

ELDORET SUB-OFFICE
Monthly Report – December 2008

Humanitarian Situation

The general situation over the Christmas holidays was calm. One of the large transit sites in Chepkanga was closed and the IDPs relocated by IOM to their newly built shelters on their farms. The District Administration is currently in the process of closing two other transit sites at Kondoo and Ndugulu. At ASK camp, although large numbers of the IDPs relocated through self-help groups to Mai Mahiu and Yamumbi/Naka, it has been observed that non-IDPs infiltrated these groups, contributed to the land purchases and used GoK facilities to move while the real IDPs were left in the camp. This is the reason numbers of IDPs remained the same at the ASK camp despite these movements.

IDPs in transit sites in Kwanza and Trans Nzoias are still in camps; unconfirmed reports indicate that in most IDPs in Gitwamba have moved back to their farms, while the Catholic Diocese of Kitale has put up 110 shelters for the IDPs in Kalaha. In Patwaka, IDPs are planning to purchase land using their token Kshs.10,000 GoK funds.

Cluster Overviews

Child Protection: KRC reported that about 150 boys at the ASK camp were circumcised. IDPs expressed the need to allow them to heal before they could relocate from the camp but they also maintained that the camp should remain open for their children to resume schooling in January 2009.

Equality Now, a legal support organisation is providing legal assistance to a 17 year old girl jailed for stealing. The 17 year old had in her custody a 13 year old, the District Children Officer (DCO) promised to provide necessary support for the 13 year old through the recently established operational data base which is aimed at capturing these needy cases and those already placed in homes. The DCO's office also facilitated various trainings and capacity building programmes in collaboration with SCUK and World Vision International. In this regard, 70 Administrative Police, 40 Regular Police and others such as Child Welfare Society of Kenya Managers were trained on Child Rights and Child Protection issues and the Children's Act.

Child Welfare Society of Kenya is undertook verification exercise at the ASK camp for child headed households. So far out of the original number of 112 child headed households identified before the national examinations, only 9 are confirmed still living at the ASK camp, the rest have since joined their parents in return areas.

SCUK made its exit from the region on 11th December. The organisation will engage a national staff member for information management. SCUK also clarified that property initially donated to the ASK school now belong to the GoK and should be shared among public schools.

Protection and SGBV: Female Genital Mutilation is still being practised as was observed at Kamuyu transit site, Uasin Gishu district. Young girls underwent the cultural rite. The District Children's Office promised to address the problem at the relevant government levels.

A representative from the Gender Commission/UNFPA based in Eldoret hosted representatives from the Gender Commission Headquarters who visited to determine the need for continuation of the SGBV programme in the region. Discussions indicated that the gender programme was invaluable and its continuation necessary in the North Rift region.

More than 1000 people hosted by Harvest Miracle Centre church which assisted them to return to Burnt Forest have not received any support to date. This group was not captured during registration and desperately need GoK grants for shelter assistance, food and other NFIs. The pastor in charge of the church also lost church furniture and other equipment due to this occupancy and needs restoration. Attention was directed to the KRC who have responded with some NFIs and it is hoped that they will be assisted with food by the WFP. The church was advised to seek restoration of its facilities and furniture through NCKK and the District Administration offices.

Peace Building and Reconciliation: At a local level, the Waki report caused some anxiety with fears that most peace efforts undertaken or ongoing would breakdown and take the region back to the PEV period. This was evidenced by the large presence of security forces in Kitale and Burnt Forest and media reports about informal curfews - the District Commissioner for Trans Nzoia East stopped night entertainment from 12.00 midnight every day. However, recently, Members of Parliament and other notable individuals in the region have reportedly discussed and promised to share and explain the contents of the report with the communities to help sustain the impact of peace building and reconciliation efforts being undertaken.

A Japanese NGO, Japan Centre for Conflict Prevention (JCCP) in partnership with UNESCO PEER project on 'Conflict Prevention and Peace Building Network for the Great Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa' visited the North Rift Peace Consortium in Eldoret. Discussions aimed at supporting the strengthening of capacity development for peace building NGOs through planning, management and other trainings to enhance conflict management skills, information sharing, networking and collaboration between practitioners, governments and other Civil Society Organisations.

