

KENYA

1 – 31 DECEMBER 2020

504,864

Refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Kenya as of 31 December 2020.

9,330

New arrivals refugees and asylum-seekers registered in 2020.

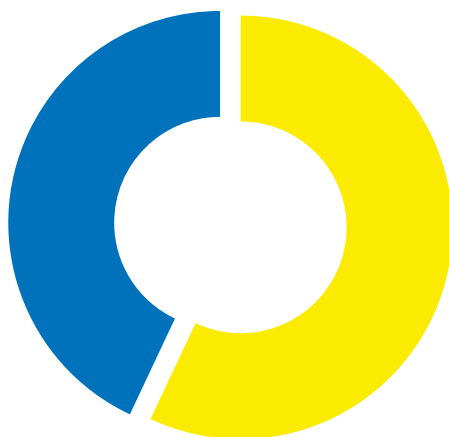
37,500

Refugee families opened bank accounts and received ATM cards as part of the Cash-Based Interventions (CBI) roll-out in Kakuma.

FUNDING (AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2020)

USD 164.6 M

Requested for the Kenya Operation

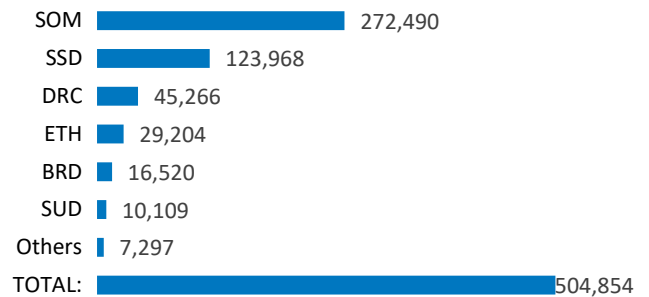


Funded
57%
93.8 M

Unfunded 43%
70.8 M

POPULATION OF CONCERN (31 DECEMBER 2020)

Country of origin



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

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

268 National Staff

50 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi

2 Sub Offices in Dadaab and Kakuma



Persons of concern board a Voluntary Repatriation flight to Burundi at the Kakuma Airstrip. UNHCR facilitated repatriation of 69 individuals to Burundi in 2020. ©UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- In **Kakuma** in December, UNHCR, in partnership with KCB Bank Kenya, completed the mass opening of bank accounts and issuance of ATM cards to over 37,000 refugee households as part of the Cash-Based Interventions (CBI) roll-out.



A refugee poses with a photo of her new ATM card received during the account opening and issuance of ATM activity by UNHCR and KBC Bank Kenya in Kakuma. © UNHCR/Dhieu Deng

- In **Kakuma**, on 22 December, 18 families consisting of 60 individuals were assisted to return to Burundi through UNHCR's Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep) programme. Before the movement, the COVID-19 test was conducted and only those who received a negative test result departed in compliance with COVID-19 prevention measurements.
- In **Dadaab** and **Kakuma**, education partners undertook school reopening preparations by installing handwashing stations and supplying soap, sanitizers and face masks to schools. The Ministry of Education has set the school reopening dates to 5 January for Grade 4, Standard 8 and Form 4 and 11 January for all other grades.
- The 2020 International Day of Persons with Disabilities was celebrated in a virtual panel discussion on 3 December where stakeholders and refugees engaged in dialogue on disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable protection approaches under the theme, "Building Back Better: toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 World".

