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Message from the Regional Director



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Dear friends,

I am happy to share with you the second issue of 'The Refuge' which includes news, experiences and examples from countries within the Horn of Africa, South Sudan and Yemen regional programme. As a rights based displacement organisation, we continue to embrace holistic humanitarian programming. This requires not only an adaptation of the refugee policies, but also adequate funding.

NRC was recently represented at the High Level Humanitarian Conference on South Sudan held on 19th and 20th of May in Oslo, Norway. Aid agencies are seeking a total of US\$1.8 billion this year for South Sudan to save lives, prevent a famine and avert the loss of another generation of South Sudanese children.

According to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, more than one million South Sudanese have become displaced from their homes. Additionally, more than 200,000 have fled across borders into Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Sudan. Hopefully, together we can be able to provide urgent and meaningful assistance to the people of South Sudan and other countries in the region.

I wish to thank all our staff and partners across the region for the efforts being made towards fulfilling our vision and mission. I hope that you will enjoy reading this newsletter!

Hassan Khaire
Regional Director
NRC – Horn of Africa, South Sudan and Yemen

APRIL - JUNE 2014:

High Level Humanitarian Conference on South Sudan held in Oslo, Norway from 19th - 20th May. Donors pledged more than US\$600 million in new funding for both South Sudan and the region.

NRC Secretary General Jan Egeland hosted the Executive Secretary of Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) at NRC Head Office in Oslo.

NRC launched a regional response appeal for displaced people in South Sudan. The appeal seeks to raise US\$55 million to assist 209,400 IDPs in South Sudan and 711,137 South Sudanese refugees in Kenya, Ethiopia and Uganda.

The Nansen Initiative High Level Regional Consultation held in Nairobi from 21st to 23rd of May. The event was attended by dignitaries from Africa, Asia and Europe. The theme of the consultation meeting was "*Natural hazards, climate change and cross-border displacement in the Greater Horn of Africa: protecting people on the move*".



Photo/NRC

Field staff survey conducted to assess the performance of the Nairobi office in regards to field offices. The overall level of satisfaction was 74.8%.

Preventing the risk of relapse

NRC is part of the ongoing campaign dubbed 'Risk of Relapse' which seeks to sustain humanitarian assistance in Somalia and bring on board new actors who can support the ever-growing volume of needs arising from water scarcity, food insecurity and threats from armed militia groups.

Somalia presents a unique and challenging context where destabilising factors like conflict and cyclical drought are a regular feature. While gains have been made, communities still remain only one shock away from disaster. As we learned in 2011, not heeding the warning signs of crisis in already fragile communities can lead to tragedy. Only 12% of Somalia's humanitarian funding needs have been met so far this year – an additional USD \$822 million is still needed. The more critical needs emphasised through the campaign are as follows:

- 2.9 million Somalis are in humanitarian crisis
- 1.1 million people are displaced within their own country

"1.1 million people in Somalia are displaced within their own country"

- Only 1 in 4 people have access to adequate sanitation facilities
- 1 in 7 children are acutely malnourished
- Women in Somalia face the second highest risk of maternal death in the world and babies are at the highest risk
- Just 30% of the population has access to clean drinking water



Photo/Oxfam

NRC together with humanitarian partners working in Somalia have launched the new call-to-action campaign, raising concerns over shortage of rains and food insecurity, displacement, shelter needs, livelihood challenges, access to clean drinking water, access to health facilities, sexual and gender based violence, lack of toilet facilities and child malnutrition.

To contribute to the campaign, go to Twitter: [@SomaliaAlert](https://twitter.com/SomaliaAlert) [@NRCsomalia](https://twitter.com/NRCsomalia)

#SomaliaAlert

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BRCiS: Early warning systems and resilience programming

The 'Building Resilient Communities in Somalia (BRCiS)' is a 4-year programme, funded by the Department for International Development (DfID).

The programme aims at addressing the effects of shocks through immediate humanitarian and emergency interventions, reducing the duration of shocks through immediate response and long-term approach.

Under the BRCiS programme, NRC has conducted unconditional cash transfer, constructed emergency shelters, directed water supply to displaced communities, engaged in latrine construction and distributed hygiene kits. A hygiene promotion campaign is also currently ongoing.



