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REQUIREMENTS TO VISIT REFUGEE CAMPS

Introduction

Refugee camps in Kenya are protected areas where refugees reside in. Refugees are vulnerable people under the protection of the Government of Kenya and therefore all visitors to the refugee camps must be vetted before they are permitted to enter the camps by the Refugee Affairs Secretariat in Nairobi.

The Commissioner has the right to approve or deny access to any person to protect refugees and for the interest of national security. Any person found conducting any business in the camps without permission will be arrested and prosecuted.

Below are the different categories of visitors and the requirements for a permit to visit refugee camps:

1. Researchers:

Any person wishing to conduct research is required to have:

- A research permit from NACOSTI (<https://www.nacosti.go.ke/>),
- Copies of passports/IDs of all people traveling must also be attached before sending.

2. Journalists:

For any journalist (local or international) wishing to visit a refugee camp, he/she is required to get:

- Accreditation from the **Media Council of Kenya** (<https://www.mediacouncil.or.ke/en/mck/>).

3. Filming

Filming companies and individuals must have:

- A copy of a Filming Permit from the Kenya Films and Classification Board (KFCB). Their Website is (<http://kfcg.co.ke/>).
- Copies of passports/IDs of all people traveling must also be attached before sending.
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4. Refugees Visitors

Any refugee that would like to travel to and from any refugee camp is required to obtain a **Movement Pass** from the camp or Shauri Moyo office in Nairobi.

5. Normal Visitor

On the other hand, if you are just a visitor (other categories), you will only be required to have:

- Copies of passports/IDs of all people traveling with you.

Note: These particular visitors may not be allowed to do any screening, interviews or photography work anywhere within the refugee camps.

How to apply

After assembling all the required documents, you can now write an official letter addressed to, **"The Commissioner for Refugee Affairs"**. Tell us who you are, why you want to go to the camp, the particular camp (Kakuma or Dadaab) you want to visit and the period (the specific dates) in the letter.

Then attach scanned copies of; the letter (signed and in PDF), the permits mentioned above in PDF format (where applicable) and passports or IDs.

Documents can be sent through email to; refugeeaffairs@interior.go.ke , by post to the address below or can also be hand-delivered at our offices in Lavington Nairobi. You may also send a copy to snyale.dra@gmail.com for follow up.

Note: the official letter must be signed and scanned together with all other documents in PDF format especially if sent by email. Remember, if you apply via email, you must present yourself with the original documents at the Lavington office during collection of your permit.