

# Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31 October 2019

**192,301**

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

**12,461**

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2019.

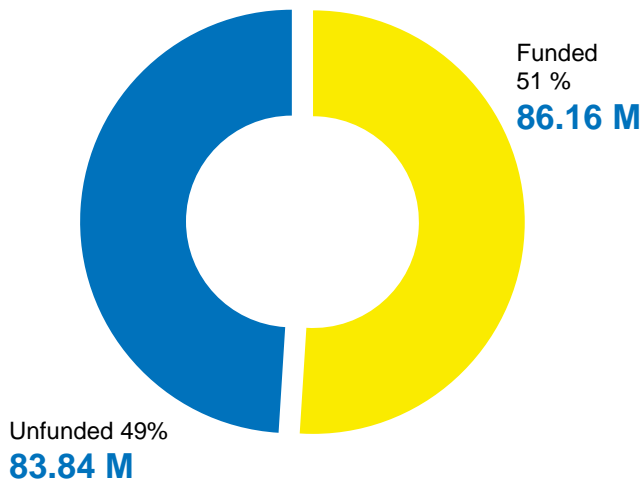
**8,651**

Newly arrived refugees from South Sudan registered in 2019

## FUNDING (AS OF 22 OCTOBER 2019)

**USD 170.0 M**

Requested for the Kenya Operation



## HIGHLIGHTS

Refugee and Kenyan girls top 2019 National Music Festival



Angelina Jolie schoolgirls pose for a photo with one of the 10 trophies won at the Kenya National Music Festival. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

## KEY INDICATORS

**7,779**

Bank accounts opened for refugees in Kalobeyei Settlement through UNHCR's CBI programme since June 2018.

**2,109**

Permanent shelters constructed through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter programme in Kalobeyei Settlement since June 2018.

# Update on Achievements

## Highlights

**EU ambassador to Kenya, Amb. Simon Mordue, and EU member state ambassadors visit to Kalobeyei settlement:** On 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019, UNHCR, jointly with WFP, hosted a visit by the Head of European Union (EU) Delegation in Kenya, Ambassador Simon Mordue, and EU member state ambassadors. The mission visited EU funded activities in Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement to see the impact of EU funding on Turkana West residents. Some of the EU funded activities visited include; UNHCR's Field Post in Kalobeyei settlement, Kalobeyei Health facility and maternity in village 1, Bamba Chakula (e-food voucher) refugee traders in Kalobeyei market and the Water Pan site by WFP and FAO in Kalobeyei village 1.



EU delegation pay keen attention to a demonstration of KASI, one of UNHCR's Innovative Protection Tools, at the Kalobeyei Field Post. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

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**UNHCR and the Government of Kenya conducts verification in Kakuma camp:**

UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat commenced verification of the population in Kakuma refugee camp on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The exercise is aimed at ascertaining the number of refugees and asylum seekers who are physically present in the refugee camp. As of 31<sup>st</sup> of October, 43,181 individuals have been verified. The verification exercise is expected to be completed in 5 months.

Concurrently, UNHCR is conducting a socio-economic survey to collect data on socio-economic indicators to better understand the living conditions of refugees in Kakuma refugee camp. The survey started on 21<sup>st</sup> October and is expected to be completed in mid-December 2019.

**KISEDIP steering committee meets to evaluate implementation progress:** On 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019, UNHCR together with the County Government of Turkana and the National government, co-chaired a steering committee meeting for the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Plan (KISEDIP) to take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the first phase of the 15-year plan. A progress report is currently in preparation and will soon be available for the public.

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**Residents of Turkana West Sub-County joins the world in marking the 2019 World Mental Health Day.**

On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019, UNHCR and partners contributing to mental health joined hundreds of refugees and Kenyans living in Kalobeyei settlement in marking the World Mental Health Day, 2019, themed: focus on suicide prevention. Various speakers at the event called for more investment to build capacity of various partners and the community to manage cases of mental illness.

