

# Kenya

01 –30 NOVEMBER 2019

**24,541** registrations were done November; **11,210** in urban areas, **13,083** in Kakuma and **248** in Dadaab.

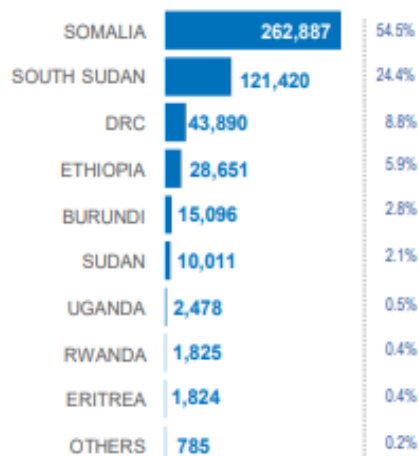
**84,913** Somalis have been assisted to return to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation programme since 2014, of these **1,988** in 2019. In addition, **750** Burundians have been assisted to return home since the beginning of 2018.

By end of November 2019, there were **217,139** (44%) refugees in Dadaab, **193,429** (40%) and in Kakuma & Kalobeyei Settlement, **78,299** (16%) in urban areas.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

**488,867** refugees and asylum-seekers as of 30 Nov 2019

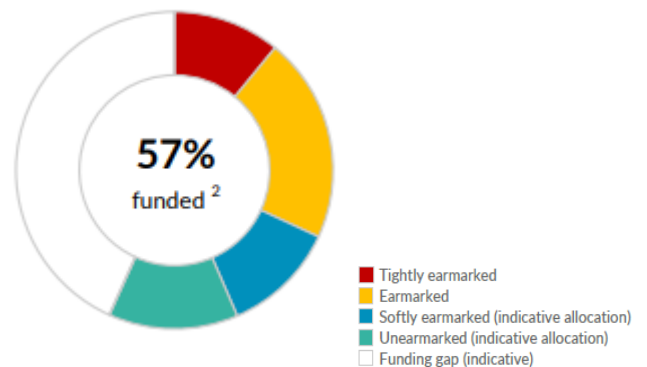
### COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



## FUNDING (AS OF 09 DECEMBER 2019)

**USD \$170.1 million**

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2019



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

263 National Staff

67 International Staff

### Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi

1 Field Offices in Alinjukur

2 Sub Office in Dadaab and Kakuma



UNHCR Kenya Representative, Fathiaa Abdalla talks to Aden, who has plans to return to Somalia, after living in Dadaab for 21 years. © UNHCR/ Mohamed Maalim

## 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 Alinjgur 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.

## Main Activities

### Operational Highlights

- UNHCR conducted a joint mission with the Ethiopian Embassy to Kakuma Refugee camp. The delegation met with Ethiopian refugees who have expressed interest in voluntary repatriation.
- Mobilization of Ethiopian refugees for voluntary repatriation is ongoing in Dadaab and it expected that the Ethiopian embassy will visit Dadaab in mid-January 2020 to facilitate issuance of travel documents.
- UNHCR in partnership with the National Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (NGLHRC) and the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) conducted a two-day training for magistrates and judges from the Coastal region. 18 magistrates and two judges were in attendance. The training was on the needs and challenges experienced by LGBTIQ persons – including refugees in accessing justice. The Kenya Magistrates and Judges Association (KMJA) requested a nationwide roll – out of the trainings, and specifically to include judges who sit in higher courts.

### Protection

#### Protection Delivery

- UNHCR attended the Annual Continental Forum of Election Management Bodies. The theme of the forum was “Enhancing Participation of Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees in Elections: Towards More Inclusive Electoral Processes in Africa”. The overall goal of the forum was to foster inclusive and sustainable electoral processes in Africa through effective participation of refugees and IDPs.
- Following the official launch of the double registration vetting exercise, vetting committees were established in Dadaab, Garissa and Fafi in mid-November where they are processing Kenyans registered as refugees and as of 30 November, 3,011 individuals were vetted. Out of these, 2,889 recommended/satisfied the requirements as Kenyans, 23 did not meet the criteria hence rejected and remaining deferred. Vetting for refugees who obtained Kenyan IDs has not started but, it is planned to be set up in Ifo refugee camp by the first week of December.

