MAI-AINI REFUGEE CAMP

OVERVIEW

The Mai-Aini refugee camp was established in May 2008 to accommodate Eritrean refugees seeking international protection.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

In October 2018, the emergency response developed well defined coordination structures and all partners came to speed with the necessary response in terms of delivery of protection and emergency assistance to the high number of asylum-seekers that have been arriving in Shire including at Mai Aini camp since mid-September. In this regard, emergency interventions have been launched to ensure adequate reception conditions. During October, 25 temporary communal emergency shelters, 36 communal latrines and 18 tap stands were made available to new arrivals in Mai Aini refugee camp.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR provides protection and services to refugees in Mai-Aini in collaboration with:

- Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) - In representation of Ethiopia’s government - Camp Management and security; primary health care and nutrition; food and CRs distribution; protection and community services; shelter; logistics; environment protection; and primary education
- International Rescue Committee (IRC) - WASH; SGBV; primary health care and psychological support; nutrition; protection and community services; education
- International Organization for Migration (IOM) - Resettlement and related logistics
- World Food Program (WFP) - Nutrition; Food supply, transportation and distribution
- Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (DICAC) - Education
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) - Education; shelter; environment protection; livelihood; protection and services
- National Resource Development and Environmental Protection (NRDEP) - Environmental protection
- United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) - Education
- Center for Victims of Trauma (CVT) - Protection and community services; health care and nutrition
- Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) - Health care and nutrition; protection and community services; education
- Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RaDO) - Support to people with specific needs

Refugee population in Mai-Aini camp

A total of 17,825 persons of concern in Mai-Aini Camp as of October 2018.
# MAIN ACTIVITIES

## Health
- 1 health clinics and 1 trauma center are available for refugees and host communities wherein they receive medical care, including:
  - Reproductive health & HIV services and related capacity building
  - Preventive and community-based health care and access to primary health care services
  - Vaccination
  - Maternity and child health services
  - Pre-departure medical screening/Medical escorts during RST and during relocation from border areas
  - Psychosocial counseling

## Nutrition
- With support from UNHCR’s partners, refugees have access to infrastructure and receive nutritional support, including:
  - Implementation and monitoring of Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) for persons with special needs
  - Treatment of severe and moderate acute malnutrition for: 143 pregnant mothers; 145 lactating mothers; and 440 children aged 6-23 months. GAM rate is 6.7%; SAM rate is 1.5; and MAM rate is 5.2%

## WASH
- Refugees have access to 20 liters of potable water per person per day. 3 boreholes have been installed.
- 1422 household sanitary facilities/latrines are available in the camp
- Environmental health and hygiene campaigns are implemented in the camp
- Mosquito nets are distributed to the refugees.

## Protection & Community Services
- UNHCR and its partners provide protection to refugees and promote durable solutions to their plight through:
  - Establishment and ensured functioning of community based child protection structures, notably for UASC
  - Provision of prevention and response services for children at risk, and capacity development on child protection
  - Provision of psychosocial counseling and community-based psychosocial programming
  - Enabling and sustaining community participation in SGBV prevention and response through capacity development
  - Provision of specific services to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)
  - Resettlement to third country of asylum and facilitated process of family reunification
  - Registration and monitoring

## Shelter
- 95 new transitional and emergency shelters have been built and are regularly maintained.

## Core Relief Items
- Core Relief Items - sleeping mats, blankets, jerry cans, kitchen sets, soap and sanitary materials - are distributed to refugees.

## Logistics & Site Planning
- Refugees are transported and relocated from border areas and within camps. In addition, the camp layout is conducted. The Mai-Aini refugee camp is comprised of 5 sectors divided in 38 blocks.

## Education
- 2 early childhood, 2 primary, 1 secondary and tertiary schools are available, wherein school meals, and vocational skill training for the youth are provided.

## Environment
- UNHCR and its partners seek to reduce the environmental impact in areas hosting refugees through:
  - Forest and environmental protection and capacity building on environmental protection. During the period, maintenance was carried out as follows: 132 life tree management, 103 constructed fences, 192 trees protected to limit the environment impact of the refugees’ presence in the area.
  - Provision of energy saving stoves and demonstration of biogas pilot project. No stoves have been distributed.

## Food
- On a monthly basis, food is supplied, transported and distributed to all refugees as well as cash and vouchers. General food basket UNHCR and WFP is currently used to control and confirm the presence on refugees at monthly food distribution.