

# Kenya

01 –31 MAY 2019

**921** new arrivals were registered in April; **452** in Nairobi, **469** in Kakuma.

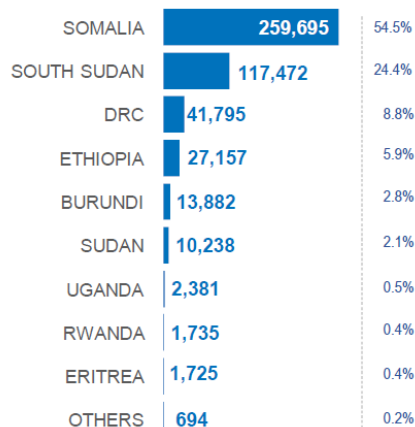
**83,600** Somalis have been assisted to return to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation programme since 2014. Since the beginning of 2019, **679** have been assisted to return to Somalia.

By end of May 2019, there were **211,544** (44%) refugees in Dadaab, **190,181** (40%) and in Kakuma & Kalobeyei Settlement, **74,970** (16%) in urban areas.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

**476,695** refugees and asylum-seekers as of 31 May 2019.

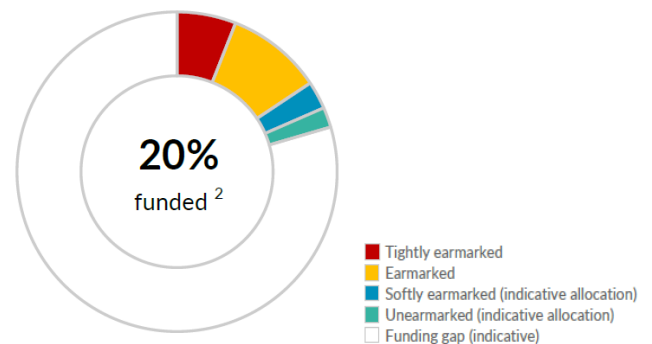
### COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



## FUNDING (AS OF 4 JUNE 2019)

**USD \$170.1 million**

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2019



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

297 National Staff

79 International Staff

### Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi

1 Field Offices in Alinjogur

2 Sub Office in Dadaab and Kakuma



UNHCR Representative Fathia Abdalla (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Amb. Mohamed Abdi Affey, UNHCR Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Mr Yusuf. Nzibo, SUPKEM Chairman (extreme right) and Yusuf Hassan Abdi, an Member of Parliament in Nairobi, during the launch of the Ramadhan Campaign to support refugee education in Kenya

## Working with Partners

- The Dadaab refugee operations are coordinated by UNHCR Sub-Office Dadaab, which also serves the three camps in Dadaab Sub-County. UNHCR Field Office Alinjugur is part of the larger Dadaab operation and covers Hagadera camp in Fafi Sub-County. Both UNHCR offices cooperate closely with NGOs and other international organizations including WFP, UNICEF and IOM. The main government counterparts are the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Office and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS).
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- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya, the Turkana County Government through the Office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), 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 monthly meetings with refugee representatives in the camp.
- UNHCR continued to hold a joint protection desk with Kenya Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) at the refugee-processing centre in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.

## Main Activities

### Operational Highlights

- UNHCR in partnership with the Supreme UNHCR and Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUPKEM) launched a Ramadan campaign calling on members of the public, including individuals, companies, and foundations to contribute funds to increase access to education for refugees in Kenya.
- Turkana County Government led by the Governor, H.E. Joshat Nanok in partnership with UNHCR, launched the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio–Economic Development Plan in Kakuma
- At the invitation of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) Vice President, Karin Finkelston, UNHCR Head of Sub-Office presented UNHCR/ IFC partnership in Kakuma and Kalobeyei at a panel discussion alongside; the Minister of Agriculture from Madagascar; the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BoViMa (Madagascar); and Director of UN and International Financial Institutions, Ministry Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland. The panel was moderated by IFC Director of Eastern Africa and was attended by large donor representatives and high level World Bank and IFC colleagues.
- Public participation discussions with refugee and host community members on the Refugee Bill was carried out in Kakuma and Kalobeyei to get views that will be incorporated in the proposed Refugee Bill and policy. The process is led by the Government of Kenya and comprised Taskforce members from Nairobi, including Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK), and the International Rescue Committee (IRC).
- UNHCR participated in the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) conference in Kampala, Uganda. The focus of the conference was to develop a plan of action on jobs, livelihoods and self-reliance for refugees, returnees and host communities in the IGAD region. The participants supported a resolution which committed regional stakeholders to advance policy and provide a legislative framework for livelihoods and self-reliance.
- The Turkana County Government, UNHCR, and partners came together for the launch of the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISED) in Kakuma on 1 April 2019. This is a 15 year socio-economic development plan that will benefit both refugees and host communities in Kalobeyei.

