

# Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31 July 2020

**196,666**

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

**3,231**

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2020.

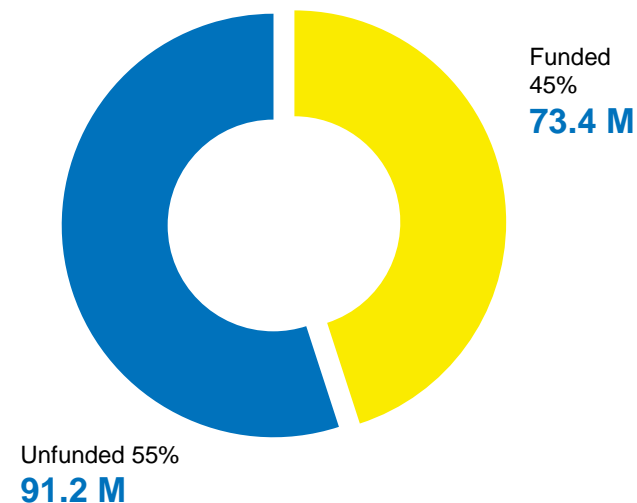
**20**

Nationalities hosted in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement

## FUNDING (AS OF 22 JULY 2020)

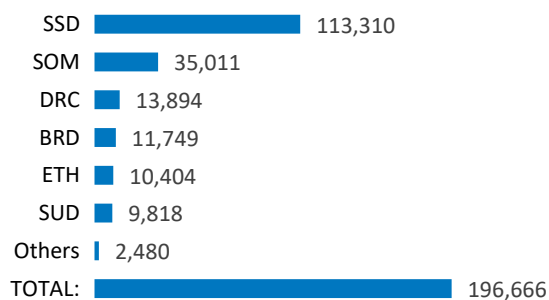
**USD 164.6 M**

Requested for the Kenya Operation



## POPULATION OF CONCERN (31 JULY 2020)

### Country of origin



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

## KEY INDICATORS

**33**

Recorded COVID-19 cases in Kakuma with 11 having fully recovered

**268**

Individuals have been quarantined cumulatively since the first COVID-19 positive case was identified



PHOTO: A warehouse staff inspects part of the soap donation received from at the UNHCR warehouse in Kakuma. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

# Update on Achievements

## Highlights

- UNHCR, Sub Office Kakuma, received 1.775 million 80gramme-pieces of soap donation from Unilever in support of the fight against COVID-19.
- GIZ, in partnership with Renewvia Energy, begun the electrification of 6 quarantine and isolation and treatment centres in Kalobeyei settlement including the Nalemsokon Health Centre and Naragae Dispensary in Kalobeyei village 2.
- In July, UNHCR assisted 19 refugees and asylum seekers to relocate from Nairobi to Kakuma. All the travellers underwent COVID-19 testing and are currently undergoing a 14-day quarantine as per the Ministry of Health guidelines.
- Preparations made to start targeted testing among both refugee and host population to establish possible presence of community spread of COVID-19. To support the distribution of food and Core Relief Items (CRI) for the month of August, UNHCR and partners facilitated COVID-19 testing for 171 persons of concern working at the Food Distribution Centres (FDCs).
- Cumulatively, 268 persons of concern have been quarantined since the first case was confirmed. They comprise of persons who recently travelled into Kakuma from other parts of Kenya with documented transmission and close contacts of individuals already diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Cumulatively, since the first COVID-19 case was reported in Kakuma in May, a total of 777 persons of concerns have been tested for COVID-19.
- As of 31 July, a total of 22 COVID-19 positive patients had been admitted at the Isolation and treatment facilities in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei Settlement. Cumulatively, Kakuma has recorded a total of 33 COVID-19 cases, with 11 individuals having fully recovered as of 31 July.
- A total of 7 COVID-19 cases have been recorded among humanitarian workers with 5 having fully recovered. As of 31 July, 2 humanitarian workers diagnosed with COVID-19 were undergoing treatment under home-based care.
- Kakuma refugee among seven Global winners Youth with Refugee Art Contest: Alfa Mukangala, from Congo, is among seven Global winners in a Refugee Art Contest by UNHCR. His painting, which portrays solidarity in times of #coronavirus, was among over 2,000 arts entries received globally. [Click here to view painting.](#)

