

# KENYA

JUNE 2020

**5,127** refugees and asylum-seekers have been registered in 2020 - **3,088** in Kakuma and **2,039** in urban areas

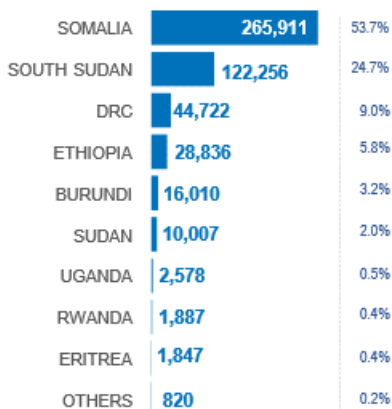
**84%** of refugees and asylum-seekers in Kenya live in the camps and **16%** urban areas

**217,516** (44%) refugees in Dadaab, **196,645** (40%) and in Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement, **80,760** (16%) in urban areas

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

**494,921** refugees and asylum-seekers as of 30 June 2020.

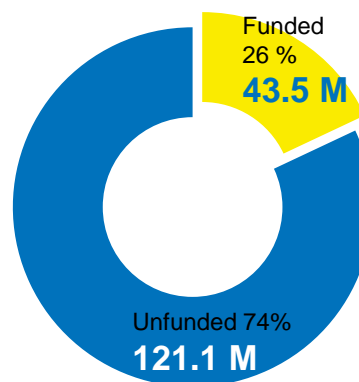
### COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



## FUNDING (AS OF 30 JUNE 2020)

**USD \$164.6 million**

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2020



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

268 National Staff  
50 International Staff

### Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi  
1 Field Office in Alinjgur  
2 Sub Offices in Dadaab and Kakuma



Nosizi Dube a stateless Shona, was admitted to the University of Nairobi to study Economics. UNHCR and partner advocating for her to get documentation to avoid missing the opportunity. ©UNHCR/C. Opile

## Main Activities

### Operational Highlights – June 2020

- The first ever virtual World Refugee Day Celebrations were held on 19 June 2020. The event, themed “Everyone Can Make A Difference: Every Action Counts” brought together refugees and host community from Nairobi, Dadaab and Kakuma, National and County governments, and donors including the European Union and the United States of America.
- In June 2020, UNHCR trained 33 military officers on the UNHCR’s mandate, refugee protection and durable solutions. Participants were taken through refugee matters and the principle of non-refoulement, which are essential humanitarian skills.
- UNHCR participated in a call with the African Union Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, Hon. Maya Sahli-Fadel to highlight the impact of COVID-19 on refugees and asylum-seekers. Issues discussed included access to asylum, inclusion in national safety net programmes, non-penalisation for expired documents and clear messaging on COVID-19 to combat xenophobia or stigmatisation.
- On 18 June, in-depth training on the COVID-19 contact tracing was conducted in Kakuma for Community Health Promoters formed to carry out COVID-19 contact tracing. In addition, 60 teachers were identified to support community health workers and they received a similar training on 17 June.
- UNHCR donated two new Police cars to the Kenya Police Service. The vehicles, received by the Assistant County Commissioner and the Officer Commanding Police Division (OCPD) – Kakuma, will enhance police capacity to respond to security emergencies, boost patrol, and enhance enforcement of Government measures to curb the spread of COVID-19 in Kakuma and its surrounding areas.



### Protection

- In June 2020, UNHCR and partner HIAS conducted a leadership training for the safe house and transit centre committees. The committees were elected by the residents of the facilities to facilitate community self-management.
- The State Department for Gender (SDfG) reported 323 Gender based Violence (GBV) cases in the 3rd week of June, and 330 in 4th week respectively with the monthly total of 1,087 cases received through the emergency GBV hotline. Psychological torture, physical assault, rape and defilement are the most reported forms of GBV.
- UNHCR coordinated and hosted a virtual Day of the African Child celebration which was marked on 16th June 2020 under the theme of ‘Child Friendly Justice System in Africa’. The children involved were from children homes, transit centre, refuSHE, safe house, Kakuma and Dadaab. Mr Maurice Tsuma, the Deputy County Director gave opening remarks and emphasised on the need to protect children within the justice system in accordance with the children’s rights. Sub County Children Officers from Turkana and Dadaab attended the meeting.
- In June 2020, UNHCR’s partner HIAS outreach workers continue to identify vulnerable children. Children can access medical services in the health facilities and through the health workers.
- In Eastleigh 600 vulnerable refugee individuals who include, older persons, PLWD, WAR, SHH, people with chronic diseases including HIV received one month one off food support from the national government through a Kenyan CBO by name UMMA to provide assistance to both Kenyans and refugees.