NRC photo

Targeted beneficiaries include 1,100 households in Banadir, 600 households in Bay, 300 households in Luuq and 300 households in Kismayo. The activities are in response to displacement arising from conflicts and lack of Gu rains.

The BRCiS Consortium is also putting in place a community-based early-warning system, which will build up on the community processes in Somalia and will allow a quick reaction from communities affected by disasters.

Updates from Yemen programme

NRC has been nominated and elected as member to the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) in Yemen. Membership to the HCT is by voting. Other agencies elected for the HCT membership include Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA); CARE International; Danish Refugee Council, and Oxfam with the responsibility to represent the Forum/ERG on the HCT. This space in the HCT opens many doors for advocacy and lobbying on various issues affecting humanitarian agencies while at the same time creating opportunities for promoting NRC's position on various issues in the country.

Sameena Gul, NRC's Programme Director met with Mr. Abdulqader Mohammed Aloee Al-Elbe, Deputy Minister for Curriculum and Continuous Education, Mr. Abdusalam Mohammed Al-Zabidi, Deputy Assistant of the Minister and Ms. Wafa from the Women's Ministry. NRC is keen to join hands for mutual learning and meaningful support to the youth affected by conflict and displacement.

Munier Mohammed, Country Director in Yemen, held talks with the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, H.E Ambassador Ameer Alidrous, who is also the Chairperson of the Refugee National Committee.



Photo/NRC

NRC has rehabilitated 280 shelters with funding from Department for International Development.

Abyan and Hajja: Positive impact from food security and livelihood programme



Photo/NRC

Community-based livelihood programme

The programme has reached 2,700 households with cash assistance. Of these 1,300 households have been supported to re-establish livelihoods and 2,000 have participated in nutrition awareness campaigns. Another 500 households are targeted for support to establish income generating activities. The programme is targeting to support 700 farmers and 25 community animal health workers and to train 2,000 livestock keepers in improved animal husbandry.

Two key trainings have been planned for the coming months. These include 'Community animal health workers' training, targeting populations in Khanfar District of Abyan Governorate and 'Small-scale business management' training targeting 500 households in Khanfar District of Abyan and Haradh and Hayran districts of Hajja Governorate. The training will help beneficiaries select appropriate income-generating activities, following which they will undergo further skills training as per the selected activities and receive start-up inputs.

NRC has implemented food security and livelihoods programmes in Yemen since 2013, by providing cash transfers and supporting farm and non-farm based livelihood training and inputs.

The programme involves nutrition awareness campaigns and building capacity of communities and local government authorities supporting interventions in strategic areas.



Bee-keeping yielding profits

Saleh Ozloq from Al-Fanh, Sakin Wuais, in Khanfar District is one of the beneficiaries of a bee-keeping project that is supported under NRC's livelihood programme in Abyan.

He purchased five bee hives from a grant of USD 250 (Yr6300) and received basic training support in bee-keeping from NRC. Over a period of six months, the five bee colonies have quadrupled to 22 hives. Saleh has sold half a kilogramme of honey for YR7000 and expects to sell more during the upcoming picking season.

Photo: Farouk Al-Salihi

New shelters for refugees in Ali Addeh

NRC has constructed a total of 54 new hybrid shelters, a timely response to the ever-worsening shelter crisis in Ali Addeh.

In April, 273 Eritrean refugees released from Nagad Prison in Djibouti, settled at the refugee camp, prompting NRC to respond by constructing 2 communal latrines for the new arrivals.

Shelter projects are funded by the European Commission Humanitarian Assistance and Civil Protection (ECHO), Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA).



Hybrid shelter

The shelters are constructed using Corrugated Galvanised Iron Sheets (CGI) and wooden pillars supported by a cemented base.

They consist of walls up to 1 metre in height, with timber frames and gabled roofing raised by 60cm at the king-post. Shelters are also spacious and equipped with large windows to allow cross-ventilation and further reduce the effects of high temperatures.

NRC is being supported by the National Coordination Office for Refugees and Affected Populations (ONARS) and UNHCR in its interventions in Ali Addeh refugee camp.

For more information on Djibouti go to: www.nrc.no

Ali Addeh/Holl holl: Provision of basic hygiene necessities

Refugees living in Ali Addeh and Holl holl refugee camps in Djibouti continue to experience harsh living conditions occasioned by hot weather conditions during the day, lack of clean water, lack of basic hygiene facilities, over-crowding and protection needs.

