

## Urban Refugee Programme, Kenya

1-31 May 2019

**74,970**

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in urban areas as at 31 May 2019

**5,626**

New arrival refugees and asylum seekers registered since January 2019.

**2,165**

Individuals in urban areas assisted to return to their home countries since 2014.

### KEY INDICATORS

**702**

Refugees being assisted by UNHCR through Francis Xavier project to access education services in urban areas.

**58%**

Of newly registered refugees during the month originated from South Sudan

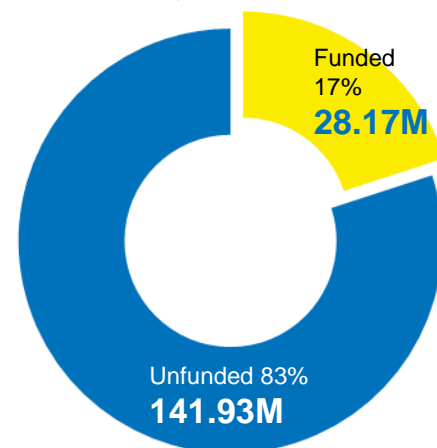
**112**

Number of refugees that departed for resettlement to a third country in the month, mainly to United States of America.

### FUNDING (AS OF 21 MAY 2019)

**USD 170.1M**

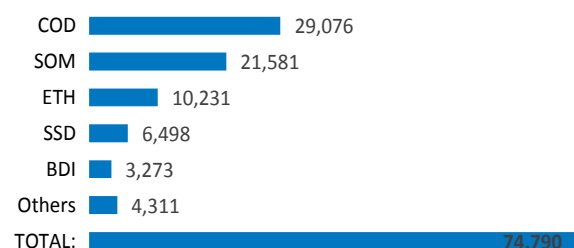
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Maryam Mohamed, a secondary student at Waberi school in Dadaab; Gatluak Mut, South Sudanese primary school student in a host community school in Kakuma and Ernestine Bahati, a Bachelor of Nursing student at Moi University in Kenya were speakers at the WUSC and UNHCR sponsored event on May 14, in Nairobi. Read more <https://bit.ly/2JFIKk5>

### POPULATION OF CONCERN

Host Countries



## HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR participated in the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) retreat on 28 - 31 May whose objective was to review, harmonize and validate annual joint work plans. UNHCR is involved in the design, implementation and reporting on three strategic result areas - social, economic and political.
- UNHCR in collaboration with World University Service of Canada (WUSC) held an interactive event, supported by the Humanitarian Education Accelerator (HEA), in Nairobi on 14 May 2019. The forum brought together Kenya's Ministry of Education, officials, refugees, teachers and education partners to celebrate innovation in education in camp-settings that promote inclusive and equitable education for refugees and host community children. This comes on the heels of the pioneering efforts of the Ministry of Education to ensure the inclusion of refugee learners into national level policy and planning.



## PROTECTION

### Registration:

#### Achievements and Impact

- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) registered 320 individuals, of which 63% (200) arrived before 2019, 37% (117) arrived in 2019 and 1% (3) are new-born (birth) registration. The registration was conducted in Nakuru (96), Mombasa (49) and Nairobi (175). Majority of the new arrivals originated from Burundi (12), Democratic Republic of the Congo - DRC (24), Eritrea (5), Ethiopia (27), Rwanda (2), Somalia (61), South-Sudan (187), and other nationalities (2); bringing the total urban population to 74,970 refugees and asylum seekers.
- Movement passes were issued to 678 Asylum Seekers who were expected to register with the GOK in Kakuma camp. Majority of those issued with passes came from Burundi and DR Congo.

### Legal

#### Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR and its partner Kituo Cha Sheria (KCS) made interventions for 93 persons were presented before various courts for different offences. 14 police stations and 6 prisons were visited as part of the monthly detention monitoring activities.
- 26 persons arrested for protesting outside UNHCR office were charged with creating disturbance and incitement to violence. UNHCR monitored two of the court proceedings.
- On 6 - 8 May 2019, UNHCR with other members of the interagency taskforce on Refugee Act review accompanied parliamentarians from departmental committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, and the committee on Administration and National Security, for a familiarization visit to Dadaab and Kakuma Refugee Camps to seek views from stakeholders on the review of the act and better understanding of refugee management. The MPs have a key role in the review of the Refugees Act.
- On 18 May, 75 person that were camping outside UNHCR were relocated refugee camp for their protection and safety.
- UNHCR in collaboration with Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) conducted refugee law training for 25 legal practitioners on 22 – 24 May 2019. Participants were drawn from Nairobi, Thika, Vihiga, Eldoret, Moyale and Bungoma.

