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### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 2007

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

##### **Kenya**

Democratic political activity has been going on with preparation for the December general elections. According to the latest polls Mr. Raila Odinga of the opposition is leading, while the president Kibaki is 2<sup>nd</sup>. However, there is a lot going on and the final result has not been established.

The president has rejected 2 bills, in both cases good for the democracy: one bill would force journalists to reveal their sources of information if so ordered by the court; the other would limit the anti-corruption commission to cases after 2003.

##### **South Sudan**

The situation in South Sudan is still fluid, but everybody agrees that improving conditions for the people to return to, and for those that stayed, is of extreme importance to promote repatriation and reintegration of refugees, avoid new refugees, and to consolidate peace and reconciliation.

The situation in Darfur has its bearing on south Sudan, in a way there is less focus on the issues of that part of Sudan, for better as well as for worse. More refugees from Darfur are arriving in Kakuma.

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

Many Kakuma activities are going on, see the report below. Kakuma is the main core of the LWF Kenya program and shall remain as such for some time to come when the Kenya program stands alone, despite the level of repatriation, which is now becoming progressive.

The UNHCR Dadaab tri-partite agreement has been signed by UNHCR and LWF, and work has started regarding logistics and staffing. However, the Dadaab ACT appeal AFKE 73 needs urgent support (see attachment);

The Joint management Team Sudan took place in Lokichoggio (see attachment), Mr. Leo Siliamaa of FCA attended. Main issues are funding versus implementation: there is funding, but implementation is impaired by insecurity, floods, logistics in general.

Several proposals are in preparation: UNHCR 2008 Kakuma, UNHCR 2008 Dadaab, DCA/DANIDA Near Region phase 2 for Kakuma and Turkana, DCA/ECHO Drought preparedness Turkana;

Meetings and issues:

Christian Aid – Ms. Karimi Kinoti was met to discuss opportunities for HIV training to staff under ACT; KELK, Bishop Kahuthu (to acquaint with the affairs of the church, and on the LWF – GOK agreement on tax exemption); the monthly ACT Forum Kenya meeting took place; as well as the UNEP presentation on the environment in Sudan; the 3<sup>rd</sup> tri-partite meeting on repatriation of refugees to Sudan: UNHCR, GOK, GOS and

GOSS – services in Kenya to reduce, to increase in Sudan, to encourage refugees to return; The DRA (Dept for Refugee Affairs of the GOK) bi-monthly meeting; Through several meetings LWF is now a member of the UNHCR, GOK and NGO steering committee on refugees and the Environment; The prep meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> AACC Assembly was held mostly for international ACT members (for funding?); Meetings with IRC and Oxfam on our collective work in the Turkana district; the Program Coordination meeting at UNHCR; meetings with CARE about our set-up in Dadaab: there was an issue with CARE as the lead NGO, now resolved.

Visitors: Mr. Tim McCullem of LWR; Ms. Karin Dohne of EED.

Hugh Ivory (LWF Program Coordinator Sudan) and his wife Meghan now have a baby boy named Finn. Pius George the LWF Kenya/Sudan Finance Manager is on transfer to Mozambique, we wish him well and thank him for a job well done.

## **PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES**

### **Kakuma Refugee Camp**

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

The main focus for the Kakuma project during the period under review was preparation of proposals for 2008 for submission to LWF's major donors who include UNHCR, BPRM, and DCA. During the month of September the camp population stood at 60,198(35,056 male, 25,142 female).A 121 (74 male, 47 female) new asylum seekers joined the camp while 79(44 male, 35 female) Sudanese refugees were repatriated back to Sudan through the UNHCR- led volrep process.

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

- 45 insecurity incidences were reported to LWF peace building and conflict resolution unit, out of which 10 were resolved, and the rest referred to relevant agencies for further consideration and action. This contributed to the peaceful environment in the camp, and enabled smooth implementation of planned activities.
- 187 (146male, 41female), youths attended a conference on HIV/AIDS in The camp. Information on Care and support for HIV/AIDS positive person, Impact of HIV/AIDS in the community and Stigma, discrimination and Self de-stigmatization was shared. A mobile Voluntary testing centre (VCT) facilitated 4 youth to voluntarily test their HIV status during the conference. This activity enhanced the HIV/AIDS awareness among the refugee youths in the camp.
- Community support structures in the form of schools boards of governors (BOGs) conducted joint meetings where members shared information, on challenges, good practices and a way forward, to issues facing their various schools. This enhanced the community ownership of the camp education program.
- LWF supplied water to the refugees and institutions in the camp. The average per-capita water supplied per person/day for the period from August 21st to September 20<sup>th</sup> (31 days) was 24.19litres.
- LWF distributed food to the refugees in two cycles at an average calorific value of 2136.25Kcal/person/day.The food basket consisted of Maize meal, wheat flour, pulses, vegetable oil, Corn Soya blend (CSB), salt, and green grams. This impacted positively on the general health and nutrition of refugees.
- LWF staff establishment in Kakuma during September 2007 stood at 153 (104 male and 49 female), 1,428 (956 male and 472 female) incentive workers and 165 (113 Males and 55 Females) casual workers, which is a total labour force of 1,714

