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## **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS Nov 2007**

### **GENERAL CURRENT SITUATION in the countries:**

#### **Kenya**

There appears to almost nothing else happening in Kenya but the upcoming elections on December 27. The contest between the ODM of Raila Odinga and the PNU President Kibaki is very close, with approximately 43 and 46% respectively in the latest polls. The ODM Kenya of Mr. Kalonso is trailing behind. The contest is turning nasty in more instances, ruthless killing of critics included.

The weather in Nairobi has been cool and wet, in Dadaab warm and very wet (for a desert) and in Kakuma hot, dry and dusty.

Reports on HIV prevalence is encouraging, reducing from a one time 16% to 5% at this time. People take heed not to engage in risky sexual behaviour, and with fewer sexual partners than before.

#### **South Sudan**

The challenges remain in South Sudan, from the point of view in Kenya: armoury was seen being moved to south Sudan, and when one sees the Sudanese refugees returning to Sudan, one cannot help wonder about the many young and strong men that seem to be going.

The LWF Sudan staff have moved to Sudan, Torit. LWF Kenya staff is assisting in the establishment: Donald on IT and communication, Alex on programmatic support, Anthony on Logistics.

### **OVERVIEW OF LWF KENYA/SUDAN:**

- All departmental meetings according to the new management Structure have now taken place, the Management Team Meeting to take place in December, along with the Retreat that will take place in Mombassa.
- Church of Sweden is assisting the LWF Kenya program (and LWF Ethiopia) to prepare a joint project proposal to SIDA on Somali refugees.
- The ECHO Turkana assistance to drought victims, across borders, has bounced.
- With DanChurchAid we are finalising the Near region Project proposal to DANIDA, for Kakuma and Turkana.
- The Dadaab Project has started in earnest, a solid team being on the ground, praised by UNHCR on the very good and fast work already done in Camp management, Security, Camp layout and management of Protection areas that will start in 2008 (Safe havens, Transit Centres).
- Kakuma is working very well, Mr. William Tembu performing well in the absence of Tulasi who was on leave, but with the help of Lokiru, the refugee consultant.

- Tulasi took part in the Camp Coordination management Cluster workshop on IDPs in Dar es Salaam, after his leave.
- Sarah padre arrived with husband and brand new baby, to replace Pius George as Finance manager, who has been transferred to Mozambique.
- Rich Keffler who worked mostly in Torit in the Sudan, returned to the USA after completing his term.
- The registration of LWF as a regional office has reached far, but the agreement has not yet been signed.
- CEAS is moving to Sudan, the few staff that remain working here stay in part of the premises where they were on Ngong road.
- The new Department for Refugee Affairs at the ministry is functioning well.
- Philip attended the Week of meetings and the Field Director's meetings in Switzerland

### **Kakuma Refugee Camp**

#### **1. SUMMARY.**

The main focus for the Kakuma project during the period under review was conducting of annual staff appraisals and downsizing the staff levels in line with assured funding for 2008. During the month LWF also submitted a proposal to Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), focusing on support for Somali Refugees in Kakuma. UNHCR began air lifting Somali refugees from Dadaab Refugee Camp to Kakuma. The camp population during the month of November stood at 60,589 (35,293 male, 25,296 female). A total of 175 (107 male, 68 female) new asylum seekers joined the camp while 718 Sudanese refugees were repatriated back to Sudan through the UNHCR- led volrep process.

