

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 - 30 April 2020

196,120

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 30 April 2020.

2,904

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2020.

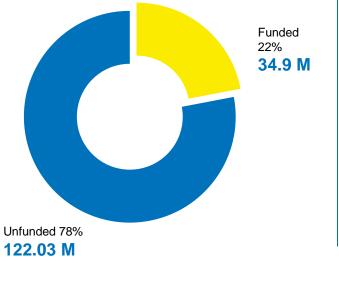
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Deliveries by skilled birth attendants recorded in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement in April 2020.

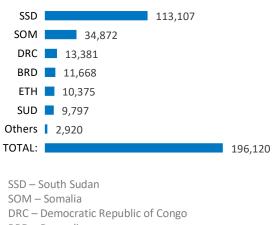
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USD 156.9 M

Requested for the Kenya Operation



POPULATION OF CONCERN (30 APRIL 2020) Country of origin



- BRD Burundi
- ETH Ethiopia
- SUD Sudan

KEY INDICATORS

80%

Of health workers trained to enhance their capacity to respond to COVID-19.

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COVID-19 Isolation and Treatment centres established in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.



As a preventive measure against COVID-19, a refugee woman is tested using temperature measurement before accessing the distribution centre in Kakuma 4. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno



Update on Achievements

Highlights

UNHCR distributes Core Relief Items (CRI) to refugees and asylum seekers in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei Settlement: In April 2020, UNHCR distributed Core Relief Items including soap, jerrycans, firewood and sanitary kits to the general refuge population in Kakuma refugee camp. The distribution of CRIs was conducted concurrently with the general in-kind food distribution by the World Food Programme.

On 20 – 27 April 2020, UNHCR distributed Core Relief Items (Soap, firewood and jerrycans) to the population of concern in Kalobeyei Settlement. To enhance prevention of the spread of covid-19, UNHCR suspended the distribution of soap through Cash Based Intervention (CBI) and instead issued in-kind soap to the general population to ensure availability of soap. However, the office will continue to distribute Sanitary kits through CBI for the persons of concern in Kalobeyei settlement.



Refugees walk home after receiving Core Relief Items (soap and jerrycans) during a CRI distribution by UNHCR in Kalobeyei Settlement. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

4 Covid-19 isolation and treatment centre and 6 quarantine facilities identified in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement: UNHCR together with health partners have identified four COVID-19 isolation and treatment facilities in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. In addition, six quarantine facilities have been identified in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement and are currently undergoing preparations and renovations.

UNHCR starts the relocation of refugee families affected by soil liquefaction along river 'Nakoyo': The Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and the UN refugee Agency, UNHCR, started the relocation of 190 families who lost their homes as a result of soil liquefaction along the banks of river 'Nakoyo'. 60 of the affected families have so far been



relocated to Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Assessments are ongoing for additional families affected by floods in the camp.

UNHCR donates Core Relief Items to Kenyans affected by landslide occasioned by heavy rainfalls in West Pokot County: On 24 April 2020, UNHCR Sub Office Kakuma delivered humanitarian assistance to the County Government of West Pokot in support of families affected by the Chesogon landslide tragedy which occurred on Saturday, 18 April 2020 along the Elgeyo Marakwet-West Pokot Border. The humanitarian assistance delivered included soap, sanitary kits, family tents, mosquito nets, kitchen sets and mats. Watch video here.



West Pokot County executives receive humanitarian assistance on behalf of the Governor, HE. John Lonyangapuo, at Malol Hall, Kapenguria. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

From the press

- 500,000 people at risk of contracting COVID-19: Nearly half a million refugees living in Kenya's camps face overcrowding and poor sanitation. These camps have yet to record a single coronavirus case, but the United Nations refugee agency is already making preparations to counter the threat of COVID-19. Watch video here.
- Government turns Spotlight on Refugee Camps as COVID-19 hits 490 in Kenya: The Government has heightened COVID-19 surveillance in refugee camps as cases remained on an upward trajectory since last week. The surveillance was heightened a week after Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiangi declared a lockdown in Dadaab and Kakuma camps which host nearly half a million refugees from Somalia and South Sudan respectively. Read more here.



