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General Overview

Operational environment and security

The situation has generally remained unchanged with no security incidents involving humanitarian staff. Humanitarian organizations have been encouraged to subject their movements to a criticality test in order to balance the high security risks with the importance of carrying out the activity in question. This ongoing criticality review takes place in an environment where UNHCR and partners continue to receive reports from Kenyan security services on threats against humanitarian staff.

The access control and HESCO fencing around the Dadaab compound is being improved with the installation of a new gate system.

Registration and verification

As of 13 July 2012, the overall population in the Alinjukur/Dadaab camps stood at 472,420 persons. The one-month registration exercise (4 June to 4 July 2012) saw the registration of 7,971 individuals. The Department for Refugee Affairs has not yet decided when a new registration exercise will take place.

20% of the newly registered individuals are single men arriving without any other family members. This has raised concerns as to whether this could be individuals affiliated with armed elements in Somalia. UNHCR protection staff is doing individual and group discussions with the community to better profile the new arrivals with a particular focus on ensuring the civilian nature of the camps. UNHCR has proposed to the Government of Kenya that an extensive security screening is carried out for new arrivals.

The upcoming verification exercise will be an opportunity to verify the active camp populations and do more in-depth profiling of the population of concern, including identifying those with particular needs or those individuals associated with armed groups. This profiling will also be an opportunity to explore targeted assistance interventions and identify avenues for durable solutions.

The Community Communications Working Group and the registration team is finalizing the communication modalities for the upcoming verification exercise, which will use films and radio to disseminate messages in Somali and minority languages on the verification process.

Sexual & Gender-based Violence

The Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Working Group and the Community Communications Working Group are preparing an information campaign with film screenings, SMS messages and clear information on how to access SGBV services.

Health

All three camp hospitals are fully functional with the health posts in Dagahaley and Ifo 2 operating with qualified staff. Health posts in Hagadera and Ifo are operational and staffed by incentive staff with remote technical support from qualified staff.

The Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation in collaboration with partners are conducting a nationwide Polio campaign in the next two months. Polio is a serious disease that causes paralysis of the limbs and is transmitted through contaminated food and drinks. During the campaigns vaccinators will move from house to house giving the oral polio vaccine to all children under the age of 5 years regardless of their vaccination status.

Youth and Livelihood

CARE and UNHCR supported the training of more than one thousand male football players and seventy female volleyball players in Ifo and Dagahaley. The Ifo Senior League concluded the 'Peace Tournament' with some 16 senior teams on 8 June, while the Ifo Junior Leagues sensitized the community on the theme of drug and substance abuse.

Sub-Office Alinjugur (Hagadera, Kambioos)

New developments

- The funding situation for partners operating in Kambioos is critical with several operational partners pulling out over the coming months leaving gaps in water and shelter provision.
- Construction work continues in the Alinjugur compound with a particular focus on improving security infrastructure and staff accommodation. 10% of the HESCO gate has been completed and 20% of the HESCO barbwire has been mantled.

Security

- The lack of a police post in Kambioos continues to frustrate efforts to provide safety and security to refugees and staff in the area.
- The police continue to show reluctance to operate inside the blocs making traditional camp monitoring of activities very difficult. Alternative means of monitoring is being pursued, including through capacity building of partner staff and refugee community workers.

Protection

- During the reporting period, 73 individuals self-relocated from Hagadera outskirts to Kambioos, where most of them already have family members living. New arrivals to Kambioos are offered tents and plots.
- 800 birth certificates have been issued by the District Civil Registrar. The certificates will among other things give access to the supplementary feeding programs.
- The one-month registration exercise has ended with 3,048 persons registered in Hagadera and Kambioos.
- 65 individuals were provided with protection counseling.
- 17 individuals were detained during the reporting period, with most of the detainees released shortly after arrest following interventions by the protection staff. A total of 197 individuals have been arrested for various offences since the beginning of 2012.
- A coordination meeting was held with camp-based stakeholders in order to explore livelihood opportunities for persons living with disabilities.
- 16 individuals met with community service staff in order to find solutions to their social problems, including their medical needs.

