

## DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

### UNHCR BI-WEEKLY UPDATE

16 - 30 June 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS

### World Refugee Day 2015

The World Refugee Day 2015 was commemorated on 20<sup>th</sup> June in all five refugee camps as well as in Dadaab town. Representatives from both refugee and host community together with local authorities and humanitarian workers from different agencies participated in the celebrations.

The global theme of “get to know refugees- people like you and me” was localized to “self-reliance/livelihoods, including the integration and enhancement of the economies of refugees and host communities” to highlight and celebrate the resilience, determination, contribution and achievements of refugees in Kenya. The occasion was marked with sport, poetry, cultural dances, music and exhibitions.



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Girls won the volleyball tournament in Ifo 2 camp

### Solar Lamps distribution

UNHCR distributed nearly 12,100 solar lamps to students in 48 schools in the five Dadaab camps. The solar lamps will support school children with their school work by giving them chances to study at night. Priority has given to the female students as they have less time to study in their classrooms after official school hours. This will certainly go a long way in boosting students' study and will improve their marks in the National Exams of Kenya.



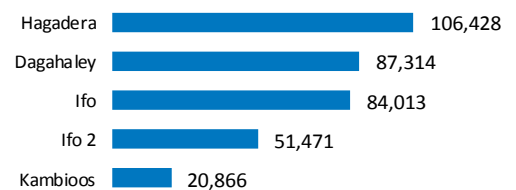
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Students received solar lamps in a primary school, Hagadera camp

## UPDATES

Population as of 31 June 2015: **350,092**

**Refugees: 346,634**  
**Asylum seekers: 3,458**



## Protection

- In the second half of June, 261 Individuals benefited from protection counselling in the Dadaab camps. Their inquiries focussed on Resettlement and Refugee Status Determination (RSD), family reunification, requests for relocation to Kakuma, physical safety and legal support for SGB and child protection and camp transfers within Dadaab camps. The cases were assessed and interventions or referrals made for appropriate assistance.

## Child Protection

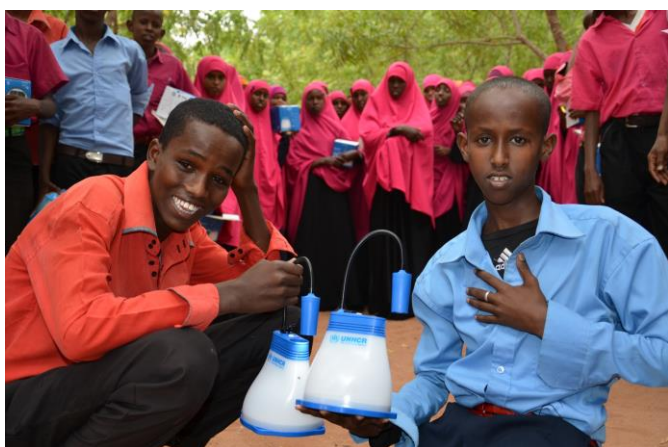
- On the 16th June, UNHCR participated in the Day of African Child with the rest of the stakeholders from County and national government and children including three refugee children, who are housed at the children rescue center represented refugee children in the national event in Garissa. The three had specific presentations focused on the plight of the refugee children and need for collective support. On 24th June, Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) and UNHCR visited five persons of concern minors at the Garissa Rescue Centre where they were advised on legal interventions with their caregivers and counselling support offered.
- The inter-agency Best Interest Determination Panel meeting was held on 24th June attended by Save the Children, Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Handicap International and UNHCR. A total of 12 new cases were presented to the panel for deliberation on care arrangements, consideration for durable solutions and interventions for children facing protection risks.

## Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- On 29<sup>th</sup> June, Care International provided a one-day training on psychosocial support services to humanitarian workers working in Dagahaley camp. The training session aimed at introducing the concept of psychosocial support to the humanitarian staff who are responsible in day to day cases management.
- An SGBV case conference was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June in Ifo camp where four cases were discussed and appropriate interventions taken.
- On June 17<sup>th</sup> the Safe Haven panel meeting was held involving Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA), DRC, International Rescue Committee (IRC) and UNHCR. During the meeting the best interest of the eight cases accommodated at the facility were discussed.

## Education

- UNHCR participated in the identification of students who will eventually benefit in the World University Services of Canada (WUSC) scholarship. It is expected that all 20 available slots will be filled.
- Since 10<sup>th</sup> June, an Accelerated Education Program (ALP) consultant conducted a survey on the impact of the education program on refugee learners. The consultant is joined by 13 data clerks who will be conducting the survey for a period of six months.



Students are delighted for receiving solar lamps

- UNHCR in collaboration with Borderless Higher Education for the refugees (BHER) have engaged a consultant to conduct a study on the impact that the Teacher Education Program had imparted to refugee and host community.
- 200 teachers from all Dadaab camps underwent ten days training on Early Childhood Development in Education (ECDE). The aim of the training is to boost the number of female trained teachers in the refugee camps.
- 57 Adult Education Teachers underwent a ten days preparation training for the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) due on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July.

