

# Kenya

01 -31 OCTOBER 2019

**1,348** new arrivals were registered in October; **678** in urban areas, **654** in Kakuma and **16** in Dadaab.

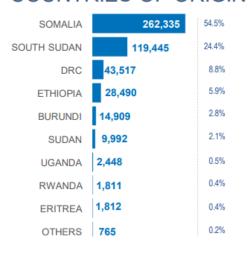
**84,930** Somalis have been assisted to return to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation programme since 2014, of these **2,005** in 2019. In addition, **744** Burundians have been assisted to return home since the beginning of 2018.

By end of October 2019, there were **217,108** (44%) refugees in Dadaab, **192,301** (40%) and in Kakuma & Kalobeyei Settlement, **76,115** (16%) in urban areas.

#### **POPULATION OF CONCERN**

**485,524** refugees and asylum-seekers as of 31 Oct 2019

#### COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



#### **FUNDING (AS OF 02 OCTOBER 2019)**

## USD \$170.1 million

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2019



#### **UNHCR PRESENCE**

#### Staff:

263 National Staff

67 International Staff

#### Offices:

- 1 Branch Office in Nairobi
- 1 Field Offices in Alinjugur
- 2 Sub Office in Dadaab and Kakuma



Angelina Jolie schoolgirls pose for a photo with one of the 10 trophies won at the Kenya National Music Festival. 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 continues to run a joint protection desk with Kenya Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) at the refugee-processing centre in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.

## **Main Activities**

#### **Operational Highlights**

- UNHCR, jointly with WFP, hosted a visit by the Head of European Union (EU) Delegation in Kenya, Ambassador Simon Mordue, and EU member state ambassadors. The mission visited EU funded activities in Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement to see the impact of EU funding on Turkana West residents.
- UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat commenced verification of the population in Kakuma refugee camp on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The exercise is aimed at ascertaining the number of refugees and asylum seekers who are physically present in the refugee camp. As of 31<sup>st</sup> of October, 43,181 individuals have been verified. The verification exercise is expected to be completed in 5 months.
- UNHCR is planning, from 4th November 2019, to conduct an intention return survey for urban refugees residing in areas covered by UNHCR Sub Office Kakuma including Kitale, Eldoret, Bungoma, West Pokot and Trans Nzoia.

#### **Protection**

#### **Protection Delivery**

- The Task Force on the legislative process of the Refugees Bill held a meeting with select MPs from DCANS and the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee and a workshop with DCANS and parliamentary staff. These meetings have been critical allowing UNHCR and other Task Force members to highlight critical issues of the Bill and offer proposed amendments. Other meetings were held with various stakeholders, including, Heads of NGOs, Urban Refugee Protection Network Partners, civil society, UN agencies and the donor community.
- 7,642 bank accounts opened for refugees in Kalobeyei settlement since June 2018 and a total of 337,028,750 Kenya shillings distributed to beneficiaries through UNHCR's Cash Based Intervention (CBI).



#### **Education**

- 28 secondary school teachers and four education counsellors and officers in Kakuma were trained on Alternative Basic Education (ABE), that aims equipping teachers with skills to blend curriculum content with life skills activities, inclusion, livelihood as well as talent development
- There are inadequate facilities (classrooms, toilets, desks, WASH and play facilities) in the camps leading to school congestion and inability to enrol out-of-school children.
- UNHCR education staff from Dadaab participated in the Design2Align hackathon for ideating & prototyping semi-automated education tools in San Francisco. The hackathon succeeded in using machine learning and AI (Artificial Intelligence) to semi-automate matching of education content from millions of resources in Kolibri, thereby helping learners and teachers to access material that is relevant to their curriculum. The hackathon was hosted by Google.org and Learning Equality.

#### Health

In October, an orthopedic surgical camp omprising of an orthopedic surgeon and three assistants from Kijabe mission hospital in Nairobi county review over 68 patients with orthopedic/bone complications and perform surgery on 17 patients at the Kakuma referral hospital in Kakuma camp.

#### **Food Security and Nutrition**

- A total of 172 children under 5 years with severe malnutrition were reached through Out Patient Therapeutic Programme in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei Settlement. Additionally, 51 children with complicated malnutrition received treatment at the stabilization ward at the Kakuma referral hospital.
- In October 2019, 836 children in Kakuma and Kalobeyei were reached through the supplementary feeding programme which targets children with moderate malnutrition.
- Food assistance remains far from meeting Recommended Daily Intake of the population in Dadaab and Kakuma and leads to deteriorating nutrition status especially among young children and women.

