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Dadaab Newsletter highlights programme achievements, stories from communities of concern and staff updates.
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A message from the Area Manager - LWF Dadaab

Dear Friends,

As the year comes to an end, we take stock of our achievements, challenges and lessons learnt for 2022. On a monthly average, 37,180 children have received education in the 22 schools supported in Dadaab.

Community-based protection team has reached 5,320 people with specialized services since January 2022. The Medevac partnership has reached more than 12,000 people through healthcare services and training.

LWF Dadaab remains dedicated to challenging and addressing the causes and effects of human suffering and poverty, linking local responses to national and international advocacy.

I would like to congratulate Sitay Mohamed Ali, Batula Abdikadir, Sharon Wanjala, Claire Chemtai, Fatma Hussein Mohamed and Dagahaley's Future Youth team. These young people have excelled in sports, fashion display and academic excellence. Read about their efforts in this newsletter.

We thank our partners including UNHCR, other donors and humanitarian agencies ensuring that refugees and host communities receive relief assistance and are engaged through livelihood support.

Happy Holidays!

MOSES MUKHWANA
AREA MANAGER, LWF DADAAB PROGRAM

OVERVIEW OF SUPPORT TO PERSONS OF CONCERN UNDER UNHCR PROJECT DURING THREE MONTH PERIOD

Month	Older persons	Persons with Disabilities	Quarantine Centre	Persons with Specific needs	Learners in schools	Learners with disabilities
September	223 (139F)	408 (224F)	22 (11F)	653 (374F)	37,265 (16,535F)	1,592 (730F)
October	323 (172F)	313 (137F)	26 (13F)	662 (322F)	39,390 (16,595F)	1,663 (777F)
November	316 (170F)	474 (212F)	33 (13F)	813 (395F)	39,180 (16,630F)	1,663 (777F)



Our Vision: People of the world, living in just societies in peace and dignity, united in diversity, are able to meet their basic need, achieve their full potential and claim their universal rights in order to improve their quality of life individually and collectively.

Areas of Focus

- ✓ Quality Services
- ✓ Sustainable Livelihoods
- ✓ Social protection and Cohesion

Talk show on child safeguarding at Radio Gargaar studios

The theme for 2022 Universal Children's Day is: "Inclusion, for every child." This theme means that every child belonging to any society, community or nationality is entitled to equal rights.

The Dadaab LWF program supported primary school boys and girls using local media to amplify their messages about the rights of children living in refugee camps.

A total of 36,513 learners are enrolled in 22 primary schools administered by LWF in Dadaab. This comprises 20,308 boys and 16,205 girls. There are 1,074 children with disabilities enrolled in schools.

A total of 2,412 candidates registered for 2022 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education examination across the 22 schools compared to 2,957 in 2021, a drop by 545 children.

"We have many children below the age of 18 who are out of school. I urge all stakeholders to promote back-to-school campaigns so that children can be admitted in school," said Mohamed Ali, a teacher from Hagadera.

In 1954, the United Nations established Universal Children's Day, Celebrated on 20th November. In November 1959, UN General Assembly adopted the 'Declaration of the Right of the Child'.

"Through the school clubs, we sensitize community and build understanding on education and the rights of children," says Shukri Ibrahim from Bidii Primary School.

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is partnering with the US Department of State in enhancing quality education and child safeguarding in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps.



"We would like to inform the public that activities are taking place across the three camps, as part of advocacy on the rights of children and the need for them to be supported by all members of the community," said Farhan Issack from Central Primary School. Photo:LWF



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“We shared our work and experiences of refugee education, minority rights, the emotive issue of land rights issues in Angola and the rights and support that women and young girls need to play significant roles in their communities,” - Collins Omundu.

LWF delegates from Africa at 73rd Ordinary Session of African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights

For the first time, a delegation from the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) participated in sessions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights (ACHPR) held in Banjul, The Gambia.

The team, consisting of delegates from Lutheran Churches in Tanzania and Nigeria and the LWF World Service country programs in Kenya-Somalia and Angola, participated in forums and sessions, to highlight human rights challenges faced by communities they serve.

Participants engaged in networking and bilateral meetings. They also met with UN Human Rights Special Rapporteur representatives and human rights advocates and networks.

Theme: Strengthening resilience in nutrition and food security on the African continent: Strengthening agro-food systems, health and social protection for the acceleration of human, social and economic capital development

Collins Omundu, Education Officer (Quality and Curriculum Implementation) for LWF World Service Kenya-Somalia program in Dadaab, who led the delegation said: “In our sessions with other organisations, we shared our work and experience of refugee education, minority rights, the emotive issue of land rights issues in Angola and the rights and support that women and young girls need to play significant roles in their communities.”

“Africa as a continent is facing several human rights issues, some of which were drastically influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic. Issues include food and hunger crisis, gender-based violence, climate crisis, conflicts and massive displacement of people,” said Isaiah Toroitich, LWF Head of Global Advocacy.