## Health

- As a part of Public Health Mid-year monitoring and evaluation plan, the pharmacy inventory and verification of the drugs exercise was conducted across all the camps in collaboration with health partners.

## Food Security and Nutrition

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of food distribution commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> June. Food distribution activities in Kambioos completed on 19<sup>th</sup> June, Ifo 2 on 21<sup>st</sup> June while Ifo, Hagadera and Dagahaley completed on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The food distribution for the second half of June was completed smoothly with no major incident reported.

## Water and Sanitation

### Water supply

- The Water infrastructure across the five camps remained as water storage capacity of 6050 m<sup>3</sup> in 46 tanks, distributed through a pipeline network of 314 km and 900 tap stands and 4,320 taps. 29 boreholes continued to operate and supplied water to a refugee population of 350,092 in the five Dadaab camps.
- Free Residue Chlorine (FRC) levels in water being supplied to refugees at tap stand level maintained between 1-1.5mg/l due to an increase in watery diarrhea incidence across camps and the suspected cholera incidence in Ifo camp and in some major towns in Kenya.

### Solarization of borehole water schemes

- Currently, there are 11 borehole water supply schemes under solar PV power in Dadaab refugee camps. Several contractors carried out site visits to the ten targeted boreholes that will be solarized in 2015 before they submit their quotations and costs. The ten units are being funded by UNHCR (five in Dagahaley, four in Hagadera and one in Ifo camps).

### Sanitation coverage

- There was marginal increase in the number of latrine constructed across the Dadaab refugee camps. During the reporting period, 30 new household latrines were constructed. Another 90 new latrines are in the pit lining stage pending superstructure construction. In addition, ten latrines constructed for the urban refugees who were relocated to Dadaab.
- In Hagadera camp, 50 household latrines replaced, 160 latrines are in the pit lining stage while 110 replacement latrine are in the pit digging and lining stage in Kambioos camp. For the other camps, procurement of materials and beneficiary identification is ongoing.
- The annual latrine survey was completed in the four camps (Kambioos, Hagadera, Ifo and Dagahaley). The survey is ongoing in Ifo 2 camp and the final report is being compiled.
- Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) completed constructing of 16 stances schools latrines and 30 household latrines in Ifo2 camp.

### Hygiene Promotion

- During the reporting period, 130 Hygiene promoters were actively engaged in hygiene promotion in all camps, carrying out intensive hygiene campaigns. They have visited 2,260 households in Dagahaley camp for hygiene and sanitation sensitization.



During second half of June, two mass cleanup campaigns were conducted in Kambioos and Hagadera camps.

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## Shelter and NFIs

- This year UNHCR and its partners are constructing 1,787 T shelter of which UNHCR funds 1,122, Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) 600 and Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) 65. As of 30<sup>th</sup> June, 531 families had received T shelters, 200 in Kambioos and 231 in Ifo 2 camps. The T shelter program in camps focuses on persons of concern who are the vulnerable and live in very substandard dwelling.
- The renovation work of three primary schools was completed and a joint monitoring visit was carried out in the last week of June by UNHCR and its partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) to mark the end of rehabilitation. Subsequently the schools were handed over to the beneficiaries. Before the renovation, the schools were in very poor condition without windows, doors, broken tap stands and some even with broken gates.
- After the attack on Garissa University, camp school teachers, nurses and other essential workers fled the camps due to fear of similar attacks. UNHCR and the local authorities took steps to beef up the security of the camps as well as for humanitarian workers compound by increasing security personnel. A group of 90 police officers have been installed in Alinjukur and another group of 50 are expected to arrive soon. To accommodate this large number of security personnel, UNHCR has erected four large tents, water supply and latrines to be able to settle the security personnel in Alinjukur.

## Durable Solutions

### Resettlement

During the reporting period, a total of 25 cases comprising of 107 individuals (including women and girls at risk) underwent resettlement case interviews. 16 cases comprising of 43 individuals were interviewed for processing and possible onward submission to resettlement countries.

24 cases comprising of 100 individuals were submitted to UNHCR Branch Office Nairobi for onward resettlement in the United States of America. Additionally, 44 new-born babies were added to the cases already submitted for resettlement. Four individuals departed Dadaab to France for onward resettlement.

### Voluntary Return to Somalia

The voluntary return convoys to Somalia are ongoing. During the second half of June, a total of 275 returnees departed Dadaab and arrived safely in Somalia. In total 2,588 Somali refugees returned home since 8th December 2014, when UNHCR started supporting voluntary return of Somali refugees in Kenya.

1,271 refugees visited the Return Help Desks to enquire about the process which indicates increased interest in return by Somali refugees in Dadaab. Provision of return support package to the newly added six districts has not commenced yet because of security incidents reported along destination routes. Modalities of access to return areas and reintegration support is under preparation inside Somalia

## Environment

The main nursery in Dagahaley camp managed to produce 3,450 seedlings. The seedlings are mostly exotic species for planting by households and Agencies compounds. In Total 2,000 seedlings were distributed, 60% to refugee households, 20% to greenbelts, 15% to agencies and 5% to local settlements.

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