

KENYA

JANUARY 2020

1,419 refugees and asylum seekers were registered in January 2020, **724** in urban areas and **695** in Kakuma.

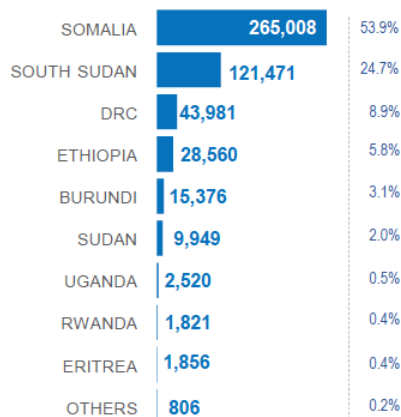
85,067 Somalis have been assisted to return to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation programme since 2014, of these **2,142** in 2019.

By end of January 2020, there were **217,532** (44%) refugees in Dadaab, **193,941** (40%) and in Kakuma & Kalobeyei Settlement, **79,785** (16%) in urban areas.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

491,258 refugees and asylum-seekers as of 31 January 2020

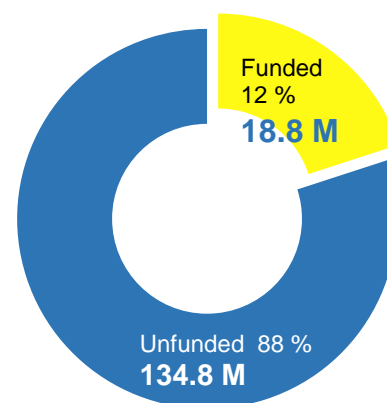
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



FUNDING (AS OF 9 FEBRUARY 2020)

USD \$153.6 million

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2020



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

266 National Staff

48 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi

1 Field Office in Alinjugur

2 Sub Offices in Dadaab and Kakuma



Kenyan and refugee pupils at Kabiria primary school in Nairobi. This is one of the 18 public schools that received 36 desks from UNHCR courtesy of generous contribution from the Big Heart Foundation. More than 600 desks were issued to various schools © UNHCR/Caroline Opile

Main Activities

Operational Highlights

- A Regional Ministerial Forum on Harmonizing Labour Migration policies in East & Horn of Africa was held on 20 and 21 January 2020. 11 member states that include Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda signed a Communique, the 'Nairobi Process' which outlines pledges and commitments of the member states towards harmonizing labour migration policies against the back drop of the Global Compact on Migration.
- Following the signing of Memorandum of Understanding in May 2019 between the Government of Ethiopia and UNHCR to facilitate voluntary repatriation of Ethiopian refugees in Kenya back to their country, a delegation from the Ethiopian embassy in both Kenya and Addis Ababa visited the Dadaab to assess and issue Laissez Passé to those who had declared interest and signed the voluntary return forms. The travel document will facilitate the flight movements to Ethiopia.
- In January 2020, refugee and Kenyan students at Kalobeyei Secondary schools and Our Lady's Girls Boarding School in Kakuma town are set to benefit from two sets of Digital Libraries donated by UNESCO. While making the donations, UNESCO's Chief of Education, noted that the two libraries will enhance learning and ensure learners have access to online teaching and learning materials.
- United Nations Association (UNA) and members of the Finnish Parliament visited Kakuma on 22 January 2020. The delegation witnessed the innovative and collaborative work among different UN agencies working together to enhance socio-economic integration of refugees and the host community in Turkana West.

Protection

Protection Delivery

- Protection counselling at Shauri Moyo was conducted through newly introduced Kiosk Automated Scheduling and Information (KASI) except for those who are in special need that were prioritized and given urgent attention. 625 cases were attended with a 95% show up rate. Most of them expressed their concerns of insecurity, sexual and gender based violence (SGBV), delayed documentation and exemption requests.
- 51 new GBV cases were identified in Kakuma and appropriate referrals were made.

