

Kenya

01 – 31 January 2018

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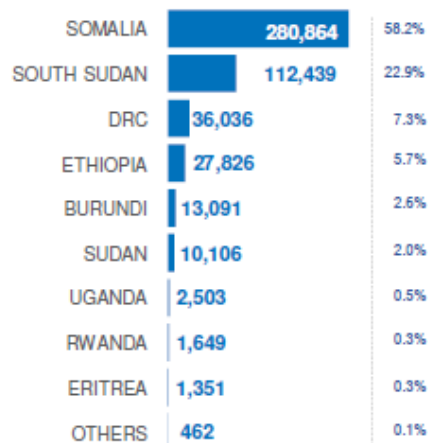
76,589 Somalis have been assisted to return to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation programme since 2014.

235,296 (49%) refugees reside in Dadaab, 185,449 (38%) in Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement and 65,715 (13%) in Nairobi.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

486,460 refugees and asylum-seekers as of 31 January 2018.

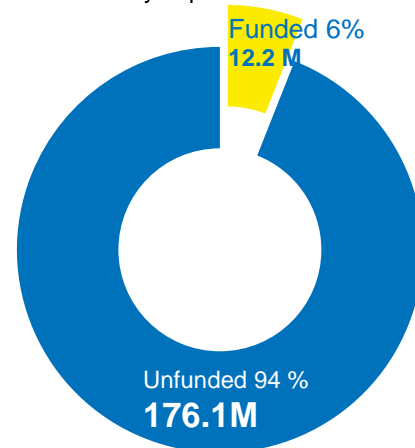
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



FUNDING (AS OF 29 JANUARY 2018)

USD 183.3 M

requested for the Kenya operation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

353 National Staff

63 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi

1 Field Offices in Alinjugur

2 Sub Office in Dadaab and
Kakuma



Working with Partners

- The Dadaab refugee operations are coordinated by UNHCR Sub-Office Dadaab, which also serves the three camps in Dadaab Sub-County. UNHCR Field Office Alinjugur is part of the larger Dadaab operation and covers Hagadera camp in Fafi Sub-County. Both UNHCR offices cooperate closely with NGOs and other international organizations including WFP, UNICEF and IOM. The main government counterparts are the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Office and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS).
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- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya, the Turkana County Government through the Office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held including monthly meetings with refugee representatives in the camp.
- UNHCR continued to hold a joint protection desk with Kenya Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) at the refugee processing center in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.

Main Activities

Protection

Protection Delivery

- The verification exercise and enrolment in the Biometric Identification Management System (BIMS) continues in Dadaab. As of 31st January 52,793 (80%) individuals had been verified in the Dagahaley camp out of a total population of 66,090. 23,805 individuals were enrolled in BIMS in the month of January bringing the number of those enrolled in Dagahaley, since the commencement of the exercise in August 2017, to 42,601 individuals out of a total of 55,458 (only those aged 5 years and above are enrolled in BIMS). Cumulatively in the Dadaab operation, 74,252 (32%) individuals have been verified out of the total population of 235,296, while 59,837 individuals have enrolled in BIMS out of 199,791 individuals who fall in the age bracket of 5 years and above.
- In January, 337 individuals were jointly profiled by UNHCR Registration Unit and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) across the four camps in Dadaab. This brings the total number of unregistered persons in the Dadaab camps to 6,720. The

process of issuing the unregistered individuals with tokens to access food rations is ongoing.

- In Kakuma, 1,216 home visits were conducted to 8,019 (3,478 female) children in child-headed households, foster families, those living with caregivers and other vulnerable children in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. Out of this, 799 home visits reaching to 4,985 (2,106 female) and 417 home visits reaching out to 3,034 (1,372 female) were conducted in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement respectively.
- The helpline **0800720063** received a total of 3669 calls in January. Of these, 2546 were answered and 490 voicemails were left. After-hour calls were 338 in total. The most utilized language was Swahili, followed by Somali. There was a reduced number of calls in the first week of the reporting month attributed to the holiday season.
- A Child -Friendly Space was completed at the RAS offices in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.

