

KENYA

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7,156 refugees and asylum-seekers have been registered in 2020: **4,771** in Kakuma, **237** in Kalobeyei and **2,148** in urban areas

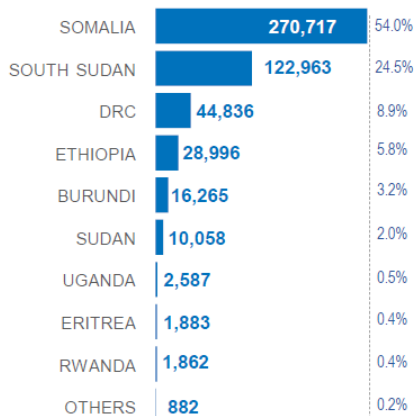
Out of a population of **499,219, 447,141** (90%) are refugees and **51,281** (10%) asylum-seekers.

222,104 (44%) refugees and asylum-seekers in Dadaab, **198,146** (40%) in Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement, **80,799** (16%) in urban areas.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

501,049 refugees and asylum-seekers as of 31 October 2020.

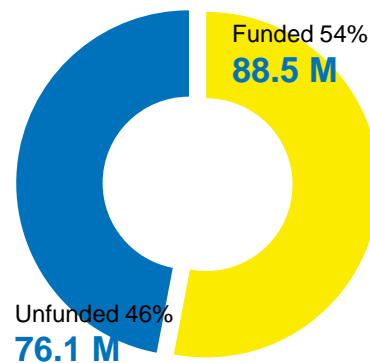
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



FUNDING (AS OF 07 OCTOBER 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
12 Sub Offices in Dadaab and Kakuma



A learner from Arid Zone Primary School washes hands before accessing her classroom. As part of COVID-19 response, UNHCR has donated facemasks and handwashing stations to host community schools in Turkana West. UNCHR/Samuel Otieno

Main Activities

Operational Highlights – October 2020

- UNHCR met with the Denmark Permanent Mission to follow up on efforts to match the GRF pledges of Kenya and Denmark in the context of the Asylum Capacity Support Group. Denmark indicated interest to support Kenya on enhancing RAS' RSD capacity through available opportunities such as the new legal framework and under the quality initiative.
- Considering the continued impact of the COVID pandemic and the unpredictable timeframe for the lapse of COVID restrictions coupled with the need for business continuity, RAS and UNHCR planned and successfully implemented a pilot for remote interviewing where the applicants and interviewers, though present at RAS premises interacted online in different interview rooms. The criteria for the profile of cases considered for remote interview was agreed upon jointly by RAS and UNHCR and refining of the standard operating procedures for remote interviewing is ongoing.
- On 2 October, representatives from the national and county governmental agencies, elected representatives, UNHCR and all KISEDIP stakeholders came together during a West Turkana stakeholder forum to take stock of milestones implemented under the KISEDIP approach. This included highlighting the most significant achievements under the eight thematic areas including health for the host communities in Turkana West.
- UNHCR handed over 46 new VHF handheld radios to the Kenya Police Service to support communication and enhance response to emergencies.
- UNHCR received registration certificates from the medical board confirming all health facilities in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei integrated settlement are registered as public health facilities. This paves way for accreditation of the facilities as NHIF supported facilities and subsequent enrolment of Persons of Concern into the Kenyan National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF).
- The 2020 World Mental Health Day was celebrated on 9 October. A virtual panel meeting was held where practitioners, dignitaries and refugees engaged in mental health dialogue.
- 90 girl-mothers from Ifo and Dagahaley camps in Dadaab received 20 sewing machines and 60 bundles of cotton material as start-up support for income generating activities (IGA). The girl-mothers had earlier formed business groups of 4-5 individuals and had been trained on tie & dye techniques and tailoring. The material will enable the girl-mothers to practise their trade thereby improving their socio-economic status and increasing their self-reliance and resilience.
- The COVID-19 situation impacted the finalization of the GISEDIP strategy that was due to be completed and launched in March 2020. There is now a renewed momentum from the County Government of Garissa to finalize the strategy in the first quarter of 2021.



Protection

- On 8 Oct, UNHCR assisted 28 PoCs to relocate from Nairobi to Kakuma. On 23 Oct another 23 POCs, mainly new arrivals were assisted to relocate to Kakuma. The PoCs all underwent COVID-19 testing and were put in quarantine upon arrival in Kakuma, as per the Ministry of Health guidelines.
- The Ministry of Health is planning to facilitate a 5-day training for UNHCR and partners on Psychology First Aid for 40 staff members of UNHCR and partners in Nairobi, Kakuma and Dadaab. The training will equip the staff with the necessary skills to assess and address the immediate needs of a PoC before they are referred for specialized services.

