

# KENYA

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**5,394** refugees and asylum-seekers have been registered in 2020: **3,257** in Kakuma, **2,096** in urban areas and **41** in Dadaab

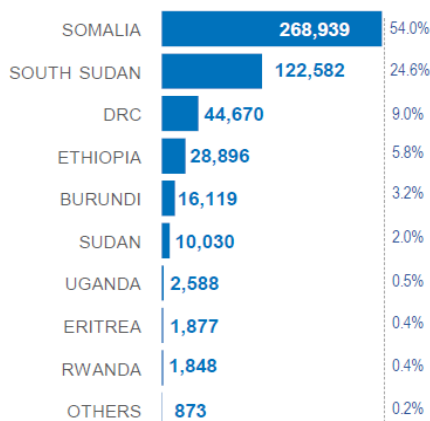
**84%** of refugees and asylum-seekers in Kenya live in the camps and **16%** urban areas

**220,519** (44%) refugees in Dadaab, **197,133** (40%) in Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement, **80,770** (16%) in urban areas

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

**498,422** refugees and asylum-seekers as of 31 July 2020.

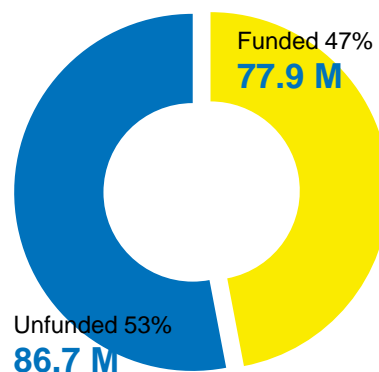
### COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



## FUNDING (AS OF 1 SEPTEMBER 2020)

**USD \$164.6 million**

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2020



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

259 National Staff  
50 International Staff

### Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi  
1 Field Office in Alinjgur  
2 Sub Offices in Dadaab and Kakuma



Vegetable sack farming in Dadaab ©UNHCR/Mohamed Maalim

## Main Activities

### Operational Highlights – August 2020

- UNHCR assisted 26 Persons of Concern (PoC) to relocate from Nairobi to Kakuma as they could no longer support themselves in Nairobi due to the socio-economic impact of COVID-19. They all underwent COVID-19 testing and immediate quarantining upon arrival in Kakuma.
- UNHCR and partners continue to counsel PoCs, including persons with specific needs (PSNs), on the need to relocate to the camps where they will receive support since financial assistance in the urban areas getting more difficult due to financial constraints.
- UNHCR and UNICEF child protection specialists held a joint meeting to discuss the next steps in the review of the existing data sharing agreements and information sharing protocol (ISP), including the way forward on configuration and deployment of the Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS+).
- On 5 August, UNHCR participated in the virtual launch of Generation Unlimited (GenU) partnership in Kenya. HE President Uhuru Kenyatta, who is a Global Champion for youth empowerment, declared that refugee youth living in the country will be granted the same opportunities as Kenyan youth.



### Protection

- As part of an ongoing awareness raising campaign in Dadaab on prevention of violent extremism and anti-human smuggling that is being done by UNHCR and partners, 100 books for children, translated in Somali language, were distributed to the three quarantine centres. The booklets illustrate and provide children with basic information on smuggling and its related risks. Bulk short messaging services is also being used to disseminate messages on prevention of violent extremism.
- UN Women and the Centre for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW) are extending their support to five safehouses (4 in Nairobi and 1 in Mombasa) to temporarily accommodate gender-based violence (GBV) survivors. UNHCR has so far referred one case, which was admitted in one of the safehouses in Nairobi.



### Education

- 513 DAFI (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative) scholars in Kenya were supported with upkeep allowances to allow them to continue accessing online education as offered by the institutions of higher learning.
- UNHCR supported daily five-hour lessons broadcasted in Kakuma through Radio Biblia Husema to support learning continuity in Primary, Secondary and Accelerated Education Programmes.
- The Kenya Equity in Education Project (KEEP) and DFID<sup>1</sup> have supported radio lessons in Lokichoggio, a town in the Turkana District, through Radio Biblia Husema to target host community learners who cannot access ongoing radio programmes in Kakuma.
- In collaboration with UNICEF, airtime for data bundles was provided to 317 primary school head teachers; heads of departments; and mobilizers of special needs education in Dadaab, for

<sup>1</sup> The UK Department for International Development (DFID) closed on 2 September 2020 and merged with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) to create the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

monitoring of learners in the blocks and to facilitate participation in online training for English teachers. In addition, 83 non-formal accelerated education programs teachers received airtime and data bundles to support remote and digital teaching and learning activities.