- 106 (100 female) foster and potential foster parents participated in a 2-day training in Kakuma, where they were sensitised on COVID-19 preventive measures, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), positive parenting and communication skills. It is anticipated that there will be meaningful communication between parents and children hence leading to collective and informed decision making, and reduced SGBV cases during the COVID 19 pandemic.
- UNHCR and partners continue close monitoring of PSNs through the community structures and identification through the refugee leaders, community volunteer workers and community health workers in the various locations where refugees reside.



### Education

- An online survey among DAFI scholars was carried to determine how many were accessing the online learning offered by universities. Out of 513 scholars, 383 (74%) responded of whom 296 (77%) confirmed be participating in online learning.
- To ensure learning continuity during this period of school closure, UNHCR is supporting radio broadcast of pre-recorded content developed by the Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development (KICD) and live interactive lessons with teachers using a locally developed content through local radio stations.
- To reach learners with disabilities in Kakuma and give them equitable opportunity to continue learning, teachers of Special Needs Education from Lutheran World Federation (LWF) disseminate accessible information in audio formats to children with visual difficulties and in video formats with captions for children with difficulties hearing.
- Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) is exploring possibilities to establish research programmes for graduate and post graduate students in Dadaab. The research programme will comprise of refugee graduates and research fellows from the BHER affiliated institutions including Kenyatta University, York University and Moi University. This initiative will help create job opportunities for graduates as well as offer research services in the camps among other benefits.



### Water and Sanitation

- To enhance prevention of the spread of COVID-19 through handwash practices, UNHCR delivered clean water supply to food distribution centres in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- Clean water was conveyed from the treatment plant in Dadaab to 42 storage tanks with total capacity of 4,950 m3, distributed through 774 tap stands with about 2,822 taps, installed around the three camps in Dadaab.
- UNHCR and partners continued to put in place various sanitation measure aimed at preventing the spread of disease include the COVID-19.



### Health

- 50 Community Health Workers, Outpatient Department (OPD) workers and safe motherhood promoters in Kakuma were trained on the COVID-19 home-based care by UNHCR's health partners.



### Food Security and Nutrition

- In June 2020, supplementary feeding programme and the outpatient therapeutic programme continued in Kakuma during the reporting period while observing all COVID-19 public health measures.
- A total of 1,975 persons were admitted into the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) in Dadaab.



### Shelter, CRI and CBI

- In the beginning of June, the World Food Programme and UNHCR conducted a General Food and Core Relief Items distribution for refugees residing in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camp under strict COVID-19 prevention measures. The items distributed will cover the needs for two months (June, July) and the next distribution is scheduled for August 2020.
- A total of KES 753,217,750 distributed to refugees through UNHCR's Cash Based Interventions in Kalobeyei settlement as of end of June 2020 with KES 540,597,000 distributed in the framework of shelter construction.
- In view of the COVID19 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 to ascertain the current market prices for the Core Relief Items in view of the COVID19 impacts as well as obtain sufficient market data in a bid to transition to CBI for Cooking Energy in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei is scheduled for July 2020.
- In the effort to support vulnerable families and ensure economic safety in Dadaab refugee camps during COVID-19, 60 households received monthly multi-purpose cash grant disbursement provided in collaboration with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). The Provision of cash assistance has been proven to be effective in prevention of violence against women and girls.
- UNHCR in collaboration with partner CARE in Dadaab, distributed sanitary pads and underwear to 57,250 women and girls; representing 85 per cent of the target population; with each receiving receive four packets of sanitary pads and one under pant. Provision of material support is integral in cushioning vulnerable groups from adverse effects of COVID-19.



### Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council, engaged 30 tailors in Nairobi for the production of 5,000 face masks which were delivered to UNHCR. The tailors earned an average income of KES 5,012 as cash for work during the production. The masks will be distributed to various community-based organizations, children's care homes as well as community outreach workers.
- UNHCR participated in IKEA foundations' rural refugee livelihoods community readiness study. The objective is to inform the design and implementation of future livelihoods programming in rural refugee contexts. The study will build on existing livelihoods programming taking into consideration the current best practices and gaps.
- The International Finance Cooperation (IFC) conducted a virtual launch of the Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (KKCF) on 18<sup>th</sup> June. UNHCR welcomed the key role IFC is playing in supporting solutions by helping to lay the foundation for sustainable and inclusive economic growth in

refugee-hosting area in Turkana West. The KKCF program will support private sector development in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement.

## Statelessness

- Nosizi Dube, a stateless Shona girl first sat her Primary level examinations in 2014. Although she passed, she could not join secondary school due to lack of school fees. She repeated and in 2015 completed and was admitted to Senior Chief Koinange Girls in Kiambu County. In 2019, Nosizi successfully sat for her form four examination and has been admitted to the University of Nairobi to study Economics. UNHCR and partner are advocating for her to get documentation that will enable her to enrol for her to the university.

