

UNHCR Mogadishu Operational Highlights

8 - 14 April 2013

1) Political and Security

The number of security incidents remains high in Banadir district, and the general situation is deemed unpredictable. On 14 April Al Shabaab claimed responsibility for the complex attack including multiple VBIEDs, PBIEDs and a hostage situation targeted at the High Court Complex next to the Banadir Regional Administration's office in HamarWeyne district. Dozens of fatalities and casualties are reported, including the decease of two lawyers from local NGO SWDC, a former partner of UNHCR. This was followed by a terror attack alongside airport road, only a few hundred meters from the UNCommon Compound. A convoy of the Turkish Red Crescent was affected by the explosion and two Turkish staff have been hospitalised, one reportedly in critical condition. It is yet unclear whether the VBIED was targeted against the Somali intelligence building, the Turkish Red Crescent convoy or "western mercenaries" as indicated on the Al Shabaab Twitter account. The Sub-Office has halted movement of all staff until further information is released. Likewise the situation in Afgooye, WanlaWeyne and Merka districts in Lower Shabelle remains unstable.

2) Population Movement

Evictions

108 households who have been living in Bana Fusi settlement in HamarWeyne district were evicted to neighbouring settlements, by a private land-owner after a three days' notice. Furthermore, following an eviction notice from a private landlord on 6 April to IDPs residing in Al Adala settlement, 159 households moved to KM7/KM10 area. The remaining 200 households are expected to follow over the coming days. As preparations for the IDP relocation continue, gatekeepers are taking advantage of present evictions by moving people to areas between KM7/KM10. These evictions have the potential to render the relocation exercise irrelevant from a government perspective as it is possible that a significant number of IDPs will move to the outskirts of the city even before the relocation has started. It is yet to be discussed with the authorities how this particular eviction will impact on the relocation process, as Al Adala was considered a priority settlement for relocation given its proximity to the airport.

3) Protection and assistance activities:

Following the displacement of approximately 2,500 Xudur residents to El Bardein mid-March, NFI kits from ICRC and UNICEF have arrived in CeelBarde over the course of last week. Besides the 829 kits from UNICEF more should arrive in the following week. UNHCR has hypothermia kits in Belet Hawa and NFIs in Mombasa on stand-by. If the needs are not covered after the ICRC and UNICEF distribution, UNHCR has agreed with the Shelter/NFI Cluster that it would be able to cover remaining gaps. From 8-11 April protection mainstreaming took place for 40 WASH Cluster partners. Training of 20 Health Cluster partners started on 14 April. Furthermore on 14 April, in the context of the training cycle on basic psychological support for GBV Working Group Members a

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module was held on basic GBV prevention and response. 20 participants, primarily field monitors, took part in the session facilitated by the TOT team, trained by INTERSOS/UNHCR in December 2012.

IDP Relocation

On 7 April UNMAS started an assessment and clearance of unidentified explosives ordinances (UXO) in site 3 in Deynille, which used to be a military zone and therefore potentially “very contaminated” with remnants of war. UNMAS has so far recovered over 130 fuses (31 live). UNMAS is expected to complete the clearance within two to three months, whilst cleared sections of site 3 can already be developed simultaneously.

On 11 April the Site Planning Technical Working Group meeting was held. The results of the Tri-Cluster Review were presented and specific recommendations relevant to the present site planning were highlighted. Further key outcomes of the meeting included the recommendation not to develop site 1 and 2 in Deynille and instead focus on the expansion of site 3 which is currently approximately 1.6 million m². It was furthermore agreed to organize a meeting for stakeholders engaged in security and protection to discuss provision of security in Deynille. UNHCR is taking the lead in this as recent assessments of UNDP indicate that no police is currently posted in Deynille. The issue will be discussed between UNHCR, UNDP and the IDP Relocation Coordinator with the State Minister of Interior and National Security (MINS) on behalf of the Task Force.

Furthermore the MINS has expressed concerns about apparent deficiencies in the profiling exercise conducted in Darawish and Sigaale settlements, including allegations of large numbers of host community registering for the relocation. IDPs and host communities are reportedly not to be fully sensitized on the purpose of the registering and there is a perceived expectation that the registration is for general cash/food programmes. The next IDP Relocation Task Force meeting will discuss and make decisions on way forward regarding the results of this exercise.

A training on basic site planning on 9 and 10 April facilitated by the Shelter Cluster Coordinator and UNHABITAT in corporation with the site planning working group for a mix of shelter partners that will be strongly involved in the relocation process. The training was attended by 20 participants from different international and national NGOs as well as representatives from the Disaster Management Agency (DMA) and the Banadir Regional Administration. Topics included site planning best practices, SPHERE standards, GPS and Google Earth training.

Programme

A monitoring visit took place to assess the progress of the construction of the GBV unit in SOS Hospital for the joint project with SSWC. The works appear to be behind schedule and follow-up is conducted. 800 dignity kits will be distributed to vulnerable groups in the following IDP settlements throughout Mogadishu Dhamanyo, Bantu settlement, Raader, 77, Daadsaney, blind settlement, KM7/KM10 including Oromo settlement. Beneficiaries will be registered and mobilized this week and the distribution process is expected to start early next week.