The camps are administered by the Djibouti agency for refugees and natural disasters. Djibouti hosts more than 22,000 refugees, out of which 19,169 are from Somalia.



Photo/NRC

Holl-Holl refugee camp was reopened in 2013 and is now home to 1,115 refugees. This used to be an old camp that was closed in 2006, as a consequence of massive repatriations to Ethiopia and Somaliland where the security situation has relatively improved during the last decade.

NRC is constructing family latrines and communal latrines, in addition to distributing 300 hygiene kits and 160 sanitation tools. 100 non-food item standard kits have also been given out to the refugees together with 300 solar lamps (250 in Ali Addeh and 50 in Holl holl). One communal centre has been constructed in Holl holl to provide a venue for refugees to interact and discuss issues affecting them.

On 12th June, the UN and partners launched a 2-year strategic response plan to break the vicious cycle of humanitarian crises and respond to the needs of 250,000 people in Djibouti. Of the targeted population, 162,500 are Djibouti nationals and 27,500 are refugees. *"This is a humanitarian situation that has not received enough international attention and is likely to develop serious consequences for the country and the region. The country has limited resources and the arrival of refugees results into stretching of our limited capacity"*, says Mohamed Waberi, Governor of Ali Addeh.



A refugee taking home non-food items and family hygiene kit during a distribution exercise in Ali Addeh.
Photo/NRC

Information, Counseling and Legal Assistance in South Sudan

NRC plans to provide services to over 36,000 beneficiaries under the Information, Counselling and Legal Assistance (ICLA) core competency. This will expand its operational coverage to Awerial County in Lakes States, in addition to existing presence and response in Central Equatoria State, Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Warrap states.

ICLA's overall programme strategy is to assist internally displaced persons and returnees to access rights and secure durable solutions. In addition, the programme will work on 'peaceful coexistence' projects, focusing on disputes between returnees, internally displaced persons and host communities over access to land, water and essential services while also working on improving access to Housing, Land and Property (HLP) rights for women, in particular returnee and displaced women.

The total number of direct beneficiaries targeted is 7,580 in northern Bahr el Ghazal; 7,230 in Warrap, 10,420 in Central Equatoria and 19,885 in Lakes (Awerial). ICLA in all the four states aims to target at least 50% female beneficiaries.

ICLA projects operate in all three administrative states where NRC is working, funded by the Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA), and with a focus on South Sudanese nationality documentation, HLP rights and human rights protection related to durable solutions.

For more information, please visit NRC website: www.nrc.no

Regional emergency response to assist displaced populations

Following the South Sudan crisis which has left more than one million people displaced, NRC has launched a regional emergency response which also includes humanitarian assistance to refugees from South Sudan who have fled into Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia.

During a recent visit to Awerial, NRC Secretary General, Jan Egeland, witnessed the poor conditions that internally displaced persons were living in, with multiple families clustered around every tree or bush seeking shelter from harsh climate. A looming famine crisis also threatens to worsen the situation.



NRC Secretary General Jan Egeland visited South Sudan to witness the scale of the crisis (Photo: NRC)

Emergency rapid response teams have been deployed into the country to provide assistance to displaced populations in the two main camps in Juba and further north to Awerial County, Lakes state where approximately 75,000 IDPs, mostly from Jonglei, are being hosted.

Through its deployments, NRC has been able to provide non-food items and shelters to 12,000 households (72,000 individuals) and legal assistance and counseling services to 1,052 people. 1,997 pupils in Awerial, Lakes State, and an additional 489 in Central Equatoria are benefitting from Education-in-Emergency programme. NRC has also constructed temporary houses which are sheltering 440 families, and is providing legal and counseling services to 2,372 people.

NRC is working together with UNHCR to support recurrent conflict IDPs in Unity State. In June, NRC distributed 7,000 non-food items to displaced and vulnerable host community families, and plans to open a new operational base within the State, from where emergency operations will be rolled out to Koch and Panyijar.



Photo: UNHCR

Guiding hands, heads and hearts

Vocational training across the Horn of Africa and Yemen continues to inspire and build self-esteem among youth.

NRC held an end-of-training celebration at the Dadaab Refugee Camp on 29th of May. A total of 1,086 YEP learners were confirmed having passed their final examinations and fulfilled training requirements. The day-long celebration was held at the Dadaab YEP Centre, attended by UN, Kenyan Government representatives, local and international NGOs and media.