- In November, Kalobeyei health clinic hit the one thousandth successful delivery mark at its maternity wing. The 33-bed capacity facility runs on a clean solar energy system funded by the European Union and is equipped with a new born unit with three incubators that can admit pre-term babies, up to 28 days old. Refugees and the local community alike have 24-hour access to the facility where, over 2,000 deliveries have been done since it started operations in 2018.
- UNHCR Kakuma office participated in the “delivering the GCR – local approaches to inclusion” conference in Addis Ababa. The aim of the conference was to strengthen cross-country sharing of experiences from the Horn of Africa and to identify forward-looking opportunities to achieve the objectives of the GCR, to complement the IGAD Nairobi Action Plan and to support the preparation of the Global Refugee Forum which took place 17-18 December 2019. The event was organized by the Ethiopian Ministry of Peace in partnership with the Danish Government and UNHCR.

### Education

- 28 secondary school teachers and four education counsellors and officers in Kakuma were trained on Alternative Basic Education (ABE), that aims equipping teachers with skills to blend curriculum content with life skills activities, inclusion, livelihood as well as talent development
- There are inadequate facilities (classrooms, toilets, desks, WASH and play facilities) in the camps leading to school congestion and inability to enrol out-of-school children.
- UNHCR education staff from Dadaab participated in the Design2Align hackathon for ideating & prototyping semi-automated education tools in San Francisco. The hackathon succeeded in using machine learning and AI (Artificial Intelligence) to semi-automate matching of education content from millions of resources in Kolibri, thereby helping learners and teachers to access material that is relevant to their curriculum. The hackathon was hosted by Google.org and Learning Equality.

### Health

- In response to a recent cholera outbreak in Kalobeyei and Kakuma, UNHCR and Health partners set up two Cholera Treatment Centres in Kalobeyei settlement and Kakuma camp.
- As of 30 November 2019, 67 patients had been line-listed and treated including 58 from Kakuma camp, 8 from surrounding host community villages including 2 from Kakuma town, and 1 from Kalobeyei settlement.

### Food Security and Nutrition

- A total of 172 children under 5 years with severe malnutrition were reached through Out Patient Therapeutic Programme in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei Settlement. Additionally, 51 children with complicated malnutrition received treatment at the stabilization ward at the Kakuma referral hospital.
- In October 2019, 836 children in Kakuma and Kalobeyei were reached through the supplementary feeding programme which targets children with moderate malnutrition.
- Food assistance remains far from meeting Recommended Daily Intake of the population in Dadaab and Kakuma and leads to deteriorating nutrition status especially among young children and women.

### Water and Sanitation

- 19 boreholes remain operational and are supplying water to the population in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. The average per capita consumption stood at 19.28 litres and 17.55 litres per person per day in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement respectively.
- UNHCR supplied on average of 28 litres of water per person per day per capita from 22 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. Nineteen (19) of these boreholes operate on Solar PV- Diesel hybrid system.

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## Shelter, NFIs and CBI

- UNHCR supports beneficiaries in Kalobeyei through cash transfers to cover their sanitary needs on a monthly basis. In 2019 (Jan-Nov), on average, 6,418 households (32,712 individuals) received the cash assistance. A total of 89,178,400 KES was distributed to cover the costs of 206MT of soap, 98,867 underwear and 98,8670 sanitary napkins.
- Cumulatively, 1,419 households have constructed a total of 2,109 permanent houses in Kalobeyei settlement through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter programme.

## Energy

- Kalobeyei Settlement and Kalobeyei Town Solar Mini-Grids were turned on in September. So far 120 connections to Solar Mini-grid have been made in Kalobeyei Town and 415 connections made in Kalobeyei Settlement. There is currently a high energy demand from the unconnected areas, hence a plan is in place to extend the power connections to cover all of Village 1 and gradually cover Village 2 & Village 3.

## Environmental rehabilitation

- UNHCR continues to work with the Garissa County Ministry of Environment on the roadmap on energy, environment, natural resources and agriculture as part of Dadaab Solutions.

## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Bilateral meetings were held with telecom operators and banks (including the Islamic Bank) to discuss access to sim card and bank accounts and to enable corporates to understand the context as part of advocacy on refugees' inclusion. There is inadequate access to credit facilities by refugees, which limits the growth of existing businesses and limits opportunities for new businesses.
- The Global Entrepreneurship Week celebrations brought together over 200 refugee and host entrepreneurs in Kakuma and Kalobeyei to strengthen partnerships among actors in the business ecosystem. The exercise documented gaps and opportunities with potential solutions entrepreneurs are keen to implement.
- Jointly with livelihoods partners, UNHCR completed a market assessment in Kakuma and Kalobeyei aimed at linking to the anticipated pilot project on solar energy products with digital marketing agents.

