



## Kenya - Researched and compiled by the Refugee Documentation Centre of Ireland on Thursday 22 May 2014

### Information on Hagadera refugee camp including: Location; Population; Conditions; UNHCR involvement

In March 2014 a publication by the *UNHCR* states:

“Hagadera was established in 1992 and is the third oldest camp in the North-Eastern Province of Kenya. It is the largest camp under the Dadaab operation and managed by UNHCR Field Office Alinjgur” (UNHCR (1 March 2014) *Camp profile Hagadera*, p.1).

This document also states:

“Population: 107,666 (54,439 female, 53,227 male), 28,107 households (28/02/2014)” (ibid, p.1)

It is also noted in this report that:

“Protection interventions in Hagadera include child protection, individual case management, SGBV intervention, issuance of various protection documents and detention monitoring. Hagadera has a Registration Centre but the Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA) has suspended the registration for the new arrivals since mid-October 2011 until further notice” (ibid, p.1).

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This document also points out that:

The camp is organised in sections and blocks with two elected leaders (one male, one female) representing each block and each section (26 section leaders, 260 block leaders). The camp population has also elected an overall chairman and chairlady. The latest refugee free and fair election was conducted in August 2013” (ibid, p.2).

A report published by the *Norwegian Refugee Council* in May 2014 mentions the:

“...112,202 refugees living in Hagadera camp” (Norwegian Refugee Council (19 May 2014) *“An opportunity to serve my community”*).

In April 2014 a document issued by the *UNHCR* notes:

“The continued police swoops in urban areas saw the relocation of hundreds of urban Persons of Concern (PoC) to the camps. During the reporting period, UNHCR

received 124 refugees and asylum seekers in Hagadera camp that were brought from Nairobi by the Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA)” (UNHCR (30 April 2014) *UNHCR Dadaab Update 07/14, 16 - 30 April 2014*, p.2).

A report released in April 2014 by *IHS Global Insight* states:

“Unknown gunmen opened fire on a vehicle belonging to aid workers at the Hagadera Camp in Dadaab on 23 April, seriously injuring the driver, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has confirmed” (IHS Global Insight (24 April 2014) *Humanitarian and government workers in northeast Kenya at risk of attacks by al-Shabaab sympathisers*).

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