

Kenya

01 –31 MAY 2019

2,580 new arrivals were registered in May; **320** in Nairobi, **2,260** in Kakuma.

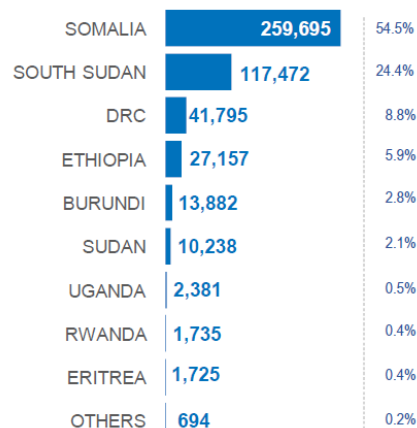
83,938 Somalis have been assisted to return to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation programme since 2014. Since the beginning of 2019, **1,013** have been assisted to return to Somalia. In addition, **39** Burundians have been assisted to return home since the beginning of the year.

By end of May 2019, there were **211,544** (44%) refugees in Dadaab, **190,181** (40%) and in Kakuma & Kalobeyei Settlement, **74,970** (16%) in urban areas.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

476,695 refugees and asylum-seekers as of 31 May 2019.

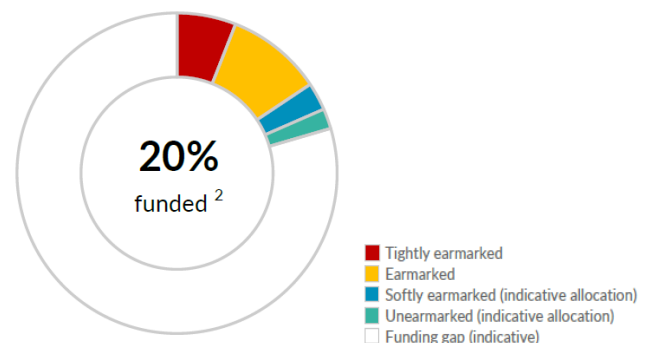
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



FUNDING (AS OF 4 JUNE 2019)

USD \$170.1 million

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2019



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

276 National Staff

67 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi

1 Field Offices in Alinjgur

2 Sub Office in Dadaab and Kakuma



Maryan Mohamed, a secondary student at Waberi school in Dadaab; Gattluak Mut, South Sudanese primary school student in a host community school in Kakuma and Ernestine Bahati, a Bachelor of Nursing student at Moi University in Kenya were speakers at the WUSC and UNHCR sponsored event on May 14, in Nairobi. Read more <https://bit.ly/2JFIKk5>

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

- UNHCR, Kenyan Muslims fundraise for refugee education: UNHCR and the Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims raised over 15 million shillings (150,000 U.S. dollars) in support of refugee education at an Iftar dinner held in Nairobi, Kenya.
- UNHCR with other members of the interagency taskforce on Refugee Act review accompanied parliamentarians from departmental committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, and the committee on Administration and National Security, for a familiarization visit to Dadaab and Kakuma Refugee Camps to seek views from stakeholders on the review of the act and better understanding of refugee management. The MPs have a key role in the review of the Refugees Act.
- UNHCR participated in the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) retreat on 28 - 31 May whose objective was to review, harmonize and validate annual joint work plans. UNHCR is involved in the design, implementation and reporting on three strategic result areas - social, economic and political.
- UNHCR in collaboration with World University Service of Canada (WUSC) held an interactive event, supported by the Humanitarian Education Accelerator (HEA), in Nairobi on 14 May 2019. The forum brought together Kenya's Ministry of Education, officials, refugees, teachers and education partners to celebrate innovation in education in camp-settings that promote inclusive and equitable education for refugees and host community children.
- Six learners from Morneau Shepell Girls' School took a test that would see them represent Turkana county and compete with their fellow students across the country in the InterswitchSPAK competition. The competition targets form three students with a special interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Protection

Protection Delivery

- UNHCR in a three day workshop in Nakuru to finalise the Guidelines on Child Protection in Emergencies. It was organised by the Ministry of Labour and Social services, Department of Children Services and UNICEF. The participants were Children Officers from various counties, INGOs and NGOs working with children.
- Specialized services for persons living with disability and mental health challenges are limited and the number of cases in need of assistance are on the rise due to inadequate services and referral mechanisms.
- UNHCR attended a two day mission in Kampala, Uganda, on **Strengthening Cross-Border Child Protection Mechanisms brought** together stakeholders in the East and Southern African regions to discuss matters related to children on the move and ways of strengthening cross border child protection mechanisms.
- On 18 May, 75 persons of concern who were camping outside UNHCR were relocated to Kakuma refugee camp for their protection and safety.

Registration

- In May, 453 new arrivals were profiled in Dadaab. The population of undocumented stood at 15,207 individuals. 714,709 individuals are from Somalia while 498 are from other nationalities. 3,252 individuals (21%) are individuals who had previously repatriated voluntarily to Somalia from Dadaab which is 21% of the undocumented persons.
- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) registered 320 individuals, of which 63% (200) arrived before 2019, 37% (117) arrived in 2019 and 1% (3) are new-born (birth) registration. The registration was conducted in Nakuru (96), Mombasa (49) and Nairobi (175). Majority of the new arrivals originated from Burundi (12), Democratic Republic of the Congo - DRC (24), Eritrea (5), Ethiopia (27), Rwanda (2), Somalia (61), South- Sudan (187), and other nationalities (2); bringing the total urban population to 74,970 refugees and asylum seekers.

