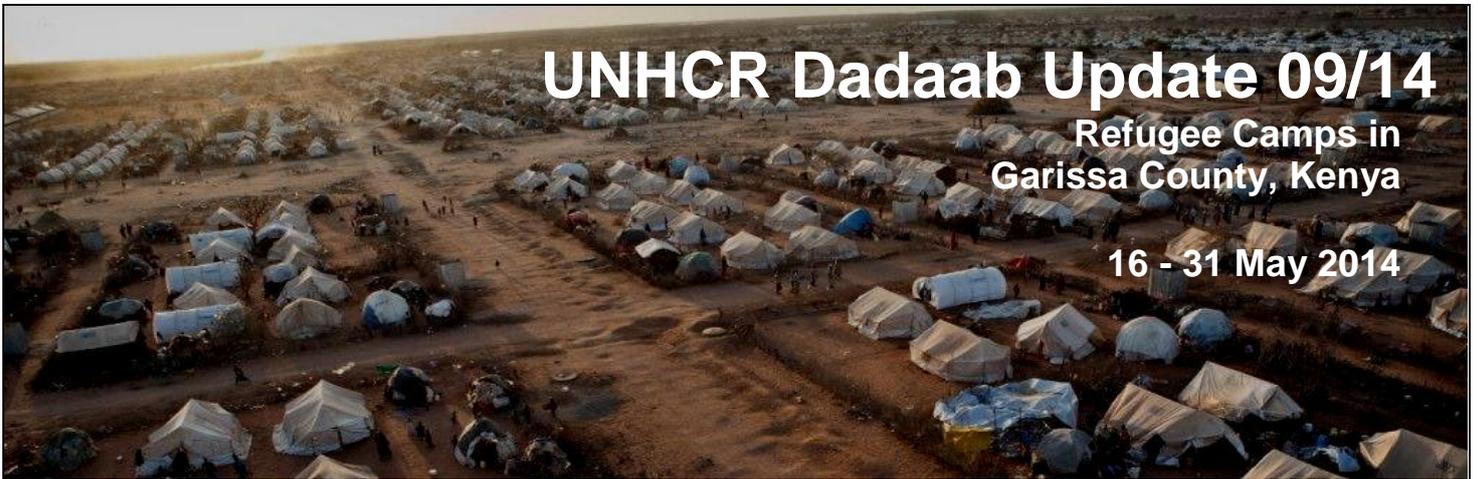


UNHCR Dadaab Update 09/14

Refugee Camps in
Garissa County, Kenya

16 - 31 May 2014



NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Arrival of urban refugees and asylum seekers

Between 16th and 31st May, 151 refugees and asylum seekers were relocated from urban areas to the Dadaab camps, according to the Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA). Since the first forceful relocation of urban refugees on 18th April, UNHCR has received more than 600 persons in Dadaab. In addition, an unknown number of refugees who had left Dadaab for urban areas came back to the camps voluntarily and reunified with their family and relatives residing in the camps.

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Eritrean mother showing the picture of her small son; he was in pre-school in Eastleigh, Nairobi, when she was arrested

DRA does not yet provide UNHCR with details of the persons which the Department transfers by bus from Nairobi to Dadaab. Once they arrive to the camps, UNHCR conducts interviews and ensures that the new arrivals from Nairobi have access to assistance. Some of the refugees brought to Dadaab are registered in Kakuma and seek to re-unify with their family members there. Their details were shared with DRA to authorize their movement. UNHCR is working on the logistical arrangements for the facilitated reunification in Kakuma.

The main concern urban refugees and asylum seekers raise during interviews with UNHCR staff members is family separation as many parents had to leave small children behind. Other main issues are the interruption of medical treatment and of education as well as the loss of livelihood. Some refugees were in an advanced stage of the resettlement process and now fear that they will not be able to move to a third country.

Meetings have been held with DRA in Nairobi and Dadaab on family reunification. DRA agreed in principal that once refugees in Dadaab move into blocks in the Dadaab camps, DRA is willing to issue movement passes to enable them go to Nairobi to pick up their children.