- Internet installation has been completed in six police locations in Dadaab town and in the camps. It is envisaged that the installation of the internet will enhance communication not only among the police units but also help in relaying key protection information. Key in this process is the networking of the Police Online Computer Training Laboratory within the precincts of police offices located in Dadaab police station where police personnel are able to access uninterrupted connectivity useful for their learning.
- UNHCR Goodwill ambassador and Japanese Guitarist Tamasa Ishihara, also known as Miyavi, undertook a three on three-day visit to Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.

## Protection

### Protection Delivery

- Kituo Cha Sheria attended court for 40 persons of concern (PoCs) that were arrested for camping near the Branch UNHCR office in Nairobi. They were charged with Depositing Refuse on Land Not Approved as a Dumping Site. 12 of the PoCs were released after pleading guilty to the charges. UNHCR posted Kes 5,000 bail for each 14 of the PoCs who pleaded not guilty and preferred to go to trial.
- The helpline received a total of 6486 calls during the month. Of these, 4278 were answered in the first instance representing 65.95%. The largest call driver was resettlement followed by protection and RSD.
- A total of 86 Persons of Concern were assisted to relocate to the camps. 83 of them were relocated to Kakuma and three to Dadaab.

### Registration

- The e-filing project that began in Nairobi in February 2018 to digitize asylum seekers' and refugees' files is still ongoing. By the end of April 2019, about 130,560 had been digitized. Of these, 54,625 were digitally separated and ready to be uploaded in the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) platform.
- 5,446 newly arrived refugees have been registered in Kakuma since the beginning of January 2019. Of these, 4,109 (75.4%) are refugees from South Sudan.
- 819 undocumented persons were jointly profiled by UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) in April bringing the number of undocumented persons across the three camps to 14,754 individuals. Out of this, 14,263 are from Somalia and 491 are from other countries. Among them, 3,144 individuals came back to the camps after being assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia.

### Refugee Status Determination

- 723 individuals in Nairobi were approved as refugees and two rejected by the Commissioner for Refugee Affairs in the month of April.
- 2,699 individuals had their RSD cases inactivated for abandonment after they could not be reached despite three attempts to contact them for RSD appointments.

### Education

- Two DAFI scholars, Peter Barach Aguer and Abdinassir Aden were elected to international students' representatives positions at the University of Nairobi. During the election period, they lobbied fellow students to consider changing the student leadership constitution to accommodate refugees.
- Solar lanterns were distributed to 599 KCSE candidates and 47 secondary school students to extend study time beyond normal school hours with the aim of improving their academic performance.
- Registration of learners in National Education management Information System (NEMIS) in Dadaab is ongoing, giving priority to the candidate classes. A total of 1,970 students have so far been registered on

the platform. The registered students are mainly from Secondary schools while primary schools are beginning a massive registration drive in the month of May following the reopening of schools and issuance of 26 tablets from the Instant Network Schools project, to support the drive.

- WFP and UNHCR facilitated food distribution for the School Meal Program to all primary schools in Dadaab in preparation for term two.

### Food Security and Nutrition

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

### Water and Sanitation

- Latrine coverage in Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlement stands at 31.9%, which is 34.8% in Kakuma camp and 20.9% in Kalobeyei settlement, according to a latrine census survey conducted in 2019. This is below the UNHCR standard of 85%
- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average of 32 liters of water per day per capita from 22 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. Nineteen (19) of these boreholes operate on Solar PV- Diesel hybrid system. The water supply schemes convey water to 38 tanks with a total storage capacity of 4,550 m<sup>3</sup>, distributed through a pipeline network of 235 km and relayed to 668 tap stands with about 2,784 taps, scattered around the three camps.

