

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31 May 2020

196,345

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 31 May 2020.

3,098

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2020.

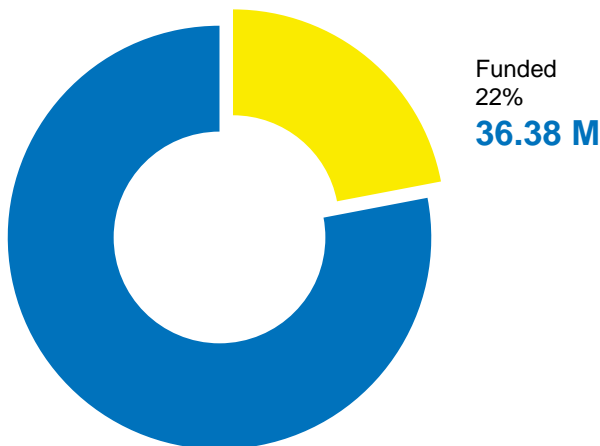
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COVID-19 positive case in Kakuma refugee camp

FUNDING (AS OF 4 JUNE 2020)

USD 164.6 M

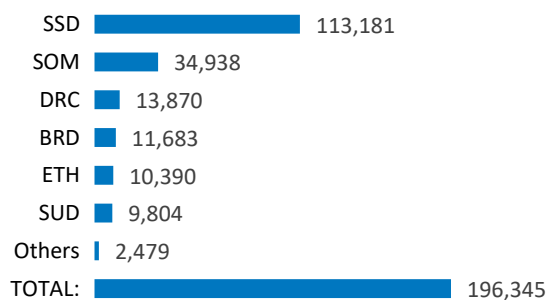
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 78%
128.22 M

POPULATION OF CONCERN (31 MAY 2020)

Country of origin



SSD – South Sudan
SOM – Somalia
DRC – Democratic Republic of Congo
BRD – Burundi
ETH – Ethiopia
SUD – Sudan

KEY INDICATORS

7

Quarantine facilities established in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement out of which **two** are active

5

COVID-19 Isolation and Treatment centres established in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement out of which **one** is active



Photo of the Isolation and treatment facility at Ammusait General Hospital where one COVID-19 patient is currently in isolation.

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- The Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and the UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, started the relocation of 190 families who lost their homes as a result of soil liquefaction along the banks of river 'Nabek'. Eighty-nine of the affected families have been relocated to Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- UNHCR donated 192 pieces of face masks to the National Police Service (NPS) in Kakuma on 4 May. The donation was in addition to a public address system donated to the police in the month of April 2020.
- On 13 May, UNHCR delivered a consignment of 10,000 facemasks and 300 (500ml) hand sanitizers to the County Government of Turkana. The PPEs will be distributed to frontline workers in the fight against COVID-19. Click [here](#) to read more.
- The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), with support from the US Government through PRM, initiated the broadcast of educational content through a local radio station. The content, acquired from the Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development (KICD), will ensure over 88,000 refugees and host community learners continue to attend classes through radio.
- On 12 May, UNHCR delivered a truck of humanitarian assistance for the families affected by floods in Trans Nzoia County. The County Commissioner for Trans Nzoia said the Core Relief Items that will be distributed to flood victims residing in Villages of Namajalala, Kiminini, Saboti and Sabwani-Bikeke. Click [here](#) to watch the video.
- UNHCR received medicine, medical supplies and medical equipment procured through KEMSA and other suppliers. These supplies were distributed to the three medical partners International Rescue Committee (IRC), Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) and African Inland Church- Health Ministries (AIC – HM). In addition to stocks to ensure continued running of essential health services without interruption, the following items are specific to strengthening readiness to respond to COVID-19 cases: 15 Oxygen concentrators, 15 pulse oximeters, 65 reusable gowns, 1,500 disposable aprons, 1,100 pieces of combined nasal prongs and mass oxygen delivery and 20 pieces of resuscitation masks.
- On 25 May, the Government of Kenya announced that an individual had tested positive for COVID-19 at a quarantine facility in Kakuma. The concerned individual had been in quarantine since 14 May, in line with the Government of Kenya's directive. On 22 May, a sample was taken for testing, and the result was positive. The individual was transferred to the isolation centre in Ammusait General Hospital in Kakuma 4 to start treatment and has not shown any symptoms of COVID-19 so far. The tests of 21 individuals quarantined in the same facility were

negative. The Ministry of Health's Disease Surveillance and Response team was informed, and contact tracing commenced.