- Refugee girl donates 3,000 masks to former home: A refugee from South Sudan, currently residing in Kenya, has won the praise of many with her selfless donations to refugee camps where she once lived. According to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) on Monday, May 4, Adhieu Achuil Dhieu took the time to make 3,000 masks and homemade bar soaps to give to the refugees in three camps in the country. Read more here.
- Refugee tailors switch to making face masks and protective gear: Around the world, displaced artisans are stepping up a gear to supply face masks and protective equipment in desperately short supply. Samir, a fashion designer from Kakuma is among the refugee artisans making the much-needed affordable facemasks for refugees and humanitarian workers. Read more here.
- This is how we are protecting refugees: UNHCR's Doctor explains various measures taken to protect refugee in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Watch video here.
- UNHCR gifts Turkana County new Ambulance to boost COVID-19 response: Evacuation of both suspected and confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Turkana West has received a major boost after the UNHCR donated a fully equipped ambulance to the sub county rapid response team. Read more here.
- UNHCR Ramadan appeal calls for more support for refugees and displaced people amid the covid-19 pandemic: Click here to read press release.
- Update on sit-in protest in front of UNHCR Kakuma Office: Click here to read press release.

Achievements



- Registration: 2,904 newly arrived refugees registered since the beginning of January 2020 of whom 1,681 are new arrivals from South Sudan.
- Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep): Voluntary repatriation programme remains suspended due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- Resettlement (RST): Resettlement and Integrity interviews continue to be conducted remotely. Sub Office Kakuma has established additional station for remote interviews and therefore increasing total remote interviewing capacity for RST and Integrity to 10 interviews per week.
- Cumulatively in 2020, a total of 144 cases comprising of 652 individuals were submitted for resettlement consideration in Germany, France, Finland Australia and Canada.
- Complementary pathways: 117 cases comprising of 159 individuals were assisted through UNHCR's complementary pathways.



- Child Protection: A total of 37 Best Interest Assessments (BIA) reviewed and shared with child protection partners for follow-up and service provision.
- A Child Protection Working Group (CPWG) meeting held between Department of Children Services, UNHCR and CP partners to discuss and draft messaging for children on COVID-19 by the Ministry of Social Protection.
- UNHCR CP attend the Regional Child Protection meeting with various UNHCR offices across East & Horn of Africa, focusing largely on alternate care in light of COVID-19. The meeting focused on a) identifying alternate care for children due to COVID-19; b) supporting family caring for unaccompanied and separated children in COVID; c) family separation and d) child headed households and children living independently.
- UNHCR discussed with the Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (KKCF) on the possibility of establishing Child Day Care Centres in Kakuma.
- Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV): 22 new SGBV Cases identified and referred for assessment, including 17 cases involving LGBTI Individuals. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- In view of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, SGBV unit has employed the use of WhatsApp channel for SGBV Survivors to capture GBV reports and incidents.
- Youth protection and development: UNHCR has engaged refugee led media groups to enhance awareness creation on COVID-19. The six groups have embarked on content production after undergoing a key information session to equip the groups with accurate COVID-19 information with UNHCR and IRC health experts on COVID-19.
- Reception centre: UNHCR and RAS worked together to decongest the reception centre for potential use as a quarantine facility for new arrivals. Since the beginning of March, 1,300 refugees have been relocated from the reception centre to the community.
- Border and detention monitoring along the western flight corridor and Kakuma are ongoing remotely and through Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) protection monitors.

Achievements and Impact

Mapping of teachers at community level conducted in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. The teachers will provide support to parents to supervise home-based learning using online platforms and prepare them for radio lesson broadcasts through sharing of reading materials on WhatsApp, supporting learners to read and seek guidance.



