UASC have aged out upon turning 18 years old hence are no longer registered as UASC.
- 20 BID cases were assessed which will be presented in the next BID panel. In addition, 71 BIAs were conducted.
- 189 home visits were made to **1,718 children** in the community, including 32 children living under foster care and child headed households that received monitoring visits.
- 204 child to child activities were conducted for 3,620 children. Counselors also conducted play therapy for 330 children.

Education

- Camp schools (primary & secondary) closed on 08 April for vacation and will re-open on 02 May, 2016.
- The Instant Network Schools project has registered marked progress since its launch in Kakuma in 2015. Currently, a monthly average of 1,500 children access the INS kits at the community library hub and Green Light Secondary school.

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- 278 children aged 6-59 months were screened by weight for height at the reception centre on arrival in Kakuma, out of which 73 were found with moderate acute malnutrition and 51 with severe acute malnutrition. All identified cases of acute malnutrition were enrolled to respective rehabilitation programs.

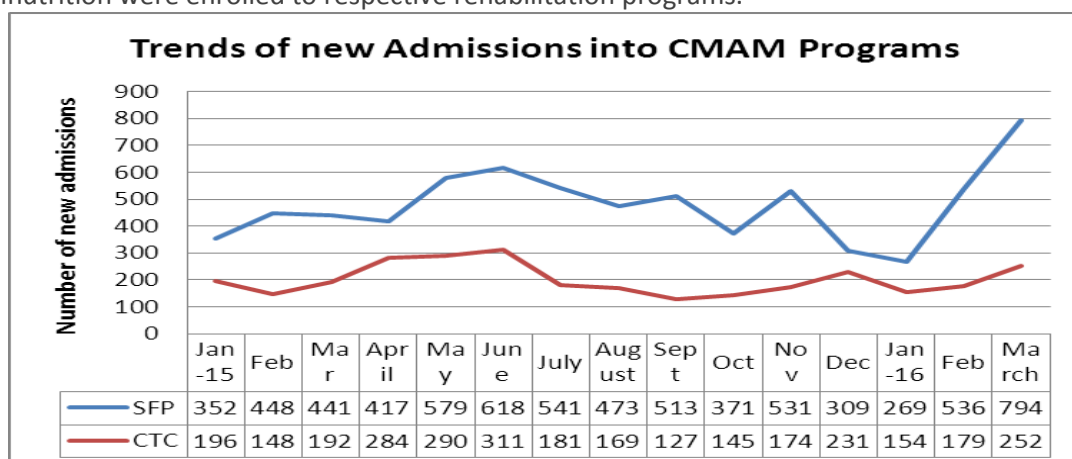


Fig 2: Trend of new admissions into nutrition programs

Identified needs and Remaining Gaps

- There has been a significant increase in the number of children identified with acute malnutrition on arrival in Kakuma as compared to the month of March. The nutrition situation is further exacerbated by the fact that new arrival are put on quarantine at Nadapal for 10 days for observation of yellow fever signs and screening is done only on arrival at Kakuma reception centre. The Operation has procured vaccines to enable new arrivals get vaccinated and leave Nadapal as soon as possible.

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.
- UNHCR in coordination with IRC and Ministry of Health conducted a polio immunization campaign targeting all children below five years as part of the health strategy to eradicate polio. Almost 80,000 children were immunized from 09 to 14 April.
- An ENT and physician from AMREF offered services at the IRC main hospital and other health facilities from 11 to 15 April. 12 patients benefitted from surgery with over 50 patients getting one on one consultations with the specialists.
- UNHCR facilitated a joint survey from 11 to 15 April led by the Malaria CDC team composed of an epidemiologist, entomologist and laboratory technician. The team worked closely with IRC and NRC. The objective was to assess current malaria vector control epidemiology within the camp as well as test for resistance of the vectors to current larvicides and chemicals used in indoor residual spraying. The results of the survey will inform future malaria control strategies to reduce incidence morbidity and mortality associated with malaria in Kakuma especially during the rainy season.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, per capita water distribution in Kakuma 4 was 23 l/p/d following a cumulative supply of 17,428m³ of water.

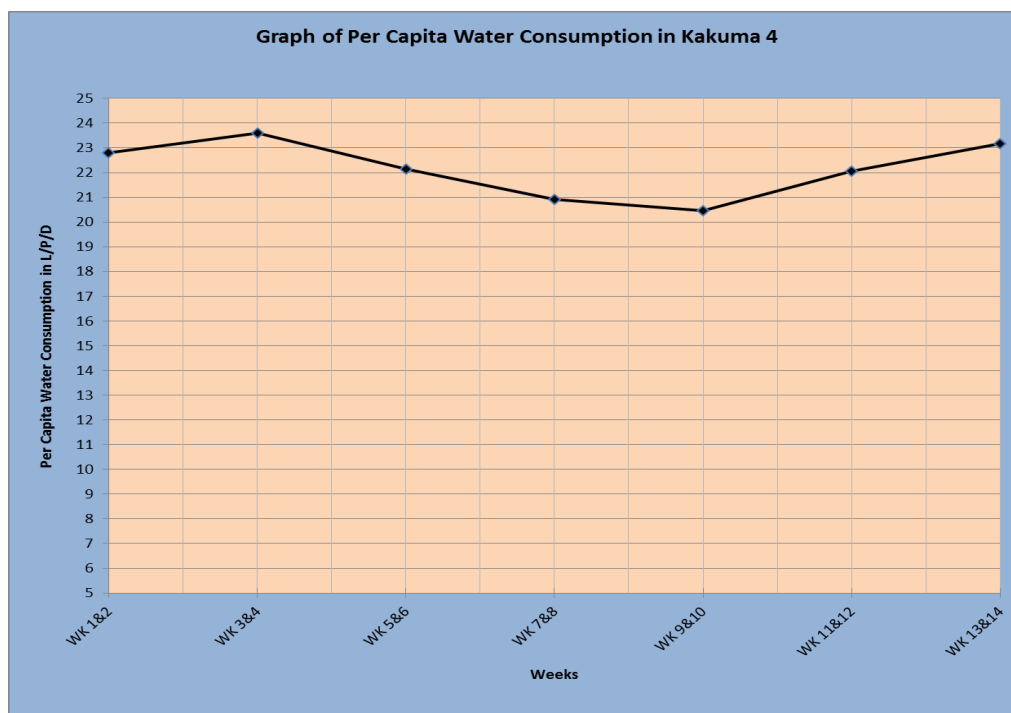


Fig 3: Per capita water consumption

- 650m of pipeline was laid connecting to public tap stands in Kakuma 4. Two new tap stands were also installed and seven Talbot taps replaced.
- PH and chlorine levels were monitored at households, tap stands and storage tanks with chlorine residual varying from 0.5-1.0mg/l at tap stands and 0.2-0.5mg/l at households' levels.
- 18 household latrines were constructed in Kakuma 4. Cumulatively, the total latrines constructed in the whole camp during the period is 146. 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.
- 12 communal latrines are being constructed at the reception center to cater for the increased number of new arrivals at the centre.
- Community WASH promoters conducted door to door campaigns to 907 households to sensitize refugees on proper latrine use. 75 latrines were doused with lime and 42 stagnant water ponds treated to prevent mosquito breeding.

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 & Kalobeyei Settlement

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR together with Team and Team International is drilling four boreholes in Kalobeyei. The construction of a police post is almost complete as well as the construction of 5km of access roads. Preparatory activities have started on areas marked for the construction of 2 primary schools, an Early Childhood Development centre and a health post.

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 x 10m) 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**

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