Photo: NRC/Abdirahman Kusow Hanshi

NRC Dadaab Area Manager, Mr. Victor Moses, encouraged parents and the community to continue investing in young people in order to provide communities with a strong foundation that promotes sustainable livelihoods.

“Youth vocational training is like a holy pilgrimage because it represents the three H, that is Head, Hands and Heart”, said Victor Moses. “We journey with you to give you some knowledge at the head level; we journey with you to give you some skills at the hand level; we journey with you to give you that passion and values to love that which you learn”, he said.

“I was extremely happy to interact with two young ladies handling mechanical work at the vehicle engineering section. This is a very rare sight among our Somali communities. It shows the courage and willingness to think outside the box and become relevant through practical engagement in the society. They told me that they wish to continue with their vocation and plan to open a garage soon”, said Hon. Abdiqafar Salat, Dadaab Deputy District Education Officer who attended the celebration alongside representatives of Dadaab Camp Management, UNHCR, humanitarian organizations and other dignitaries. “I believe they will become successful in their trade because ladies are generally more trusted”.

The Youth Education Pack (YEP) is specially designed to support the youth with vocational and life skills training equipping both refugee and host communities with the necessary skills and knowledge to enhance protection, improve livelihoods and become productive members of their communities.



Photo/NRC

Dadaab Information, Counseling and Legal Assistance

The Information, Counseling and Legal Assistance (ICLA) programme has started in Dadaab as from April, 2014.

The project aims to provide accurate and relevant information on three main return areas identified by UNHCR for those refugees intending to return to these areas make informed decision on return.

In this context the ICLA team gathers information on the three return areas including the security situation of the area, services available such as education, medical, water, livelihoods, child protection, Housing, Land, and Property issues (HLP) and Justice systems (customary law and legal system in place in the area of return).



Photo/NRC

Also of concern is interventions by International agencies on relief and recovery.

“The refugees are free to return to any area of their choice in Somalia although UNHCR has so far identified Kismayu, Baidoa and Luuq areas for piloting return”, says Roble Mohamed, ICLA Project Coordinator in Dadaab.

NRC is in partnership with UNHCR on the voluntary return programme through the launch of Help Desks in the five refugee camps of Dadaab while the Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA) of the Kenya Government is a third partner taking the lead in liaison, monitoring and evaluation.

Benishangul-Gumuz: Keeping hunger at bay

The influx of refugees in Benishangul-Gumuz region in Ethiopia has stabilised as of mid-May prompting NRC to transition strategically from emergency operations towards recovery and building capacity of refugees for sustainable income generation.

32 year old Mutabazi Jules is a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), who has settled with his family at Sherkole Refugee Camp in Ethiopia.

Together with his wife Mwamikazi, they grow eggplant, maize and onions in their small backyard garden. *"There is scarcity of land but we try to manage the small backyard we have and produce more to have enough food the whole month"*, he explains

Recently, he attended the backyard gardening training provided by NRC and received start-up kit with seeds and farm tools. Mwamikazi is hopeful that with the support, they will be able to increase yield and keep their son, Blessing shielded from the threat of hunger and malnutrition.



Photo: NRC/Emebet Abdissa

For more information on NRC's programmes in Ethiopia, go to: www.nrc.no

Gambella - Life after losing a home



Photo: NRC/Farhiya Farah

Sarah Nyadow, a 29 year old mother of 5 was one among relief workers in South Sudan until late 2013 when violence erupted across the country. She was suddenly rendered destitute and homeless, and left with only her children and the few belongings on her back.

She made her journey across the border to Gambella, passing through Burubiey with her 5 children to escape the horrifying conditions and ravages of war back home in South Sudan. Like all the drastically increasing number of south Sudanese women who have fled, she too is a widow of the unfortunate civil war.

17th of May 2014 marked the official opening of Kule 2 refugee camp in Gambella, attended by representatives from the government of Ethiopia, UNHCR, NRC and other implementing actors.

The camp was meant to decongest Kule 1 and Lietchor camps which have both exceeded their maximum accommodating capacity but will now provide a 'home' for the new arrivals who continue to pour into Gambella through different border points in the south - western region of Ethiopia. The government authorities are planning to open another camp in Gambella as a result of the continuing increase of refugees and asylum seekers.

