

# Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31 December 2019

**193,684**

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 31 December 2019.

**13,201**

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2019.

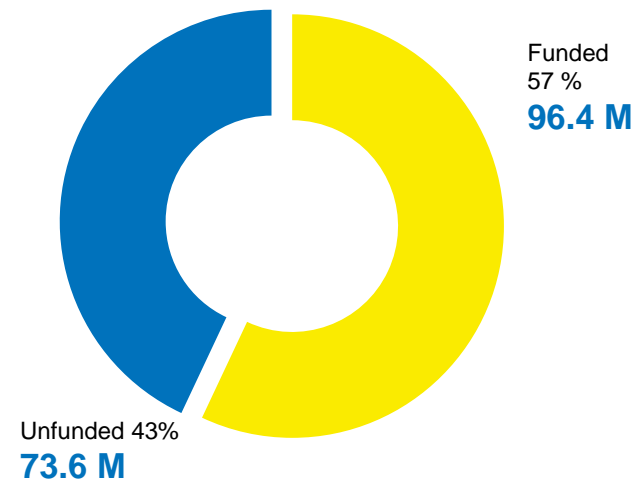
**9,024**

Newly arrived refugees from South Sudan registered in 2019

## FUNDING (AS OF 10 DECEMBER 2019)

**USD 170.0 M**

Requested for the Kenya Operation



## HIGHLIGHTS

**Kakuma refugees shine in Kenya's 2019 KCSE national examinations**



Four refugees from Kakuma have emerged among the top 0.9% top students in the 2019 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education national exams. All four learners scored an average of A – (minus).

*From top clockwise: Mawut Deng and Nyandeng Gai from South Sudan, Jean Damour from Congo and Makuach Muon from South Sudan. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno*

## KEY INDICATORS

**7,779**

Bank accounts opened to facilitate Cash Assistance for refugees in Kalobeyei Settlement since June 2018.

**444M**

Amount in Kenya Shillings distributed through UNHCR's Cash Based Intervention since June 2018.

# Update on Achievements

## Highlights

**EU Commissioner for International Partnerships visits Kalobeyei Settlement:** On 8th December 2019, European Union (EU) Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen, visited Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement to meet with refugees and Kenyans who are benefitting from EU funded projects in Turkana West. The Commissioner, who was accompanied by the Head of EU Delegation in Kenya, Ambassador Simon Mordue, commended the implementation of KISEDIP.



*Photo: EU Commissioner for International Partnerships, Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, holds a refugee child during her visit to Kalobeyei settlement.*

*UNHCR / Samuel Otieno*

**Refugees shine in Kenya's National Examination – 2019 KCSE:** Refugees have emerged among the top 0.9% learners in the 2019 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education. Mawut Deng from Vison Secondary, one of the seven UNHCR supported secondary schools, emerged top refugee student in Kakuma camp as well as the top student in Turkana West Sub county with a mean grade of A - (minus). Three other refugees on UNHCR secondary school scholarship also scored an Average of A – (minus). A total of 37 (11 female) students from camp schools got university entry grades, C+ and above. Links:

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**65 refugee hair stylists and makeup artists upskilled to cosmetologists thanks to UNHCR and L'Oreal partnership:** In an effort to link refugees with private sector investments, UNHCR in partnership with L'Oreal, a French personal care company, upskilled 65 refugee entrepreneurs through a one-week hair-dressing and make-up training. The refugee entrepreneurs, now cosmetologists, also received a professional start-up kit courtesy of L'Oreal.

Link: [https://twitter.com/UNHCR\\_Kenya/status/1210137465736044544?s=19](https://twitter.com/UNHCR_Kenya/status/1210137465736044544?s=19)

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kakuma's Got Talent event attracts hundreds of talented refugees and Kenyans:** Refugee and Kenyan youth living in Turkana west sub-county, on 5 – 7 December 2019, showcased their skills in music, dance, modelling, comedy, and wrestling during the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kakuma Got Talent event themed 'My Talent My Treasure.' The talent search event, organised by UNHCR's partner for Youth Protection and Development the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), is aimed at identifying new talents, nurturing and promoting talents as a sustainable means of livelihoods.

