

Kenya Situation Report #4

22 January 2008

Update

The WHO North Rift Technical Team arrived in Eldoret on the 20th from Nakuru. and received an update on the current situation from the UNICEF Team coordinator. WHO and UNICEF jointly conducted field visits to Uasin Gishu, Trans Nzoia West and Trans Nzoia East Districts. During the visit the teams met with respective DMOHs and some of their DHMT members.

Field visits

UASIN GISHU DISTRICT

The WHO Team briefed the DHMT and partners on decisions relating to:

- Carrying out of Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA) as requested by the Ministry of Health Headquarters.
- Coordination of emergency response activities in the region

There are three IDP Camps in the district as several of the smaller camps have been merged. Total IDPs in these camps are 16 000. Concern was raised that many health workers in the district have not reported for duty due to insecurity.

It was agreed that WHO team to sensitize the DHMT and other partners on the use of the IRA tool on the 22nd. The Team was asked to attend a District Disaster Committee Meeting Scheduled for 22nd to be chaired by the DC.

TRANS NZOIA WEST DISTRICT

- There are 17 000 IDPs in the district, of which 7000 are in eight camps distributed in the three divisions of Kiminini (4) – 3000, Central (3) with 1500, and Saboti (1) with 1700.
- A District Disaster Committee has met twice.
- Health care services are provided to IDPs through fixed and outreach methods.
- Daily disease surveillance meetings are being held.
- Drugs and other medicals supplies are currently adequate.
- Partners include KRCS (food and non-food item), IMC (mobile outreach services), MSF-S (Sanitation and mobile outreach)

ASK Show IDP Camp

- Total population of 1220 (approximately 200 families)
- Registration of new arrivals on-going
- Adequate shelter
- Piped water available but supply erratic. No water storage tanks.
- Six pit-latrines in use of which 4 are almost filled.
- Shortage of non-food items especially kitchenware
- No ITNs distributed
- Outreach clinic found in operation
- KRCS site office visited.

TRANS NZOIA EAST DISTRICT

This is a new district which was part of the old Trans Nzoia District and has poor infrastructure.

- There are over 25 000 IDPs in the district in 4 camps namely: Kachibora (Naigam) with about 20 000 persons, Makutano with 1000, Endebess with 4000 and Kesigon with 700. Fighting was reported to be going on in the Chepchoina area and displaced persons were assembling at the GSU Camp at Nabeki. The actual number of person at this camp could not be ascertained due to insecurity.

- Fortunately all 4 camps are situated adjacent to existing health facilities.
- Kesigon camp is situated within a primary school which is expected to open this week.
- Disease surveillance activities are on-going and no outbreaks reported.
- Drugs and other medicals supplies are currently adequate.
- Partners include KRCS, IMC, MSF-S, Handicap International, and Catholic Diocese of Kitale.

Challenges

- Staff shortage (all cadres)
- Lack of cold chain equipment.
- Lack of transport
- Inadequate tents, blankets, water storing containers.

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