### Shelter and NFIs

- 189 Transitional shelters constructed for 614 newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers in the month of April 2019.
- There is need for the construction of adequate permanent homes for the nearly 7,000 families who are currently living in temporary shelters in Kalobeyei settlement.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- 800 businesses have been identified in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as a pilot group for the Microfinance inclusion and business acceleration programme. Of these, 47.4% are women owned businesses.
- Coaching and mentorship for 83 graduates of online freelancing training is ongoing in all the three camps in Dadaab. 15 freelancers are currently working on the *UpWork* platform.

### Community Services

- UNHCR hosted the Refugee Coalition of East Africa (LGBTI) for a training on 'becoming more effective in strategic goals, initiatives, organization, and activities'.

### Capacity Building

- RCK conducted a Medico-legal training at the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) Hospital. The aim of the capacity building session was to enhance the understanding of the medical practitioners on legal definitions of the types of SGBV, with a special focus on the offences of rape, defilement, sexual assault and physical assault and the essential ingredients required to prove the offences.
- UNHCR was represented in a three day SGBV stakeholders' training in Garissa aimed at building the participants' capacity to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls in Garissa.
- 100 adolescent girls residing in Hagadera Camp participated in an Inter- Agency sensitization campaign to inform about their rights with regards to the dangers of child / early marriages, legal provisions for SGBV and importance of education.

## Durable Solutions

### Voluntary Repatriation

- South Sudan Return Intention Survey for voluntary return is ongoing in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei Settlement and will be completed in the Month of May.
- UNHCR facilitated the return of 8 individuals from Nairobi to Kismayo Somalia, as well as 4 individuals to Lubumbashi in the DRC. UNHCR continues to sensitise PoCs with relevant country of origin information in order for them to be able to make informed decisions regarding voluntary repatriation
- During the month of April, five voluntary repatriation flights were organized to help return 344 individuals to Kismayo (287) and Mogadishu (57).
- Facilitation of road movement remains suspended due to military operations en route to Kismayu, Baidoa and other major return areas. However, flight options remain open to refugees willing to return to Mogadishu, Kismayu and Baidoa.
- Diminishing interest in voluntary repatriation continues to be observed in the three Dadaab camps. This may be linked to the limited number of return areas due to political developments which have impacted on the security situation in the country.

### Resettlement

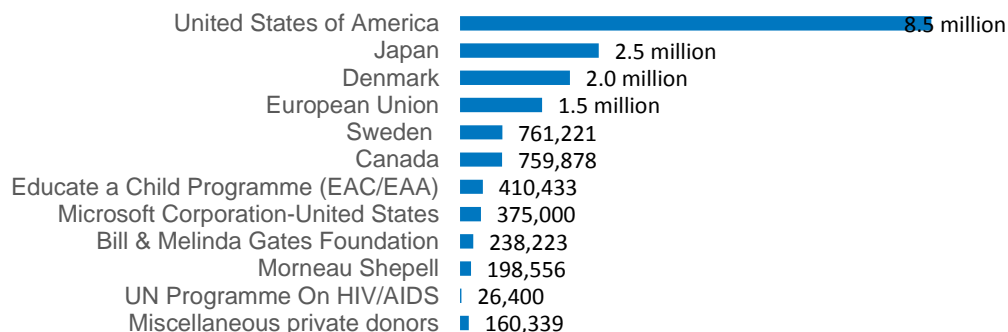
- 87 Cases/317 Individuals departed either on resettlement or on complementary pathways from Nairobi in the month of April and 15 cases/ 56 individuals from Kakuma. Complementary pathways include family reunification, private sponsorships, educational scholarships and labour mobility.
- There were 52 Cases/79 Individuals submitted from Nairobi for resettlement in April 2019. The total submissions for Nairobi in 2019 were 216/389 individuals

# Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 104.3 million**.

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.

## EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD



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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>

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