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**UNHCR to conduct intention return survey for urban refugees:**

UNHCR Sub Office Kakuma is planning, from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, to conduct an intention return survey for urban refugees residing in areas covered by UNHCR Sub Office Kakuma including Kitale, Eldoret, West Pokot and Trans Nzoia. These areas include Uasin Gishu, Bungoma, Trans – Nzoia and West Pokot.

**Refugees and Kenyan youth and children take part in a special Olympics event in Kakuma camp:**

A Special Olympics event, targeting children and youth with and without intellectual disabilities, took place in Kakuma camp on 19 October 2019. The event, organised by Special Olympics Kenya and Humanity and Inclusion, with support from UNHCR and other partners, was aimed at promoting inclusion and nurturing talents of people with special needs.

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## From the press:

**Refugee and Kenyan girls top 2019 National Music Festival:** Mid this year, refugee and Kenyan girls from the Angelina Jolie school, in Kakuma refugee camp, presented 14 entries in the 93rd Annual National Music Festival aimed at providing a platform for learners to identify and nurture talent. Eight of the 14 entries made it to the National level, winning them trophies and recognition for their prowess in poetry.

<https://www.unhcr.org/ke/16111-refugee-and-kenyan-girls-top-2019-national-music-festival.html>

## Missions

- 1 – 2 October 2019: visit by **Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)**. The mission visited some UNHCR activities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei as well as swiss funded Skills for Life project by SwissContact.
- 2 – 4 October 2019: Mission by commissioners from the **National Gender and Equity Commission (NGEC)**.
- 8 October 2019: Monitoring mission from **MADE 51 and Bawa Hope** to assess quality of products produced by refugees and host community in Kalobeyei settlement.
- 25 October 2019: Visit by Ms. Mazouz Oum Elkheir, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility Department at **Etihad Aviation Group** accompanied by PSP colleagues from Dubai. The mission also served to produce a 1-minute video to promote Etihad/UNHCR project in Kenya with a special focus on Education and Health.

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** 12,461 newly arrived refugees have been registered since the beginning of January 2019, of whom 8,651 are refugees from South Sudan.
- **Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep):** Cumulatively, 306 individuals have been assisted to return through the VolRep programme in 2019 of whom 151 individuals returned to Somalia, 150 individuals to Burundi and 5 individuals assisted to return to Ethiopia.
- **Resettlement:** Cumulatively, in 2019, 277 cases of 1,104 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration in Canada, United Kingdom, Sweden, USA, and Australia. Additionally, 821 individuals have departed for resettlement to the USA, Canada, Australia and Sweden in 2019.

- **Complementary pathways:** Since January 2019, UNHCR has facilitated 138 cases of 336 individuals for resettlement through complementary pathways.
- **Youth protection and development:** Kakuma United, team comprising of refugees and Kenyans, continue to play in the National Football League, Division 2 where they are currently leading in the Western Zone. This far, the team has played a total of 7 matches.
- In addition, 36 refugee and Kenyan athletes competed in the 'WE RUN' level II 5KM race. Officials from Athletic Kenya, National body in charge of athletics in Kenya, were present to ensure the basic Athletics rules and regulations are observed.
- **Child protection:** The county government of Turkana launched the Child Protection Strategy for Turkana (the first county child protection strategy to be launched in Kenya).



## EDUCATION

### Achievements and Impact

- 7,109 (2,288 female) candidates from UNHCR supported Primary Schools in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement sat for the Kenya Certificate for Primary Education national examination which started on 29th October 2019.
- 28 (9 female) secondary school teachers and 4 (3 female) education counsellors and officers were trained on Alternative Basic Education (ABE), targeting to equip teachers with skills to blend curriculum content with life skills activities, inclusion, livelihood as well as talent development.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Inadequate facilities (classrooms, toilets, desks, WASH and play facilities) leading to school congestion and inability to enrol out-of-school children.
- An insufficient number of teachers including a low number of female teachers, limited training opportunities, and low remuneration and motivation, which affects education quality.
- Need for continuous training of ECD and Primary school teachers on the new Competency Based Curriculum.



## SHELTER AND CBI

### Achievements and Impact

- **Cash Based Intervention (CBI):** 7,642 bank accounts opened for refugees in Kalobeyei settlement since June 2018 and a total of 406 million Kenya shillings



distributed to beneficiaries through UNHCR's Cash Based Intervention (CBI) approach.