- A cholera outbreak was reported in the month of May. A total of four cases treated at the Cholera Treatment Centre (CTC) in Kakuma refugee camp. 2 refugees and two from the host community. Neighbouring Kakuma Mission Hospital has so far treated over 60 cases.
- On 26 May, UNHCR delivered Core Relief Items and different medication to the Kakuma Mission hospital where cholera patients are being treated. Items provided included mats, blankets, mosquito nets, jerrycan, soap and detergents. Besides, UNHCR and health partners donated medical supplies and PPEs to the hospital.
- Additionally, UNHCR delivered 30,000 litres of clean water per day to host community villages in Kakuma that were impacted by the cholera outbreak.
- On 20 May, the County Commissioner for Turkana and members of the National COVID-19 Multi-Agency Centre Management visited Kakuma on a fact-finding mission to assess the adherence of Government's COVID-19 prevention and response measures.



Members of the National COVID-19 Multi-Agency Centre Management, accompanied by the County Commissioner for Turkana, visit the Isolation and Treatment Facility at Ammusait General Hospital. UNHCR/ Samuel Otieno

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** 3,098 newly arrived refugees registered since the beginning of January 2020 of whom 1,750 are new arrivals from South Sudan.
- **Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep):** Voluntary repatriation programme remains suspended due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Resettlement (RST):** Resettlement and Integrity interviews continue to be conducted remotely. Since the beginning of the year, 189 cases comprising of 765 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration in Germany, France, Finland, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom.
- Cumulatively in 2020, a total of 6 cases comprising of 29 individuals departed for resettlement to third countries.
- **Complementary pathways:** 119 cases comprising of 162 individuals were assisted through UNHCR's complementary pathways.
- **Child Protection:** During the month, 111 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) on the threat of abduction, card activation, card merging, allocation of alternative food collector, Medical concerns, disability and care arrangement concerns were received for review.
- Two inter-agency Best Interest Determination (BID) panel meetings were held within the month in which 24 BIDs were discussed.
- Two pieces of training geared towards improving efficiency and documentation of BIDs, and discussion of cases in the panel, conducted for Child Protection partners in Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlement.
- On 11 May, UNHCR, Tiny Totos and Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (KKCF) agreed on the establishment of a Children Day Care centre in Kakuma & Kalobeyei. The centre would ensure children are taken good care of by professionals from the refugee community as the parents/mothers venture out to work.
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** In May, 77 new SGBV Cases were identified and referred for assessment, including 41 cases involving LGBTI Individuals. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- UNHCR's Protection partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) continues to conduct house to house visit for survivors, including safe havens, and to sensitize POC on COVID-19.
- **Legal assistance:** 26 individuals accessed legal assistance offered remotely by UNHCR's partner - Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) - in May.

- RCK conducted 25 visits to police stations in Kakuma and Kalobeyei, assisting 29 clients in various legal matters.
- Six persons of concern arrested while travelling outside Kakuma and charged with residing outside a designated area without authority were offered legal assistance at law courts in Lodwar and Lokichar.
- **Border and detention monitoring:** Border monitoring along the western flight corridor continues to be conducted remotely by phone and directly by protection monitors in Kitale, Malaba, Busia and Isebania borders. Borders remain closed, and no new arrivals have been reported from that side.
- **Youth protection and development:** Kakuma athletes received 350 masks donated by the Tegla Lorupe Foundation. The athletes, who are currently in Kakuma after the suspension of training activities in Ngong, Kajiado county, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, will use the masks to protect themselves while training.
- UNHCR is working with youth from Global Shapers Hub in Kakuma to disseminate COVID-19 related messages to community members through the Hub's WhatsApp platform.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- Radio broadcast of pre-recorded KICD content and interactive lessons with teachers using a locally developed content is ongoing. Over 33,000 learners from grades 4 to 8 and Accelerated Education Programme (AEP) from the primary school from Kakuma refugee camp, Kalobeyei settlements and the host community accessed various lessons.
- In secondary schools, radio lessons continue to reach over 2,500 learners in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- Mass awareness and public address announcements on COVID-19 and education messages centred on children was conducted in Kalobeyei and surrounding host community by Finnish Church Aid (FCA), in the ten languages best understood by children.
- Ten radios distributed by FCA to host community learners enrolled in Nationokar Primary school. The School Headteacher collected the radios which will benefit 60 learners to access ongoing radio broadcast lessons.
- As part of COVID-19 preparedness, FCA delivered 20 handwashing buckets and five boxes of bar soap at Morning Star Primary School, a COVID-19 quarantine centre.
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), through the support of BPRM and Porticus, initiated 56 Interactive Radio Lessons (IRL) to ensure continued learning for over

3,400 Accelerated Education Programme (AEP) learners in the refugee camp and host community.