## Durable Solutions

### Resettlement

- UNHCR participated in a radio show in Dadaab where general resettlement updates, antifraud related information, and the impact of COVID-19 on the resettlement process was discussed. Radio sensitization continues to play a crucial role in delivering resettlement information and updates to persons of concern.
- Since the beginning of the year, 1,378 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration to Australia, Canada, France, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States of America, among others.

## Working with Partners

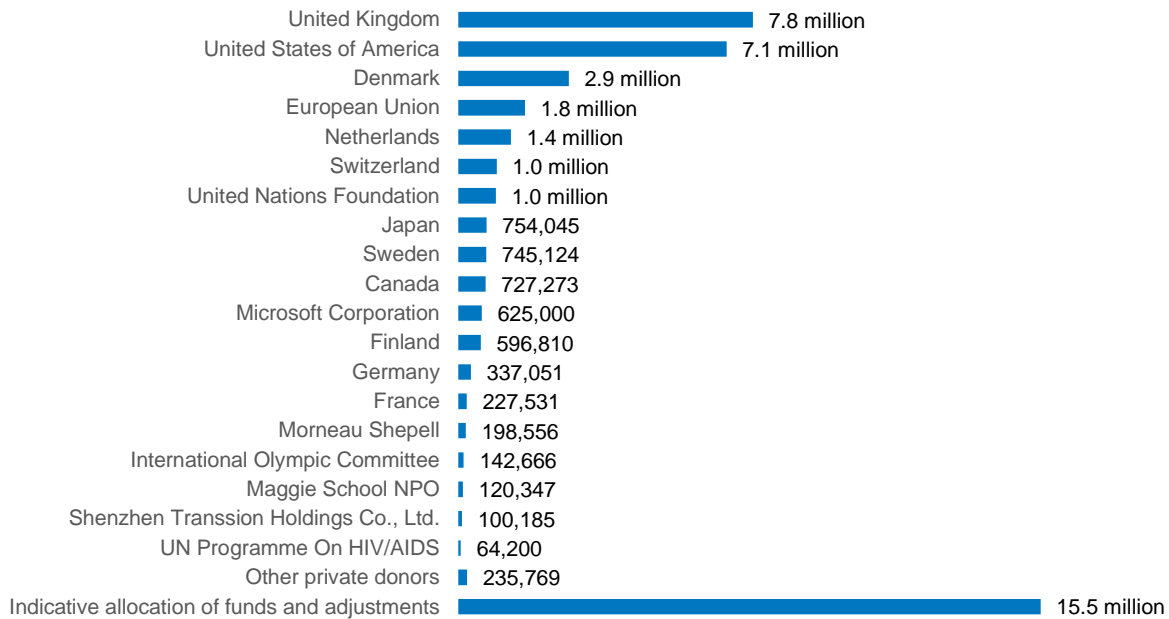
- UNHCR Kenya continues to work with its main partner, the Government of Kenya, through RAS and the Office of the Deputy County Commissioners (DCC), as well as with other international organizations including WFP, UNICEF, IOM and other partners.
- UNHCR continues to run a joint protection desk with RAS at the refugee-processing centre in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.
- UNHCR Dadaab coordinates its refugee operation in three refugee camps in Dadaab. UNHCR Field Office in Alinjukur is a part of the larger Dadaab operation and covers Hagadera camp in Fafi Sub-County.
- UNHCR Kakuma continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya, the Turkana County Government through DCC and 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 refugee camp.

## Funding and Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Kenya operation amount to **USD 43.5 million** (as of 30 June).

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



## OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

**Germany** 44.9 million | **United Kingdom** 24.8 million | **United States of America** 21.8 million | **Denmark** 14.6 million | **Canada** 10.2 million | **Private donors USA** 7.4 million | Sweden 5.9 million | **Private donors Japan** 3.9 million | **Private donors Australia** 3.7 million | Ireland 3.3 million | **Private donors Germany** 3.3 million | **France** 2.8 million | **Norway** 2.4 million | Iceland | Italy | Jersey | Liechtenstein | Luxembourg | Morocco | Spain | UN COVID-19 Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) | Private donors

## UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

**Sweden** 76.4 million | **Norway** 41.4 million | **Netherlands** 36.1 million | **Denmark** 34.6 million | **Private donors Spain** 33.1 million | **United Kingdom** 31.7 million | **Germany** 25.9 million | **Switzerland** 16.4 million | **Private donors Republic of Korea** 17.3 million | **Switzerland** 16.4 million | **France** 14 million | **Private donors Japan** 11.7 million

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