

KENYA

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1,887 refugees and asylum seekers were registered in February 2020, **871** in urban areas and **1,012** in Kakuma.

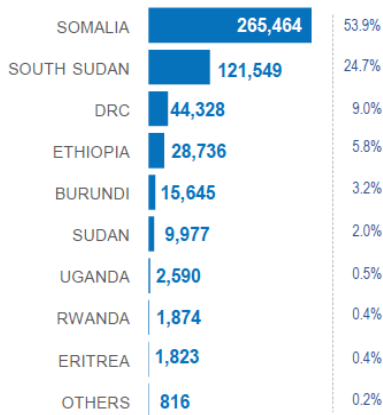
In 2020, **79** Ethiopians were assisted to return home under the voluntary repatriation programme. About **4,000** Ethiopian refugees have expressed interest in returning home.

In February 2020, there were **217,197** (44%) refugees in Dadaab, **194,914** (40%) and in Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement, **80,691** (16%) in urban areas.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

492,802 refugees and asylum-seekers as of 29 February 2020.

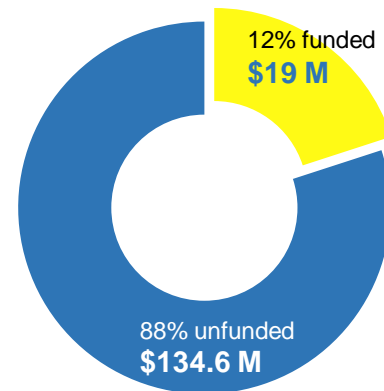
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



FUNDING (AS OF 29 FEBRUARY 2020)

USD \$153.6 million

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2020



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

268 National Staff

50 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi

1 Field Office in Alinjugur

2 Sub Offices in Dadaab and Kakuma



The President of Germany, H.E. Frank-Walter Steinmeier visiting Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement in Kenya. © UNHCR/Sam Otieno

Main Activities

Operational Highlights – February 2020

- On 19 February, 76 Ethiopians were assisted to return home through UNHCR's Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep) Programme. The movement, supported by UNHCR and the Governments of Ethiopia and Kenya, is part of a growing trend where thousands of Ethiopian refugees in the region are choosing to return home. They are motivated, in part, by the impact of recent political and economic reforms on their homeland.
- On 3 February, the World's Best Science Teacher and winner of the 2019 Global Teacher Prize, Peter Tabichi, accompanied by Julius Court, Head of DFID Kenya and UNHCR Representative in Kenya, visited schools in Kakuma, during which they met and interacted with teachers and learners from various schools. The objective of the mission was to highlight Department for International Development's (DFID) support in Turkana West with a special focus on Education.
- On 15 February, refugee athletes displayed impressive performance in mixed relay and 10km senior men's race at the Kenya national cross-country competitions held at Ngong racecourse. The team has since embarked on intensive training in preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.
- On 26 February, UNHCR, jointly with the World Food Programme (WFP) and German development agency - GIZ, welcomed the President of the Federal Republic of Germany H.E. Frank-Walter Steinmeier in Kakuma. The President was accompanied by among others Hon. Adan Mohamed - Cabinet Secretary for East African Community and Regional Development for the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Annett Günther - German Ambassador to Kenya, the Governor of Turkana – Hon. Josphat Koli Nanok, and UNHCR Representative in Kenya – Ms. Fathiaa Abdalla. The President visited various projects implemented by UNHCR, GIZ, and WFP in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- On Friday 28 February, the Toyota Kenya Foundation Academy for advanced auto mechanics course was launched in Kenya. A total of 10 refugees and nine Kenyans, mainly from Turkana County, have been enrolled in the programme that is being implemented in partnership with Toyota Kenya Limited, UNDP and UNHCR. The project seeks to empower youth with skills for the 21st Century.