**Kakuma refugee athletes impress at Kenya Cross-Country Event:** Nine (9) refugees were among the athletes who competed in the 2nd Athletics Kenya Cross Country series on 14th December 2019. The athletes, a majority of whom are refugees from Kakuma camp, made their debut in the 6 Kilometres Junior and 10 Kilometre men races in Sotik, Western Kenya. <https://www.unhcr.org/ke/16507-refugee-athletes-impress-at-kenya-cross-country-event.html>

**Refugees and Kenyans set to benefit from a newly constructed emergency wing:** On 11 December 2019, the Regional Deputy Refugee Coordinator (PRM), Ms. Ketura Brown, officially opened a newly constructed emergency wing at the Kakuma Referral Hospital in Kakuma camp. The US funded emergency wing will benefit both refugees and Kenyans living in Turkana West Sub County. [https://twitter.com/UNHCR\\_Kenya/status/1204802383089479683?s=19](https://twitter.com/UNHCR_Kenya/status/1204802383089479683?s=19)



*Photo: Ms. Ketura Brown, Regional Refugee Coordinator (PRM), cuts the ribbon to officially open the new emergency wing at the Kakuma Referral Hospital  
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## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** 13,903 newly arrived refugees were registered in 2019, of whom 9,273 are refugees from South Sudan.
- **Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep):** Cumulatively, 312 individuals were assisted to return to their home countries through VolRep programme in 2019. Out of this, 151 individuals returned to Somalia, 156 individuals to Burundi and 5 individuals returned to Ethiopia.
- **Resettlement:** In 2019, 368 cases comprising of 1,620 individuals were submitted for resettlement consideration in Canada, United Kingdom, Sweden, USA, and Australia.
- A total of 1,009 individuals departed for resettlement to the USA, Canada, Australia and Sweden in 2019.
- **Complementary pathways:** Cumulatively, in 2019, a total 169 cases of 375 individuals were assisted through UNHCR's complementary pathways.
- **Child Protection:** A total of 43 Best Interest Assessments (BIA) were conducted in December 2019 of which 32 assessments were conducted in Kakuma camp and 11 in Kalobeyei settlement.
- A total 35 Best Interest Determination (BID) were conducted in Kakuma camp in December 2019.
- **Legal Assistance:** 80 individuals benefited from two (2) capacity building sessions, organized in collaboration with Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK), Norwegian Refugee Council (RCK) and the Kenyan Social Development Officer (SDO), to train Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) on best practices in managing the groups and book keeping.



### EDUCATION

#### Achievements and Impact

- 4,108 (1618 females) students and out of school youth were trained on basic computer skills across eight digital literacy centres in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- 89 (7 females) participants, comprising ICT coaches, teachers and learners, attended Kolibri project user's conference where discussions around technology in education and its implementation in Kakuma and Kalobeyei were held.
- 55 (20 female) teachers from various secondary schools attended a one-day training on technology in education supported by the Kolibri project.

- 15 (1 female) Kolibri coaches participated in 3-day Expert training on technology in education.
- 193 desks procured and supplied to 3 schools to provide a conducive and comfortable learning environment for a total of 579 students.
- 18 (5 female) Primary School Head Teachers who undertook a Diploma Course in Education Management offered by Kenya Education Management Institute (KEMI) graduated at KEMI grounds in Nairobi.
- Complete renovation of 22 classrooms in five primary schools in Kakuma refugee camp including; Shabelle, Lokitaung, Palotaka, Gambella and Fuji primary school.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Inadequate facilities (classrooms, toilets, desks, WASH and play facilities) leading to school congestion and inability to enrol out-of-school children.
- An insufficient number of teachers including a low number of female teachers, limited training opportunities, and low remuneration and motivation, which affects education quality.
- Need for continuous training of ECD and Primary school teachers on the new Competency Based Curriculum.



