

Kenya

01 –31 AUGUST 2019

1,454 new arrivals were registered in August; 1,064 in urban areas, 385 in Kakuma and 5 in Dadaab.

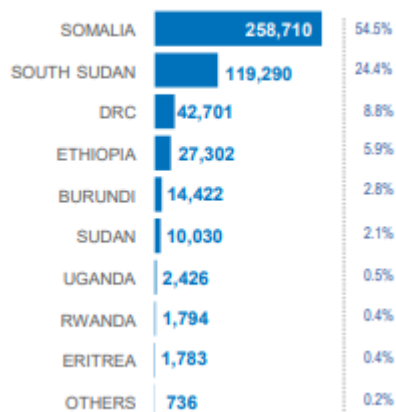
84,572 Somalis have been assisted to return to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation programme since 2014, of these 1,726 in 2019. In addition, 735 Burundians have been assisted to return home since the beginning of 2018.

By end of July 2019, there were 212,936 (44%) refugees in Dadaab, 191,500 (40%) and in Kakuma & Kalobeyei Settlement, 74,758 (16%) in urban areas.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

479,194 refugees and asylum-seekers as of 31 August 2019.

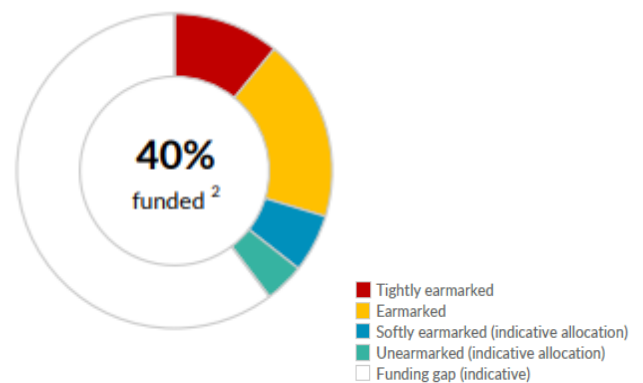
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



FUNDING (AS OF 03 SEPTEMBER 2019)

USD \$170.1 million

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2019



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

263 National Staff

67 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi

1 Field Offices in Alinjigur

2 Sub Office in Dadaab and Kakuma



US Ambassador to Kenya, HE. Kyle McCarter, and his wife Mrs. Victoria McCarter, together with UNHCR Representative Fathia Abdalla (extreme right) interact with a beneficiary of the Cash for Shelter project at Kalobeyei. © UNHCR/Rose Ogola

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 Alinjurgur 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

- The Refugee Bill 2019 was gazetted through the Kenya Gazette Supplement No 126 (National Assembly Bills No 62). This is the first key step in reintroducing the Bill in Parliament following the President's failure to assent into law Refugee Act 2017. The Bill will be tabled for the first reading as a Government Bill when Parliament resumes from recess in the month of September.
- UNHCR Global Goodwill Ambassador (GWA) Kristin Davis undertook a mission in Kenya in August. She visited the MADE51 project site at Karen Village and also visited Dadaab refugee camp where she interacted with refugees. Mercy Masika, UNHCR national GWA and Pinky Ghelani, a UNHCR high level influencer accompanied Kristin to the MADE51 project site.
- UNHCR and World Food Programme (WFP) hosted a visit by the US Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Amb. Kyle McCarter. The Ambassador visited US funded activities and interacted with refugees in Kakuma and Kalobeyi.
- A refugee athlete who is one of the RIO Olympians, Rose Nathike was facilitated through support from AAR Japan to participate in the TICAD 7 event held in Tokyo, Japan. She gave a key note speech of her biography and advocated for refugee assistance by the global states in a symposium which was a side event to the TICAD 7.
- 80 youth drawn from the refugee and host community took part in Turkana West Youth Conference that was organised by the Government of Kenya, UNHCR, Unicef and partners. The conference sought to engage and capture refugee and host community youth's views on opportunities and barriers around post-primary Education access, and retention and quality skills training opportunities.
- A profiling exercise was conducted as part of the preparation for relocation of non-Somalis from Dadaab. 1,240 non-Somali households comprising 5,833 individuals have been profiled out of 1,799 households comprising of 7,758 Individuals. So far, the exercise has covered 71% of the targeted population (8,265).
- The 2019 Kenya Population & Housing Census was conducted in camps peacefully and without any major issues.

Protection

Protection Delivery

- The total number of undocumented persons across the three camps in Dadaab stands at 15,379 individuals. Out of this, 14,872 are from Somalia and 507 are from other countries. Among them, 3,303 individuals came back to the camps after being assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia.
- 253 pairs of Nike branded footwear (114 pairs to female youth) and 710 pairs of performance shoes (138 pairs to football girls) have been distributed to various refugee youth in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.

Registration

- The e-filing project to digitize asylum seekers' and refugees' files with Boldata Systems Ltd Company is ongoing and expected to conclude by 31st December 2019. By the end of August 2019, about 142,787 had been digitized after following all the due processes. 78,364 from the scanned files were separated ready to be uploaded in the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).
- Five Hundred and Ninety-Seven (597) Refugee Identity cards were issued and Eight Hundred and Twenty-one (821) received from the National Registration Bureau.

Education

- Training on the new Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) started in August for to 700 camp-based schools teachers (refugees and Kenya nationals) in both Kakuma and Dadaab. The training which will be for two months, August and September, is facilitated by the Kenya institute for Curriculum Development and Kenya National Examination Council in partnership with UNHCR and LWF.
- Registration of refugee and host community students in Dadaab into the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS) is still ongoing. A total of 26 INS tablets was issued to LWF to support the activity of registration of refugee learners to the national systems as a priority for the operation in line with CRRF efforts.

