Kambioos Camp Profile
DADAAB REFUGEE CAMPS, KENYA

CAMP SNAPSHOT

Population: 20,748 10,069 female, 10,679 male (01/03/2015)
4,360 households

Nationalities:
- Somalia: 20,614
- Ethiopia: 103
- South Sudan: 16
- DRC: 13
- Burundi: 2

Size of camp area: 5 km²
5 sections consisting of 7 blocks each

BACKGROUND

Kambioos is the newest of the five Dadaab camps. It was established in August 2011 and officially recognized by the Kenyan government in January 2013. The camp was originally planned for a population of 100,000 and can help reduce the population pressure in other camps. Relocation of people from the overcrowded outskirts of Hagadera has started. By the end of December 2014, 78 families comprising of 330 individuals were relocated.

In case refugees residing in urban areas of Kenya are relocated to refugee camps, Kambioos is foreseen as one of the camps where they can stay.

ACTIVITIES

Protection

Protection interventions in Kambioos include child protection, individual case management, Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) intervention, issuance of various protection documents (travel documents, food ration cards etc.) and detention monitoring. The Government of Kenya is currently issuing Alien Cards in the camp.

The new Kambioos police post was commissioned in January 2014. The facility has 40 accommodation and 14 police officers were deployed. A ‘Tango Talk’ meeting is organized every month to encourage the direct exchange of the information between the police and Community Peace & Protection Teams (CPPT) for the effective management of the security in the camp. Community policing and neighborhood watch play an increasingly important role in guaranteeing the safety and security of the refugee population.
Support is provided for persons with specific needs through social protection and empowerment activities. Community support groups for persons living with disabilities, survivors of SGBV and elderly persons have been constituted to provide psycho-social support. These vulnerable groups are mostly segregated by the wider society. Youth are engaged in livelihood and sports activities.

With the opening of a Protection Area in Kambioos in August 2014, the in-camp management of protection cases has become more effective. The Protection Area has twenty T-shelters and can therefore host twenty families. G4S guards provide constant security services at the facility.

Education

Kambioos has three primary schools with a total population of 8,193 pupils, comprising of Hilal Primary School (1,551 boys, 1,069 girls), Furaha Primary (2,060 boys, 1,516 girls) and Warsame Primary School (1,128 boys, 869 girls). The latter was recently built to decongest the other two schools. There is no secondary school in the camp. This will be a requirement in the next year. Of the three primary schools, only two schools are benefitting from the WFP school meal program (SMP) and this has somehow affected the enrolment of the remaining school (Warsame primary).

Health

Kambioos has one primary health post, which is below the standard of one health facility per 10,000 residents. There is no hospital in the camp. Clinical cases are referred to the IRC hospital in Hagadera. The health post is usually overcrowded, with minimum consultation times, negatively affecting the quality of services. 100% of pregnant women attending antenatal care services are voluntarily tested for HIV. 65% of all deliveries in the camp are attended by skilled personnel in Hagadera Hospital. Round-the-clock comprehensive emergency obstetrics care services are available. There is need to activate the maternity wing for Kambioos health post in order to reduce home deliveries in the camp.

Food Security and Nutrition

In June 2013, WFP opened a temporary food distribution point in Kambioos. This has positive protection implications, since beneficiaries (mostly women) until then had to travel to Hagadera twice a month to collect their food rations.

Supplementary and therapeutic feeding programmes are implemented in addition to the general food distribution. Children with severe malnutrition are admitted to the Stabilisation Centre in IRC Hagadera hospital.

Water and Sanitation

There are two operational boreholes with the capacity of 60m3 of water per hour in Kambioos but currently only one is in use. In late 2012, a water pipe system to the camp was constructed, greatly improving the quantity and quality of water services. Women and children are no longer forced to walk long distances for water. In line with the decongestion of Hagadera and reception of urban refugees a 2km water pipeline and tap stands have been completed.

Every household in Kambioos has one latrine making the latrine coverage 100%. Waste management by the use of donkey carts is being taken care of by the refugee community. A total of 30 donkey carts work in the five sections of the camp.

Shelter, Site Planning and Environment

In the beginning of 2014, LWF was the shelter partner in Kambioos and 260 Improvised Mud Block Shelters (IMBS) were allocated for the camp. However, the Kenyan government stopped the production of ISSB shelters stating that these were permanent structures rather than temporary refugee shelters. Since then, Kambioos remains without a shelter partner. The majority of residents remain in tents that have a lifespan of six to seven months. In 2013, only 411 transitional shelters (T-shelters) were constructed. T-shelters are
temporary shelters with a timber structure covered by canvas. There has been no construction of shelters in the year 2014 and it's expected the camp will have some share in 2015.

UNHCR and LWF completed a demarcation of Section 5 to accommodate more refugees from other camps which are currently overcrowded.

UNHCR’s vision for Kambioos was to open a model of an eco-friendly refugee camp. In line with this, an environmental impact assessment of the proposed site was done in September 2009. Current activities include the establishment of green belts, rearing of tree seedlings, promotion of education and awareness as well as negotiating for land on which to establish garbage dumping sites. Urgent awareness sensitisation is also a priority as illegal tree cutting is leading to the arrest of the refugees.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

DRA took over the camp management activities from LWF in April 2014.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

The first Refugees leadership elections were conducted and new leaders appointed in Kambioos in August 2013. The camp population had the opportunity to formally vote for new leaders of their choice. Kambioos has a total of 82 leaders (one chairlady, one chairman, ten section leaders and 70 block leaders, both male and female).

Kambioos has various livelihood projects which include tailoring, small kiosks, soap making, tie and dye, chalk making, pasta making and an ICT centre. In August 2014, the demarcation of a market in Kambioos was completed. Construction of market stall has started and very soon allocation of plots to refugees and host community at the market will commence. The market is expected to enable refugees to engage in various livelihood activities.

Working in partnership – UNHCR’s partners in Kambioos:

- Action Against Hunger (ACF): Infant- and Young-Child Nutrition
- CARE: MSU and Warehousing
- Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA): Camp Management, Camp Administration, Community Mobilisation
- Fafi Integrated Development Association (FAIDA): Environment, Household Energy, Host Community Projects
- Film Aid International (FAI): Information Campaigns, Community Communication
- International Rescue Committee (IRC): Health and Nutrition, HIV/AIDS and SGBV
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC): Water, Logistics, Warehousing and Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion
- Refugee Consortium Kenya (RCK): Legal Assistance, Protection Monitoring
- Terre des Hommes (TdH): Child Protection
- World Food Programme (WFP): Food
- World Vision (WVI): Livelihood

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Kambioos Refugee Camp Overview
As of June 2013

Legend
- Food
- Blocks
- Health
- Security
- Sanitation
- Education
- Environment
- Camp Facilities

Legend
- Roads
- Boreholes
- Major road
- Utility road
- Not in Use
- Solar lighting
- Existing
- Proposed

Key
CC - Community Centre
CS - Community Space
CRS - Child Friendly Space
CRS - Catholic Relief Services
HC - Health Centre
IRC - International Rescue Committee
ISSU P - Interlocking Stabilised Soil Blocks Production Site
PG - Play Ground
PS - Primary School
RC - Reception Centre
SP - Section Pool
SS - Secondary School
TBA - To Be Allocated
TDC - Toronto Dock Homes
VC - Vocational Centre
WFP DC - WFP Distribution Centre

Population: 29,055 Persons
Camp size:
1. Hectares - 206.3976
2. Kilometers Squared - 20.364

Scale: 1:10,000
0 - 175 - 350 - 700 Meters