Registration

- In January 2020, Kenya's Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) registered 724 individuals. 345 of these arrived before 2020, 344 in 2020 and 35 are new-borns. The registrations were conducted in Nakuru, Mombasa and Nairobi.
- Majority of the new arrivals are from Burundi (140), Democratic Republic of the Congo (220), Eritrea (23), Ethiopia (119), Rwanda (21), Somalia (155), South-Sudan (17), Uganda (23) and other nationalities (6); bringing the total urban population to 79,785 refugees and asylum seekers.
- 691 newly arrived refugees in Kakuma were registered in January 2020, of these 388 are new arrivals from South Sudan.

Education

- Schools opened for the 2020 academic year on 6th January.
- UNHCR education partner in urban areas, Francis Xavier Project, 24 students were awarded full scholarships to join secondary on 13 January. 28 were supported with boarding requirements and 164 continuing students (F2-F4) were supported to return to their respective schools.
- A new project, Hospitality Industry welcomes Refugee Employment linked Sponsorship (HIRES) was launched through the partnership with World University Service of Canada (WUSC). The project seeks to train and employ 10 refugees as a pilot in 2020.
- Futbol Mas, an international organization operating in various countries, visited refugee and host community schools in Dadaab to familiarize with the operation ahead of a possible collaboration to promote and develop resilience in children and adolescents through new social and pedagogic methodologies in different sports.
- UNHCR office in Dadaab launched a volunteer initiative engaging women humanitarians and public workers within the north-eastern region through mentorship programmes for students (especially girls, young mothers and youth). The initiative targets classroom studies mentoring, extracurricular activities and career counselling.
- Solarisation Project of the 22 refugee and 2 host primary schools in Dadaab is underway with support from Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH) and Lutheran World Federation (LWF). The solar power project will support the implementation of technology driven projects in the schools. Additionally, each refugee school received 38 tablets preloaded with educational resources approved by the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD).
- UNHCR distributed a total of 3,227 assorted textbooks to the seven secondary schools in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei Settlement.
- Meanwhile, registration of candidates for the 2020 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) National Examinations commenced in all primary schools in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement. A total of 5,662 and 1,031 candidates are expected to be registered in Kakuma and Kalobeyei respectively.

Water and Sanitation

- Average of 26 litres of water per person per day per capita was provided from 22 boreholes to the entire refugee population across three Dadaab camps. Nineteen (19) of these boreholes operate on Solar Photovoltaic - Diesel hybrid system.

Shelter, NFIs and CBI

- Cumulatively, 1,836 families have completed construction of 2,732 permanent shelter units in Kalobeyei settlement village 1 and 2 since 2018. 5,000 families are currently living in temporary shelters in Kalobeyei settlement and are in need of permanent shelters.
- In January 2020, 6,813 families (35,996 individuals) in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement received unrestricted cash to cover the cost of core relief items including soap and sanitary towels. A total of 8,788,100 KES was distributed to cover the costs of 21 metric ton of soap, 9,682 underwear and 96,820 sanitary napkins.
- UNHCR office in Kakuma commenced construction of major projects including; the renovation of youth centres in Kakuma camp, construction of the Olympics Sports Complex in Kalobeyei settlement, construction of a health centre in Kakuma 1, construction of 15 primary and 8 secondary school classrooms, and construction of kitchens in various schools.

Environmental Rehabilitation

- UNHCR and partners enhanced operational collaboration with the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) through joint elaboration of *'Guidance Notes for Site Specific Forestry and Tree based Interventions in Displacement Settings in Kenya'*.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- The Toyota Service Technician for the 21st Century (TS21) training programme under the *'Building Resilience through Skills Development for Youth Living in Kenya'* project commenced with the first module taking place at the Toyota Kenya Foundation Academy from the 6 – 11 January 2020. Nine (9) refugee trainees from Kakuma and one from Nairobi are participating in the training.
- A mission by the L'Oreal Foundation Women Tour met with the trainees who participated in the beauty project funded by L'Oreal on the 27 January 2020. The aim of the visit was to interact with refugee trainees and receive feedback on the trainings. The team was keen to evaluate the challenges and opportunities present with a view of enhancing assistance through micro credit loans.
- 34 artisan women are undergoing training on the formation and registration of co-operative by Turkana County Co-operative officials.
- 40 (24 women, 16 men) people that include 29 refugees and 11 host community members as well as 7 persons with disabilities were inducted into the Training of Trainers (TOT) on dryland farming techniques.