#### **2. MAJOR ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED.**

- LWF distributed 1009.181 Metric Tonnes (MTs) of food stuffs received from WFP to 60,589 beneficiaries. This included UNHCR-supplemented rations of 35 MTs of green grams. These provisions enabled the refugee population at Kakuma receive food that had a calorific value of 2,261.45Kilocalories/person/day, which was above the recommended SPHERE standards value of 2100Kilcal/p/d. This maintained the nutrition standards of the refugees at optimal levels.
- A team building exercise was conducted during the month to appreciate the good work being done by LWF employees in Kakuma. During the occasion a total of 73 staff that had provided exemplary services during the year 2007, were awarded with certificates of appreciation accompanied with various tokens. A panel composed of senior staff identified those to be awarded.
- A total of 1,803(1550 Boys, 253 Girls), candidates sat the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education Examination, that marked the end of the primary cycle for these candidates. At the secondary school level a total of 292 (262 Boys, 30 Girls), sat the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination. The newly introduced education policy will not allow Sudanese students to proceed to secondary level of education in the camp.
- A total of 154 Somali Refugees from Dadaab were air lifted to Kakuma. LWF was assigned specific roles in distribution of hot meals, distribution of dry ration to last for 15 days, provision of water, and Non food items (NFIs), to the newly arriving refugees.
- LWF supplied an average of 22.60l/h/d of water in the reporting period. This was a drop from the previous supply of 24.00l/p/d in the month of September. The slight reduction

occurred as a result of the slight increase in the camp population from 60,068 in October to 60,589 in November.

- A total of 1,127(810 Boys, 289 Girls), unaccompanied minors continued to be fostered by 546 families. LWF staff visited the children in their foster environments to monitor their general welfare. 119 homes, hospitals/clinics, schools, field posts, playing groups, and community administration centers were visited in the course of the month. During the visits 389 children; 231 boys and 158 girls seen by the child development workers.
- LWF staff establishment in Kakuma during September 2007 stood at 151 (98male and 52 female) nationals, 1,408 (928 male and 480female) incentive workers and 165 (113 Males and 55 Females) casual workers, which is a total labor force of 1,727

### **3. MAJOR CHALLENGES.**

- A 50% budget cut imposed by one of LWF's major donors (BPRM), meant some very key activities planned for 2008, had to be removed from the Kakuma project in 2008.

### **4. HUMAN INTEREST STORY.**

#### **TEACHERS WORK MAKING LWF SHINE IN KAKUMA.**

One of the most involving jobs the world over is moulding children and the youth to be come responsible citizens that can be relied upon in nation building. At Kakuma refugee camp, teachers have to wake up very early in the morning and travel to their work station most of them on food and some on their bicycles to ensure the children are facilitated with curriculum coverage. During the day they work in very unbearable circumstances due to hot climatic condition and dust storms. Occasionally the dust makes it impossible to write anything on paper. The classrooms are congested and learning facilities such as books limited. On certain days when food distribution is conducted students' attendance is affected since learners fail to attend schools to collect their food rations. Despite these challenges teachers have done their best by producing high quality passes in the national examinations that has enabled some learners to graduate from the camp to international universities world wide.

### **Turkana Host Community**

#### **1. SUMMARY.**

The newly appointed Turkana Project Coordinator (PC) reported on duty during the month under review. This will ensure proper management and implementation of Turkana program activities. The new PC was able to conduct visits to the sites where LWF presence is available within Turkana district i.e. Kakuma, Lokichoggio, and Oropoi divisions. He was also able to meet most of the collaborating partners for the Turkana project.

#### **2. MAJOR ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED.**

- Lonyaduk Borehole was test pumped on 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Nov.2007 yielding 3.4cubic meters per hour and samples for water quality taken to Nairobi. Analysis Results are being waited.
- Planning for peace training with LWF community services staff (peace) and community leaders. The workshop is planned for the second week of December 2007.
- Introductory Visit to partner agencies and project areas by the new Turkana Project Coordinator on 19<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

- The Project Coordinator and the senior Water officer, Owen Karonge, attended the drought preparedness Kenya-Uganda cross border workshop in Konyao, North Pokot district on 27-30<sup>th</sup> Nov.

### **Dadaab Refugee Camp**

On the whole the month of November was very busy, had heavy rain that cut off Dadaab temporarily. Below are the highlights.

#### **(A) Field work: camp based activities**

The technical staff, that is, the camp safety officer, camp management officer, Ass. Camp planning officer, have

1. made contact with UNHCR technical / field staff refugee community leaders and IP/OP field staff.
2. articulated LWF role and task to the refugee community
3. planned and made arrangements for sensitisation
4. launched the sensitisation campaign and forming working groups and committees.

