

Kenya

01 -30 SEPTEMBER 2019

2,153 new arrivals were registered in September;946 in urban areas, 991 in Kakuma and 216 in Dadaab.

84,673 Somalis have been assisted to return to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation programme since 2014, of these **1,952** in 2019. In addition, **744** Burundians have been assisted to return home since the beginning of 2018.

By end of July 2019, there were 215,405 (44%) refugees in Dadaab, 191,570 (40%) and in Kakuma & Kalobeyei Settlement, 75,467 (16%) in urban areas.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

482,442 refugees and asylum-seekers as of 30 Sept 2019

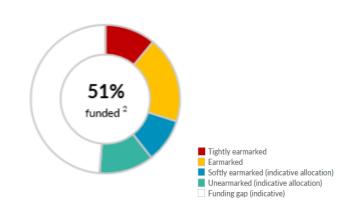
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

SOMALIA	260,683	54.5%
SOUTH SUDAN	119,110	24.4%
DRC	43,186	8.8%
ETHIOPIA	27,989	5.9%
BURUNDI	14,674	2.8%
SUDAN	10,011	2.1%
UGANDA	2,436	0.5%
RWANDA	1,802	0.4%
ERITREA	1,805	0.4%
OTHERS	756	0.2%

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



Rose Nathike, refugee athlete from Kakuma, represents Athletics Refugee Team at the World Championships 2019 Doha. Photo: Courtesy.



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

- Two refugee athletes, Paulo Omuton and Rose Nathike participated in the IAAF World Championships in DOHA. Rose, one of the athletes, performed well with a best personal record time of 2:13.39 in the 800M race.
- The Refugees Bill was introduced into Parliament on 10 September by the Majority Leader in Parliament. The first reading took place on the same day and it was assigned to the Parliamentary Committee on Departmental Committee on Administration of National Security (DCANS).
- Over two thousand people congregated together for LuQuLuQu's second annual Step for Safety walk held in Nairobi on 8 September 2019. The walk is an awareness building and fundraising initiative to support families forced to flee their homes because of conflict, violence or persecution across Africa.

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).

Registration

 Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) conducted new registration of 941 individuals in Nairobi, Mombasa and Nakuru. 224 of those registered arrived before 2019, 651 in 2019 and 66 were new borns. Majority



of the new arrivals originated from Democratic Republic of the Congo (279), Somalia (275), Ethiopia (129), Burundi (104), South-Sudan (57), Eritrea (31), Uganda (30), Rwanda (23), and 14 from other nationalities.

Education

- A regional workshop on education was held in Nairobi to explore possible expansion of tertiary education scholarships among youths affected by conflict and displacement. The forum was convened by WUSC and Mastercard.
- The Southern New Humpshire University (SNHU) president, Paul LeBlanc, and Aspen Ascend fellows visited Kakuma refugee camp in September. During the visit, President Paul awarded 30 refugees with well-deserved Associate and Bachelor's degrees from SNHU. The president also announced full scholarship for two refugees to study at SNHU in the United States of America.

Health

The County department of health undertook inspection of all 8 health facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. The inspection generated reports which will be used for application for the registration and licensing of all health facilities in Kakuma by the Medical Board of Kenya. This represents a significant step in having camp facilities integrated into the county and national health system.

Food Security and Nutrition

- Mass screening of children under 5 years for malnutrition was conducted in Kakuma and Kalobeyei reaching to 25,030 children of which 443 were found to have moderate malnutrition and 55 had severe malnutrition. Children with malnutrition were enrolled into the respective nutrition programs.
- 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

- 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

 213 transitional shelters were constructed in September for 239 newly arrived refugees in Kakuma to address their immediate shelter needs.

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

- Fashion and design products made by refugees and host community in Kakuma and Kalobeyei were exhibited at the 2nd Turkana Business Exchange Forum from 17th – 20th September 2019, in Lodwar.
- 41 young in Kalobeyei settlement have been enrolled into International Computer Driving License (ICDL) training to equip them with digital skills and 52 young women enrolled for handicrafts training through the Leap Project by UN Women.
- There is inadequate access to credit facilities by refugees, which limits the growth of existing businesses and limits opportunities for new businesses.
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) launched the second phase of the Refugee Employment and Skills Initiative (RESI II) in Dadaab. The second phase will focus on tapping into markets beyond online platforms by working with agents to connect online freelancers to other markets around the world. The project targets to train over 600 youth on digital skills and online freelancing courses for the next two years.

Durable Solutions

Voluntary Repatriation

UNHCR is in the process of facilitating 21 individuals from Kakuma and 1577 individuals from Dadaab for voluntary repatriation to Ethiopia. The persons of concern have approached respective return help desks in the camps to express their willingness to return by signing voluntary repatriation forms, and the Nairobi office is liaising with the Ethiopian Embassy to process the repatriation.

Resettlement

- Cumulatively, 2,884 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration in 2019 from Kenya to mainly, Australia, Canada, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, and USA.
- Since the beginning of the year, 1,238 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

As part of the solutions strategy for Dadaab, UNHCR is supporting the Garissa County Government in developing the Garissa Integrated Socio-Economic Development Plan, to accommodate the different needs of the refugees and host communities. To this end, a three-day multi-stakeholder workshop was held from 16th to 18th September in Dadaab, the outcome of which was a draft Sectoral Development Plan which was further refined by the technical teams.

Statelessness

UNHCR held 3 meetings with the Government officials to support the preparations of the High-Level Segment on statelessness that took place October. Two of the meetings were at technical level to prepare proposed pledges and one of the meetings was held to sensitize the designated Government delegate on the pledges.

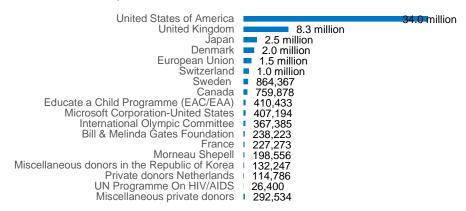


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