

Kenya

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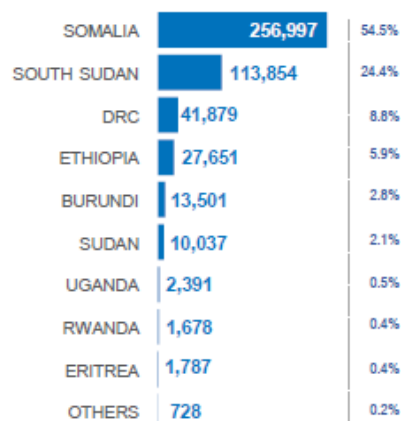
86,398 Somalis have been assisted to return to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation programme since 2014. Since the beginning of 2019, **110** were assisted to return to Somalia

By end of February 2019, there were **210,038** (45%) refugees in Dadaab, **185,399** (39%) and in Kakuma & Kalobeyei Settlement, **75,066** (16%) in urban areas.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

470,503 refugees and asylum-seekers as of 28 February 2018.

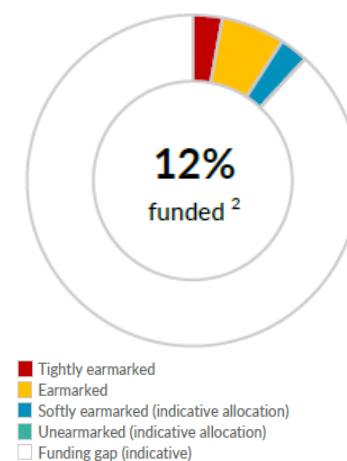
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



FUNDING (AS OF 20 MARCH 2019)

USD \$170.1 million

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2019



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

297 National Staff

79 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi

1 Field Offices in Alinjurgur

2 Sub Office in Dadaab and Kakuma



One of the specialist doctors from Turkey checks on a patient, from the Turkana host community, at the IRC pediatric ward in Kakuma Refugee Camp. Photo: UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

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 centre in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.

Main Activities

Operational Highlights

- In close collaboration with the Ministry of Education, UNICEF and UNESCO, the draft education policy on inclusion of refugees has been finalised and is awaiting signature.
- UNHCR participated in the East African Community Refugee Policy Workshop in February whose purpose was to garner views from stakeholders in the region on the developing EAC policy on refugees. EAC states intend to have a common policy on refugee matters and harmonize their laws on the same.
- 40 PoCs that were camping outside UNHCR were arrested on 20 February following complaints by Heritage Hotel on the PoCs continued presence outside the hotel. They were charged with the offence of disposing refuse on unapproved land. UNHCR's partner Kituo Cha Sheria (KCS) is providing legal intervention for the PoCs.
- More than 5,500 people received free medical services during the Kakuma health week. The health service week was organized by the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) in collaboration with UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, and Turkana County Government, was the first medical camp of its kind with 40 Turkish and Kenyan practitioners from different fields, 23 of whom were from Turkey. The team consisted of paediatricians, cardiologists, obstetricians, gynaecologists, cataract surgeons, urologists, dentists and general surgeons.
- The e-filing project to digitize asylum seekers' and refugees' files commenced in the month of February. By the end of February 2019, about one hundred and ten thousand nine hundred and ten files (110,910) had been digitized. Forty eight thousand seven hundred and seventy one (48,771) from the scanned files were separated ready to be uploaded in the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS). These files digitized comprises three locations i.e. UNHCR, Kate and RAS (Shauri Moyo).

Protection

Protection Delivery

- The Helpline received a total of 5,946 calls representing an increase of 20.2% from the previous month. The biggest call driver was Resettlement (33%) followed by Protection (23%). The most used language was Somali, followed by Kinyamulenge and then Swahili. 4 calibration meetings (quality control) were held. The team participated in the 'Community Assessment Design Workshop' initiated by the UNHCR Innovation Unit and also released version 1.1. of the FAQ booklet."
- UNHCR protection reception was relocated to RAS offices in Shauri Moyo from 5th February. This ensured the provision of standardized responses to PoCs and seamless referrals between sectors operating in Shauri moyo thus reducing rescheduling of cases. It also strengthened interaction between UNHCR and RAS staff in terms of capacity development. The team is working on enhancing the appointment system and the working environment.
- UNHCR and RAS undertook validation of RSD SOPs on updating proGres v4 to ensure common understanding and standardization of RSD related updates.
- RAS Eligibility staff in consultation with UNHCR developed and adopted the accelerated processing strategy for Ethiopian Oromo applicants. This is part of the backlog clearance strategy as it serves to greatly reduce on the interview and processing times for these cases.

Registration

- In February, 1,098 unregistered / new arrivals in Dadaab were jointly profiled by UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), bringing the total number of undocumented persons across the three camps to 13,281 individuals. Out of this, 12,834 are from Somalia and 447 are from other countries. Among them, 2,672 individuals came back to the camps after being assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia.

Education

- Financial and performance verification of the education projects were conducted. DAFI project experienced technical hitches in the release of final instalment for the supplementary intake for December 2018. This caused delays in students settling in their campuses.
- A meeting with Somali Bantu leaders in Hagadera camp in Dadaab was held to discuss the improvement of enrolment of out of school children from the community. Lutheran World Federation (LWF), conducted mass information campaigns in the residential blocks, in collaboration with the Somali Bantu leaders.
- Refugee students were registered for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) national examinations that will be done towards the end of the year.
- Refugee students continue to be registered in the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS) portal, with priority being given to candidates in the final year of school.

Food Security and Nutrition

- Cash transfer made to 346 individuals affected by scurvy in the framework of CBI for nutrition. This is part of a pilot by UNHCR to use unrestricted cash to allow refugees diversify their diet.
- Food assistance remains far from meeting Recommended Daily Intake of the population and leads to deteriorating nutrition status especially among young children and women.