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, UNHCR and the Refugees Affairs Secretariat (RAS) registered 562 newly arrived refugees and asylum-seekers in December. The majority of the new arrivals came from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Somalia and Uganda. A total of 447 new-borns were also registered during the reporting period.
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)**: In December 2020, 22 new SGBV cases were identified and referred for assessment in **Kakuma**, while 55 SGBV cases in **Dadaab** and five cases in **urban areas** were reported and attended to. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- In **Kakuma**, 134 (126 women, 8 men) SGBV survivors took group therapy sessions in December.
- In **Dadaab**, health talks on domestic violence with emphasis on prevention and response were conducted at health posts in Dagahaley refugee camp, reaching 61 individuals. Effective community protection strategies, the referral pathway and confidentiality principles were explained, and emergency hotline numbers were shared with participants.
- **Child Protection, Kakuma**: In December, 17 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were reviewed, and feedback was provided to Child Protection partners for follow up.
- **Child Protection, urban areas**: 45 BIAs and 41 social assessments were received in December and are currently under review. During the same period, three Best Interest Determination panels were also convened.
- In **Dadaab**, on 17 December, UNHCR and partner Alliance for African Alliance Kenya (AAA-K) held a virtual training for 90 refugee youth on leadership and problem solving. The training aimed at encouraging the youth to maintain peaceful coexistence by challenging negative socio-economic dynamics in the community.
- RAS registered 102 individuals (including 46 birth registrations), on an emergency basis, and with strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety regulations. As of 31 December, the active urban population stood at 80,898 refugees and asylum-seekers.
- In **urban areas**, 230 refugees were issued with 'Refugee ID Cards', out of which 39 were updated in UNHCR's Profile Global Registration System progress, while 44 asylum-seekers were issued with *Asylum Seeker Pass* documents and one individual was issued with a *Minors' Pass*. A total of seven individuals were issued with *Birth Certificates* in the same period.

- In **urban areas**, 308 boxes of bar soaps were distributed to six charitable children institutions and 1 remand home.
- **Statelessness**: During the reporting period, the government of Kenya made a decision to grant citizenship to 1,670 Shona community members and 1,300 persons of Rwanda descent.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, back to school and sensitization campaigns on COVID-19 were conducted to prepare for school reopening in January 2021. In addition, 50 parents of children with disabilities were trained on home-based support to Children with Disabilities (CWDs). A total of 703 students were reached in the routine mobilization for continued learning for students with disabilities at home.
- In **Kakuma**, 57 girls at Angelina Jolie Primary School for girls received 228 packs of sanitary pads, 63 kgs of bar soap, and 114 pieces of underwear.
- In **Dadaab**, on 17 and 28 December, two education working group meetings were co-chaired by the Government and UNHCR to plan for re-opening of schools the first week of January 2021.
- In **urban areas**, 824 desks, 70 large capacity tanks, 300 hand washing points were distributed to schools in Nairobi and Nakuru.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Improvements in the school infrastructure (classrooms, WASH, desks, school materials) required for pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools in pre-preparation for school reopening.
- Additional PPEs are required to support upon school reopening.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- As of 24 December, the cumulative total of individuals confirmed to have COVID-19 stands at 493 among persons of concern (PoC) and 332 among humanitarian workers. The number of active cases among PoC is 20.
- In **Kakuma**, a total of 6,198 COVID-19 tests have cumulatively been conducted for refugees, asylum-seekers and humanitarian workers since the first coronavirus case was identified in the area in May 2020.

- In **Kakuma**, there was continued response to the COVID-19 outbreak in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei. A total of 110 individuals were diagnosed with COVID-19 in November compared to 133 in October. As of 30 November, there were seven active cases among refugees within the mandatory quarantine period. All active patients are either asymptomatic or have mild symptoms and on home-based care and follow-up.
- In **Kakuma**, the quarantine centers have had 1,516 cases cumulatively since the first case was confirmed, from which 1,191 have cumulatively been discharged from quarantine. In addition, the two reception centres (one in Kalobeyei settlement and one in Kakuma camps) continued to be used as quarantine facilities for both new arrivals coming into Kakuma and any contacts of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19. In December, there have been 587 individuals admitted into quarantine.
- In **Dadaab**, a total of six refugees and 12 humanitarian workers tested positive for COVID-19 in December. As of 31 December, there was only one active case among refugees within the mandatory quarantine period.
- In **Dadaab**, optimal access to reproductive health services maintained with 3,818 girls and women accessing services in December with 94 per cent antenatal care coverage and 96 per cent skilled deliveries.
- In **Dadaab**, essential health care was provided through three hospitals and eight health posts with 39,759 consultations conducted in December.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- COVID-19 sample collection and transport to testing facilities in Nairobi was limited over the festive season.
- Inadequate infrastructure to use as COVID-19 treatment centres and quarantine following a government directive to stop using schools for the response.
- Shortage of clinical staff still remains a challenge. Currently, each clinician is conducting 80 consultations per day.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- The World Food Programme (WFP), UNHCR, and partners did the December general food and CRI distribution targeting the refugee population in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps, in strict observance of COVID-19 prevention measures.
- In **Dadaab**, the Outpatient Therapeutic Program served 309 individuals with severe malnutrition; the Supplementary Feeding Program reached 806 children with moderate malnutrition across the health facilities in December.
- In **Dadaab**, UNHCR and partners continued to provide health education to pregnant and breast-feeding mothers while observing the COVID-19 guidelines. A total of 3,513 individuals benefiting and caretakers were reached with hygiene and sanitation, COVID-

