

# KENYA

APRIL 2020

**4,933** refugees and asylum-seekers have been registered in 2020 - **2,039** in urban areas and **2,894** in Kakuma.

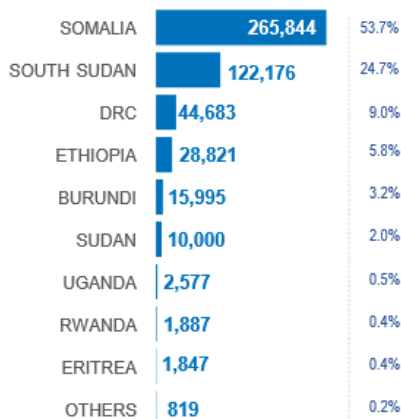
**84%** of refugees and asylum-seekers in Kenya live in the camps and **16%** urban areas

**217,513** (44%) refugees in Dadaab, **196,120** (40%) and in Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement, **81,016** (16%) in urban areas

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

**494,649** refugees and asylum-seekers as of 30 April 2020.

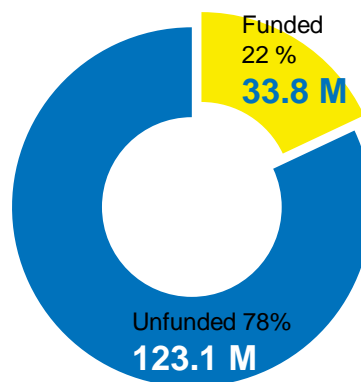
### COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



## FUNDING (AS OF 30 APRIL 2020)

**USD \$156.9 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 Alinjgur  
2 Sub Offices in Dadaab and Kakuma



West Pokot County officials receive humanitarian assistance from UNHCR on behalf of the Governor, H.E. John Lonyangapuo, at Malol Hall, Kapenguria. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

## Main Activities

### Operational Highlights – April 2020

- UNHCR Kenya's precautionary measures to protect staff and persons of concern from COVID-19 are still in place.
- Shauri Moyo Protection Desk remains closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Protection caseworkers continue to undertake counselling remotely.
- During the reporting period, Standard Operating Measures (SOPs) for the COVID-19 response were drafted to streamline the procedure of handling new arrivals in Dadaab and facilitating their medical screening. This includes quarantining new arrivals to ensure that refugees and asylum-seekers are provided with required protection following all necessary prevention measures.
- There has been an increase in reported cases of domestic violence as compared to the month of March. This can be attributed to COVID-19 prevention and mitigation measures, that include the "stay at home directive", which could expose women and children to risk of harm.
- World Bank and the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) is planning to conduct a joint COVID-19 socio-economic impact assessment with UNHCR. The assessment will be conducted via telephone survey with 250 refugee households in Dadaab, and the response will feed into the report covering the entire country.



### Protection

- The UNHCR Helpline received a total of 3,323 calls in the month of April. This represents a reduction of 1% from the previous month. For the first time, the biggest call driver was request for financial assistance (representing 50.73% of answered calls) followed by protection issues (at 18.44%).
- Most of the issues raised during counselling include loss of livelihood due to COVID-19 and therefore inability to meet basic needs; Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV); and insecurity. UNHCR's Data Management Unit provided guidance to Protection Caseworkers on updating ProGres data.
- Due to the high numbers of refugees and asylum-seekers requesting financial assistance, UNHCR has been participating in the weekly psychosocial panel with partner Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) HIAS Refugee Trust Kenya (HIAS) to identify the most vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers and their needs. The panel discussions are based on assessments done by the HIAS social workers in all locations in the urban areas where refugees reside.
- Due to movement restrictions imposed by the Government of Kenya, Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) did not conduct any registration activities in the urban areas.
- With staff still working from home, eligibility interviews for refugee status determination are still on hold since 16 March.



### Education

- Refugee teachers are making significant efforts to conduct school lessons for children in Dadaab refugee camps. More than 100,000 school going children and youth have been reached via education through the radio.