A group of Congolese urban refugees worshipping in the transit centre in Dagahaley camp; 180 Congolese were brought to Dadaab on 8th May.

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STATISTICS

Population as of 31 May 2014:

Hagadera	Kambioos	Dagahaley	Ifo	Ifo 2	Total
108,150	19,584	88,632	86,325	53,018	355,709

SECURITY

Events across the border in Somalia continue to be a source of security concern in the Dadaab operational area. During the reporting period, particularly in the regions of Jubaland and Gedo clashes took place between AMISOM troops and suspected members of the Al-Shabaab group.

PROTECTION

General Protection Environment

On 22nd May, UNHCR and DRA undertook a joint mission to Liboi which is located 18 kilometres west of the Somali border and constitutes an important border crossing point to Somalia. The mission assessed the reception facilities of the Immigration Department and DRA. The visit was made in preparation of the designated transit points for the voluntary returns of Somali refugees following the signing of the Tripartite Agreement in 2013.

From 27th to 29th May, UNHCR in collaboration with Save the Children International organised a three-days training on refugee protection for 23 government officials. The participants comprised newly recruited police officers from the Dadaab operational area and staff from DRA. CARE International, UNICEF and the Centre for Victims of Torture (CVT) supported the facilitation of modules which covered international refugee and human rights law, the 2006 Refugee Act, prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation and abuse, child protection, sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) and the referral pathway.

Registration of unregistered refugees and asylum seekers



Registration by DRA and UNHCR in Ifo camp

During the reporting period, UNHCR and DRA continued the registration of unregistered persons of concern. 772 persons were registered in Hagadera camp, followed by 1,501 in Ifo camp and 616 in Ifo 2, adding up to a total of 2,889 persons. The registration centre will finally move to Dagahaley camp.

Between 14th April, when registration resumed, and 31st May, a total of 5,088 refugees and 701 asylum seekers were registered in the Dadaab camps.



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Documentation

Refugees in Kambioos camp now receive ID cards. Applications for new refugee ID cards and replacements are processed from Monday to Wednesday. The refugees can collect their ID cards on Thursdays and Fridays. At the end of the reporting period, around fifty ID card applications were received daily while approximately 125 were distributed per week. DRA is in the process of developing a new registration code after the government's official recognition of Kambioos Camp. The registration code will enhance the processing ID cards and a DRA registration officer will be based permanently in Kambioos.

Resettlement

During this reporting period, 59 cases were interviewed for case composition. Seven cases comprising 23 individuals were interviewed for Resettlement Registration Form (RRF) processing and for onward submission to resettlement countries. One person departed for onward resettlement to the United States. Since January 2014, a total of 327 individuals have departed for onward resettlement.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

A 'Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative Assessment' was conducted in all five Dadaab camps to monitor the progress of the health facilities for national accreditation. The experts assessed e.g. if hospital staff are promoting exclusive breastfeeding and if bonding of mother and child is supported. The assessment was jointly conducted by UNHCR, ACF and the Ministry of Health and other partners.

Malezi Bora, a national campaign to promote maternal and child care was successfully completed in all five Dadaab camps.

The campaign included mass MUAC screening in which measurements of mid-upper arm circumference are taken. This measurement allows health workers to quickly determine if a patient is acutely malnourished. About 369 and 70 children with moderate and severe acute malnutrition respectively were found in the community and referred to the nutrition programme.



Mother and newborn in UNHCR/IRC hospital in Hagadera camp

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SHELTER

Preparations are underway for the construction of 270 Transitional Shelters (T-Shelters) in Ifo 2 camp and 200 in Ifo camp by UNHCR's partner Peace Winds Japan. Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) will build 120 T-Shelters with their own funding in Dagahaley camp. The beneficiaries of the new shelters are the most vulnerable persons living in the three camps such as elderly, disabled and female headed households.

200 tents will be pitched for emergency shelters in Ifo 2 to accommodate newly arrived urban refugees and asylum seekers.

The Kenyan Government only allows provisional shelters such as tents and T-Shelters in the Dadaab camps.

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