Protection

Protection Delivery

- In February 2020, 157 refugees in Dadaab refugee camps moved to Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement. Cumulatively, 647 individual refugees have been relocated since January 2020.
- On 18 February, a coordination meeting was held in Garissa to improve the protection of children and mitigate the risk of exposing them to vulnerabilities. The meeting focused on promotion and strengthening of alternative care systems in communities to better protect children with various protection needs and those in contact with the law.
- On 26-27 February, UNHCR attended public participation hearings in Nairobi and Garissa on the Government's publication of "The Registration of Persons (National Integrated Identity Management System) Regulations, 2020" and "The Data Protection (Civil Registration) Regulations, 2020". UNHCR also submitted its written comments on both draft regulations.

Registration

- In 2020, 3,306 refugees and asylum-seekers have been registered by Kenya's Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) in Kakuma and in the urban areas. The majority are from South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



Education

- In February 2020, an Innovation School Lab was launched at Fashoda Primary School in Kakuma refugee camp. The Lab will benefit over 200 refugee students and teachers through Skype Interactions with students around the world; teacher's training; coding classes for over 5,000 girls; and learning on demand via video lessons.
- As a result of the ongoing relocation from Dadaab to Kakuma and Kalobeyei, 108 primary school and 29 secondary school non-Somali refugee candidates in Dadaab were registered to sit for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations in Kalobeyei in Kakuma. All non-Somali refugee candidates are expected to relocate to Kalobeyei before the examination period in October 2020.
- Learners with disabilities in Dadaab continued to benefit from Cash Based Intervention (CBI) programme in primary and secondary education. The CBI is helping parents and caretakers transport students to school.
- Congestion in the classroom and lack of enough qualified teachers continue to be main challenges in both primary and secondary schools in Dadaab and Kakuma/Kalobeyei.



Water and Sanitation

- Solar power systems were installed for three boreholes and two booster pumps supplying water to Kalobeyei settlement. Testing of the new solar power system is ongoing.
- Installation of real-time water usage and supply monitoring system completed in Kakuma 2, 3 and 4 elevated steel tanks. This is aimed at collecting data which will be used to improve water supply to refugees.
- An 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.



Health

- The average number of medical consultations per clinician per day in Dadaab and Kakuma/Kalobeyei remains at 87.5, which is higher than the recommended threshold of 50 consultations per day. Therefore, there is a need for more qualified medical staff to improve the quality of health services.
- In February 2020, UNHCR Dadaab participated in a four-day Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) workshop organized by WFP with the aim of developing a SBCC communication strategy. The focus was on changing or positively influencing social norms in support of long-term sustainable behavior change by increasing the practice of healthy behavior and increasing correct use of health services and products.
- 170 new cases of Dengue fever outbreak in Hagadera camp in Dadaab have been reported.



Food Security and Nutrition

- In February 2020, the nutrition situation continues to be closely monitored through community surveillance as part of the community health program. High impact on nutrition interventions was implemented during the reporting period.
- A total of 1,854 individuals were admitted to Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP). 481 new admissions to Community-based Therapeutic Care (CTC) and 295 new admissions for moderately malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding mothers.



Shelter, NFIs and CBI

- In February 2020, 473 transitional shelters were constructed for 767 newly arrived refugees (264 families) in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Cumulatively, UNHCR has provided transitional shelters for 1,324 newly arrived refugees in 2020.
- 235 transitional shelters constructed for 490 individual refugees (123 families) who were recently relocated from Dadaab to Kakuma refugee camp.



Environment and Access to Energy

- The current Kalobeyei settlement solar grid has been connected with 342 households, 127 businesses and 12 institutions bringing the cumulative connections to 481 places. The mini-grid for the host community in Kalobeyei Town has 132 connections (98 households, 28 businesses and 6 Institutions).
- In February 2020, UNHCR Dadaab launched the 2020 energy monitoring cycle. The office organized bilateral discussions with local NGO Relief, Reconstruction and Development Organization (RRDO) and other energy and environment partners to agree on the indicators to be monitored in 2020.
- Since the beginning of the year, some 2,400 tree seedlings have been produced and propagated in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement. In addition, 9,923 tree seedlings have been issued to both refugee and host communities for planting since the beginning of the year.



Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

- The Nyota Farsamo women group from Dadaab participated in the pop-up market event in Nairobi village market from 28 February to 1 March 2020. Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and International Trade Centre (ITC) sponsored the event.
- The Dadaab Collective Freelancing Agency was formally registered in the month of February with the Dadaab Sub County Social Development Office and it is ready to solicit funds from the local potential markets and the global market at large to support livelihoods of refugees and asylum-seekers as well as host communities.

Refugee Athletes Project

- On 17 February, 17 athletes (7 women, 10 men) travelled to Iten for a high-altitude residential camp in Ololua, Ngong as part of UNHCR and Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation's joint Athletes Project. The athletes are all International Olympic Committee (IOC) scholarship holders and preparing for the Refugee Olympic Team selection.
- To ensure that the athletes do not miss out on their education programme, tutors have been hired to provide evening classes to all athletes in preparation for end of term examinations in April 2020.

Durable Solutions

Voluntary Repatriation

- In February 2020, UNHCR facilitated a visit to Dadaab camp for the Ethiopian Embassy in Nairobi, where Ethiopian refugees who are planning to return to their country were issued with Laissez-Passer travel documents to facilitate their return.

Resettlement

- 781 refugees have been submitted to various countries for resettlement consideration since the beginning of the year.
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) started their approximately three-week circuit ride to Kenya. In Nairobi, USCIS is to prioritize family reunification applications. In addition, there are approximately 35 refugees categorized as high priority that will have their cases adjudicated.

Working with Partners

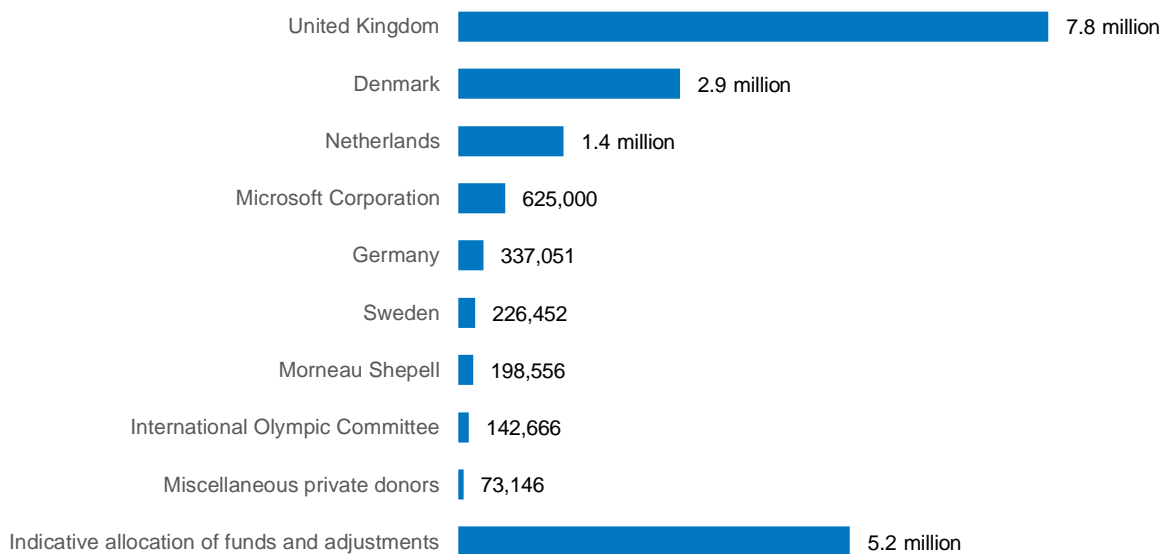
- UNHCR continues to work with its main partner, the Government of Kenya, through the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and the Office of the Deputy County Commissioners (DCC), as well as with other international organizations including WFP, UNICEF and IOM and other partners.
- UNHCR continues to run a joint protection desk with RAS at the refugee-processing centre in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.
- 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 DCC Office and RAS.
- UNHCR Kakuma continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya, the Turkana County Government through DCC and 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.

Funding and financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Kenya operation amount to some **USD 19 million** (as of 29 February).

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

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