



DOLO ADO UPDATE

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Currently, an average of 400 Refugees are crossing daily to Dollo Ado Pre-Registration (Reception) Center from Somalia. Compared to the previous weeks (2000 persons per day), the number of influx into Ethiopia border has reduced significantly. According to ARRA (Government) sources, this is due to road blockage by Al-Shabab militant groups. Even then, ARRA informed NGOs that refugees are crossing to the Ogaden Region through other border crossings. ARRA and UNHCR are currently discussing how to transport about 2000 of these refugees to Dollo.



Dollo Ado Transit Center - LWF Res. Rep with Refugee children

Discussions with the refugees in the transit camp confirm that the major causes for influx are the protracted war and climate hazard leading to drought. The demographic breakdown of refugee arrivals as at July 16th 2011 show that age:

- 0-4 are 26, 397 – 26%
- 5-11 are 38, 259 - 37.8%
- 12-17 are 23, 208 - 22.9%
- 18-59 are 12,593 _12.4%
- 60 and above are 858 -0.8%

Further statistics also show that the male population stand at 46, 966 (46.4%) and Female are 54.349 (53.6%). The uniqueness of the demography is that the majority of the refugees are children under the age of 17 as indicated in the above figures.

Camp situation:

Kobe Camp has 25,300 inhabitants of which more than 6000 are living in tents. As of last week, Kobe camp has been declared full.

Malkadida camp with an inhabitant of 39,500 Refugees and Bokolmanyo Camp with an inhabitant of 38,000 Refugees has also been declared full, weeks ago. Currently, there are more than 14,000 Refugees in Dolo Transit Center waiting to be reallocated to a new Camp. This number will continue to rise until such time as the Refugees are relocated to a new location.

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A fourth Refugee Camp, Halowen, is being planned to open in the coming two weeks and the construction of facilities have started in earnest. 40,000 refugees can be accommodated in the new Camp, which is divided into two sections, Camp A and Camp B, both with a capacity of 20,000 refugees each.

Camp Needs:

Several NGOs have been operating in the older camps for the last 10 to 15 months and new ones are also signing in to respond to the recent refugee crisis. The refugee population grew from mere 40,000 a month ago, to a threefold population of 113,000, to date.

Everything is latterly in short supply. There was also confusion in coordination, as to who should work where and how the gaps can be met. Funding was another challenge, at least, until the refugee issue was profiled on the BBC, Aljezera and other international media.

Shelter is still a serious problem as the number of tents available in all the camps is inadequate. Consequently, a large number of Refugees are living in thorn huts and under bushes. Water and Sanitation problem exists within the camps as well as in the Reception and Transit Centers. As of Mid-July 2011, LWF-ETHIOPIA is providing 80,000 liters of water per day to the Transit Center through water trucking system. It has also upgraded the existing solar powered water well pump capacity from 2400 liters/hour to 8500 liters/hour using a petrol generator.

On top of WAT/SAN emergency response activities in Dollo Reception and Transit Centers, LWF-Ethiopia with other partners namely, ARRA, IMC, NCA, Christian-Aid, UNHCR, PWO is planning to intervene on Environment, Psycho-Social, Nutrition (SFP), Education (School construction), Health, Youth & Adolescence livelihood and life-skill training.

LWF-Ethiopia will soon put-up its Emergency facilitation office in Halowen Camp and join the majority of the (implementing Partners (IPs)). Meanwhile it will have one administrative temporary office in Dollo near the Reception and Transit centers.

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