- 2,109 shelter units have been constructed in Kalobeyei settlement through UNHCR's Cash Based Intervention, CBI for Shelter, programme and a total of KES 308,006,200 disbursed in the framework of the shelter project.
- In 2019, on average, 6,413 refugee households (32,551 individuals) in Kalobeyei settlement receive monthly cash assistance for buying soap and sanitary items. A total of KES. 80,813,900 has been distributed to cover the costs of 187MT of soap, 89,677 underwear and 89,6770 sanitary napkins.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need for the construction of adequate permanent homes for the over 5,000 families who are currently living in temporary shelters in Kalobeyei settlement.



### FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

#### Achievements and Impact

- 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.
- 345 mothers received individual counseling on breastfeeding techniques and exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months through the maternal, infant and young child nutrition program.
- Forums on ways to improve infant and young child nutrition reached over 50 mother to mother and father to father support groups in Kakuma refuge camp. A total of 2,188 beneficiaries were reached through this forum.
- 38 women trained to monitor nutrition status of their children using the Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) tape. The training helps women monitor nutrition status of their children and seek nutrition assistance early when a child nutrition status deteriorates.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Food assistance remains far from meeting Recommended Daily Intake of the population and leads to deteriorating nutrition status especially among young children and women.

**HEALTH****Achievements and Impact**

- In October, an orthopedic surgical camp saw a team composed of an orthopedic surgeon and three assistants from Kijabe mission hospital in Nairobi county review over 68 patients with orthopedic/bone complications and perform surgery on 17 patients at the Kakuma referral hospital in Kakuma camp. The orthopedic camp, as a reverse referral mechanism, was organized in collaboration with African Inland Church, UNHCR's implementing partner for Health in village 2 of Kalobeyei settlement.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE****Achievements and Impact**

- AEC refugee incentive and local staff trained 534 entrepreneurs in Bookkeeping and 546 in business readiness and business registration. 50% are women entrepreneurs.
- 50 women are currently enrolled in International Computer Driving License (ICDL) course to enhance their competency in the use of a computer and common applications.
- A total of 33 individuals are currently engaged in paying online jobs through the Tech for Livelihoods project by AAHI and WFP in Kakuma refugee camp.
- 63 female artisans trained on entrepreneurship and small business management and development. Topics covered include; strategies of small business management; competencies & characteristics of entrepreneurs; Techniques of marketing; Loss and profit calculation; Costing of product; and Preparation of business plan.
- 3 graduates from welding, electrical and motor vehicle mechanics have been currently undergoing industrial attachment at Pure Planet Recyclers in Komarock Nairobi, and 4 are expected to travel to Don Bosco Vocational Training Wau South Sudan as instructors.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

- There is inadequate access to credit facilities by refugees, which limits the growth of existing businesses and limits opportunities for new businesses.

**WATER AND SANITATION**

### Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, 1,140 meters pipeline extension was laid in village 3 of Kalobeyei settlement to enhance provision of water to the residents. Cumulatively, a total of 5,293 meters of pipelines have been connected in Kalobeyei since January 2019.
- In the month of October 2019, a total of 264 latrines were constructed in Kakuma refugee camp of which 31 were communal latrines for newly arrived refugees, 26 disability friendly latrines and 107 household latrines.
- Hygiene promotion sensitization household visits made to 8,216 households in Kakuma camp and 2,316 household in Kalobeyei settlement.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- More resources needed for the construction of household latrines to replace the current communal latrines in Kalobeyei settlement and improve the overall latrine coverage.

## Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), Turkana County Government, 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 meetings with refugee representatives in the camp and settlement.

To implement different sectors, since beginning of the year UNHCR signed Partner Project Agreement (PPAs) with 18 implementing Partners, (8 NNGOs and 9 INGOs) as well as a Bipartite Agreement with RAS. In addition, another 12 operational partners also implement activities with their own financial resources to compliment UNHCR efforts in ensuring support to refugees and asylum seekers.

## Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya Operation** amounts to **86.16 million** US dollars.

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