Durable Solutions

Voluntary Repatriation

- UNHCR facilitated a visit to Dadaab camp for the Ethiopian Embassy, where Ethiopian refugees who are planning to return to their country were issued with Laissez-Passer to facilitate their return.

Resettlement

- 313 individuals were submitted to various countries for resettlement consideration during the month.

Statelessness

- Birth certificates issuance: 16 children were supported to apply for and acquire birth certificates through the current birth registration procedures. Eight children are in the coast region and eight children at risk of statelessness are in Garissa County. In addition, 24 Persons of Concern (PoCs) were supported to apply for late birth registration procedures in Garissa County.
- Petition for Pemba Community: A meeting was held in Kilifi with the Pemba stateless community leaders to discuss modalities of preparing and submitting a petition for recognition. Participants discussed the steps in submitting a petition to the county assembly and roles of stakeholders including Haki Centre, community members and the political class.

Working with Partners

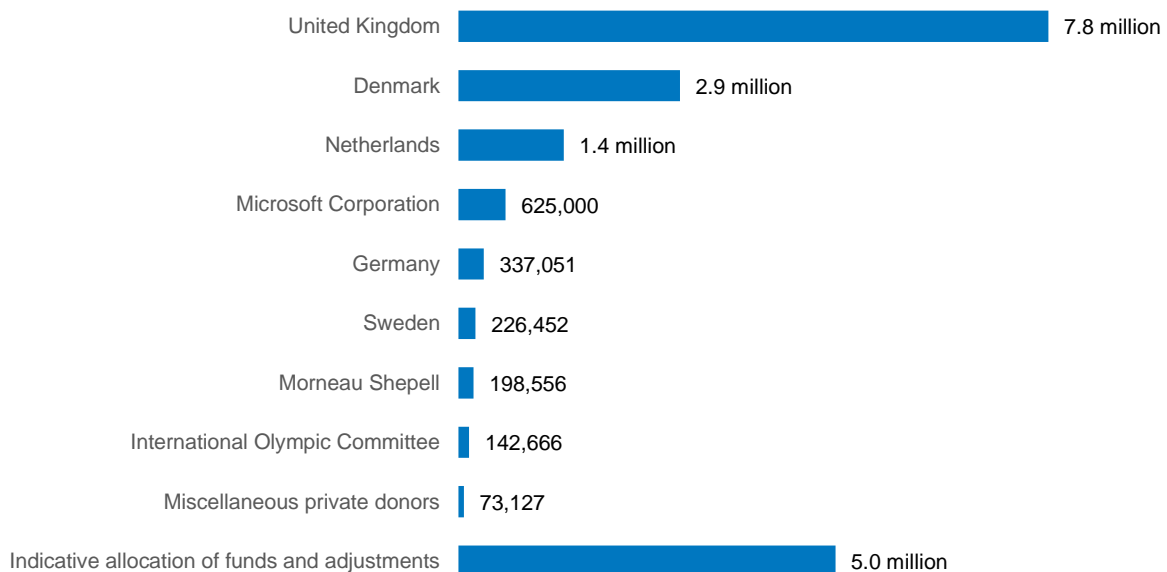
- The Dadaab refugee operations are coordinated by UNHCR Sub-Office Dadaab, which also serves the three camps in Dadaab Sub-County. UNHCR Field Office Alinjogur is part of the larger Dadaab operation and covers Hagadera camp in Fafi Sub-County. Both UNHCR offices cooperate closely with NGOs and other 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.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 18.8 million**.

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LINKS

UNHCR Kenya Website <http://www.unhcr.org/ke/>

Web portal on Somali Displacement <http://data.unhcr.org/horn-of-africa/regional.php>

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