19 prevention, optimal complementary feeding, dietary diversity among other health and nutrition messages.

- In **Dadaab**, 391 Mother-To-Mother Support Group meetings were conducted reaching 2,059 pregnant and 3,062 breast-feeding mothers.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, 29 handwashing stations were distributed to schools while five handwashing stations were installed in public places as part of response measures against COVID-19 during the reporting period.
- In **Kakuma**, 36 reusable masks, 612 bars of soap, 36 handwashing stations with a stand and waste collection bins, and 36 jerricans distributed to the host community in Kalobeyei ward.
- In **Kakuma**, demonstration of proper hand washing technique continued at the household level, culminating in installing 4,008 simple hand washing devices to promote an appropriate hand washing in 2020.
- In **Kakuma**, 7,728 bars of soap for handwashing were distributed to refugee households while aqua tabs and jerry cans were provided to persons with disabilities.
- In **Dadaab**, 126 hygiene promoters were engaged in carrying out hygiene promotion campaigns.
- In **Dadaab**, there are currently 39,257 household latrines and 250 communal latrines, translating to an average coverage of 80.9 per cent.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need to engage additional Hygiene Promoters specifically for COVID-19 quarantine facilities.
- Need for additional handwashing stations for public places.
- Need for additional household latrines



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, UNHCR has continued to provide adequate transitional shelter solutions to new arrivals and refugees affected by floods through shelter construction partner, the *National Council of Churches of Kenya* (NCCK). A total of 164 transitional shelters were constructed for 482 individuals during the reporting period. Cumulatively, 1,895 transitional shelters have been built so far in 2020.

- In **Kalobeyei settlement**, 1,440 refugee families are in the process of converting their transitional shelters into concrete shelters through UNHCR's CBI for shelter. Upon completing these shelters, approximately 6,100 shelters will have been converted from transitional shelters to houses made of stone in the Kalobeyei settlement.
- In **Kakuma**, UNHCR provided adequate permanent shelters to 250 host community members. This represents 50 households selected through the County Government and the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) office.
- In **Kakuma**, 99 improved shelters were constructed in December to provide more secure, accessible and durable shelters to persons with specific needs.



LIVELIHOODS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

- In **Dadaab**, 150 trainees from refugee and host communities were selected for the January 2021 cohort of Technical and Vocational Education and Training courses including electrical installation, plumbing, welding and tailoring.
- In **urban areas**, refugee artisans participated at a Christmas event at the Village Market shopping, recreation and entertainment complex in Nairobi.



CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, UNHCR, through Equity Bank, disbursed almost KES 60 million to 41,257 PoC. KES 39 million or 77 per cent of this was disbursed to 434 households (2,020 individuals) under the Cash for Shelter implementation; four per cent was distributed to 42 relocated families (255 individuals) to pave the way for the construction of a Girls Boarding School in Kalobeyei; and 115 households (624 individuals) were supported with cash for the construction of household latrines.
- In **Kakuma**, KES 9.5 million was disbursed to 7,168 households (38,134 individuals) living in the Kalobeyei settlement under UNHCR's Cash for Core Relief Items.
- In **Kakuma**, UNHCR engaged 27 refugees as enumerators for the Market Assessment carried out in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. To fortify the evidence on CBI's feasibility in Kakuma, UNHCR has collected data that will allow for a comprehensive market assessment across a few sectors, including energy, shelter and livelihoods, among others.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Achievements and Impact