- Out of 27 children currently in safe shelters in the Urban programme, three were exited and reunified with their parents by the children's department after a successful home assessment to verify their ability to care for their children and five are new arrivals pending relocation to the camp.
- UNHCR attended planning meetings on 16 days of activism with various stakeholders including UNFPA, Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS) and the GBV working group. A tentative programme for the opening event on 26th/11/2020 has been drafted and shared with the senior management.
- SGBV Implementing Partners in Kakuma intensified awareness raising during food distribution and participated in one Radio Talk Show which discussed mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).



Education

- 234 learners from Nakuru were issued with solar powered radios by FXP to enable them to continue accessing radio lessons.
- To support safe reopening of schools for host community, UNHCR, on 15 October, handed over assorted items to the Turkana West Sub-County Director for Education. The assistance delivered in support of 63 primary schools and 8 Secondary school include: 30 hand washing stations, 13,112 reusable facemasks, 1,420 kgs of bar soap and 1,420 litres of liquid soap.
- Following the Ministry of Education directive, schools in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement were re-opened for Form 4, class 8 candidates and grade 4 learners. A total of 5,680 learners in class 8, 1,241 in form 4, and 6,314 in grade reported to school.
- Learning Continuity in primary, secondary and Accelerated Education Programme, in Kakuma and Kalobeyei, continued through Radio lessons broadcasts supported by UNHCR on Radio Biblia Husema the month for learners who are still at home.
- UNHCR supplied 5,000 free play radio handsets to Education Partners in Kakuma and Kalobeyei for further distribution to learners to enhance access to radio lessons programmes for learning continuity.
- Following the announcement by the Government of Kenya of phased reopening of Universities and tertiary colleges starting 5 October 2020, 256 (38Female) DAAFI and UNHCR Scholarship beneficiaries were facilitated, travel movement pass processed from RAS to allow them travel back safely to various Universities and Colleges in different of Kenya.



Water and Sanitation

- Knowledge Attitude and Practices (KAP) survey was conducted for Kalobeyei and Kakuma host communities. The exercise is aimed at generating data on current WASH situation in the respective areas for monitoring of existing and planning new and upcoming programs. Approximately 1,700 households were involved in the exercise.
- There were 37,322 household latrines and 250 communal latrines in the Dadaab camps during the reporting period, translating to a coverage of 80%. WASH Partner currently incorporating community structures in camp cleaning where 105 sanitation cleaners were actively engaged in managing solid waste in public areas across the refugee camps.



Health

- UNHCR and health partners continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in the camps.
- On 22 October, UNHCR officially handed over an Ambulance to the Kakuma Mission Hospital in support of health services to the host community under the spirit of KISEDIP.



Shelter, CRI and CBI

- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) distributed government NFIs to 40 refugee families- expectant women and families with young children - recently affected by floods in Kakuma. The NFIs included mosquito nets, blankets and beddings.
- In October, UNHCR Sub Office Kakuma deployed CashAssist for all the CBI implemented by the Office. CashAssist is UNHCR's corporate cash assistance management system that allows UNHCR and partners to deliver and track cash assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers.



Food Security and Nutrition

- On 1 October, the World Food Programme (WFP), UNHCR and partners commenced food and core relief items (soap and firewood) distribution in Kakuma refugee under strict observance of Government set containment measures, including checking temperatures, installation of several hand washing facilities, observing physical distance and wearing of face masks for all individuals at the Food Distribution Centres.
- The Outpatient Therapeutic Program in Kakuma and Kalobeyei targeting children with severe malnutrition served 184 children with severe malnutrition and 624 children with moderate malnutrition through the Supplementary Feeding Program across the 8 health facilities.
- Blanket Supplementary Feeding programme in Kakuma and Kalobeyei targeting pregnant and lactating women served 2,287 individuals in the month of October.



Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

- On 24 October, the Governor of Turkana County, together with representatives from the World Food Programme and UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, officially launched Towo Kayeni fresh produce market in Kakuma town. This is one of the three markets constructed jointly between Turkana County Government and the World Food Programme with funding from the European Union Trust Fund. The two other markets are Natukobenyo and Tumaini fresh produce markets in Kalobeyei.
- Nine automotive mechanics trainees completed third and fourth phase Toyota Kenya Foundation virtual soft skills training implemented on 5 to 23 October.