- UNHCR's Education partner, LWF, supported Key messaging by pre-primary school children on COVID-19. The learners recorded songs and poems on hand washing, social distancing and good health practice to prevent spread of COVID-19, that will be disseminated through WhatsApp and Radio.
- Conducted mapping of Board of Managements' for primary schools and Parenting groups for Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) to act as focal points to support communication with learners and mobilization of children to attend radio.
- Over 1,200 grade 8 candidates are set to benefit from the distribution of 500 radios by the Finish Church Aid (FCA), UNHCR's partner for Education in Kalobeyei settlement, in the month of May. To enhance radio coverage, FCA is facilitating formation of radio listener groups comprising of 5 learners and a lead (incentive teacher/parents).
- Distribution of textbooks that were in schools' stores to KCSE candidates while strictly observing the health regulations at Kakuma Refugee Secondary schools.

- 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.



- During the reporting period, a total of 134 transitional shelters were allocated to 143 newly arrived families comprising of 319 individuals.
- Since the beginning of January 2020, UNHCR through its partner for Shelter, constructed a total of 1,403 transitional shelters including 67 shelters constructed in April 2020.
- 80 out of the 1,403 transitional shelters were constructed for the flood (soil liquefaction) victims. A total of 70 families comprising of 325 individuals have been relocated from Kakuma 1 to newly constructed shelters in Kakuma 3.
- In Kalobeyei, using 2019 funds, 874 Households continue to convert 1,149 transitional shelters into permanent houses (319 double plus 511 Standard).
- During the reporting period, 61 households received construction materials to conduct repairs of their houses after their cases were reported though I-Monitor,



assessed and repaired. A cumulative of 110 shelter cases have since been solved using I-Monitor in 2020, out of which 4 cases received full shelter kits.

- 11 transitional shelters constructed to provide a more secure, accessible and durable shelter to persons with special need in Kakuma refugee camp.
- To facilitate transfer of cash through CBI, a total of 8,358 bank accounts have been opened for refugees living in Kalobeyei settlement since June 2018. Cumulatively, a total of KES 680,604,350 distributed to beneficiaries as of end of April 2020.
- Since 2018, 2,650 households (13,573 individuals) have cumulatively benefitted from the Cash Based Intervention (CBI) programmes; Cash for Shelter and Cash for Core Relief Items (CRI).
- A total of 3,881 permanent house units have been built so far where 1,517 are standard shelters and 1,182 double shelters. A total of KES 484,002,600 has so far been distributed in the framework of Shelter construction.
- The final cycle of construction for 2019 cohort is currently being finalised and once the two cycles of 2019 have been completed, a total of 2,650 households in the integrated settlement will be living in permanent shelters.
- A total of 3,242 latrine units have so far been built to-date. The 2020 plans involve the construction of 1,500 Household latrines through CBI, alongside the shelter construction process which is expected to cover Cycle 9 – Cycle 12. KES 44,836,500 has so far been distributed in the framework of latrines construction.
- UNHCR supports beneficiaries in Kalobeyei through cash transfers to cater to the beneficiaries' sanitary items on a monthly basis. In April 2020, and in view of COVID-19, UNHCR opted to distribute soap in-kind to enhance the COVID-19 preventative measures. A total of KES 2,083,600 was disbursed to 10,418 females of reproductive age to cover their sanitary items (104,180 sanitary pads and 10,418 underwear) for the month of April 2020.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

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



- To enhance COVID-19 prevention, refugee plumbing students have designed creative tap stands for all Vocational training centres and other interested community members.
- A total of 22 refugee tailors are engaged in producing re-usable cloth masks for general public use. Each mask sells at KES 100.00 (1 USD).



- With the closure of vocational training centres, Vocational training students continue to learn theoretical lessons through WhatsApp groups.
- To promote visibility of start-ups Action Africa Help International, UNHCR's partner for livelihoods, branded 20 business stalls (10 each in Kakuma and Kalobeyei) for the 2019 business incubation cohorts.
- MADE 51 women group produced over 1,000 general public re-usable face masks as a measure to curb the spread of COVID-19. The group serviced orders from various NGOs including UNHCR, IRC, WFP and LOKADO
- From the Water Sector Trust Fund Support, all 30 Trapezoidal bunds in the host and refugee farms in Kakuma are planted with sorghum and cowpeas.

- COVID -19 has led to loss of SMEs generated informal jobs and refugee livelihoods critical in complementing UNHCR foundational support to households There is need to establish/set up a business grant/finance pool to support businesses after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Due to COVID-19 pandemic and its effect to livelihoods, there is need to develop contingency plans for businesses, Livelihoods and economic inclusion, to embed emergency savings programmes into future interventions.