Read more about the Human and Peoples Rights Conference:

<https://bit.ly/3Wpg9Ag>



A learning and evaluation visit by Medevac Czech and The Czech Embassy and Consulate delegates. The team checked efficiency, adaptability and functionality of medical equipment procured for use at Dadaab Sub-County Hospital.
Photo: Nashon Tado/LWF

Saving lives through support to Dadaab Sub-County Hospital

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and Medevac Czech partnership has reached 12,204 people across Dadaab and Fafi Sub-counties through health services and training at Dadaab Sub-County Hospital and the Rehabilitation Centre in Hagadera.

With an initial target of 15,000 people, the project has achieved an 81% score. Equipment delivered to the hospital assisted 11,980 people who are able to access healthcare services directly from the hospital.

Recent visits by Diakonie Czech and Medevac Czech included extensive field coverage reaching some of the remotest health clinics in Kenya in Kumahumato and Dagahaley.

The Dadaab Sub County Hospital attends to an average of 300 patients per day. In one month, an average of 40 new-borns are delivered at the hospital.

The project completed 14 training sessions reaching a total of 224 participants. Training sessions were facilitated by health and legal experts from Kenya Red Cross Society, Medecins Sans Frontieres, International Rescue Committee and Refugee Consortium of Kenya.

With durable equipment installed and used by healthcare practitioners, and the training provided, this means the project will continue to have a sustainable effect on healthcare.

A journalist accompanying the delegates published interviews with key staff about the project to the Czech Republic media. "I have had an interview by public broadcaster and there will be a 20 minute podcast on Dadaab," says Erik Siegl of Diakonie Czech.

The Dadaab health facility is owned by the Government of Kenya and is operated by the Ministry of Health (MoH), that is in charge of staffing, maintenance and daily operations of the facility.

Dadaab scoops podium finish in 2022 Isiolo disability wheel racing

Sitay Mohamed finished second during this year's annual desert wheel race competition held in Isiolo County. The event that attracted 42 contestants from all parts of Kenya, was organized by Northern Nomadic Disabled Persons Organization (NONDO) with support from Isiolo County Government.

In addition to Sitay's achievement, Batula Abdikadir, a participant from Dadaab host community scooped podium honours during the desert fashion gala.



Top three winners of national creative writing contest announced



The national creative writing contest sponsored by Medevac Czech has provided a platform for university students to discuss ways to improve access to healthcare in hard-to-reach and vulnerable areas of Kenya.

The top three winners are: Sharon Wanjala from Maseno University, Claire Chemtai from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology and Fatma Mohamed of University of Nairobi.

"I was inspired to help someone out there who is longing for improved medical services in their community," says Sharon.

Essay Topic: *"Innovative ways and initiatives for enhancing access to quality healthcare services to hard-to-reach areas in Kenya"*

Future Youths from Dagahaley are winners of 2022 soccer tournament

Following an epic finale, Future Youths from Dagahaley have battled to win this year's soccer tournament. A total of 112 teams, 32 from the three camps and 16 from host communities, participated in the tournament. The match of Saturday 17th December decided on which team would emerge winners.

"Sports is one avenue through which young people can showcase their talents. We therefore urge all agencies to create more spaces that enable both boys and girls to participate in extra-curricular activities," said David Mulbah, Senior Protection Officer of UNHCR Dadaab, during the award ceremony.



Occupational Safety and Health committee holds workshop to discuss audits

The Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) committee held its mandatory workshop from 2nd to 5th November 2022 to review audit reports, discuss and put in place mechanisms for workplace safety and health for all staff.

Among topics covered during the week-long workshop included: LWF code of conduct, review of Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) 2007, OSH, committee rules, hazards identification and control, fire risk reduction rules and first aid rules. A review of OSH audit reports, fire safety audits and risk assessment reports of the OSHA 2007 was done.

Representatives from Nairobi, Kakuma and Dadaab offices developed checklists for inspection of workplaces by the OSH committees as well as developing schedules of inspections, committee meetings and developing spreadsheet for compliance with OSHA 2007 requirements.

Staff onboarding and farewells

We are proud to inform that Jane Nkirote and Linet Simwa, both Psychosocial Counsellors, have joined our Dadaab team.

We said goodbye to Maximila Anyiera of human resources who rejoined a former employer and our school meals programme officer, Abdi Hussein Aden who is starting a new employment in Wajir town.

We wish to sincerely thank colleagues from Community Based Protection department as well as a few national and incentive teachers transitioning to other opportunities.

We welcome onboarding staff and send our best wishes to those moving into new assignments.



Finance Manager explained to committee members the need for proper record-keeping and documentation of safety and health procedures, audit processes and due diligence as expected under the Occupational Safety and Health Act 2007. Fire safety, statutory safety and risk management audits were reviewed during the workshop. Photo: Nashon Tado/LWF



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Overcoming Cerebral Palsy: This is the story of Sankus. A 16-year-old learner with mental disability. His journey towards recovery demonstrates that disability is not inability. When he joined Hormuud Primary School, Ifo, Sankus was confined to a wheelchair, filled with insecurities and unable to support himself. Six months later, there are great improvements in his physical abilities. "With proper care and management, children with disabilities can live normal happy lives," says Erickson Amuyunzu, Inclusive Education Teacher. To read more about Sankus, copy link to your browser: <https://bit.ly/3WAEgvq>

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