



24<sup>th</sup> January 2014

## Kakuma Up-date

### Current Situation:

The convoy today has arrived with 153 new arrivals. This much lower figure, compared to yesterday's figure of 461 is being attributed to the fuel shortage. Apparently, there are still areas that are experiencing transportation hitches as a result of this shortage. We shall continue to monitor the trends and daily operations on all fronts continue unabated.

This therefore brings the total number of arrivals received to **11,415**. The estimated total camp population is now roughly 140,000. Majority of the new arrivals are still women and children.



## **Operational Highlights:**

Daily operations continue at the border, reception centres and new site in Kakuma 3.

### **1. Health:**

- Today, 10 suspected measles cases were identified at the camp including one Kenyan. The other 9 are refugees of whom 8 are new arrivals between the ages of 3 months to 3 years. All the cases were vaccinated on arrival in Kakuma except the 3-month old infant.
- So far the cumulative number of suspected measles cases in the camp is 14. Four of them have already been discharged while the rest are in the isolation ward at the main hospital.
- MSF Belgium continues to provide measles vaccinations at the border. Two suspected cases identified at the border three days ago are still at the referral hospital in Loki.
- There is need for a bigger tent which can accommodate 20 - 30 children at a go for the isolation of all suspected measles cases.
- IRC continues to provide medical assistance and vaccinations (for polio, measles, tetanus and diphtheria) to all children under 5 years old at the reception centres and ambulance services from the border to Lokichoggio.
- Currently we have stock of 5,000 measles vaccine. There is an urgent need to replenish the stock from MOH.
- Plans are underway to support the referral hospital at Loki through IRC.

### **2. Transport**

- The addition of the IOM fleet that we received earlier in the week has greatly improved our transport capacity. The current fleet now comprises of 2 buses, 4 trucks, 1 ambulance and 3 light vehicles (land cruisers), which are used to transport the arrivals and their luggage.

### **3. Shelter**

- The main reception centre's capacity has been upgraded with additional tents and can now accommodate 2,000 persons per day. There are two other makeshift reception centres i.e. Malakal and Juba old schools in Kakuma 1. These are currently empty but are being retained in case of an upsurge in the number of daily arrivals.

- 2,650 tents have been erected at the new site in Kakuma 3 and 10,922 individuals have been moved there as at 24 January 2014.

#### **4. Food Distribution & NFIs**

- Wet feeding, distribution of NFIs and sanitary materials is ongoing at the reception centres. This is done using the fixing tokens issued to all refugee families in lieu of ration cards which will be issued once registration and profiling is done by DRA and UNHCR respectively.
- WFP continue to issue high energy biscuits (BP-5) at the border and dry food rations at the Food Distribution Centre in the new site.

#### **5. Education**

- Following discussions between UNICEF and LWF last week, a temporary school has already been established at the new site. 465 students have been registered so far and 35 teachers are being recruited. Classes are expected to start in the course of the coming week.

#### **6. Protection**

- Profiling of Unaccompanied Minors (UAMs) and identification of potential foster parents is currently on-going. Similarly, tracing of biological parents and close relatives continues as well. The UAMs are currently being accommodated at the reception centre.
- Pending the final UNHCR/UNICEF joint assessment report, we have started implementing some of the recommendations contained in the draft.

#### **7. Water**

One borehole drilled by LWF has been made functional. They have now terminated the agreement with the contractor and would rely on the rig being mobilized by WVI. Water remains to be one of the major concerns

The operation continued to receive support from UNICEF, WFP and IOM. Windly Trust has agreed to support the new temporary schools in terms of scholastic materials, desks, counselors and teachers. The UNICEF child protection officer has arrived on mission for an initial period of two weeks while their Deputy Representative also visited the operation during which areas of collaboration were discussed in detail.

We have sent out letters to NRC, NCCK and IRC to pre-finance urgent activities and/or purchases (including the establishment of the reception center at Nadapal) and that the agreed amounts would be reflected in their budgets eventually.

## **Challenges:**

### **1. Space**

It appears that DRA has not made progress in securing the land at Nakururum. Given the fact that almost half of the new site has been occupied, the urgency of securing a site for a new camp cannot be overemphasised. In the meantime, we have requested the Deputy County Commissioner to initiate discussions on the new site with the MP for Turkana West and the MCA of the area.

### **2. Sectoral gaps**

Notwithstanding the collective efforts being made by all, the huge sectoral gaps in health, water, education, shelter and sanitation continue to affect the operation.

### **3. Registration** is another challenge. According to DRA they have so far registered 4,114 new arrivals, however, this needs to be verified. UNHCR has captured 2,061 new arrivals in its data base.

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