Health

- The Turkana County Department of Health carried out an inspection of the available 8 health facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei as a first step towards registration and licensing of health facilities and eventual NHIF accreditation.

Food Security and Nutrition

- A participatory rapid assessment by a multi-agency multi-functional team was carried out to analyse the emerging trends in nutrition, investigate the causes and confounders of malnutrition and develop a response plan.
- 96 cooks under the school meals programme in Dadaab underwent medical screening for proper food handling and hygiene. WFP engineers conducted schools' kitchen and stores assessment within the three camps in preparation of repairs and renovation.
- 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

- UNHCR supplied on average of 28 litres 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.

- In order to address the outbreak of cholera in Dadaab, the WASH partners disinfected houses, schools, mosques, distributed jerry cans to affected families and also carried out mass awareness campaigns using the local radio station as well as a camp clean-up exercise.

Shelter and NFIs

- 7,642 bank accounts opened for refugees in Kalobeyei settlement since June 2018 and a total of 319,463,050 Kenya shillings distributed to beneficiaries through UNHCR's Cash Based Intervention (CBI). A total of 462 shelters units are currently undergoing construction in Kalobeyei settlement through the programme.

Energy

- 219 refugee households and businesses have so far been connected to the Kalobeyei Settlement mini power grid and 75 connections in the host community mini grid in Kalobeyei town. The registration and connection process is ongoing until the target of 280 connections in the settlement and 101 in Kalobeyei town is met. The availability of affordable and reliable electricity has the potential to stimulate economic growth that will have beneficial spill-over effects that could potentially increase individual revenue hence a higher disposable income.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- As a result of Cash Based Intervention, 224 new businesses have emerged in Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement in the construction, agriculture, manufacturing and other sectors creating wage and self-employment opportunities.
- A bilateral meeting between Ecluf, a Microfinance Institution (MFI) and UNHCR was held in August. The aim was to follow up on the financial inclusion advocacy earlier done in the year building up to an MoU for financial inclusion for refugees.
- UNHCR and Ocean Sole Africa, a private company working in waste management by converting flip flops collected from the Kenyan coast into artisanal products, held a meeting that resulted in a possible partnership where refugee tailors will be hired to produce durable mattresses from the flip flop off-cuts, and which will be distributed to marginalized communities in Kenya.
- 30 youth drawn from Kalobeyei are undergoing a ball stitching training supported by GIZ and UNHCR. A total of 140 balls have so far been produced after the launch of the training on 6 August 2019. Quality Assurance is assessed by Alive and Kicking, the world's only not-for-profit ball manufacturer.
- UNHCR and WFP, in Dadaab, are working together to start Bee Keeping project to support refugees and host communities in enhancing self-reliance and resilience. Five viable sites have been selected following a joint assessment in collaboration with UNHCR partners (RRDO, FaIDA, KRCS) and Dadaab Sub-County Agriculture Office.

Environmental rehabilitation

- UNHCR continues to work with the Garissa County Ministry of Environment on the roadmap on energy, environment, natural resources and agriculture as part of Dadaab Solutions.

Durable Solutions

Voluntary Repatriation

- Three repatriation flights were organized to Somalia (two to Mogadishu and one to Baidoa) in August. A total of 130 individuals comprising of 43 households were assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia, (85 returned to Mogadishu and 45 to Baidoa)

- All return movements both flights and road convoy to Kismayo (biggest return destination) remain temporarily suspended since 13th of July 2019 following explosions and gun attacks in Kismayo and tension in Jubaland Region linked to the contested results of the election.

Resettlement

- Cumulatively, 2481 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration in 2019 from Kenya to mainly, Australia, Canada, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, and USA.
- Since the beginning of the year, 976 individuals have departed for resettlement to the Australia, Canada, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, USA and other countries.
- The 2019 quota for refugees to be submitted for resettlement from Dadaab has been increased to 975 individuals from 700.

Dadaab Solutions

- UNHCR and partners participated in two roadmap development meetings held in Garissa on 23rd and 30th July 2019, hosted by Garissa County government. The meeting sought to identify activities and gaps in service provision towards socio-economic integration for the host and refugee.
- A mission of directors from the Garissa County Government visited Ifo Youth Education Pack centre and Hormud Primary school on a familiarisation visit to understand the camp settings. Findings from this visit will help design a roadmap towards an integrated development plan in line with Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF).

Statelessness

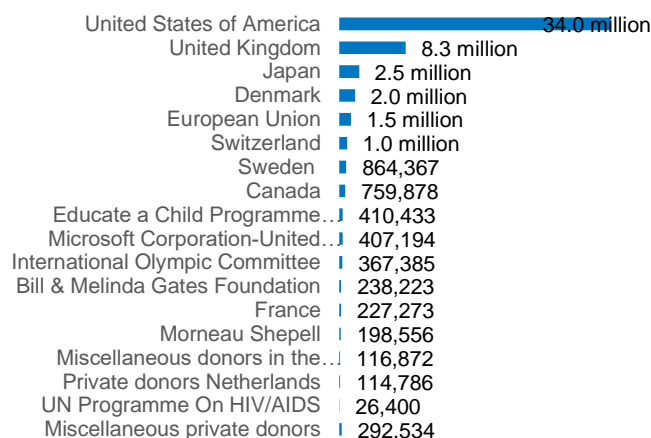
- More than 600 children from the Stateless Shona community in Kenya were issued with birth certificates, a great milestone for the community of about 3,500 have lived in Kenya for decades without legal identity documents.
- UNHCR provided inputs for the census preparation, including technical support during the training of trainers for the census, to ensure that the stateless communities are identified and captured in the August national census.

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.

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