## Durable Solutions

### Voluntary Repatriation

- UNHCR facilitated the voluntary repatriation of a family of 6 individuals to Bujumbura, Burundi from Nairobi.
- Cross border coordination meeting was held in November hosted by UNHCR Somalia in Nairobi. The forum was attended by key stakeholders including both Governments of Kenya and Somalia as well as partners having direct operational role in the VolRep process. The key issues deliberated on included inter alia discussion on durable solutions prospects for Somali returnees and sustainability of return process, access to basic social services by returnees, strengthening provision of area specific information as well as post-returnee monitoring process. Equally, drafting of a new VolRep strategy document was discussed considering major changes in the operational context in both countries. It was agreed that first draft will be ready by end of December 2019.

### Resettlement

- The Kenya operation has cumulatively submitted 1,192 cases/4,116 individuals for resettlement consideration, surpassing the revised target of 4,000 in 2019. The submissions were made mainly to, Australia, Canada, France, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, and USA.

## Relocation

- In September, the Government of Kenya, through the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), commenced the relocation of non-Somali refugees from Dadaab to Kakuma refugee camp. Thus far, 164 individuals have relocated from Dadaab to Kakuma refugee camp. UNHCR continues to provide support to the Government to ensure safe and dignified relocation process.

## Dadaab Solutions

- Between 25th to 27th November 2019, Garissa County organized a three-days' workshop co-hosted by UNHCR and WFP having representatives from the National and County Government, UN sister agencies, NGO partners, donors, refugees and host representatives. More than 70 participants attended the workshop at UNHCR Dadaab, to finalize the budget work plans and risk registers for the thematic components.

## Statelessness

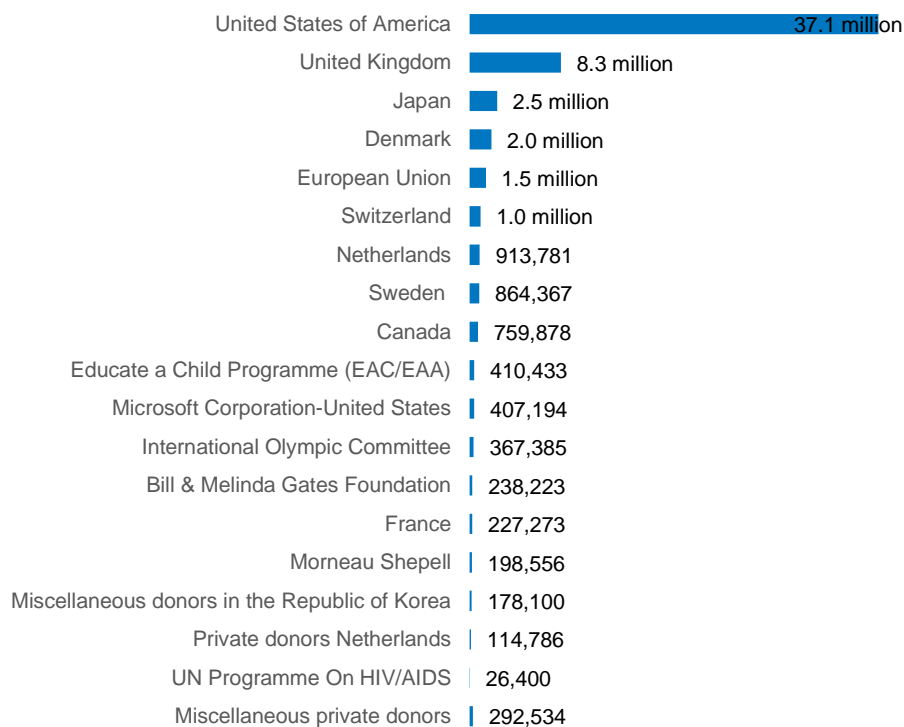
- UNHCR trained the Taskforce on the identification and registration of stateless persons. Apart from awareness on statelessness and its impact, the training also tackled existing gaps preventing registration of stateless persons.

# Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 104.3 million**.

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