### Water and Sanitation

- Awareness raising on COVID-19 was conducted during the monthly food distribution exercise in Dadaab and Kakuma at the distribution centres through hygiene promoters. A vector and pest control unit ensured that handwashing and disinfection was done by all persons entering the distribution centres.



### Health

- Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in the refugee camps, Kakuma has cumulatively recorded a total of 81 cases, 50 recoveries and one fatality, while Dadaab has recorded 47 cases, 27 recoveries and two fatalities.
- UNHCR received COVID-19 PPEs, 130,000 reusable masks and other non-pharmaceuticals from the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) aimed for Dadaab.



### Shelter, CRI and CBI

- UNHCR supports beneficiaries in Kalobeyei through cash transfers to buy Core Relief Items (CRI) such as soap and sanitary items on a monthly basis. Through Cash-Based Interventions (CBI), UNHCR supported a total of 7,198 households (38,112 individuals) with some KES 9,430,300 to purchase 21 metric ton of soap, 10,610 pairs of underwear and 106,100 sanitary napkins.
- Cash vouchers, each worth a maximum of KES 5,000, were distributed to 747 children across the Dadaab camps. The vouchers were issued to facilitate access to basic needs and dignity kits for the children and their families. A total of 127 vulnerable children from Bula Kher and Bula Nyanya villages in Dadaab subcounty were also supported with dignity kits and emergency food support in the form of vouchers.



### Food Security and Nutrition

- The World Food Programme (WFP) and UNHCR conducted general distribution of food and CRI for the refugee population in Kakuma camp. The distribution was conducted under strict observance of Ministry of Health regulations on the prevention of the spread of COVID-19. This included COVID-19 testing for all distribution personnel prior to the exercise. A total of 189,429 individuals were served out of the total population of 197,154.
- General food distribution was also conducted in Dadaab serving 217,479 individuals. Hygiene promoters were deployed to ensure adherence to COVID-19 prevention protocol, including physical distancing, handwashing and wearing of masks throughout the process. Beneficiaries received two-months' food entitlement. The next distribution cycle will be in October.
- A total of 589 PoC were admitted into the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) in Dadaab.



### Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR coordinated a meeting of the Poverty Alleviation Coalition (PAC) Kenya partners to discuss on the progress of the proposal development on the implementation of the Graduation Approach. The PAC in Kenya aims to empower refugee and host community households in the camps and urban facing extreme poverty through a multidimensional approach that addresses social protection, livelihood promotion, financial inclusion and social cohesion/empowerment.
- The Oracle Workforce Development programme was launched through a call of expression for PoC to apply to the training program. This is a digital skills development initiative between UNHCR and Oracle aiming to upskill or reskill youthful persons of concern in Oracle certified Java Fundamentals and Programming. The trainees (13 PoC) will then be linked to the labour market for possible remote or onsite work.
- A meeting was held between UNHCR and Hand in Hand Eastern Africa, an NGO which is part of the Association of Microfinance Institutions (AMFI) on the inclusion of persons of concern in Nairobi to their livelihood programming. The programme, which is funded by VISA, targets micro-entrepreneurs in Nairobi (Kasarani, Kawangware, Kiambu and Kitengela) and empowers them through skills training, access to micro-credit, mentoring and coaching.



### Environment and access to energy

- Farming activities in Dadaab designed to rehabilitate degraded areas and support livelihoods through income generation were sustained over this period. Orchards already established by the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) in Ifo 2 were maintained, fruit gardens developed by the Relief, Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RRDO) in primary schools yielded a healthy crop of bananas and mangoes that were distributed to PoC in COVID-19 isolation centres.

### Registration

- Data for 32 individuals, who relocated from Nairobi to Kakuma, was transferred according to laid down procedures.

### Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- The Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and UNHCR continued to work on developing a new methodology for the RSD backlog reduction strategy. The RSD team at a technical jointly agreed on the remaining elements of the methodology, i.e. the deferral criteria and profiles with exclusion concerns. The guidance note, actual implementation procedures and form are still being finalized. The team expects to finalise the planning level of the strategy by the end of September and embark on implementation.
- The Interviewing for Protection Learning Programme 2020 (Regional) was carried out between 9 March and 31 August 2020 in distinct phases; a self-study phase (online courses, tutor-led assignments, and webinars) followed by a workshop phase. The final phase is the project phase which is scheduled to take place in September 2020. This training provided the component on Learning Needs Analysis (LNA) and facilitation skills to equip UNHCR protection staff with the knowledge and skills required to design and deliver trainings on interviewing in the context of national asylum systems.

### Co-ordination

- UNHCR and UNICEF held a meeting to discuss and agree on preferred settings to be included in the CPIMS+ (Child Protection Information Management System) configuration ahead of its roll out in Dadaab. The Primero CPIMS+ allows for efficient file management, provides safe, secure and ethical information management and allows for real-time analysis of global data and trends across organizations.

### Statelessness

- The third African Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Day was marked on 10 August under the theme “Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, an essential service for monitoring and mitigating the impact of emergencies”. Activities in Kenya included engagement on social media, radio sessions in Dadaab and Kakuma, as well as in Mombasa. The sessions shared information on the importance of births and deaths registration as well as procedures for registration. Refugees and stateless persons actively engaged during the sessions where they received answers to their questions on the topic.

### Durable Solutions

#### Resettlement

- UNHCR attended resettlement coordination meetings including the monthly United States Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) Partner’s Coordination meeting.
- A planning meeting was held with Norway on a proposed mission to Kenya to conduct resettlement interviews.
- In August, UNHCR submitted 57 individuals to Canada, Netherlands, Norway for resettlement. So far this year, 360 individuals have been submitted for resettlement.
- Seven individuals were resettled from Kenya in August: Two to the United States and five to Finland.

### Working with Partners

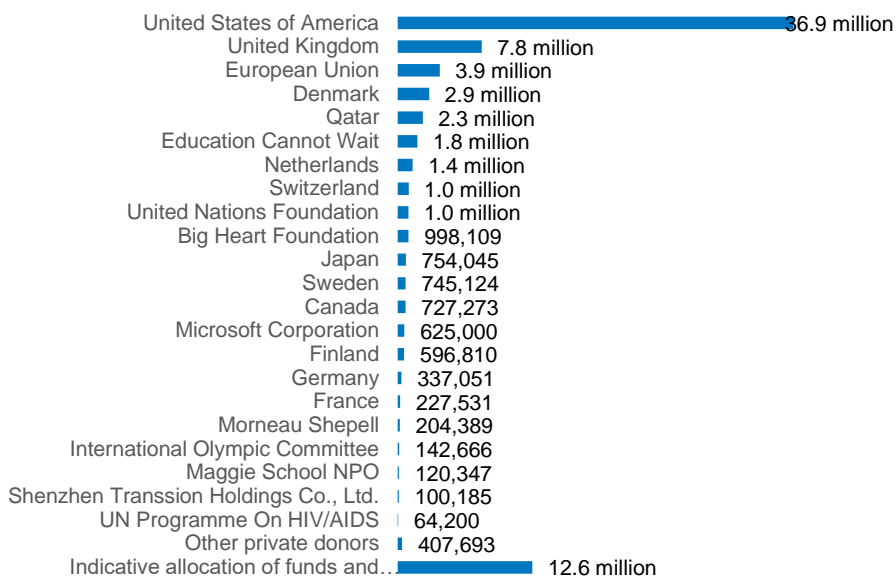
- UNHCR Kenya continues to work with its main partner, the Government of Kenya, through RAS and the Office of the Deputy County Commissioners (DCC), as well as with other international organizations, including WFP, UNICEF and IOM.
- UNHCR continues to run a joint protection desk with RAS at the refugee-processing centre in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.
- UNHCR Dadaab coordinates its refugee operation in three refugee camps in Dadaab. UNHCR Field Office in 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 77.9 million** (as of 1 September)

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## EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD



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