

KENYA

JULY 2020

5,299 refugees and asylum-seekers have been registered in 2020: **3,218** in Kakuma, **2,040** in urban areas and **41** in Dadaab

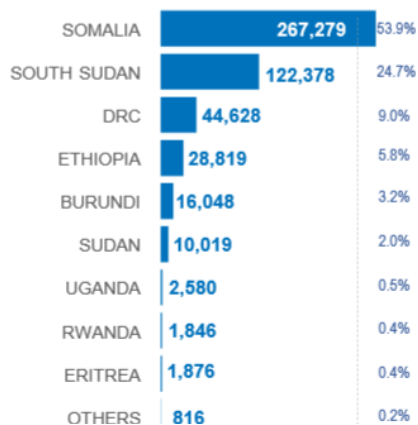
84% of refugees and asylum-seekers in Kenya live in the camps and **16%** urban areas

218,873 (44%) refugees in Dadaab, **196,666** (40%) in Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement, **80,750** (16%) in urban areas

POPULATION OF CONCERN

494,289 refugees and asylum-seekers as of 31 July 2020.

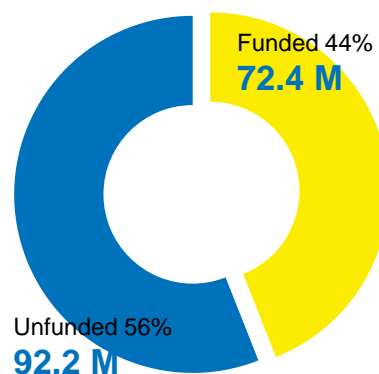
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



FUNDING (AS OF 4 AUGUST 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



Hand washing remains a critical part in the prevention of COVID-19 in the refugee camps
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Main Activities

Operational Highlights – July 2020

- The Refugees Bill 2019 went through the Second Reading stage (2 and 30 July). Members of Parliament who spoke were mostly positive although they also raised issues on refugee and host community conflict and cultural incompatibility. The Bill will now proceed to the Committee of the Whole House where amendments can be made.
- The Helpline received increased requests from Person of Concern (PoC) to UNHCR for assistance to relocate to the camp. The PoC reported inability to meet basic needs due to loss of livelihood as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.
- In July, UNHCR assisted 43 PoC to relocate from Nairobi to Kakuma. They all underwent COVID-19 testing and were put in quarantine upon arrival in Kakuma.
- Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) data for Kakuma, Dadaab and urban areas was shared with the Kenyan State Department for Gender for inclusion in the proposed national GBV dashboard.
- UNHCR participated in four National Gender Sector Working Group meetings with the State Department for Gender. The Ministry shared a list of privately operated safe shelters in 14 counties including Nairobi, Nakuru and Mombasa.
- UNHCR participated in two Child Protection and Social Protection meetings to identifying opportunities and lobbying for inclusion refugee children in national social protection interventions
- Protection assessments were conducted during the month for children admitted at the Ifo camp quarantine centre in Dadaab after arrival from Somalia. Psychoeducation on dealing with stigma and managing stress caused by isolation was provided.
- UNHCR's Sub-Office in Kakuma received close to 1.8 million pieces of 80 grams soap in a donation from Unilever in support of the fight against COVID-19.



Protection

- Kenya Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and UNHCR are developing a new methodology to further enhance the refugee status determination (RSD) backlog reduction strategy. An agreement was reached at a technical level on the framework of the methodology, the cases to which it can be applied and the requirements for the analysis format to be used.
- The number of asylum-seekers in the urban areas who have no access to RSD remained largely stable at 23,861. In addition, 513 cases (974 individuals) are pending interviews; 371 cases (551 individuals) are pending assessment and 1,023 cases (1,612 individuals) pending review.
- There is great need for financial assistance for Persons with Special Needs (PSN) in the urban areas. However, most PSN are not getting this support due to financial constraints. UNHCR and partners are providing counselling and awareness as well as the need for relocating to the camps. PSN includes persons living with disabilities (PLWD), Women at Risk (WAR), Single Headed Household (SHH) and persons living with albinism.
- UNHCR and UNICEF child protection specialists held a joint meeting to discuss the next steps in the review of the existing data sharing agreements and information sharing protocol (ISP), including the way forward on configuration and deployment of the Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS+) in Dadaab.
- UNHCR Kakuma organized a live radio talk show together with SGBV and Child Protection (CP) partners to address concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Education

- To ensure learning continuity during the 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, Special Needs Education teachers 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 hearing difficulties.
- 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

- UNHCR and partners continued to put in place various sanitation measures in Dadaab, Kakuma and Kalobeyei, aimed at preventing the spread of diseases, including COVID-19.
- WASH partners continue to respond to recent cholera outbreaks in both Dadaab and Kakuma by visiting the household of patients, assessing the hygiene conditions, disinfecting the house with a chlorine solution, and sensitizing proper handwashing, including the provision of soap.



Health

- UNHCR coordinated an interagency mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) meeting in Dadaab where the Ministry of Health protocol on COVID-19 MHPSS response was discussed and where it was concluded that all group members need further training on the protocol .
- Cumulatively, since the outbreak of COVID-19 in the refugee camps, Kakuma has recorded a total of 33 cases and 11 recoveries, while Dadaab has recorded 32 cases, 19 recoveries and 2 fatalities.