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** 3,231 newly arrived refugees registered since the beginning of January 2020 of whom 1,794 are new arrivals from South Sudan.
- **Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep):** Voluntary repatriation programme remains suspended due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Since January, 79 individuals repatriated to Ethiopia (76 individuals facilitated with direct flights from Kakuma to Ethiopia while 3 others transited via Nairobi).
- **Resettlement (RST):** Cumulative, 216 cases of 871 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration in Germany, France, Finland, Australia, Canada and United Kingdom in 2020. Besides, 29 individuals (6 cases) departed for resettlement to Australia, United States and the United Kingdom in 2020.
- **Resettlement (RST):** Cumulatively, in 2020, a total of 127 cases of 176 individuals have been assisted to resettle through complementary pathways.
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** During the month of July 2020, 41 new SGBV Cases were identified and referred for assessment, including 19 new cases involving LGBTI Individuals. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- UNHCR's SGBV unit continues to monitor calls received through UNHCR and partner helplines – a total of 51 calls on SGBV were received through UNHCR (10 calls) and Danish Refugee Council (DRC) (41 calls) helplines.
- Safe from the Start artisans produced 8,000 facial masks during the month, following the governmental directives.
- During the month of July, four families (7 individuals) were discharged from the Safe Haven and integrated within the community following a protection case plan drafted together with different partners.
- UNHCR organized a live radio talk show together with SGBV and Child Protection (CP) partners to address SGBV and CP related concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Child protection** Child Protection partners submitted a total of 77 Best Interest Assessments comprising those on alternate care arrangements, potential child abduction, SGBV, teenage pregnancies, psychosocial support, allocation of an alternate food collector, child marriages (informal unions) and unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) requiring support.
- One inter-agency Best Interest Determination (BID) panel meeting was through which 10 BIDs were discussed.
- 4 boys were discharged from Amani Boys' Centre, and one of them reunified with the family (mother) in the camp. The other three were assisted with construction

of two shelters with the help of UNHCR-Shelter Unit and NCKK and have been relocated into their new accommodation.

- **Youth protection:** 37 mentees were supported during the month to access various mentorship programmes and Coursera courses.
- **Camp Protection:** Following the suspension of protection activities at the UNHCR Field Posts, UNHCR continues to receive protection queries from persons of concern through a dedicated protection email. In July, a total of 675 emails were received and screened with 205 cases being referred for action.



## EDUCATION

### Achievements and Impact

- 16 teachers were trained by the health team to assist in community health work during the period that the schools are closed.
- In the reporting period, 44,468 and 8,345 refugee and host community children attended various lessons broadcasted via a local FM station. The broadcast included pre-recorded educational materials from the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) as well as live delivery of lessons by teachers. UNHCR directly implements the daily five-hour radio broadcast covering the primary and secondary school curriculum.
- 8 teachers (2 female) continued to support the radio lesson program by presenting live radio lessons at the Biblia Husema FM radio station.
- Lutheran World Federation (LWF) held conferences for boys and girls from 21 primary schools in Kakuma to discuss the challenges faced by adolescents during the extended school closure due to COVID-19. Psycho-social support through peer empowerment was provided to the attendees who will extend the same support to other learners in the community. Discussions revolved around demystifying the myths of early pregnancy and marriages, concerns that have become a nationwide crisis. A total of 744 total learners were reached.
- Accelerated education learners from the host community were supported with assistive devices; 2 with adjustable walking canes (white cane and crutches), 1 with sitting aid, 1 with walking aid and 4 (1 female) with wheelchairs to aid in mobility.
- Scholarship officers and education counsellors from Windle International Kenya (WIK) continue to offer life skills training and psycho-social support to 65 scholarship learners via zoom.
- The Finish Church Aid (FCA), UNHCR's education partner for Kalobeyei settlement, conducted training for 10 (2 female) school heads, their deputies and Quality Assurance and Standards Officers (QASOs) on child safeguarding. The participants were taken through child safeguarding amid COVID-19 pandemic and reporting pathways for protection cases arising from schools' closure.
- FCA conducted data collection training to 20 (6 female) teachers from Kalobeyei covering data collection techniques regarding the ongoing radio lessons broadcasts.

- FCA conducted a one-day mentorship training for Quality Assurance and Standards Officers (QASOs) and Headteachers on school management and home-schooling amid COVID-19 pandemic virtually. 5 (1 female) headteachers and 2 (all male) QASOs participated in the training.
- 11 (1 female) teachers received training on the identification of children with disabilities using Child Functional Module (CFM) conducted by Humanity and Inclusion.
- FCA conducted a training for 31 (19 female) parents of Children with Disabilities from the 3 villages in Kalobeyei to sensitize parents on access to education for their children through radio during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 120 female teacher representatives from primary schools in Kakuma, managed by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), received training on peer mentorship. The training was conducted by 30 Trainer of Trainers who had recently undergone similar training.
- 1,300 secondary school students in Kakuma and Kalobeyei accessed learning materials in audio, video and print format shared through WhatsApp communication trees.
- FCA conducted School Management Committee training for 34 (15 female) Early Childhood Development (ECD) School Management Committee (SMC) (15 f). The BoMs were trained on child rights, Covid-19 response and school governance
- LWF completed construction of 6 classrooms at 3 host community schools. The new classrooms will increase school capacity in the host community schools upon resumption of schools, especially considering the COVID-19 situation.



## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

### Achievements and Impact

- Online theory learning continued well during the month 727 students - 622 male and 105 female, both refugees and host, from technical, professional and vocational courses.
- Don Bosco Vocational Training Centre staff in Kakuma attended at online training on COVID-19 response and prevention measures, and how to handle cases among students and staff facilitated by Kenya Red Cross.
- Action Africa Help – International (AAH-I) and PUM experts commenced reviewing the Business incubation project curriculum – this activity draws from the 12-month implementation period and considers C-19 ramifications in order to deliver identified outcomes from the onset.
- REF FM, a refugee run community radio station in Kalobeyei settlement, continues to facilitate a visibility role for AAHI and partner activities in Kalobeyei and its environs. AAHI employed refugee and host community incentive radio presenters.
- In the month of July, 3 Toyota Kenya Foundation trainees enrolled for internship in the AAHI Kalobeyei Garage.
- African Entrepreneur Collective (AEC) Kenya recently secured about 45M KES from IKEA Foundation to disburse as one-time cash grants to 700 refugees and host

community businesses in Kakuma to help entrepreneurs to rebuild and recover from the negative impacts of Covid-19.

- The Livelihoods Unit convened and co-chaired the KISED P Quarter 2 Private Sector Thematic Meeting on 21st July 2020.
- Collectively, 13 partners have pledged a total 45,000 re-usable facemasks to be distributed to persons of concern in Kakuma and Kalobeyi injecting USD 16,000 into the local economy from May-July 2020 and supporting over 340 tailors and household incomes during this pandemic.

#### 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.



#### HEALTH

#### Achievements and Impact

- As of 31 July, there are 22 active persons of concern diagnosed with COVID-19. Of this, 15 COVID-19 patients are admitted at the Ammusait General Hospital in Kakuma and 7 at the Nalemsekon Health centre in Kalobeyi.
- Cumulatively, there have been 7 cases reported among humanitarian workers with two having experienced mild symptoms. Of the 7 COVID-19 patients, 5 have fully recovered while two are on home-based care.
- Laboratory-Based Surveillance-Patient treated at the hospital and meeting SARI and ILI case definition also tested for COVID-19. A total of 256 patients have been tested since May, with all samples testing negative for COVID-19. Samples collected are sent to National Influenzae Lab in Nairobi on weekly basis.
- Ongoing community-based surveillance to identify persons of concern travelling to the camp/settlement from outside Kakuma by Community Health Workers and the general community with a subsequent assessment of the need for quarantine and testing. This is key, especially after the lifting of previously set lockdowns in Nairobi and Mombasa.
- Process of activation of additional COVID-19 treatment centres and quarantine facilities to accommodate increased number of persons in need of quarantine and treatment is ongoing.

- Continued mental health and psychosocial support for all patients currently in COVID-19 treatment centres as well as those in quarantine.
- Targeted testing among both refugee and host population to establish the presence of community spread of COVID-19. During the reporting period, 203 individuals tested for COVID-19.

### Challenges

- Influx of spontaneous returnees into Kakuma in large numbers from urban centres. There is a risk of overwhelming current quarantine facilities in Kakuma and importation of COVID-19.
- Shortage of some components of Personal Protective Equipment especially the N95 masks and face shields.
- Misinformation among persons of concern on quarantine and COVID-19 treatment centres leading to resistance.



### WATER AND SANITATION

#### Achievements and Impact

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- In July, 400 host community households in Songot, Naanam and Lokichoggio benefitted from hygiene promotion campaigns focusing on COVID-19 and distribution of 20-litre jerrycans.
- To improve access to water for 1,120 households in Kalobeyei settlement, the installation of 4,100 cubic litres elevated steel tanks, and 8.3 KM pipeline with 80 standpipes is ongoing.
- Construction of 20 blocks of UDDT (Urine Diversions and Drying Toilets) for 20 households in Kalobeyei is ongoing.
- To improve access to water for 1,200 members of the host community in Locher Amoni, Natumamong and Iria in Lokichoggio, rehabilitation of four boreholes including the installation of hand pump technology is ongoing.
- Construction of 12 Blocks of school latrines funded by Japanese Platform through UNHCR's WASH partner – Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) - was completed, including installation of handwashing. Plans are underway to hand over to the Boards of Management (BOMs) of respective schools.
- 2,609 COVID-19 comic books produced by PWJ for school children were distributed at the Kalobeyei settlement (Kalobeyei Primary School) and through host community schools at Nationakar and St Kizito Boarding Primary schools.
- PWJ engaged 10 Tailors and a supervisor to produce re-usable sanitary pads for adolescent girls in Kalobeyei Settlement. As of 31 July, a total of 2,211 re-usable

sanitary pads and 300 carry pouches had been produced. The aim is to produce 4,000 re-usable pads and 2,000 carry pouches.