Education

- The two primary schools in Kambioos are tent constructions, and on a regular basis the roofs get torn off by the strong winds. It is planned that the roofs will be fitted with iron sheeting to provide a more durable protection from the elements.
- Teachers from other camps working in secondary schools in Hagadera are often facing challenges during their travels to Hagadera. Some are reporting harassment during their travels while others are struggling to meet transportation costs.

Health and Nutrition

- In order to ensure quality health care, UNHCR and partners are currently looking at increasing the capacity of the IRC hospital in Hagadera rather than building additional health posts in the camp. Since most health posts are struggling with qualified staffing, the hospital will take on a larger role in health provision until qualified staffing can be trained and effectively deployed to the health posts.
- The camp-based health services saw a total of 421 patients in Hagadera and 49 patients in Kambioos. Because of the insecurity situation IMC operated the Kambioos health post for half days with the exception of Monday.

Water and Sanitation

- Water services are delivering 18 liters per person per day (l/p/p/d) in Hagadera and 19 l/p/p/d in Kambioos. It will take two additional boreholes in Hagadera to meet the water standards. However, current funding does not allow for additional borehole constructions.
- Hagadera and Kambioos both have acceptable levels of latrine coverage with 12 persons per communal latrine in Hagadera and 21 in Kambioos. The standard is 50 persons per communal latrine.
- Catholic Relief Services and Norwegian Refugee Council are constructing latrines in both camps with a particular focus on building household latrines for better privacy and dignity.

Shelter

- Many refugees in the Hagadera outskirts are still living without adequate shelter. 165 tents have been distributed to vulnerable families in Hagadera, benefitting more than 500 individuals. Out of the 1835 tents in need of replacement in Kambioos, 350 tents have been replaced in the past two weeks.

Sub-Office Dadaab (Dagahaley, Ifo, Ifo 2)

New Developments

- Incidents of armed banditry were reported in Ifo 2 East and in Dagahaley, particularly targeting business owners.
- Camp-based field offices are currently undergoing a security review in order to improve safety of field staff.

Protection

- The police in Dagahaley has been arresting recently arrived undocumented Somalis and charged them with unlawful presence. The arrests are measures to crack down on suspected militia members arriving from Somalia. UNHCR and partners are providing the detainees with legal assistance to ensure due process and respect for the principle of non-refoulement.
- A new dialogue forum is planned in Ifo camp to improve communication and relationship between the refugee communities and the police.
- Save the Children UK has conducted training of community workers and national staff on a Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS) in Ifo. The objective of the training was to train staff on how best to collect information from children.
- 619 children in Ifo have registered with the Child Friendly Spaces (CFS). The CFS are places where children can find safety and security. Additional structures are being constructed to meet the increased need for such safe spaces.
- 1300 individuals were identified as vulnerable and issued with hygiene kits consisting of two jerry cans, wash basin, soap bars and a baby shawl.

Health and Nutrition

- A high number of bloody diarrhoea cases were reported in Ifo 2 this week. 21 of the cases were from Ifo 2 west.
- Kenyan Red Cross Society is constructing a maternity operating theatre in Ifo 2 camp.
- The camp-based health services saw 510 patients in Dagahaley, 501 patients in Ifo and 395 patients in Ifo 2.
- Save the Children UK have resumed their Fresh Food Voucher programme in Ifo which will benefit children between 6-12 months of age.

Water and Sanitation

All camps produced an average of 19 litres of water per person per day.

Shelter

Out of the planned 1525 ISSB shelters, 261 shelters have been constructed to date. The ISSB shelters provide a more durable shelter that allows for better protection and increased privacy. However, the construction process has been delayed due to difficulties in the production line.

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