#### SHELTER AND CBI

#### Achievements and Impact

- Cumulatively, 1,419 households (7,554 individuals) constructed a total of 2,109 permanent houses in Kalobeyei settlement through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter programme.
- A total of KES 328,391,200 distributed in the framework of shelter project in 2019.
- In 2019 (Jan-Dec), on average, 6,419 households (32,854 individuals) received the cash assistance through UNHCR's CBI for Core Relief Items. A total of KES 97,563,950 was distributed to cover the costs of 226MT of soap, 108,076 underwear and 1,080,760 sanitary napkins.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need for the construction of adequate permanent homes for the over 5,000 families who are currently living in temporary shelters in Kalobeyei settlement.



#### FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

### Achievements and Impact

- An annual health and nutrition survey completed in December 2019 with preliminary results showing a GAM 9.6% and SAM of 0.4% compared to 12.1% and 2.3% in 2019.
- “Malezi Bora” campaign conducted in December 2019 reached 41,903 children aged 6-59 months with Vitamin A supplementation and 34,056 children aged between 24-59 months receiving Albendazole de-wormers.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Food assistance remains far from meeting Recommended Daily Intake of the population and leads to deteriorating nutrition status especially among young children and women.



### HEALTH

### Achievements and Impact

- A total of 23,408 consultations were seen at the different health facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei with a ratio of 47 consultations per qualified clinician per day. Host community made up 8% and 15% of all consultations in Kakuma and Kalobeyei respectively.
- UNHCR and Health partners continued to respond to a cholera outbreak in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. As of 31 December 2019, 176 cases of cholera that have been line-listed with 134 cases in Kakuma camp, 5 cases from Kakuma town, 21 cases in Kalobeyei settlement and 16 cases from the surrounding host community.
- All cases have been treated and discharged at either of the two CTCs in Kakuma or Kalobeyei with no reported mortality.
- 71,608 children below 5 years received polio vaccine in the month of December 2019. The polio immunization campaign was conducted in collaboration with and under the supervision of the Ministry of Health and reached both refugee and Kenyan children.
- 417 live births recorded in December giving a crude birth rate of 2.4/1000/month. 95% of all deliveries were carried out in the health facility under supervision of skilled health care.
- Cumulatively, a total of 775 individuals enrolled in the HIV program as of 31 December 2019 with 70% and 30% of the cases being refugees and host community respectively.
- The World Aid Day was marked on 1st December 2019 at Barasa Park in Kakuma town. The day was used to take stock of progress made towards eradicating transmission of HIV/AIDS.



## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

### Achievements and Impact

- In this period, two refugee owned company were successfully registered with the Kenyan Registrar of Companies thanks to support from UNHCR's Livelihoods partner Action Africa Help - International (AAH-I). The two companies, Dabibu Construction and T-Sha Video Production are now legally registered entities and can fairly compete for opportunities in the country.
- 555 (244 female) trainees gained new skills through a digital literacy training conducted in the month of December. These skills are aimed at helping the trainees collaborate through the internet, write simple reports and order items they require online.
- Turkana County Government raised Kes.3 Million in revenue from over 2500 business in Kakuma in 2019. This represent an increase of Kes.1.1 Million raised in 2018. In 2019, the County Government automated its services to include M-Pesa and online banking.
- With support from the International Labor Organisation (ILO), four Micro-finance institutions conducted a scoping mission to identify gaps and opportunities that will guide them to generate products relevant to Kakuma in 2020.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is inadequate access to credit facilities by refugees, which limits the growth of existing businesses and limits opportunities for new businesses.

## Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), Turkana County Government, 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 meetings with refugee representatives in the camp and settlement.

To implement different sectors, since beginning of the year UNHCR signed Partner Project Agreement (PPAs) with 18 implementing Partners, (8 NNGOs and 9 INGOs) as well as a Bipartite Agreement with RAS. In addition, another 12 operational partners also implement activities with their own financial resources to compliment UNHCR efforts in ensuring support to refugees and asylum seekers.

## Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya Operation** amounts to **96.4 million** US dollars.

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