- The current 60kWp PV solar power mini-grid Kalobeyei Settlement Mini has connected 342 households, 127 businesses and 12 institutions bringing the cumulative connections to 481. A second 20kWp mini-grid located in Kalobeyei Town has a total of 132 connections (98 households, 28 businesses and 6 Institutions).
- 300 Maendeleo dual purpose stoves were produced in April and 190 stoves were distributed to refugee population that was relocated to the community in Kakuma refugee camp.
- The first general firewood distribution was successfully conducted in Kakuma Refugee Camp under strict adherence to the COVID-19 crowd-control and preventative measures where 1,480.49 MTs of firewood was distributed to the camp population.
- 368.21 MTs of firewood splits were distributed to the vulnerable groups in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei Settlement.
- 19.88MTs of firewood was issued to IRC and Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) hospital.
- 21,200 tree seedlings were produced, propagated in March and 20,794 tree seedlings were distributed to both Refugee and Host Communities for planting.



- One community awareness meeting on forest conservation and management was conducted, with an audience of 1,260 community members from both Refugees and Host Communities (Male: 429 & Female: 831).
- In order to ensure that the identified Isolation and Quarantine Facilities are fully operational, access to energy and electricity is paramount due to the anticipated nature of the activities in the event of any COVID-19 cases. UNHCR conducted a further assessment to ascertain the current energy infrastructure in place, possibilities of grid extension and supplementary power to the existing standalone solar systems.
- With the operational Kalobeyei mini grid, the assessment team identified the possibility of looping/connecting 3 schools and 2 health centres to the grid, hence solving the energy challenge in Kalobeyei. Similar assessments were conducted in Kakuma, with 3 Hospitals/Isolation and 4 Quarantine Facilities in need of supplementary power.
- A Social Institutions (SI) assessment on cooking and lighting was conducted. A total of 61 Social Institutions were assessed in Kakuma refugee camp, Kalobeyei Settlement and within the host community. The Social Institutions Assessment report was shared to UNHCR and will inform future energy programming in the institutions.
- 867 SMEs were assessed on cooking & lighting for the purposes of creating business linkages to companies on solar and stoves for productive use. Data analysis has been conducted and plans are underway to share the data with the companies.
- 12 new stoves Last mile entrepreneurs have been identified and trained on data collection and data collection tool distributed to them.
- A total of 582 clean lighting products such as solar home systems and solar lanterns were sold to the Camp and Host community, from 3 different private sector companies – Green Light Planet, Raj Ushanga Group and D-Light.
- 256 clean cooking stoves which are locally produced were sold to the Refugee and Host Community Markets.

- The current Kalobeyei Settlement mini grid only covers a section of Village 1. The availability of funding/resources would facilitate the mini grid expansion to cover the entire Village 1 3.
- Kakuma Refugee Camp remains completely off-grid with access to electricity from independently operated diesel-powered generators (gensets). These are run as businesses, with the operators selling power to neighbouring markets and households and operate for a few hours a day. These systems are unregulated, with high end-user tariffs and sub-standard wiring. There are no metering systems in place, hence the overpricing of end-user electricity costs.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- During the month of April 2020, the number of Severe Acutely Malnourished (SAM) children enrolled to OTP was 141 in Kakuma and 66 in Kalobeyei while Moderate Acutely Malnourished (MAM) children enrolled to SFP was 443 in Kakuma and 75 in Kalobeyei.
- Promotion of Breastfeeding and childcare support interventions at the community have been scaled down in order to minimize interactions with mothers as part of COVID-19 prevention. However, women who deliver in maternity continue to be supported on maternal, infant and young child nutrition key messages and Orphaned and vulnerable children are visited regularly to offer support.
- Introduction of family MUAC during Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program targeting pregnant and lactating mothers with children of age category of 6 to 59 months. This is aimed at early identification of malnutrition by caregivers and selfreferral in the event the child is meets the criteria.

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.