Registration

- 439 new individuals were registered at the Return Help Desks in Dadaab.
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- In the Urban Programme, a total of 697 new arrival registrations [287 spontaneous, 402 in situ and 93 new-born (birth) registrations] were conducted by Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) within the unified registration process. Majority of the new arrivals originated from DRC (325), Ethiopia (119), Somalia (88), South-Sudan (52), Burundi (48), Turkish (33) and other nationalities (32); bringing the total urban population to 65,715 refugees and asylum seekers.

Education

- Both primary and secondary schools in Kakuma and Dadaab reopened in January after the Christmas break.

Food Security and Nutrition

- Food distribution in Dadaab for the month of January took place and a total of 51,696 Households comprising of 233,314 individuals collected their food ration. This represented 99% distribution of the planned figure for the January Distribution Cycle (236,320 individuals).
- In Kakuma, food assistance remains far from meeting recommended daily intake of the population and resulting in deteriorating nutrition status especially among young children and women.

Water and Sanitation

- In January, UNHCR supplied 31.3 litres of water per day per capita from 27 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the four Dadaab camps. 26 of these boreholes operate on Solar PV- Diesel hybrid system.
- The average per capita consumption stood at 20.83 Litres of water per person per day in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. The per capita consumption in Kakuma camp was reported at 21.92 Litres while refugees in Kalobeyei settlement received 19.73 litres per person per day.

Shelter and NFIs

- Construction of two-storey houses for large family sizes is ongoing in Kalobeyei settlement. The houses will provide additional safe and dignified space for large families within their current plots without the need for an additional piece of land.
- Close to 8,000 families currently living in temporary shelters in Kalobeyei settlement are in need of permanent shelter. In addition, there is need to provide adequate shelter for close to 2,000 newly arrived refugees currently accommodated in temporary family tents in Kakuma camp.

Access to Energy

- Korean electronics company Samsung in partnership with the Kenyan Ministry of Environment and Forestry, launched phase two of its ethanol stove project for Kakuma aimed at providing clean energy and reducing carbon emission.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- During the period field monitoring was undertaken to 34 entrepreneurs supported in Nairobi with business grants of up to USD 1,000 per business. The exercise aimed at ascertaining the efficiency of the process and measuring progress of activities, results/ outcome from the interventions. 71% of the beneficiaries were recorded to have resultantly expanded their enterprises.

Durable Solutions

Voluntary Repatriation

- In January, 37 refugee delegates participated in the Go and See visit to Baidoa and Mogadishu. The refugee delegates to Baidoa indicated that the security situation outside the town is volatile and that some returnees ended up in IDP camps. On the other hand, delegates to Mogadishu provided positive feedback on the security and economic development of the city, but with some concerns on the high cost of the available services such as private health facilities and schools.
- In January, **1,148 returnees** were assisted to voluntarily repatriate to Somalia (1,060 Kismayu and 88 Mogadishu). A total of 73,860 returnees have so far been

supported from Dadaab Refugee operation under the framework of voluntary repatriation since the beginning of the process in December 2014.

- Currently there are **17,596** refugees active in UNHCR database who are willing to return to Somalia. Those who register are counselled and provided with up to date country of origin information in order to help them make informed choices.
- Resumption of voluntary return by road was cleared by the Government of Kenya, however due to heavy rains, roads are impassable on the Somalia side.
- In Kakuma, 144 refugees from Somalia were assisted to return to Somalia in January, bringing the number of those assisted from Kakuma since 2016 to 2,664.

Resettlement

- 30 cases (175 individuals) out of the 50 (250 individuals) requested by Australia were submitted for resettlement consideration from Kakuma
- A total of 25 Cases/ 62 Individuals were submitted to U.S.A, France, and Australia from Nairobi.

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Web portal on Somali Displacement <http://data.unhcr.org/horn-of-africa/regional.php>

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