Refugee Status Determination

- The eligibility team in Nairobi will conduct interviews for applicants whose designated address is Kakuma camp. The decision by Government will ensure that persons registered since February 2017 are interviewed to reduce the backlog of pending cases. However, decision notification and refugee identity documentation will only be accessible to the applicants at the designated address.
- 13,373 individuals (12630 pending interview, 160 Pending assessment and 583 pending review) registered since February 2017 mainly from Kakuma are part of the cases added to the Nairobi backlog. In total, 18,417 cases are pending RSD interviews.

Education

- CRRF consultations on the Education Roadmap for Dadaab were held and a Draft Roadmap shared with the Ministry of Education, Garissa County.
- A mission from the Garissa Ministry of Education, the CEB and TSC visited the education institutions in Dadaab camps on 20 May with the objective of having a better understanding of the education infrastructure and learning processes in the refugee schools.
- Over 250 DAFI scholars alongside Windle Trust Kenya (WTK) and UNHCR congregated at the Coast on May for the annual students' conference themed: Youth, Role models of Society.

Food Security and Nutrition

- 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

- Refugees in Kakuma received an average of 21.33 litres of clean water per person per day while refugees in Kalobeyei settlement received 21.23 litres per person per day.

Shelter and NFIs

- During the month of May, 69 families constructed 109 permanent shelter units in Kalobeyei settlement through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter project. Additionally, 60 household latrines were constructed through Cash Based Intervention in Kalobeyei alongside the permanent shelters.
- 6,202 families comprising of 31,317 individuals, of which 8,570 are females of reproductive age, received cash assistance for Core Relief Items (soap, sanitary napkins, and underwear) for the months of May and June.
- 16,100 tree seedlings were produced in Kakuma and Kalobeyei in May, and 7,158 tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts and host community.

Energy

- 539 dual-purpose cook stoves were produced and ready for lining and branding and 542 stoves were distributed to the new arrivals relocated to the community in Kakuma refugee camp.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Football shoes donated by Nike were distributed to 259 football players including 84 from the host community.
- UNHCR jointly with the Association of Microfinance institutions (AMFI) and Financial Sector Deepening Africa (FSDA) engaged with various micro-finance institutions (MFIs) in sensitization workshop held on 2-3 May 2019, seeking to have refugees included in the financial systems in Kenya. The institutions agreed on to include refugees in their existing programmes.
- UNHCR held a meeting with United States International University (USIU – Africa) to discuss the possibility of including refugees in the business incubation programmes.
- An assessment was conducted for the individuals exited from the witness protection programme with the aim of providing support on employment and start-up businesses.

Community Services

- The UNHCR Innovation team based in Geneva and Regional Service Centre in Nairobi in collaboration with UNHCR Kenya conducted communication assessment in Eastleigh. The two month assessment involved refugees in the design and actual assessment exercise. A validation workshop was held in the same area at the conclusion of the exercise.
- Safe House residents were retrained on Safe House Code of Conduct. The exercise conducted by UNHCR and HIAS saw the residents sign the Code of Conduct with a commitment to follow laid out principles.

Durable Solutions

Voluntary Repatriation

- Monthly cross border coordination meeting was held in Nairobi on 28 -29 May. Stakeholders from Kenya and Somali Governments with UNHCR deliberated on the current challenges of voluntary repatriation of

Somali refugees. The meeting agreed on the need for a draft a multi-year voluntary repatriation strategy for the Kenya operation by September 2019.

- UNHCR conducted a return intention survey for South Sudanese refugees residing in Kenya. The survey is aimed at collecting data on willingness to return, which will assist UNHCR to identify factors that will promote future plans for return of South Sudanese.

Resettlement

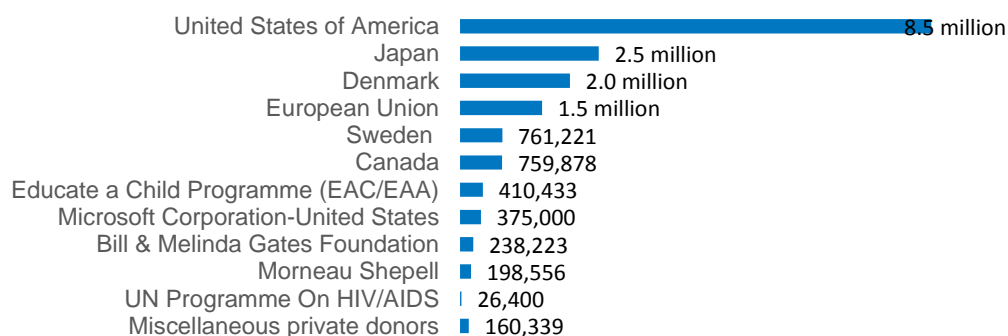
- 295 individuals have departed for resettlement from Kakuma since the beginning of 2019 mainly to the US, Canada and Australia. Additionally, 32 cases of 131 individuals have been facilitated for resettlement through complementary pathways - including family reunification, private sponsorships, educational scholarships and labour mobility.
- 78 cases of 222 individuals departed to resettlement countries from Dadaab in May. A total a total of 341 individuals have departed for resettlement from Dadaab since the beginning of the year, 197 to Sweden, 92 to Canada, 30 to UK, 16 to Australia, and 6 to other countries.
- 112 persons from the urban programme departed to resettlement countries in May, mainly to United States of America.
- 109 cases comprising of 464 individuals submitted from Kakuma for resettlement consideration in Canada, Sweden, United Kingdom and the United States (US) and 28 cases of 138 individuals were submitted from Dadaab.

Financial Information

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

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