- Additionally, NRC initiated 20 Better Learning Programme (BLP) radio spots to provide psychosocial support to parents and children. The programme offered positive coping mechanisms by stimulating natural resilience and the recovery process post the pandemic.
- 455 primary school learners under Kenya Equity in Education Programme (KEEP) remedial classes accessed revision materials through Eneza/ Shupavu. The process is facilitated and monitored by Windle International Kenya (WIK).
- 1,243 secondary school candidates in Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlement supported by Windle International Kenya (WIK) engaged on WhatsApp learning platform. Teachers shared locally prepared notes, recorded lessons and other educational resources.
- 1,243 secondary school candidates received solar lanterns from LOKADO, UNHCR's partner for Energy and Environment, to aid learning at home during the night.
- Over 2,797 girls aged 12 years and above from five primary schools and teenage in Kalobeyei received sanitary pads from FCA to support menstrual hygiene during the pandemic.
- To create a safe and conducive learning environment to children once schools reopen, UNHCR completed the renovation of 20 classrooms in various schools in Kakuma camp.



SHELTER AND CBI

Achievements and Impact

- Cumulatively, 3,881 shelter units have been constructed since June 2018 through UNHCR's CBI for Shelter project in Kalobeyei settlement. These include 1,517 standard shelters and 1,182 double shelters.
- The final cycle of construction for 2019 has been finalised with the current cumulative total of 2,650 households of 13,573 individuals in Kalobeyei settlement living in permanent shelters.
- The CBI for Shelter Plan of 2020 is to convert a total of 2,000 shelter units to be constructed through CBI of which registration and verification of the shelters is currently ongoing for Cycle 9 (expected to cover about 1,000 shelter units).
- A total of KES 540,597,000 has so far been distributed in the framework of CBI for Shelter construction.
- In 2020, a total of 1,164 household latrines have been constructed in Village 1, hence bringing the cumulative total to 3,304 latrine units have so far been built to date.

- The 2020 plans involve the construction of 1,500 Household latrines through CBI, alongside the shelter construction process which is expected to be covered in construction Cycle 9 and Cycle 10.
- A total of KES 49,449,000 has so far been distributed in the framework of Latrine construction.
- In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNHCR postponed the transition to CBI for Core Relief Items in Kakuma and will conduct in-kind distributions until August 2020. A market assessment will also be conducted in order to ascertain the current market prices for the Core Relief Items in view of the COVID19 impacts as well as in a bid to transition to CBI for Cooking Energy in both Kakuma and Kalobyei.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

- Dressmaking and tailoring trainees at Don Bosco Vocational Training Centre have been engaged to produce 3,000 cloth masks for UNHCR. The reusable masks will be distributed to vulnerable persons of concern.
- In addition, Don Bosco pledged and produced 1,000 facemasks which will also be distributed to persons of concern.
- Vocational trainees at Don Bosco continued receiving theoretical lessons through WhatsApp platform. Practical lessons will resume as soon as the VTC reopens.
- Action Africa Help International (AAHI) facilitated the establishment of “Fumbua Africa”-a refugee-led tailoring umbrella to a platform for refugee tailors to participate in the mass production of reusable cloth mask. Orders received through the umbrella will be channelled to different refugee and host tailoring groups and individual tailors.
- As a measure to curb the spread of COVID-19, business enrolled in business incubator project by AAHI continued to receive business lessons through a refugee run Radio, Ref FM.
- In the month of May, AAH-I trained a total of 100 refugee and host farmers on dryland farming practices and contract farming management.
- Commenced rehabilitation of five shallow wells to support micro-irrigation farming by refugees and host community at Choro Farm in Kakuma camp.
- AAH-I procured and distributed nine Galla goats to host community farmers in Lopur ward as seed breed aimed at improving the quality of offspring and enhance milk production.
- Seven agencies pledged a total of 17,770 reusable facemasks in support of the general refugee and host community use in COVID-19 prevention. Of the 17,770 pledged reusable masks, 4,070 masks have been produced while the remaining facemasks are under production stage.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- COVID-19 has led to loss of SMEs generated informal jobs and refugee livelihoods critical in complementing UNHCR foundational support to households. There is need to establish/set up a business grant/finance pool to support businesses after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Due to COVID-19 pandemic and its effect to livelihoods, there is need to develop contingency plans for businesses, Livelihoods and economic inclusion, to embed emergency savings programmes into future interventions.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, the number of severe acutely malnourished children enrolled to OTP was 140 in Kakuma and 40 in Kalobeyei while moderate acutely malnourished children enrolled to Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) was 527 in Kakuma and 148 in Kalobeyei.
- Dissemination of COVID-19 sensitization messages targeting breastfeeding mothers in collaboration with the Community Health Program, which entails supporting breastfeeding for mothers who are found positive for COVID-19.
- Wet feeding programme rolled out in COVID-19 quarantine and Isolation centres. The World Food Programme (WFP) supports with in-kind dry foods, and UNHCR provides fresh food to ensure availability of nutrient-rich diet admitted cases.