- 8 health facilities continue to be operational; 2 in Kalobeyei settlement and 6 in Kakuma camp. All 8 facilities have established secondary screening and triage areas as part of COVID-19 preparedness to ensure any suspected case is detected early and appropriately isolated with minimal risk of infection to other patients.
- A total of 17,678 consultations reported in the month of April. There was a total of 55 consultations per clinician per day slightly above recommended standard of 50 consultations per clinician per day. Host community composed 7% of all consultations across the different health facilities.
- A total of 64 individuals known to have travelled outside Kakuma were screened and followed up for 14 days under self-isolation by community health workers. None of the cases have developed any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19.
- Two isolation wards have been established for treatment of any COVID-19 cases; one in Kakuma and one in Kalobeyei with a combined bed capacity of 46 beds.



There are plans to expand the bed capacity with an additional isolation ward in Kakuma with a bed capacity of 30 beds. Six quarantine facilities have also been identified with a total capacity of over 1,100 beds. This are mainly schools which are undergoing slight modifications to ensure they can function as quarantine facilities.

- Training of health care workers has been ongoing. This has been conducted through practical on job sessions as well as virtual trainings focusing on case management, infection prevention and surveillance. A total of 102 qualified health workers have been reached making up 90% of all health care workers. A total of 212 community health workers have also been trained to assist in community surveillance as well as passing health education on COVID-19 prevention.
- Community health workers have been engaged in house to house health education with emphasis on need for social distancing, maintaining hand hygiene and proper use of face masks for those with access.
- Health teams are involved in radio talk back shows on radio "Atanayeche" and "Bibilia Husema Studios". Health team provide health education to listeners from among refugee and host community asking questions live. This has been an important avenue of reaching the community and getting feedback on their concerns and information they are receiving. A total of 12 radio talk back shows have been undertaken this month with participation of health team.
- A total of 477 skilled deliveries recorded across the three maternity facilities. This comprised 95% of all deliveries in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- A total 3,930 HIV test conducted by health partners across the 8 health facilities and reception centre. This was provided through provider-initiated testing and counselling (PITC). A total of 14 individuals wo turned positive were enrolled for care and treatment in the HIV program.
- A total 76,000 condoms were distributed in the community through condom dispensers and help of community health workers as a prevention activity against HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

 Consultations per clinician per day remain high at 89 compared to recommended standard of 50. There is hence an unmet need to have more qualified medical staff to improve on quality of health services being provided.





- 156,534 individuals in Kakuma refugee camp received an average of 21.97 litres per person per day while 37,553 individuals living in Kalobeyei received an average of 20.38 litres of water per person per day.
- A joint assessment conducted to extend water to proposed COVID-19 isolation and quarantine centres. Two 5,000 litre water plastic tanks have been installed at the isolation facility in Kalobeyei settlement and one 5,000 litre water tank installed at the isolation facility in Kakuma 4.
- To enhance access to handwashing facilities, three 250-litre mobile plastic tanks and two masonry hand washing stations have been installed at the Kakuma reception centre. Replacement of 15 defective taps at public toilets at the reception centre is complete.
- Hygiene promoters and WASH committees' members in Kakuma and Kalobeyei have been trained on COVID-19 prevention measures by health teams from the International Rescue Committee.
- Hygiene promotion campaigns on importance of handwashing practises as prevention measures against COVID-19 heightened at household level and marketplaces during the month of April.
- Ongoing construction of 14 units of emergency latrines (temporary) at proposed quarantine and isolation facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- The latrine coverage stands at 35.36% which translates to a user ratio of 1: 12
- During the reporting period, a total of 25 latrines were constructed for the newly arrived refugees. Subsequently, 589 slabs were produced, and distribution is ongoing.
- During the month, a total of 185 refuse pits were constructed in both Kalobeyei Settlement and host communities. 73 Refuse pits were achieved in settlement and 111 were done at the host communities.

 More resources needed for the construction of household latrines to replace the current communal latrines in Kalobeyei settlement and improve the overall latrine coverage.

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 virtually using Microsoft Teams platform.



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 14 operational partners also implement activities with their own financial resources to compliment UNHCR efforts in ensuring support to refugees and asylum seekers.

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