- Cumulatively in 2020, 271 cases comprising of 1,050 individuals in **Kakuma** and 365 individuals in **Dadaab** have been submitted for resettlement consideration in Australia, Canada, Germany, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.
- In total, 40 individuals departed in December for resettlement to third countries, notably Canada, Finland, Sweden, and the United States.
- **Voluntary Repatriation, Dadaab:** 190 refugees were assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia in December. Since the beginning of the process in December 2014, 81,207 refugees have been assisted to return to Somalia from Dadaab.
- **Voluntary Repatriation, Kakuma:** 139 individuals were assisted in returning to their home countries through UNHCR's VolRep Programme in 2020, including 79 individuals assisted in returning to Ethiopia and 69 individuals to Burundi.
- **Complementary Pathways:** Cumulatively, in **Kakuma**, UNHCR assisted 178 cases of 228 individuals to find durable solutions through complementary pathways in 2020.

Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) office, Turkana County Government, the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum-seekers. Monthly virtual inter-agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held.

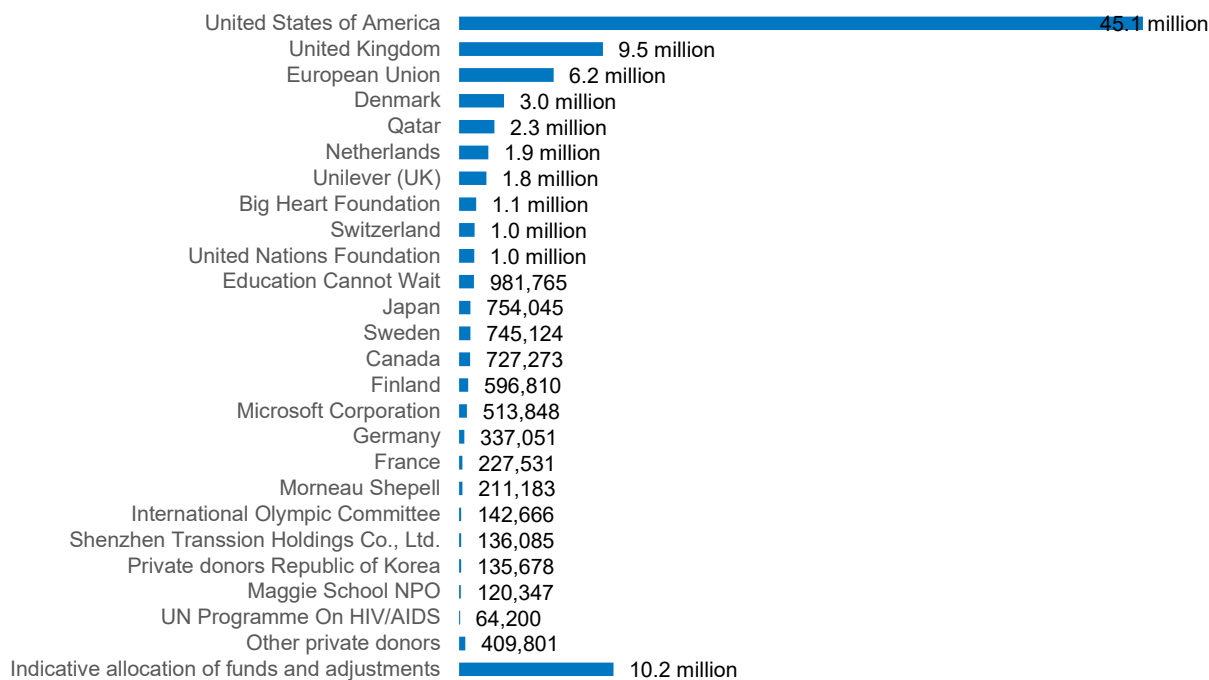
To implement different sectors, UNHCR signed in the beginning of the year Partner Project Agreement (PPAs) with 18 implementing Partners (8 NGOs and 9 INGOs), as well as a Bipartite Agreement with RAS. In addition, another 14 operational partners implement activities with their own financial resources to complement UNHCR efforts in ensuring support to refugees and asylum-seekers.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Kenya operation amount to **USD 93.8 million** (as of 31 December).

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

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