The child friendly spaces introduced in various return areas are enhancing peace building among the different communities and improving children outlook and welfare with

reference to nutrition and psychosocial wellbeing. This has been attributed to time allowed the parents to undertake domestic chores which has resulted in a relaxed atmosphere within the communities.

Shelter: IOM completed phase shelter programme of 700 units in Molo, Uasin Gishu and Lugari on 30th November 2008. IOM will roll out their second phase for 8000 units for Trans Nzoia East/West, Lugari and Uasin Gishu for 2000 units per district early in the coming year. IOM also plans to mobilize peace facilitators to undertake Peace and Reconciliation initiatives in the North Rift region.

KRC reported that they have completed about 50% of their targeted 1000 shelter units.

Food Security: The result of KFFSG rapid food security assessment undertaken in October indicated that there were changes in the food situation with significant improvement or same as in the PEV period. Examples of affected districts included Uasin Gishu with an increase from 39000 to 42000, while in Lugari the number decreased from 5242 to 375. Some areas in the larger Trans Nzoias were completely eliminated from the EMOP programme. Although the number of targeted IDPs in Uasin Gishu was increased, complaints were raised by respective district officers (Dos) in Divisions (here is an excerpt from the main report).

10,015 IDPs in the following divisions are not covered under EMOP:

	DIVISION	POPULATION
1	Ainabkoi	2850
2	Kesses	2000
3	Kapsaret	2000
4	Moiben	2900
5	Turbo	265
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The Permanent Secretary, Special programmes requested WFP Nairobi to include this caseloads into the EMOP. Hence a joint verification exercise was undertaken by KRC, WFP, MoAg and UNOCHA on 16th – 17th December to ascertain the actual number of the needy IDPs in these areas.

Findings and Recommendations

District	Division	Area Visited	Number of IDPs reported	Verified Number	Findings	Recommendations
Uasin Gishu	Moiben	Rayfarm	200 HHs (1200 IDPs)	200 IDPs	-Adequately covered under EMOP -Main problem is shelter	-GOK shelter grant for their resettlement.
		Kimumu	380 HHs (2280 IDPs)	277 IDPs	2 groups of IDPs: -429 in camp/230 integrated, total 659. -136 IDPs camp/141 integrated not targeted, total 277	-Target the total 277 IDPs on EMOP -GoK Shelter grant for their resettlement
	Turbo	Jua Kali	53 HHs (318 IDPs)	None	-All 53 households covered under EMOP -Main problem is shelter	-GoK shelter grant for their resettlement.
		Mareba		28 HHs (135 IDPs)	-Few household received food by GOK in October -Reduced HHs from 44 to 28	-Target the 135 IDPs on EMOP -GOK shelter grant for their resettlement.
	Ainabkoi	Rurigi	600	553	-Food distributed by KRC/WFP on 16 th December 2008. -Shelter needs	-GoK shelter grant for their resettlement -Verification by GOK/ Administration where they live.
	Kesses	Lelmolok	461 IDPS	71 IDPs	-Food distributed by KRC/WFP on 14 th December 2008. -Shelter and security needs	-GoK shelter grant for their resettlement. -Farm inputs and Security beef up.
		Rehema	296	200	-Food distributed by KRC/WFP on 14 th December 2008.	-Provision of shelter. -Provision of farm inputs
	Kapsaret	Kapsaret DO's Office	1242	120	-Kasarani Langas eliminated, classified as urban/peri urban. -Jasho Malel and Kiambaa remain	-Provision of interventions geared to Urban/peri urban - Micro finance projects.

					contentious sites	
Lugari	All three divisions	Likuyani/ Lugari and Matete	5242	4867 IDPs	<p>All IDPs integrated. District Agricultural Officer reported that there was no planting due to return time of IDPs to farms. Overall food deficit in the district. PEC /food deficiency ranked as: Likuyani worst hit, Lugari and Matete least hit with only 29 IDP households. A transect drive by team through Likuyani division indicated about 70% farms had been cultivated.</p>	-Need to undertake comprehensive food security assessment in the district to establish the actual number of needy cases