- A survey on refugee students' access to radio and TV was done in the urban areas with the following results:
  - Out of 110 primary school students, 31% had access to TV while only 15% had access to radio.
  - Out of 52 secondary school students who were assessed, only 13% had access to TV and 9% had access to radio, while 19% had access to both TV and radio.
  - Tertiary education scholars were accessing learning through the institutional based e-Learning platforms. Institutions of higher learning are negotiating with telecommunication companies to subsidize charges for hosting the increased demand for e-Learning.
- Mapping of teachers at community level conducted in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement. The teachers will provide support to parents to supervise home-based learning using online platforms and prepare them for radio lesson broadcasts through sharing of reading materials on WhatsApp, support learners at the compounds to read and seek guidance.



### Water and Sanitation

- UNHCR constructed 20 bathrooms in two schools designated for quarantine centres in Dadaab. Handwashing stations and tanks were also installed at the centres.
- Refugees and asylum-seekers in Kakuma refugee camp received an average of 21.97 litres per person per day, while those living in Kalobeyei received an average of 20.38 litres of water per person per day.
- A joint assessment conducted to extend water to proposed COVID-19 isolation and quarantine facilities.
- Two 5,000 litre water plastic tanks have been installed at the isolation facility in Kalobeyei settlement and one 5,000 litre water tank installed at the isolation facility in Kakuma 4 camp.
- To enhance access to handwashing facilities, three 250-litre mobile plastic tanks and two masonry hand washing stations have been installed at the Kakuma reception centre.



### Health

- UNHCR in Dadaab donated medical equipment including respirators, face masks and hand gloves to partners managing the help facilities to support and equip the facilities to meet COVID-19 related health challenges.
- From 15 to 17 April, a Multi-Functional Team (MFT) comprising of the Ministry of Health, UNHCR, Doctors Without Borders (MSF), Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted inspections of health facilities in Dadaab refugee camps, the three quarantine facilities and the livelihood centres used for the production of masks and soaps for refugees and host communities.
- It was reported that 56 individuals who had previously returned to Somalia spontaneously returned to Kenya from Somalia out of fear of COVID-19 transmission in the country. UNHCR and partners are working together to ensure that individuals crossing the border to the refugee camps are being quarantined to prevent the spread of COVID-19. New arrivals are advised to report to RAS for asylum seeking procedure.
- A total of 64 individuals known to have travelled outside Kakuma were screened and followed up for 14 days under self-isolation by community health workers. None of the cases have developed any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19.



### Food Security and Nutrition

- 1,604 persons of concern were admitted in the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) in Dadaab, almost 1,000 more compared to 632 admissions reported in March 2020.
- 141 children suffering severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were enrolled to the outpatient therapeutic programme (OTP) in Kakuma and 66 in Kalobeyei.
- 443 children with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) were enrolled to the supplementary feeding SFP in Kakuma refugee camp and 75 in Kalobeyei settlement.



### Shelter, NFIs and CBI

- Cash Based Intervention (CBI) for food and non-food items was provided for 86 vulnerable children, including unaccompanied and separated children in the three refugee camps in Dadaab. The CBI is a means to ensure the economic safety for the children against the effect of COVID-19 marked by hike in the prices of basic commodities, which expose children to protection risks such as SGBV, sexual exploitation and abuse, recruitment into militia activities, trafficking and child labour.
- In April 2020, UNHCR distributed Core Relief Items, including soap, jerrycans, firewood and sanitary kits to refugees and asylum-seekers in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement. The distribution of items was conducted concurrently with the general monthly food distribution by the World Food Programme (WFP).
- To enhance prevention of the spread of COVID-19, UNHCR temporarily suspended the CBI of soap and instead distributed this in-kind to ensure availability of soap. However, the office will continue to distribute sanitary kits through CBI for refugees and asylum-seekers in Kalobeyei settlement.
- UNHCR and RAS started the relocation of 190 refugee families who lost their homes as a result of soil liquefaction along the banks of river Nakoyo. Moreover, 60 of the affected families have so far been relocated to Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement.



### Environment and Access to Energy

- UNHCR conducted an assessment to ascertain the current energy infrastructure in place for the identified isolation and quarantine facilities in Kakuma, as well possibilities of grid extension and supplementary power to the existing standalone solar systems to ensure that the facilities have access to fully operational access to electricity.



### Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR convened and coordinated the first meeting of the Poverty Alleviation Coalition (PAC) in Kenya with partners whose aim is to implement the Graduation Approach, which is an intervention designed to overcome multiple barriers that prevent vulnerable refugees, asylum-seekers and host community members from building sufficient income, assets and human capital to get onto a pathway out of extreme poverty into sustainable livelihoods.
- In the effort to support health workers on the frontline, UNHCR and partners are mapping refugee skilled workers to link them with employment opportunities arising from a nationwide shortage of health workers to support with the response to COVID-19.

- MADE51 supported women group in Kakuma produced over 1,000 general public re-usable face masks as a measure to curb the spread of COVID-19. The group serviced orders from various humanitarian agencies including UNHCR and WFP, as well as from refugee and host communities.

### Statelessness

- During the month of April, paralegals reached 75 stateless persons. They made calls to know progress of their cases, challenges they may be facing as well as shared relevant registration information. 30 were resolved, 32 are work in progress while 13 were closed.
- Calls were also used to sensitize stateless persons on the COVID-19 safety regulations and to know how they are coping during the pandemic.

### Durable Solutions

#### Resettlement

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Norway and the Netherlands missions were postponed until further notice. Australia, Canada and the United States are no longer processing cases at their respective embassies.
- In April, 48 cases in Dadaab comprising of 107 individuals were submitted to the United Kingdom for resettlement consideration in compliance with the new procedures and requirements. Cumulatively, 352 cases have been submitted to resettlement countries since the beginning of the year.
- Resettlement and Integrity interviews continue to be conducted remotely in Kakuma. The integrity interviews seek to verify that all information provided is correct after which the resettlement interviews are conducted. The Sub Office has established additional stations for remote interviews, hence increasing total remote interviewing capacity for resettlement and Integrity to 10 interviews per week.

### Working with Partners

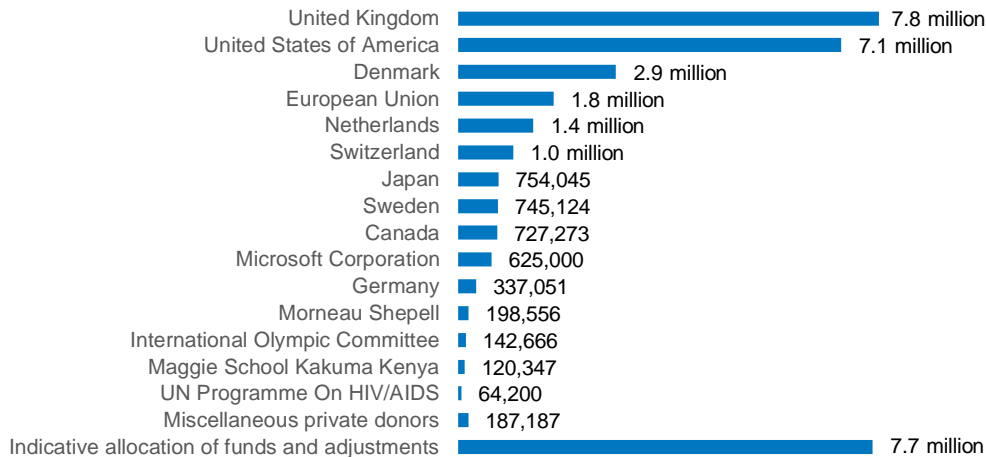
- UNHCR continues to work with its main partner, the Government of Kenya, through RAS and the Office of the Deputy County Commissioners (DCC), as well as with other international organizations including WFP, UNICEF, IOM and other partners.
- UNHCR continues to run a joint protection desk with RAS at the refugee-processing centre in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.
- UNHCR Dadaab coordinates its refugee operation in the three refugee camps in Dadaab. UNHCR Field Office Alinjgur is a part of the larger Dadaab operation and covers Hagadera camp in Fafi Sub-County.
- 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 refugee camp.

## Funding and Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Kenya operation amount to **USD 33.8 million** (as of 30 April).

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