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

- High staff turnover especially for the highly trained and experienced refugee staff, and Kenyan teachers impacted negatively on project implementation.
- Inability by UNHCR to provide NFIs for new arrivals continued to impact negatively on the care and protection especially of the vulnerable asylum seekers.
- Break down in one of the main bore holes in the camp impacted negatively on the amount of water distributed to the refugees during this period.

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

##### **EXAMINATIONS FEVER SETS AMONG STUDENTS IN THE CAMP**

Like any other students the world over, students at the camp always approach the examination period with anxiety. In 2007 LWF has registered 1855 (1575 male, 276 female) candidates for primary and 302 (275 male, 27 female), for secondary national examinations. For many of these youngsters, passing an examination and being awarded a certificate is very crucial for their future careers and absorption in the job market both in the camp and in their countries of origin upon repatriation. Currently most candidates are spending most of the afternoons and the better part of the evenings revising seriously for their examinations that are scheduled to take place from mid October 2007. LWF wishes all candidates success in this noble endeavour.

##### **Turkana Host Community**

Currently LWF is in the process of recruiting project staff for Turkana, after staff who have been working in this project resigned to pursue other careers. This has meant that activities for this project have slightly scaled down .Major activities implemented during September 2007 include:

- In the period under review, LWF facilitated the repair of 5 hand pumps in Lochere Ngerengo, Lomunyana kirionok, Katiknginyok, Nayanae elelea hand pumps and Letea shallow well. The repair of the hand pumps has ensured that the communities access clean water.
- Under peace, the project facilitated the peace committee members to travel to Uganda to follow up on the animals that had been confiscated by the Ugandan government, in total, 2000 animals were recovered and are now with their owners. Further under the peace component, a second team of peace facilitators were facilitated to inform the communities of impending raids and conflicts following the disarmament programme being carried out by the Ugandan government and forcing armed Dodasa community members to cross over to Kenya to avoid being disarmed. The exercise has lead to Kenyans moving to the areas near Kakuma for security and to avoid clashes.
- Four Adakar peace trainings were conducted in the period, which targeted 80 pastoralists. During the training the Adakar members were trained in effective peaceful negotiations, and arbitration skills.
- Under food security, the drug store in Kalobeiyei and Letea were restocked with deformers and antibiotics, while 50 participants from the local community took part in a community based animal health and god veterinary practices.

##### **Dadaab Refugee Camp**

During September, LWF operations in Dadaab had not started. The following are the main preparatory activities accomplished in September.

- LWF concluded negotiations and finally signed a Tripartite Agreement with the UNHCR and the Government of Kenya (GOK) in order to start camp management

operations in Dadaab refugee camps, north-eastern Kenya. As at the end of September, only the GOK's signature was pending.

- Job applications for various Dadaab-based national positions were received and the process of short-listing potential candidates was started. This activity continues into October, when interviews will be conducted.
- A proposal was drafted with the intention of seeking first-time funding from the U.S. Bureau for Population Refugees and Migration (PRM) in support of LWF camp management activities in Dadaab. However, this initiative was discontinued following LWF Geneva and LWR consultations.
- Discussions with UNHCR, GTZ and Norwegian refugee Council (NRC) regarding the launching of camp management operations in Dadaab were held.
- In collaboration with GTZ and UNHCR, LWF is going to establish and implement a community-based security management (CBSM) system. Preparations for the launching workshop scheduled for October were done in September.
- In partnership with NRC, LWF plans to conduct refugee trainings and jointly formulate the structures and mechanisms for involving the refugee and host communities in camp management operations. In September, the work plan for these activities was discussed.

