



## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS LIVING IN URBAN AREAS IN LIGHT OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

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The Government of Kenya has eased **movement restrictions** to some degree, however, a number of **measures are still in place** to prevent the further spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), in particular:

- A nation-wide **curfew between 9 pm and 4 am**. The curfew is **now in effect until 6 July 2020**.
- No movement in or out of the **Nairobi Metropolitan Area**, as well as **Mombasa and Mandera counties**. This restriction is in effect until **6 July 2020**.
- There **continues to be** no movement in or out of the **refugee camps in Kakuma and Dadaab**.
- The **borders with Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda** **continue to be closed** for the movement of persons.
- The **movement restrictions in Eastleigh in Nairobi and Old Town in Mombasa, as well as Kwale and Kilifi counties, have been lifted**.

The number of COVID-19 cases are increasing, and it is very important that you keep yourself updated and **adhere to the guidelines and restrictions** of the Government of Kenya to help prevent the spread. Concretely, this means:

- Regularly **wash your hands** with soap and water.
- **Please do not move around more than absolutely necessary during the day time**. If you have to go out, **wear a mask in all public places** and **carry your registration documents** with you at all times.
- **Do not attend or hold public gatherings**. If you have to attend a public gathering, such as a funeral or wedding, make sure that there are **not more than 15 people in the gathering**. **This restriction is in place until 6 July 2020**.
- In case the Government carries **out testing** in different locations to control the spread of COVID-19 and should you be in such a place, please **cooperate with staff from the Ministry of Health**.

These measures are for **your safety** and in **your own interest**. In addition, you will also contribute towards reducing the spread of COVID-19. But please note that there are implications in case you do not follow these directions which include:

- If you do not wear a face mask in public, you can be **fined up to 20,000 KES** and may face **imprisonment** for up to six months or both.
- If you attend gatherings where there are more than 15 persons or you move during curfew hours or try to travel to or out of the refugee camps in Kakuma or Dadaab, you may be **arrested**; alternatively, you might be **quarantined** by the Government at a designated facility for 14 days at your own expense.

These times are not easy for anyone. Should you require help, please see the **following emergency assistance numbers**:

<b>For registration/ documentation emergencies:</b> Refugee Affairs Secretariat Shauri Moyo: 0772057770	<b>UNHCR Helpline:</b> 0800720063 (tollfree)
<b>For health emergencies:</b> NCKK 0704873342 / 0723281352/ 0723281362	<b>For NHIF-related issues (National Hospital Insurance Fund):</b> 0740049502
<b>For legal emergencies (arrest, problems with the police):</b> Kituo cha Sheria 0720806531	<b>For livelihood emergencies:</b> Danish Refugee Council 0800720181
<b>Counseling Hotline:</b> 1190/ 1199/ 0721 336017	<b>Child Protection Hotline:</b> 116
<b>Gender-based Violence Hotline:</b> 1195/ 0800720501	

COVID 19 is spread directly through droplets (coughing/sneezing) from an infected person; indirectly through contact with surfaces or objects used by an infected person. Should you have **any of the COVID-19 symptoms** like fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties, **please contact the Ministry of Health** through 0800721316 (tollfree); 0732353535; or 0748592558 for guidance.