For the refugees, this is an unforgettable, life-changing experience. On arrival, they wait in line to receive tents that have become their new 'home', non-food item kits and food rations to meet their basic needs.

Nyishal, 15 years old, recently fled from Jonglei State in South Sudan and has found refuge in Gambella. She recently gave birth to her child who is now 4 months old. Like many other women in the camp, her husband remained behind to fight. *"I cannot confirm the safety of my family and friends back home, but I remain optimistic and hopeful that I will eventually return and join them"*, she says. Hope is all that she has left.

As the only shelter provider, NRC has been distributing tents, constructing 'tukuls' and other much needed basic facilities such as reception centers as well as hygiene and sanitation facilities in Kule 1, Kule 2, Lietchor Pugnido and Okugo refugee camps.



Nyishal and her baby.
Photo: NRC/Farhiya Farah

Increase of safety and security challenges

The situation across the region in the last three months is generally perceived to have deteriorated and with it the direct and indirect threat to humanitarian staff is increasing.

Djibouti faced its first terror-related incident with a hand grenade attack at a popular restaurant. Ethiopia, albeit quiet, has taken the unusual step of publicly issuing terror alerts. In Kenya the coastal and northern areas as well as the capital are affected by terror-related activities.



Gunmen ambushed a donor agency vehicle in Sana'a, Yemen in May. One national and one expatriate were killed. Photo/Yemen Press

The situation in Somalia remains fluid with conflict brewing between Somaliland and Puntland over disputed areas amid both administrations' concerns of potential Al Shabaab infiltration while Al Shabaab maintains its ability to carry out attacks in the South. Yemen continues to experience political uncertainty during this transitional period as well as security challenges from Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, internal and external spoilers and kidnapping syndicates.

The Security Department is continuously monitoring the dynamic environment we operate in and responding via advisories and new security measures that are circulated as required. I urge all staff to play their part and not only adhere to the advisories and measures, but also take an active participatory role in safety and security matters. This includes taking the time to read the weekly security reports that contain important information.

Lastly, while external threats as described above receive huge attention let's not forget that we have more common threats that we are exposed to on a regular basis. NRC incident data indicates that out of 40 NRC incidents reported in 2014 so far, 15 are vehicle accidents and 14 are burglaries, robberies or theft. That is 73% of incidents involving NRC staff, assets or programs.

These are threats that we can reduce by all staff complying with vehicle movement SOPs (including safe speeds and use of seatbelts), driver training as well as better asset storage/management, site security and improved guard management.

Jeff Ohanga is the Regional Security Advisor for the Horn of Africa, South Sudan and Yemen

A deadly blast occurred in Nairobi Eastleigh section leading to loss of lives and serious injuries.
Photo/Nation Media Group



TIP-BOX

Surviving a grenade attack

Remain alert and observant

Note where the grenade lands and rolls. Most grenades are spherical and can cover quite a distance.

Dive on the ground and cover face and head

Helps to protect from flying shrapnel or air shock.

Grenades have timer fuses which go off unexpectedly.

Point legs towards grenade

Acts as a shield between the rest of the body and the device, thus protecting vital organs



Photo/NRC

Bring elbows to the sides of rib cage and cover ears with hands

Provides a buffer between flying debris and vital areas of the body.

Close eyes and open mouth

Protects eyes from damage. Opening mouth prevents ear-drums from rupturing.

Do not try to outrun device

Blast range for a grenade is about 30 metres in all directions. It is impossible to outrun the impact.

Avoid an area where an explosion is heard

Do not let your curiosity get the better of you. If you hear an explosion around the corner, chances are that another might be thrown in the gathering crowd. Stay away!

Source: Security Department, Horn of Africa, South Sudan and Yemen

World Refugee Day in pictures



Hiloweyn, Dolo Ado
Refugee Camp,
Ethiopia

Events

NRC joined UNHCR and other partners across the region to commemorate World Refugee Day on 20th June. The global theme for this year is "One family torn apart by war is too many."

DADAAB

A campaign dubbed "31 days of peace messages" which kicked off on 20th May was celebrated at Hiloweyn refugee camp. Messages were conveyed across the camps as well as to local and international audiences through camp meetings, community radio and social media.