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

**Introduction:** LWF/DWS project areas in Sudan continued to receive substantial amount of rains. This has made section or whole parts of the roads to be inaccessible during the month.

**Torit,** Having been established as the new headquarters for the up coming Sudan Program operations, construction of a new prefabricated office building has been underway. This however, ended after successful completion of the 14-roomed offices during the reporting period. New showers and latrines were also constructed and there is a borehole with a 5000 liters water tank installed in the compound.

#### **Panyagor**

##### **General Situation.**

With the reported heavy rains continuing, the Nile has burst its banks and major floods have already reached Jongolei Payam. Floods are also expected to reach the other payams of Nyuak and Kongor very soon. The communities are now being mobilized to reconstruct the dykes. Meanwhile in Duk County, all areas still remain flooded with the community members reportedly moving to higher grounds.

The security situation has been normal except in Jongolei Payam where four men were killed and six wounded when suspected Murle cattle raiders attacked a cattle camp and ran away with 35 herds of cattle. Also in the same area, unidentified gunman injured three women in their home.

The authorities of Twic East have mobilized the youth to patrol the county and provide the necessary security to the people of the area.

#### **PROJECTS**

##### **DCA 2005-2007 School construction and distribution of school and learning materials.**

###### ***a) Primary schools construction.***

- In Marial primary school, the youth groups have started making blocks for the school construction after mobilization with the help of the community leaders
- Block making for Wunlit primary school has been completed. A contractor has been identified to start the construction when the floods subside in October.

- The period under review also saw the collection of three hundred and eighty six bags of gravels/ ballast for construction of the foundation of the two primary schools
- **BPRM**
- **Construction of girls' dormitory and Dinning/ kitchen**
- Roofing of the girls' dormitory was completed during the month. Windows have been fixed, and plastering on going. The building is projected to be ready by mid October.
- The roofing for the kitchen is under way and expected to be completed by the end of the current month.

#### **Peace Building**

- The world peace day was marked on September 21<sup>st</sup> in Twic East County. Local authorities, church leaders, schools, NGO representatives and community members were all invited in the LWF/DWS organized event. The authorities praised the efforts made by LWF/DWS in promoting peace in the area. Many community leaders testified that due to awareness and trainings conducted by the organization and the peace committee members, conflicts have reduced among the communities of Twic East. However, the leaders emphasized the need to extend the peace initiatives to the neighboring community of Murles in Pibor County so as to help reduce conflicts associated with cattle rustling which is a major cause of insecurity in the region.
- Two peace meetings were conducted in Lith Payam attended by 5 people and in Kongor payam attended by 12 people. The agenda of the meeting was to review the activities of the peace committees and ways of improving their work.
- One peace meeting was conducted with the leaders in Jonglei payam. The discussion in the meeting was focusing on conflict management in the area. Twenty people participated in the meeting. Additionally the committee members managed to effectively resolve and reconcile Hol and Aulian clans over an elopement dispute.

#### **ALWS**

##### ***Water and sanitation and hygiene promotion in schools***

- During the month, eight hygiene promotion activities were carried out in Kongor, Ajuong, Nyuak and Lith Payams. In total, 550 household received hygiene and sanitation message through house to house campaign. Seventy five people were trained in the health centre in Panyagor. In addition, 475 households received one bar of washing soap each.
- Ninety three households were provided with filter clothes after being trained on the importance and use of filter clothes for the prevention of guinea worm.

##### **Staff capacity building**

- A one-day report writing training was conducted for four Community Development assistants (CDA), two hygiene promoters and one community development officer (CDO). Further, the CDO attended one week training on annual needs and livelihood assessment organized by WFP in Bor town.

#### **Yirol**

- As reported with all the project areas, heavy rains pounded the region cutting off road movement between Yirol and Rumbek. This has restricted the activities conducted during the period
- However the following planned activities were accomplished
- The world peace day was commemorated in a colorful ceremony held at Yirol town. Local authorities, schools, youth groups, women groups and the public attended. Thousands of spectators attended the ceremony. LWF was the lead partner in the organization of the ceremony.

- Two sessions of the monthly peace committee meetings were held in Aluak Luak and Ngop payams where the need for peaceful co-existence and conflict resolution mechanisms were discussed and stressed upon.
- Two awareness raising sessions each for adult education and micro finance project were conducted in Abang and Lou payam.

**Conclusion**

The rains are expected to subside during the current month and hence activities are expected to pick up especially schools and latrines construction.

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