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

- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) in Nairobi registered 40 individuals (including 21 birth registration), on an emergency basis, and with strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety regulations. They also undertook regular proGres data clean-up during the reporting period.
- 242 new arrivals and 37 newborn babies were registered in Kakuma during the reporting period. The majority of the new arrivals came from Somalia, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and South Sudan, specially from Sud-Kivu, Banadir, Juba Hoose, Shabelle Hoose,

Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- UNHCR organized a self-care/ vicarious trauma session conducted by the Global Learning Centre for the RSD teams in RAS and UNHCR. The training equipped the team with practical ideas to build resilience and invest in their well-being.
- RAS and UNHCR continued to work on the new methodology for the RSD backlog reduction strategy. Elements of the methodology were refined further such as defining the exclusion profiles for Sudanese and Ethiopian cases, the explanatory annexes on the process for the Commissioner were shared with RAS and the assessment form was uploaded in ProGres. Testing and implementation is now planned to start in November relying on the data of the Urban verification exercise

Co-ordination

- UNHCR Dadaab and International Labour Organization held a virtual Youth@Heart pre-forum consultation on 21 October 2020. The forum's main objective was to discuss the effect of COVID-19 on youth employment and education in Kenya in recognition of the fact that engagement of youth is vital to building inclusive and sustainable societies. A global Youth @ Heart forum will be held on 2nd November 2020 with a focus on employment and inclusion.
- The quarantine centres in Ifo and Dagahaley camps were closed to allow for preparation of the schools for resumption of learning. Admitted individuals were transferred to the transit centre in Hagadera camp which will serve as the central quarantine facility going forward.

Statelessness

- During the reporting period, the Shona community was supported to elevate their grievances through a three-day pilgrimage which targeted the Kiambu County Assembly, the Parliament and Senate and a final day of inter religious prayer held at Uhuru Park. The pilgrimage was aimed at bringing the issue of the Shona to the fore of the government.

Durable Solutions

Resettlement

- 38 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries (28 to Canada, 1 to Finland and 9 to Netherlands). We were however later informed by Canada that they would not be accepting more cases after Sept. 30th and so these cases will be held for submission after Jan. 1st 2021.
- 170 individuals departed on RST in October (48 to Canada and 122 to Sweden).

Working with Partners

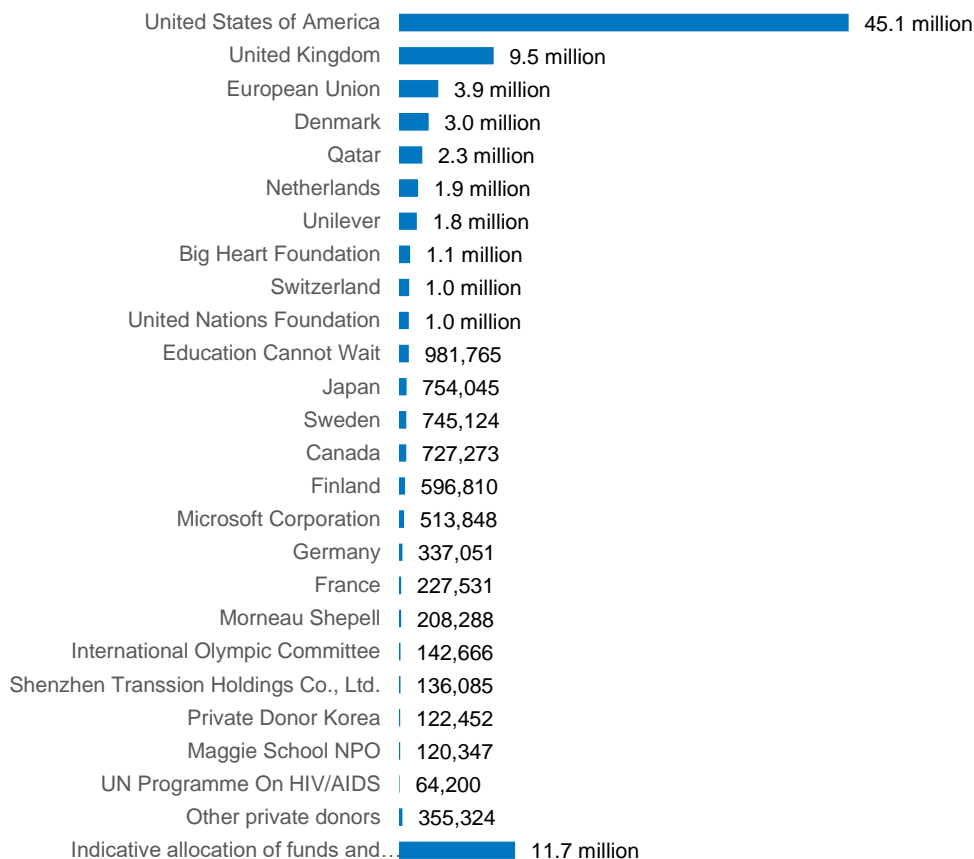
- UNHCR Kenya continues to work with its main partner, the Government of Kenya, through RAS and the Office of the Deputy County Commissioners (DCC), as well as with other international organizations, including WFP, UNICEF and IOM.
- UNHCR continues to run a joint protection desk with RAS at the refugee-processing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

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

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LINKS

UNHCR Kenya Website: <http://www.unhcr.org/ke>

Web portal on Somali Displacement: <http://data.unhcr.org/horn-of-africa/regional.php>

Web portal on South Sudan Displacement: <http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/regional.php>

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