DOLO ADO

In collaboration with the refugee community committees, ARRA, UNHCR and other international partners, NRC organised a colourful commemoration in Hiloweyn, Kobe and Melkadida camps. Activities were showcased by staff and learners through songs, plays, dramas, motivational awards for students and exhibitions.

KAKUMA

The commemoration began on 19th June with peace-related activities between the host and refugee community, including games, including finals for soccer and basketball. Dignitaries including ambassadors, government representatives, International NGOs and private sector converged in Kakuma on 20th to commemorate the event.

DJIBOUTI

Celebrated World Refugee Day in Ali Addeh refugee camp on the 22nd of June.

SHIRE

Celebrated in colourful fashion with different events including panel discussion, dramatisation, poems and speeches from special guests.



Dolo Ado Refugee Camp,
Ethiopia



Mai-Aini Refugee
Camp, Tigray Region,
Ethiopia



Kakuma
Refugee
Camp, Kenya



Djibouti



South Sudan

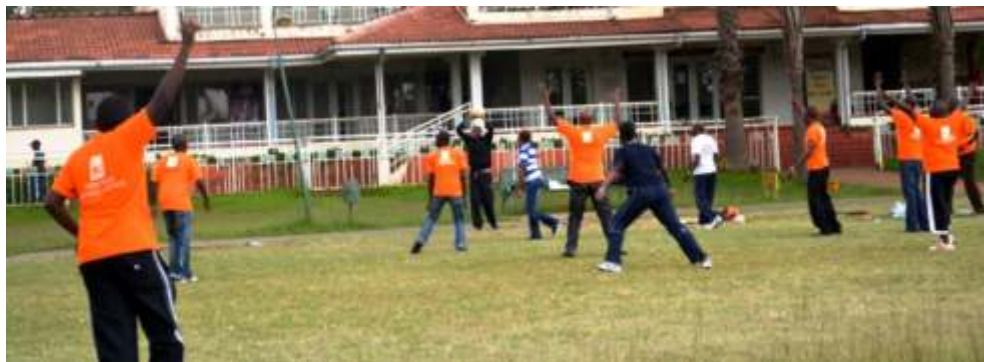
Team-building exercise held in Nairobi



NRC Staff working at the regional office in Nairobi participated in a physical exercise filled with fun, games and competition. Leading the charge during the exercise was the Regional Director Mr. Hassan Khaire, Deputy Regional Director Gabriella Waaijman and other members of the Senior Management Team. Activities were aimed at strengthening teamwork.

Prior to the field activities, the members had lunch at the Jaffery restaurant where the Regional Director motivated the staff, encouraging them to sustain the momentum in line with NRC core values of dedication, innovation, accountability and inclusion.

"We have an obligation to remain at the forefront in humanitarian action and this can only be achieved when we adopt strong team-building, practical and creative methods. Fortunately, we at NRC Horn of Africa Regional Office have the potential to remain at the fore-front in providing meaningful solutions to the challenges that we are mandated to address", said Hassan during his motivational speech.



The variety of games enabled members with different physical, tactical and mental abilities to demonstrate their capabilities and therefore be able to take the lead as others learnt from them. For example, during the '10-passes' game, a brilliant idea from the Regional Director dividing his team-mates into two groups, one to complete the passes and the other to ward off the opponents earned the team victory.

The activities were coordinated by the Staff Welfare Team and facilitated by our internal trainer James Kinyanjui, *"This year as part of expanding opportunities for employee learning, the NRC in the Horn of Africa, South Sudan and Yemen has scheduled team-building training to be carried out at each area office. it is a time for teams to put a pause on the action to playfully reflect on the progress made, milestones achieved and celebrate the strengths they have. So far Kakuma, Dadaab and Nairobi have held their team-building sessions and at the end of the sessions you could sense excitement, connectedness and oneness experienced",* James explains.