Water and Sanitation

- On average, persons of concern in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement received 18.81 litres per person per day. This is 19.04 and 18.58 litres per person per day in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement respectively.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average 32.5 litres of water per day per capita from 22 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. 19 of these boreholes operate on Solar PV- Diesel hybrid system. The water supply schemes convey water to 38 tanks with a total storage capacity of 4,550 m³, distributed through a pipeline network of 234.8 km and relayed to 668 tap stands with about 2,784 taps, scattered around the three camps.
- In Kakuma, 10 plastic water tanks with a capacity of 10,000 litres each were handed over to the host community to enhance host community access to clean water.

Shelter and NFIs

- 1,216 permanent shelter units have been constructed through Cash for Shelter (CBI) for refugees in Kalobeyei settlement through CBI, an innovative aid delivery modality that increases refugees' self-reliance, creates livelihood opportunities for refugee and host communities, develops local market systems and promotes socio-economic inclusion in Turkana West.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR convened a power breakfast sensitization meeting under the auspices of the Association of Microfinance Institutions (AMFI) and FSD Africa in February, which was well attended by the AMFI members. The Microfinance institutions represented, were unanimously interested in working with Refugees to enhance financial inclusion and they proposed possible solutions in sight of the challenges present that were precluding PoCs from accessing financial services.
- The Nairobi livelihood unit convened a one day retreat where livelihood units from Urban, Kakuma and Dadaab were represented. This meeting was to ensure a synchronised livelihood programming approach for the country and to also update and learn from each other on ongoing projects, challenges and best practises.
- UNHCR participated in the first Local Appraisal Project Committee (LPAC) meeting with Toyota Kenya Foundation Academy and UNDP on a project dubbed 'Building Resilience through Skills Development for Youth Living in Kenya'. The project aims to impart mechanical skills to youth populations from the Host Community and Refugees. Potential trainees are PoCs from Nairobi and Kakuma.
- UNHCR and IFC have been closely working together with the Ministry of Trade to establish the Huduma/Biashara center in Kakuma, a key flagship under KISEDIP that will ease the provision of legal documentation and business development services to refugee and host communities in Turkana West.
- UNHCR and livelihood partners are developing a comprehensive tool to consolidate information on skills available amongst the population in order to inform, target specialised trainings and promote marketable skills, a KISEDIP flagship project.
- Don Bosco Vocational Training Centre in Kakuma camp enrolled 60 students for their KASNEB Courses i.e. Certified Public Accountant (CPA); Certificate in Accounting and Management Skills (CAMS) and Accounting Technicians Diploma (ATD) Programs.
- AAHI launched USAID Funded Julia Tuft projects in Kakuma 2 on livelihoods as a response to SGBV with over 100 refugee and host beneficiaries.
- A fashion and design center 'Mtindo Ulibwende', supported by supported by Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM), was officially launched in Kakuma to promote and train local designers as well as promote self-reliance.

Community Services

- UNHCR, working with RAS and partners developed an assessment tool to support the exploration of solutions towards the over 200 LGBTI persons of concern that were evacuated from Kakuma and now residing at Kitengela. The assessment will inform the next steps to be taken in addressing the PoCs issues.

Capacity Building

- UNHCR, RAS and IRC conducted two training sessions for senior government officers at the county level in Isiolo and Marsabit counties on Refugee Protection. The training was organized by RAS with IRC funding. A total of 29 officers in Isiolo and 30 in Marsabi, including the county commissioners, were trained.
- UNHCR organized a training with Kenya Red Cross Society on Family Tracing and Reunification (FTR) and the referral process for Child Protection Working Group members. Information on types, tools used, services offered and criteria for Restoring Family Links (RFL) was shared and discussion held on the use of the tools and the referral process.

Durable Solutions

Voluntary Repatriation

- UNHCR received requests from 8 PoCs living in the urban areas to return to their countries of origin (Somalia, Ethiopia, and Democratic Republic of the Congo). UNHCR has initiated processes to facilitate the voluntary repatriation for the families.

Resettlement

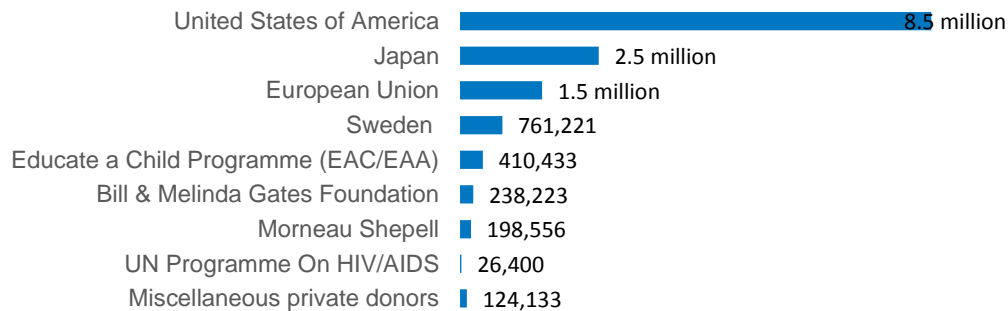
- The Swedish Migration Agency undertook a mission in Dadaab and conducted interviews for 115 cases consisting of 303 individuals.
- In February, 131 cases of 295 individuals were submitted to Australia, Canada, Sweden, UK and USA for resettlement. A total of 693 cases have been submitted since the beginning of 2019.
- A total of 86 individuals have been resettled since the beginning of 2019.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 104.3 million**.

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LINKS

UNHCR Kenya Website <http://www.unhcr.org/ke/>

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

Web portal on South Sudan Displacement <http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/regional.php>

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