This has been well received by stake holders.

The PC met with community leaders in Hagadera, Ifo and Dagahaley to introduce LWF to the camp community.

She was able to visit Hagadera market which is one of the major concerns for camp planning. Also visited Ifo section N a model for site planning and community-based peace and security management. Visited Ifo transit/reception centre that is to be reconstructed to serve the three camps.

#### **(B) Construction**

1. LWF has been able to procure the bulk of the construction materials. Trucks delivered materials on 28<sup>th</sup> of November.
2. Bids for construction contracts have been received, analysed and sent to HQ for approval. So do the bids for the supply of sand and hard core.
3. LWF Kakuma has loaned LWF Dadaab a construction supervisor and already the ground is being cleared and pegging is being done.

#### **(C) New Arrivals**

Between 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November the new arrivals per camp were as follows:

1. Ifo camp, 72 families of 128 individuals
2. Dagahaley Refugee Camp, 73 families of 132 individuals
3. Hagadera camp, 0 families of 0 individuals ( this is due to the out break of cholera in this camp).

Since January 2007 the total is 8,596 families of 17,203 individuals. Of these 5,559 families of 11,152 individuals have been registered.

#### **(D) Situation in Somalia**

It was reported in the weekly Area Security meeting that an estimated 17, 800 People in Somalia have been displaced and are camping in six different locations and on the road.

#### **(E) Community-based peace and security**

LWF has taken full charge of the Community-based Peace and Security steering committee and has rolled out the committee's activities.

#### **(F) Events**

1. UNHCR and her partners received several missions this month.
2. To LWF the most significant mission was that of the LWF Country Representative. Mr Philip Wijmans visited LWF Dadaab from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. Philip's visit was timely. We feel energised and we say thank you to Phillip.

3. LWF was invited to the following events: Official Opening to a Youth ICT centres set up by CARE in Dagahaley Camp and Ifo Camp.
4. The 20<sup>th</sup> Celebrations of the Child's World Day organised by Save the Children, UK.
5. On 30<sup>th</sup> November, the Head of UNHCR Sub- Office Dadaab, Nemia Temporal left for Geneva after her two years service here. The new Head of Sub-Office Anne Mary Campbell took up her duties on the same day after a week long handing over exercise.
6. LWF had the pleasure of briefing the new Head of Sub-Office in the LWF offices, on the role of LWF in Dadaab Refugee Operations. This was in the company of the outgoing UNHCR Head of Sub-Office, LWF Country Rep, NRC Head and consultant. All LWF staff was present.
7. LWF mail bag is operational.
8. Kakuma airlift was 155 refugees from Dadaab.

### **LWF Sudan (Panyagor, Yirol, Ikotos, Torit)**

#### **Introduction.**

The month of November continued to experience heavy rains, especially in Kongor, Lith Ajuong and Paker Payams. Floods continued to displace people especially in Kongor and Jongolei payams in Twic East and Duk counties. In Yirol, the Yirol–Rumbek road is now accessible after the flooding subsided.

Security in both counties of Twic East and Duk remain a problem. Several attacks from suspected Murle cattle raiders led to at least four deaths during the period. In the second week of November, a GTZ driver was killed on the road to Bor town by suspected Murle gunmen. This prompted GTZ to suspend its operation for more than two weeks, they however resumed after assurance from the local authorities that the situation is under control.

#### **Project Activities**

Despite the flooding, the planned activities for the month were carried out as scheduled in all the project sites.

#### **Coordination**

During the reporting period, the Sudan management team met in Torit to review the on going project activities and make plans for program transition expected at the end of the year.

#### **Management**

The LWF Sudan Representative Mr. Messeret and the Program Coordinator Mr. Krishna have been in south Sudan from the middle of the month. Anthony the logistics officer was in Torit, and so was Donald the IT man to operationalize the internet and email system.

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