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

- Cumulatively, a total of 123 health care workers have received training on COVID-19 focusing on infection prevention, surveillance, case management and sample collection. The training was extended to community health workers with a total of 220 trained enable conduct contact tracing and pass prevention messages safely. The training was done in small groups, online and via video teleconference facilitated by CDC and the Ministry of Health Kenya.

- General health indicators maintained within UNHCR standards with consultations per clinicians per day at 54 compared acceptable standard of <50 consultations per person per day.

Cholera and COVID 19 Surveillance and response activities continued in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and health partners including; screening of persons of concern during the food distribution exercise; COVID-19 surveillance, quarantine of individuals meeting criteria set by the government and support to contact tracing.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- During the month, per capita water supply was maintained at over 20 L/p/day with 21.97L/person/day in Kakuma and 20.38L/person/day in Kalobeyei settlement.
- Joint WASH assessment conducted at the IDP Village in Kakuma Town on the water supply situation. The village recorded high numbers of Cholera Cases.
- Construction of the WASH facilities at the various COVID-19 isolation and quarantine facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei is ongoing.
- Completed construction of six units of emergency latrines (temporary) at designated COVID-19 quarantine sites: Angelina Jolie Primary School, Morneau Shepell Secondary School, and Hope Primary School receiving two latrines each.
- Nearly 2,000 simple hand washing devices installed at the household level in Kakuma refugee camp in the month of May.
- Distribution of 576 pieces of 200g soap for handwashing during hand washing demonstrations at household level targeting the refugee population
- Comprehensive Water Sanitation and Hygiene preparation and reinforcement are being carried out at isolation and quarantine facilities. Installation of additional tanks where necessary, including bladder tanks, to facilitate the provision of water. Besides, construction of permanent and temporary latrines, including flushing sitting-type, is ongoing. Permanent latrines will be in use even after COVID-19 pandemic subsides.
- Five billboards with COVID-19 prevention message (proper handwashing with clean flowing water and soap) installed at strategic central locations across Kakuma and surrounding host community.
- Thirty-five solid waste management kits distributed to WASH committees and market committees for solid waste management.

From the press

Turkana County confirms its first virus case: Turkana Deputy Governor Peter Lotethiro on Monday confirmed the county's first Covid-19 case at the Kakuma Refugee Camp.

Letethiro said on May 24, Turkana County became the 29th county in Kenya to report a positive case. “We can confirm that a 32-year-old, Somali national residing in Kenya as a registered refugee at Kakuma Camp tested positive for SARS-2virus, which causes Covid-19,” he said. Click [here](#) to read more.

As refugee camps in Kenya report first COVID-19 cases, UN Commissioner for Refugees talk to Aljazeera: Watch video of UN High Commissioner, Filippo Grandi, talks about how UNHCR is handling the situation by clicking [here](#).

Many Refugees Living in Nairobi Struggle to Survive Because of COVID-19: The economic impact of COVID-19 is being felt across the world. This also applies to refugees. Click [here](#) to read more.

UN ramps up health services in refugee camps in Kenya amid COVID-19: The UN refugee Agency (UNHCR), aid agencies and the Kenyan government are ramping up health response after two individuals tested positive for COVID-19 in the Dadaab refugee camps in the northeast region. Click [here](#) to read more.

Stigma keeps refugees from reporting disease – UN report: Fear of stigma prevents refugees from disclosing COVID-19 and other disease symptoms for fear they will be unfairly blamed for infecting the community, the United Nations says. A new UN report titled 'Justice for women amidst COVID-19' also says the impact of the pandemic is devastating for refugees in fragile settings with weak health systems, weak rule of law and major violence against women and girls. Click [here](#) to read more.

Soap maker in Kenya refugee camp lowers prices to fight COVID-19: When Innocent Havyarimana, a Burundian refugee, first heard handwashing was crucial in preventing coronavirus, he did something few businessmen would do – he lowered his prices. Others might have raised prices to increase profit, but his aim was to make his soap as accessible as possible, so he also boosted production. Click [here](#) to read more and watch video.

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 virtually using Microsoft Teams platform.

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 14 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 **36.38 million** US dollars.

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