Events

NRC-led consortium in South Central Somalia (BRCiS) and World Vision-led consortium in Somalia (SomReP) organised a one day "Resilience event" in Nairobi on 19th of May with internationally known researchers on resilience programming. [Watch video](#)

The Nansen Initiative High Level Regional Consultation was held in Nairobi from 21st to 23rd of May. The event was attended by dignitaries from Africa, Asia and Europe. The theme of the consultation meeting was *"Natural hazards, climate change and cross-border displacement in the Greater Horn of Africa: protecting people on the move"*. [Read report](#)

World Refugee Day commemoration events were held at refugee camps across the region. [Pictorial](#)

Staff updates

Kennedy Mabonga is the new Regional Programme Director. Previously, he has been the Country Director for South Sudan. **Sameena Gul** has joined Yemen programme as Programme Director. **Rehana Zawar** has joined Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Warrap State in South Sudan as Area Manager. **Mosa Dehab** has joined Dolo programme as WASH Programme Manager. **Patrick Okello** has joined Dadaab team as WASH Programme Manager. **Sultan Mahmood** is the new WASH Project Manager for Yemen.

Prafulla Mishra has left the organisation. He was the Regional Programme Director. **Boisy Williams** has left the Horn of Africa regional office to join NRC in West Africa. **Christine Onen** has finished her tenure as Education Manager in Shire. **Hanneke Westrate** also ended her term as Shelter Programme Manager in Gambella. **Purity Muhoro** has left the organisation. She was Administrative Officer based in Dadaab.

The Regional Office joins the Kenya team in mourning the death of Patrick Mundia, formerly Dadaab Compound Foreman.

New publications on risk reduction



Disaster-related Displacement from the Horn of Africa; Analysis of policy and law in the Horn of Africa, Kenya and the Middle East and North Africa region, focusing on Somalis and Ethiopians displaced to Kenya, Egypt and Yemen.

Written by Vikram Kolmannskog and Tamer Afifi. Published by United Nations University-Institute for Environmental and Human Security (UNU-EHS) and Norwegian Refugee Council, March 2014. [Download report](#)



On the Margin: Kenya's Pastoralists - From displacement to solutions, a conceptual study on the internal displacement of pastoralists. Published by The Nansen Initiative, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) and Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

This study focuses on northern Kenya, a mostly arid and semi-arid area where pastoralists make up the majority the population. It argues that their internal displacement is a reality that has to be understood within a broader discourse about mobility, and creates a conceptual understanding of the phenomenon by examining its multi-casualty and sub-regional implications.

[Download the study](#)



Assessing Drought Displacement Risk for Kenyan, Ethiopian and Somali Pastoralists. A technical paper published by Norwegian Refugee Council, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), UNHCR and The Nansen Initiative. The technical paper represents an initial attempt to assess patterns of internal and cross-border displacement related to droughts in selected countries of the Horn of Africa, specifically the border regions of Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia. Findings from the five regional analyses inform a consolidated report of disaster-induced displacement. [Download technical paper](#)

Leadership and management development workshop II

NRC held its second 5-day workshop on Management and Leadership Skills Development Programme at Maanzoni, near Athi River in Kenya, from 8th to 12th of June. 26 staff from different country offices in the region attended, subjects covered included humanitarian negotiation, managing risk in humanitarian response, competency-based approaches and decision-making among other topics.

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More than a word

*When mothers, fathers and children flee
Because of war, drought or floods,
When people leave homes and are not free,
There are deaths and plenty of shrouds,
When there is divergence and people do not see
People settle in groups and crowds,
When people are no longer residents but
IDPs
With mixture of bad and good thoughts,
Or cross borders and are called refugees
As everyone is full of fear and doubt
When people opt to live under trees
And the weak die, day in - day out*

*Sympathetic men and women walk to
settlements,
And respond effectively and efficiently
IDPs now sit with hope and glee
With NRC staff mingling around elegantly
To respond with EAPs and Kits
Emergency food and plastic sheets,
Then household transitional shelter
With provision of safe and clean water
Schools, latrines and learning centres
With ABE, TET, CEC to make things better*

*Then start-ups for business ventures
Farm tools and seeds for farmers
Boats and tools for fishermen and women
Restocking for pastoral men and women
All these could not be achieved
Without staff hard work and commitment
Without our experienced and focused
management
Without our enabling Finance, Logistics, HR
and Security
That work with pride and sincerity
The transparent M&E and Protection
Taking part in beneficiary registration and
selection*

*Depending on your choice of class
NRC is a large strong brass
Or a thin delicate glass
That is longed for by the mass
Those on the earth and on Mars
NRC is not more than a word
Or a black absurd-looking bird
Or a curd that is chewed by the herd*



Poem by:
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Cover: South Central Somalia, NRC livelihood programme supports women by advancing chicken-rearing skills