- 21 Neighbourhoods in Kalobeyei settlement and 2 host community were certified Open Defecation Free (ODF) by a team of County Certifiers in the month of July.
- 474 waste refuse pits at household levels were constructed in Kalobeyei settlement through the community's own initiative and with tools provided with PWJ. This is in line with Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) efforts, which emphasizes on complete sanitation improvement at household, community and village level.
- 10,516 persons of concern were reached with key hygiene, sanitation and COVID19 messages delivered by the CLTS Facilitators / Hygiene Promoters through house to house visits, at public spaces, markets and water collection points.
- 2,955 demonstrations on handwashing practices were conducted by the CLTS facilitators during the month, to emphasize the need and importance of correct handwashing in response to improving personal hygiene and ensure effective prevention against of COVID19 spread.
- Heightened hygiene promotion ongoing at household level with emphasis on installation of simple handing devices at household level. Hygiene Promoters from UNHCR's WASH partner, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), work closely with Community Health Promoters from UNHCR's Health partners, Africa Inland Church (AIC) and International Rescue Committee (IRC) to conduct outreach activities.

## From the press

### **WHY COVID-19 IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CLOSE THE CONNECTIVITY GAP FOR REFUGEES:**

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, refugees were already among some of the world's most vulnerable populations. Although access to 'quality education' has long been recognized as a basic human right, as many as 3.7 million school-age refugees were not enrolled in school before the arrival of the coronavirus.

By forcing refugee children into lockdown with limited access to robust formal learning opportunities, COVID-19 risks widening the educational inequality that exists between refugees and non-refugees. As such, the current crisis ought to be used as a catalyst for bridging the connectivity gap within refugee camps.

According to the UNHCR report, *Stepping Up: Refugee Education in Crisis*, refugees are disproportionately less likely to be enrolled in formal education compared to their non-refugee peers. Whereas global enrollment rates for primary, secondary, and higher education stood at 91%, 84% and 31% respectively in 2017, corresponding statistics for refugees stood at 63%, 24% and 3%. Click [here](#) to read more.



**TEENAGE REFUGEE YIEN GOING FOR GLORY AND CAMPAIGNING FOR PEACE:**

Chajen Dang Yien escaped conflict in South Sudan and spent years away from her family in a Kenyan refugee camp. Now she is aiming for a happy future involving journalism and advocacy – as well as the 800m at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. Chajen, now 19, became a refugee at the age of eight, fleeing war-torn South Sudan. The experience was difficult and what could not be forgotten was being separated from her family. Click [here](#) to read more.

**UN HAILS KENYA'S INCLUSIVE LEARNING, ONLINE LESSONS:**

Education policies on people living with disabilities, girls and refugees have earned Kenya global praise. The country also got accolades for providing radio and online lessons to students during this period when the world is dealing with deaths arising from coronavirus. The 2020 Unesco's Global Education Monitoring report identifies Kenya as a country where students with disabilities attend special schools, integrated schools and special units within mainstream schools targeted at those with hearing and visual impairments, intellectual disabilities and physical disabilities. Click [here](#) to read more.

**Angelina Jolie Calls on World to Invest in Education for Refugees at UN Event:** The COVID-19 pandemic is more than a global health crisis — it has led to a worldwide education crisis as schools everywhere have been forced to close. Among the hardest by these closures are refugee children. UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie called on the world to invest in education for refugee children at a virtual UNESCO and UNHCR event on Monday. [Click here to read more.](#)

**The Big Heart Foundation allocates US \$500,000 to mitigate impact of COVID-19 amongst refugee populations:** Sharjah: Sharjah-based global humanitarian organization, The Big Heart Foundation (TBHF), has announced the allocation of US\$500,000 to boost healthcare capacities in sites hosting refugee and internally displaced people (IDP) in Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Bangladesh and Kenya. [Click here to read press release.](#)

**Turkana County opens ICU to boost Covid-19 preparedness:** Turkana County has intensified its preparedness to fight the Covid-19 pandemic by opening a three-bed intensive care unit (ICU) and a four-bed high dependency unit (UDU) at the Lodwar County and Referral Hospital. Governor Josphat Nanok on Wednesday said that the facility also has three ventilators to cater for critically ill Covid-19 patients. Mr Nanok said that his administration will in a fortnight increase isolation beds from the current 154 to 365. [Click here to read more.](#)

## 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 **73.4 million** US dollars.

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