#### **Water and Sanitation**

- The average water consumption in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement stood at 20. 4 litres per person per day in the month of September 2019.
- UNHCR supplied on average of 28 litres of water per person per day per capita from 22 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. Nineteen (19) of these boreholes operate on Solar PV- Diesel hybrid system.

#### **Shelter and NFIs**

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#### **Energy**

Kalobeyei Settlement and Kalobeyei Town Solar Mini-Grids were turned on in September and are undergoing a testing period of one month as the private developer awaits formal permits from the Energy Regulatory Commission. So far 75 (24 businesses & 51 households) connections have been made in Kalobeyei Town and 222 (78 businesses and 144 households) connections done in Kalobeyei settlement. It is anticipated that once the power is turned on, there will be a high energy demand (power spike) of up to 1000 connections.



#### **Environmental rehabilitation**

■ UNHCR continues to work with the Garissa County Ministry of Environment on the roadmap on energy, environment, natural resources and agriculture as part of Dadaab Solutions.

#### **Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance**

- AEC refugee incentive and local staff trained 534 entrepreneurs in Bookkeeping and 546 in business readiness and business registration. 50% are women entrepreneurs.
- There is inadequate access to credit facilities by refugees, which limits the growth of existing businesses and limits opportunities for new businesses.
- The World Bank conducted a KDRDIP (Kenya Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project) Pre-Village Entry Launch in Garissa town on 7 and 8 October 2019. The launch was attended by UNHCR, Garissa County government, the Cabinet Secretary for Devolution, other key stakeholders and facilitating partners FAIDA and RRDO. The project is being implemented to reduce the impacts of the long-standing presences of refugees through community driven sustainable project approach. Its objectives are to improve access to basic social services, expand economic opportunities and enhance environmental management for communities hosting refugees in these areas.

#### **Durable Solutions**

#### **Voluntary Repatriation**

- UNHCR organized four repatriation flights to Mogadishu and Baidoa, each receiving two rotations where a total of 173 individuals comprising of 64 households were assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia (Baidoa- 89/Mogadishu- 84).
- The Government of Ethiopia and UNHCR Ethiopia signed an MoU in May 2019 for facilitation of voluntary repatriation of Ethiopian refugees in the region. Following the signing of the MoU, UNHCR Kenya is closely liaising with UNHCR Ethiopia and Embassy of Ethiopia for facilitation of repatriation to Ethiopia. Out of the 7,252 Ethiopian refugees residing in Dadaab, 4,441 individuals indicated their interest to repatriate to Ethiopia.

#### Resettlement

- Cumulatively, 3,785 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration in 2019 from Kenya to mainly, Australia, Canada, France, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, and USA.
- Since the beginning of the year, 1,547 individuals have departed for resettlement to the Australia, Canada, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, USA and other countries.
- The 2019 quota for refugees to be submitted for resettlement from Dadaab has been increased to 975 individuals from 700.

#### Relocation

In September, the Government of Kenya, through the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), commenced the relocation of non-Somali refugees from Dadaab to Kakuma refugee camp. Thus far, 164 individuals have relocated from Dadaab to Kakuma refugee camp. UNHCR continues to provide support to the Government to ensure safe and dignified relocation process.

#### **Dadaab Solutions**

The County of Garissa and UNHCR Kenya organised a high-level stakeholder consultative meeting on the draft Garissa Integrated Socio-Economic Development Plan (GISEDP) in Nairobi. The GISEDP is the first of its kind plan for the County of Garissa and it is part of the "unpacking of Dadaab" strategy that aims to promote the socio-economic inclusion of refugees and host communities. The event brought together



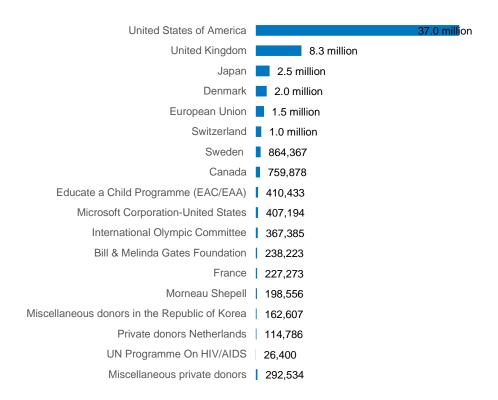
representatives from the National and County Governments, Members of Parliament, donors, development, humanitarian and private sector partners, heads of UN agencies and NGOs. The feedback provided during the half-day meeting will further refine the draft GISEDP.

## **Financial Information**

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

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