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# A message from the Area Manager

Dear Friends,

Our second issue of the Dadaab Newsletter provides highlights on our partnership with Medevac Czech, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), drought response interventions focusing on food baskets, our new partnership with the United States government under the Bureau of Populations, Refugees and Migration (BPRM). You will also find other bits of information on projects and staff activities.

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 wish every success to the team of seven wheelchair contestants from Dadaab that will travel to Isiolo for the Annual Wheel Race Competition. They are: Mohamed Aden, Thoan Yul Gaga, Daud Kusow, Sitay Mohamed Ali, Abdikadir Shire and Ahmed Abdullahi Kasim.

We thank our partners including UNHCR, other donors and humanitarian agencies ensuring that persons of concern receive relief assistance and are involved in livelihood support.

**MOSES MUKHWANA**  
**AREA MANAGER, LWF DADAAB PROGRAM**



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

## Saving lives: emergency food distribution reaches 750 vulnerable households

The Dadaab program of Lutheran World Federation (LWF) was among the first responders following appeals for assistance by communities affected by severe drought in Garissa County of Kenya. During the second relief cycle, a food basket initiative was implemented supported by Act Alliance.

Each household received 10kg maize flour, 10 kg wheat flour, 10kg sugar, two packets of tea leaves, 10kg of rice, 10kg beans, 5kg of cooking oil and 4kg of table salt. A total of 750 households were assisted. This translates into over 3,000 people.

In Dadaab Sub County villages of Dadaab, Gurow and Saretho, Kumahumato, Maleyley and Welhar received food rations. In Fafi Sub County, LWF reached Alinjgur, Biyamado, Sedahgos, Welmare and Yumbis with life-saving food baskets.

“The food basket provision is a timely emergency intervention given the severity of the drought situation. Most families cannot afford more than one meal a day. Livestock have perished due to lack of pasture. Malnutrition, especially in children, continues to rise at an alarming rate,” says Chief Noor from one of the locations targeted for distribution.

**10kg maize flour, 10kg wheat flour, 10kg sugar, two packets of tea leaves, 10kg of rice, 10kg beans, 5kg of cooking oil, 4kg of table salt - Food commodities received by each household**

According to the Drought Early Warning Bulletin of June 2022, the number of people in need of assistance as a result of lack of rain and food insecurity increased from 3.5 million in May to 4.1 million in June 2022.

Read the bulletin: <https://bit.ly/3PYtr2t>



A truck of food reaching Maleyley village of Dadaab Sub County. “The food basket supply project cushioned hundreds of households against succumbing to drought and malnutrition,” says Ali Bulle, Garissa Sub County Administrator. Photo:LWF



## Preventing sexual exploitation and abuse of girls in schools through social advocacy and empowerment

**Most girls in Dadaab are either married off early or left at home. A few young girls are now challenging these norms. Through social advocacy peer groups they bring young girls together to learn life skills, get guidance and counseling, speak freely about the challenges they face and encourage each other by supporting other girls within the community.**

“I came here four years ago for just one reason; get an education. Before I joined my social advocacy group, I could not talk about anything. I was too afraid. But now, we discuss many things. We have meetings for girls. We discuss problems faced by refugee girls. I can stand up and talk about challenges such as child marriage and challenges in access to education,” say Amina, a young refugee of school-going age.

The Social Advocacy Teams or SATs discuss topics like child safeguarding, violence against children, gender discrimination and how they can reach other girls.

During one of the sessions attended by Lutheran World Federation (LWF) staff, one of the girls recited a poem that she had written herself about the rights of a girl and the value of education. They make use of creative art pieces as a form of expression for their ideas and also to educate and densitize their communities.

“We work with school counselors who are trained on guidance and counseling. They support the SATs where we focus on providing life skills. Just three months ago we concluded the Kenya Certificate of Primary School. We had more than 200 girls completing Class Eight,” says one of the counselors. Read the story: <https://bit.ly/3Clvwg9>



Offloading and verification of new medical equipment shipped to Dadaab Sub County Hospital in July 2022. Among various equipment sourced included photo-therapy lighting, autoclave machine, blood bank fridge and convention oven. Photo: LWF

## Equipping Dadaab Referral Hospital with new and modern equipment

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Dadaab program supported by the Nairobi office began the process of shipping medical equipment, procured in Nairobi, to Dadaab Sub County Hospital.

This is part of LWF partnership with Medevac Czech on a health capacity building and advocacy project aimed at improving local healthcare service delivery for enhanced access by refugees and host community members.

In addition, the project scope is expected to reach over 59,000 people indirectly including family members who will be able to have access to better livelihoods as a result of resources and training provided to the direct beneficiaries.