## Child protection

### Achievements and Impact

- 31 BIAs were conducted.
- One BID panel was convened where 19 cases were approved by the panel for resettlement.
- Two dialogues for children were held - 5 children were placed under child headed households and 3 under foster care arrangement.
- A 5-day joint UNHCR/HIAS mission was conducted in Nakuru from 20 - 25 May. 36 children were assessed and home visits conducted for 14 of the homes to monitor and assess the impact of financial assistance disbursed to the families in 2018.
- 2 cross border family reunification exercises were conducted. Two children were reunited with their mother in Uganda and 4 children reunited with their mother in UK Cardiff City.
- Support was provided for children without stable caregivers. This included children in group living arrangements who had reported loss of money. Others had vacated their rented accommodation without notice, thus forfeiting their deposit.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

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- Due to financial challenges some refugee and asylum seekers children are not able to access formal education.
- UNHCR noted with concern that some refugee children engage in child labor to meet their basic needs.

## Refugee Status Determination

### Achievements and Impact

- 275 interviews were conducted; 194 were initial interviews and 80 were complementary interviews. 22 were no-shows.
- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held its meeting on 21 May. 1,166 individuals were recommended for recognition and 6 for rejection. The applicants were from Kakuma camp and Nairobi.
- 465 cases were issued with decisions during the period.
- The eligibility team in Nairobi will conduct interviews for applicants whose designated address is Kakuma camp. The decision by Government will ensure that persons registered since February 2017 are interviewed to reduce the backlog of pending cases. However, decision notification and refugee identity documentation will only be accessible to the applicants at the designated address.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 5,044 individuals are pending processing in Nairobi; 1,338 are pending interviews, 630 are pending assessment and 3,076 individuals are pending review.
- 13,373 individuals (12,630 pending interview, 160 Pending assessment and 583 pending review) registered since February 2017 mainly from Kakuma are part of the cases added to the Nairobi backlog. In total, 18,417 cases are pending RSD interviews.

## Community Mobilization

### Achievements and Impact

- 16 elected refugee leaders living in Nakuru were issued with badges to facilitate their identification and facilitation in the community.

- The UNHCR Innovation team based in Geneva and Regional Service Centre in Nairobi in collaboration with UNHCR Kenya conducted communication assessment in Eastleigh. The two month assessment involved refugees in the design and actual assessment exercise. A validation workshop was held in the same area at the conclusion of the exercise.
- UNHCR and partners held community sensitization in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ongata Rongai with a focus on medical issues. Participants benefitted from medical screening for hypertension and diabetes, while others had specialized eye screening with beneficiaries provided with relevant drugs and reading glasses and referral made for further medical care. During the awareness session, participants were also educated on National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) cover, the premiums, where to access the service and its benefits.
- Safe House residents were retrained on Safe House Code of Conduct. The exercise conducted by UNHCR and HIAS saw the residents sign the Code of Conduct with a commitment to follow laid out principles.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Continuous training and support for refugee leaders in Nakuru and Mombasa needed while elected leaders identification badges for those in Mombasa need to be standardized with those already issues in other urban centers.
- Some refugees are yet to be registered in the national database also known as huduma number that captured both citizens and aliens/foreigners residing in Kenya. Discussions ongoing with RAS for direction.



#### EDUCATION

#### Achievements and Impact

- Over 250 DAFI scholars alongside Windle Trust Kenya (WTK) and UNHCR congregated at the Kenyans Coast on 1-3 May for the annual students' conference themed: Youth, Role models of Society.
- 40 (26M 14F) secondary schools students were monitored in 20 secondary schools within Nairobi region. It was noted that a student was expelled from scholarship due to gross misconduct in the school. The student was also suspended from the respective school.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- During the monitoring visit in secondary schools, it was noted that limited funding in the education sector has impacted on support for school fees, transport and personal effects.



#### COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

#### Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR jointly with the Association of Microfinance institutions (AMFI) and Financial Sector Deepening Africa (FSDA) engaged with various micro-finance institutions (MFIs) in sensitization workshop held on 2-3 May 2019, seeking to have refugees included in the financial systems in Kenya. The institutions agreed on to include refugees in their existing programmes.
- UNHCR held a meeting with United States International University (USIU – Africa) to discuss the possibility of including refugees in the business incubation programmes.
- An assessment was conducted for the individuals exited from the witness protection programme with the aim of providing support on employment and start-up businesses.

- UNHCR engaged with Techfugees on the possibility of identifying talented web developers among refugees; and another meeting with USA for UNHCR volunteers with the aim of facilitating learning on the urban programme and seek opportunities for future engagement.



## DURABLE SOLUTIONS

### Resettlement

#### Achievements and Impact

- 112 persons departed to resettlement countries, mainly to United States of America.

### Voluntary Repatriation

#### Achievements and Impact

- Monthly cross border coordination meeting was held in Nairobi on 28 -29 May. Stakeholders from Kenya and Somali Governments with UNHCR deliberated on the current challenges of voluntary repatriation of Somali refugees. The meeting agreed on the need for a draft a multi-year voluntary repatriation strategy for the Kenya operation by September 2019.
- UNHCR conducted a return intention survey for South Sudanese refugees residing in Kenya. The survey is aimed at collecting data on willingness to return, which will assist UNHCR to identify factors that will promote future plans for return of South Sudanese.

### Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers.

### Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya** operation amount to **US\$ 23.21 million**

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