Shelter, CRI and CBI

- Cash vouchers, each worth a maximum of KES 5,000, were distributed to 687 children across the Dadaab camps. The vouchers were issued to facilitate access to basic needs and dignity kits for the children and their families. 90 vulnerable children from four host community villages in Dadaab Sub County were also supported through Cash-Based Interventions (CBI) with each receiving a cash voucher worth KES 5,000.



Food Security and Nutrition

- A total of 980 persons were admitted into the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) in Dadaab.



Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR held a meeting with Oracle to plan on the roll out of the Oracle Workforce Development Program, which targets 13 trainees from Kakuma and Nairobi to benefit from a certified Java training, including skills in computer programming which will accelerate their access to the labour market.
- UNHCR held a meeting with the Kenya Post Bank to explore ways in which refugees can benefit from financial inclusion. The Post Bank expressed their interest to offer their services specific to opening of individual and group accounts as well as financial literacy training to refugee entrepreneurs who open an account with the bank.
- African Entrepreneur Collective (AEC) Kenya recently secured about KES 45 million from IKEA Foundation to disburse as one-time cash grants to 700 refugees and host community businesses in Kakuma to help entrepreneurs rebuild and recover from the negative impacts of COVID-19.

Co-ordination

- A rapid participatory assessment on the impact of COVID-19 on protection service delivery and livelihoods was conducted 27-31 July across the three Dadaab camps and the host community. The assessed thematic areas included mixed migration, energy and lighting, education, mental health, livelihoods, SGBV, access to information, food security and market functionality and public health. Feedback from the exercise will inform planning and prioritization of resources and activities in the coming months.
- UNHCR participated in a UNICEF-led inter-agency workshop in Dadaab with the aim to explore ways to link the youth social innovation and social entrepreneurship programme UPSHIFT curriculum to other adolescent and youth mentorship programmes implemented by UNHCR, ILO, IFC, World Bank and UNICEF in the refugee hosting areas in Kenya
- A meeting to discuss individuals arriving from Somalia being admitted in the quarantine facilities was organized in Dadaab and attended by RAS, UNHCR, LWF, World Food Programme (WFP), Refugee Consortium of Kenya, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), FilmAid, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanity and Inclusion (HI), and Centre for Victims of Torture (CVT). It was resolved that it would be important to have security screening by RAS before admission of individuals into the quarantine centres to avoid armed elements and that there would no more admissions at the quarantine centre in Hagadera, which has been hosting the highest number of individuals.

Statelessness

- In July, the Pemba petition for registration as Kenyan citizens was called to order before the Legal and Justice Affairs Committee of the Kilifi County Assembly. The petition highlights the history of the Pemba in Kenya and asks for their registration as citizens. The Committee spent two days listening from the Pemba and the local community and will write a report to the National Assembly recommending their registration. Some 7,123 Pemba live in Kenya today according to a community led data collection exercise.

Durable Solutions

Resettlement

- 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.
- 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.

Working with Partners

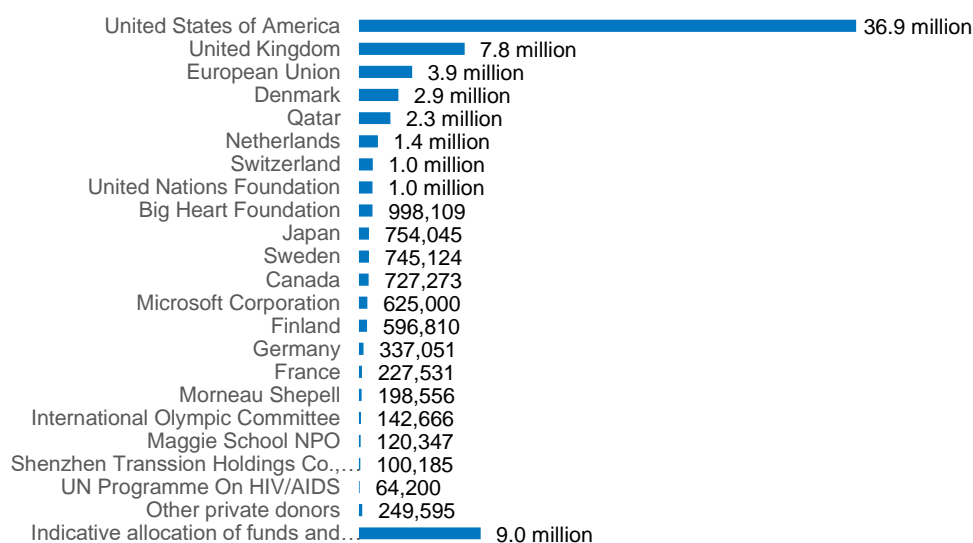
- UNHCR Kenya continues to work with its main partner, the Government of Kenya, through RAS and the Office of the Deputy County Commissioners (DCC), as well as with other international organizations, including WFP, UNICEF and IOM.
- UNHCR continues to run a joint protection desk with RAS at the refugee-processing 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 72.4 million** (as of 2 August).

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EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD



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