**LWF/Medevac Czech overall project goal:**  
To improve the local healthcare service delivery for enhanced access by refugees and host communities in Dadaab.

The LWF/Medevac project's broad objective is to bring healthcare services closer to the people in Dadaab Sub County regardless of the complexity or severity of their medical conditions. The Dadaab Sub County 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. Maintenance of equipment that is being procured will be ensured through support from MoH in ensuring continuity in service provision even beyond the project period.

"The Medevac Czech partnership, also supported by Diakonie Czech, is empowering health workers through training that they will continue to use beyond the project in provision of quality healthcare services to refugees and local nationals. Other agencies are also on board including the Kenya Red Cross Society, Medecins Sans Frontieres and International Rescue Committee," says Stephen Areba, LWF Community Based Protection Officer.

## New partnership with US Government to boost child safeguarding

The LWF Dadaab program is happy to announce a new partnership with the United States Government through the Bureau for Populations, Refugees and Migration (BPRM) on child safeguarding and enhancing quality and protective learning in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps.

The one-year project is planned to reach 106,000 refugees through construction of classrooms, provision of learning materials, training of different cadres of service providers, advocacy through awareness and behaviour change campaign.



## Meeting with Garissa County Director for Special Programmes

A team from LWF Dadaab visited Garissa County offices in May at the request of the Cash Transfer Technical Working Group (CTTWG) to discuss the Act Appeal Drought Response Project, with a special interest in the Cash-Based Intervention (CBI). The team met with the County Director for Special Programmes, Director for National Disaster Management Authority, the Deputy Director for Gender and the County Administrators for Dadaab and Fafi Sub Counties.

The CTTWG holds monthly coordination meetings to discuss status and plans for cash interventions. During the discussion, the need for including skill-building on entrepreneurship and financial

management for good use of the cash support was shared. The County government is in the process of setting up databases that will make it easier to identify people living within the County. This will in turn make it easier to conduct assessments as organizations will be able to identify target beneficiaries from a database.

Cash-based intervention is one component of the drought response. Other components include clean water provision including supply of plastic tanks for storage of water, fuel support and food baskets for vulnerable households. Cash recipient households will be prioritized based on findings and validated lists

## Act Church of Sweden and Swedish Television crew visit Dadaab

The LWF Dadaab program hosted a delegation from Act Church of Sweden (CoS) and journalists from Swedish Television (SVT) who visited field locations and documented the living conditions of refugees.

The visiting team made daily trips to various camps during their stay: to schools, market places, rehabilitation centre, various Educational Assessment and Rehabilitation Centres (EARC) and refugee homes. Act CoS is one of the main donors of LWF, not only in Dadaab but globally. The stories gathered by the team will be presented to audiences in Europe during a media and fundraising gala in October.



## SurveyCTO: A monitoring tool with user-friendly features

The LWF Dadaab program's Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (PMER) office is deploying the usage of SurveyCTO tools in tracking, documenting and relaying data accurately to its target stakeholders.

SurveyCTO is a powerful, field-tested platform that allows users to collect high-quality data using mobile phones, tablets, or computers. It has functional capabilities even when a user is offline.

It is also equipped with prime security features. "SurveyCTO is General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliant and supports multiple layers of encryption and redundancy, with secure servers," says Daniel Oginga, LWF Dadaab's PMER Officer.

Operating in a data-driven world, LWF intends to continuously upgrade data systems and tools to match the latest upgrades and sector needs.

## Staff onboarding and farewells

We are proud to inform that Amos Ooga has joined our Community Based Protection team as Orthopedic Technologist. George Chemkang joined the team, focusing on developing youth initiatives. We were also joined by Abdi Hussein-Aden to support the school meals program and Catherine Njogu, Audiologist.

We said goodbye to Charity Kamunya who moved on to join one of the United Nations agencies after almost one year working at Dadaab Program as Human Resources Officer. Yasmin Hassan, Counselor, moved to join Danish Refugee Council, one of our field partners.

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



The International Youths Day 2022 events were postponed from 12 August to 27 August as safety and security precaution as the country was having a general election on 9 August 2022, followed by vote counting and declaration of results. The 27 August main event was held at Ifo playground with LWF taking the lead in preparation and mobilization. Photo:LWF



The community-based protection department deploys health technicians with expertise in corrective therapy, orthopedic support and adaptive recovery targeting refugees and host communities of Dadaab. The rehabilitation centres are equipped with relevant apparatus to suit various needs and demands. On photo: Arto and her husband Abdigadir at Hagadera Rehabilitation Centre witness the removal of casts from their child Nawal's feet, who is suffering from club foot syndrome.

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