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Highlights

- MoSP focuses on closure of remaining camps in South Rift; while more IDP groups in Molo, Naivasha and Nakuru Districts purchase land looking for alternative options to resettlement.
- Challenges for GoK: no solutions yet sought for Integrated IDPs
- Food Security outlook poor and unfavourable as some districts having indications of droughts such as Narok and Naivasha Districts in South Rift
- Group of people impersonating as 'UN personnel' and committing fraudulent activities intending to steal from civilians were nabbed in Nakuru by the Police in 18 December; Still in remand custody after failure to pay bail of Ksh 1 million each.

GENERAL HUMANITARIAN CONTEXT

As the end of the year approached, there was a lull of activities from the humanitarian agencies. The main issues that featured during the reporting period is continued demands from a group of 283 IDPs in Nakuru who camped outside the District Commissioner's Office for food, shelter and the government compensation package of Ksh 10,000 and 25,000 for start up livelihood activities and shelter support respectively. The group who camped outside the DC's office since the 19th December 2008, have refused to move until the government provides them with demanded assistance package. There are other integrated IDPs in Nakuru areas such as Ronda, Githima, Ronda, Baruti, free area, Shabab and Pondamali; in Bahati town, Nakuru North; Molo District in the peri-urban and urban areas of Njoro, Elburgon and in Ol Kalou, Nyandarua District (Central Province).

The MoSP on the other hand has not come up with a clear strategy on looking for durable solutions for this group of displaced people. While there maybe opportunists out there taking advantage of the situation since they are aware of the government assistance which was provided to IDPs who lived in camps; there are genuinely people from this group who have never been assisted since the onset and are living in very harsh conditions. There is need for the government to get a clear strategy and assist these people.

The month of December situation on food security; WFP, Government and Red Cross continued to provide food aid to 123721 IDPs in the last cycle in the year 2008. The food aid has covered 64% of the beneficiary remaining two Districts of Kipkelion and Molo to be covered during the coming week. Generally this programme has commenced the phase out in the next cycle in January 2009 targeting people who received livelihood support and those in urban centres whose food insecurity is perceived mainly due to poverty.

The EMOP food pipeline has regularised after a strike of Transporters at the Mombassa Port for 4 weeks in December demanding revised transportation payments.

In communities, food security reports from agricultural offices from Narok and Naivasha Districts indicate drought; though a survey has not been conducted, this condition indicate an increase of number who will require food aid assistance. There was a high alert in early November 2008 in Narok Districts due to reported cases of PPR animal diseases. There were vaccinations conducted in October 2008. This needs monitoring as well.

The short rain assessment which will be scheduled in end January –early February will be timely to identify the drought afflicted areas and related humanitarian problems so that they are addressed to avert malnutrition and deaths. OCHA Nakuru team will participate in the assessment. There will be a need to continue monitoring closely the general humanitarian situation and the food security in the various districts in the hub.

In 2009, the Nakuru hub’s coverage area has expanded (according to 2009 work plans) to 6 more Districts (Nyandarua, Kericho, Baringo, Koibatek, Kisii and Laikipia) in addition to Molo, Nakuru North, Central, Naivasha, Kipkelion, Narok North and South.

Considering the additional coverage area for the Hub which is large, there will be a need to strategically put in place coordination mechanisms in these new (and the traditional) districts some of which are drought prone. Such as: information exchange enhancement in traditional districts (government sector departments and on ground NGO development partners) with continued participation in DSG meetings/encouraging information exchange; monitoring/joint monitoring in areas of concern; establish working relationship in new districts’ with government and development partners. These are the options foreseen to be feasible considering the significantly reduced programmes of our emergency NGO partners on ground in 2009.

Coordination Meetings

There was a lull of DSGs and the Inter-agency Coordination meetings during the festive period.

The first Inter-agency Coordination meeting will be convened on 13 January 2009 at 3 pm in the Nakuru Hub.

IDP issues

During the last week of December 2008, the Humanitarian Board members from the MoSP embarked on closure of remaining satellite camps in Molo District as follows:

District	Name/location of camp	No of people	Destination
Molo	Pentecostal Ass of God church	144	No details available
	Charismata	131	No details available
	Pyrethrum Board	174	No details available
	Good News Church	55	No details available
	Baptist	143	No details available
	Full Gospel Church	67	No details available
	Apostolic Church	109	No details available
	Police Line	337	No details available

	*Sawmill	806	Not all people left the camp(exact figures to be provided later) Others moved into a relocation site in Turi, Molo.
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All Tents were removed in the camps were all IDPs vacated except few in Sawmill camp. The MoSP provided them with a one off ration of food and Ksh 10,000 start up assistance.

Relocation sites ***

Additional relocation sites recorded in the South Rift reported towards the end of December 2008:

Naivasha District:

OLD Sites

- Maimayu A-ex Naivasha stadium
- Maimayu B –Ex Narok North DC Office
- Maimayu C-ex Naivasha stadium

NEW Sites

- Maimayu D-1313 people from Eldoret
- Maimayu E – Integrated from Narok

Kikopey (Gilgil area)

- Kikopey A-Ex Naivasha stadium 34 families
- Kikopey B- Integrated IDPs -*50 families from Nakuru Lanet Division DO's office

Nakuru District

OLD Sites

- Pipeline 1 &2 - 1000 families
- Ngata -80 families

NEW Sites

- Ngata -*26 families from Nakuru Lanet Division DO's office.

NB-* The group of 76 families that moved into the new Ngata and Kikopey relocation sites had received the land from a private benefactor. The MoSP did not assist them with the start up or transportation money.

-*** Updated and verified figures for the number of people and families will be made available in the next update.

Security Related

The group of people who impersonated as UN personnel were arrested by the Police on the 18th August after a tip from a resident of Nakuru. The group, holding fake UN identification cards and UN logo headed papers ,rented a house in Nakuru,acquired furnitures, Computers,Landruiser Prado vehicles and other assets worth millions of shillings claiming of opening a new UN office in Nakuru allegedly moving from Sudan, quoting a fake organisation called UNOLS.

The group of 5 people including two women were taken to court and were unable to get bail of Ksh 1 million each hence are still in custody until February 2009.

The UNDSS and Diplomatic Police are following up the matter with the Nakuru District police Department.

In accordance to advice from the Humanitarian Coordinator, a meeting was held by the OCHA team/Area Security Coordinator on 28th December, facilitated by the DC Nakuru Office with the Nakuru Business Association representatives, Kenya Association of Manufacturers-Nakuru Branch and the 8 Divisional Officers to inform them to be cautious as they go about their normal business of fraudulent groups posing as UN staff; to seek clarification from the UN offices in Nakuru in the event they intend to transact with people who claim to be UN staff. The participants were informed that the UN is not involved in the fraudulent activities of these people. Contact numbers of the ASC/OCHA team was made available to them.

Upcoming events:

1. **Training on Human Rights Based Approach- 22 & 23 January 2009**-Training organised by Senior Human Right Advisor in RC office, organised by OCHA Nakuru Hub. Participants are Government partners,UN,CSO,CBO,NGOs in South Rift (40 participants)
2. **Training of Peace Committees at Location and sub locations Nakuru District-January 2009.** Organised by Nakuru DC's office under the Peace and livelihood project –USAID/DAI. Participants are newly selected peace committee members.