

# KENYA

1 – 30 NOVEMBER 2020

**502,921**

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kenya as of 30 November 2020.

**8,210**

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kenya in 2020.

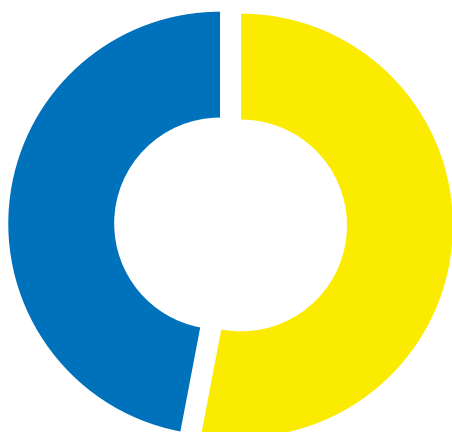
**1,441**

Transitional shelters built since January 2020 in Kakuma

## FUNDING (AS OF 1 DECEMBER 2020)

**USD 164.6 M**

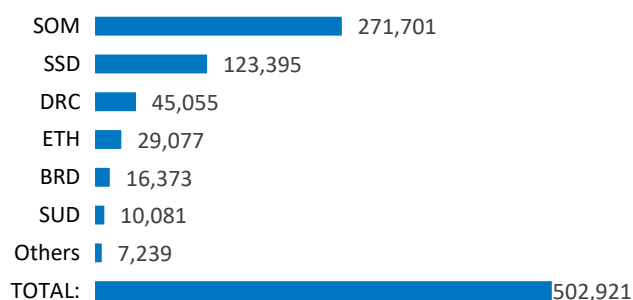
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 46%  
**75.3 M**

## POPULATION OF CONCERN (30 NOVEMBER 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



Health services have run uninterrupted despite the pandemic. Over 3,140 of the deliveries have taken place since May when the first COVID-19 case was reported in Kakuma

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# Update on Achievements

## Highlights

- In November 2020, UNHCR, in partnership with KBC Bank Kenya Limited, commenced the mass opening of bank accounts and issuance of ATM cards to refugee households in Kakuma refugee camp, which hosts over 37,500 households. The bank accounts will facilitate the roll-out of UNHCR's Cash-Based Interventions (CBI) for Core Relief Items (CRI) in 2021, replacing the current in-kind distribution of soap and sanitary items.
- The World Food Programme (WFP), UNHCR, and partners did the November general food and CRI distribution targeting the refugee population in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps, in strict observance of COVID-19 prevention measures.
- On 21 November 2020, four GeneXpert machines and 500 testing kits, which can perform 5,000 tests, arrived in Kenya, while additional PPE, such as coverall gowns, examination gloves and surgical masks, have been ordered and are expected to be delivered soon.
- On 25 November, the 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) kicked off with a virtual round table discussion. Keynote speaker and UN Resident Coordinator in Kenya, Siddharth Chatterjee, highlighted the importance of partnerships and continued collaboration with focus on community engagement to reduce SGBV and moreover, called for a greater commitment from all stakeholders to ensure the elimination of violence against women and girls. The panel discussion with sectoral experts from UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNWOMEN, the State Department for Gender, Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and representatives from the refugee community was livestreamed on YouTube. The discussion focused on prevention and response to SGBV, the importance of data collection in programme design, and ensuring access to services for survivors and fundraising for SGBV programs with a look at sectoral challenges and achievements during COVID-19.
- In November, the following was distributed to host communities in Kakuma: 1) 85 household handwashing stations, 850 reusable face masks, 850 bars of soap, 85 hand washing stations and 85 20-litre jerricans to Letea Ward in Turkana West; 2) 75 household hand washing stations, 750 reusable masks, 750 bars of soap to Kalobeyei Ward; 3) 1,630 reusable face masks, 1,630 bars of soap, and 163 hand washing stations to Kakuma and Lopur Wards; 4) 40 litres of liquid soap to the Police Station in Kalobeyei host community; 5) 80 litres of liquid soap and 50 pieces of hand sanitizers to the Kalobeyei health centre for the host community. In addition, 3,000 surgical face masks were delivered to the County Commissioner for Turkana County in support of the Government's COVID-19 response.

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** In November 2020, 19 new SGBV cases were identified and referred for assessment in Kakuma, while in Dadaab, 47 SGBV cases were reported and attended to. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- In **Kakuma**, five SGBV survivors (4 women and 1 man) were allocated shelters to meet their safety needs during the reporting period. Two women survivors were placed with safe home volunteers, while two female residents in the safe haven returned to the community after protection assessment.
- In **Dadaab**, 120 vulnerable households from Ifo and Dagahaley camps received their monthly multi-purpose cash grant disbursements. Provision of cash assistance is key in providing economic safety net for vulnerable families during COVID-19 and has been proven effective in prevention of violence against women and girls. In **Kakuma**, 17 women received Dignity Kits consisting of a re-usable sanitary pad, and 1kg of bar soap.
- **Child Protection, Kakuma:** In November, 39 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were reviewed, and feedback was provided to Child Protection partners for follow up. During the same period, 18 new Best Interest Determinations (BIDs) were initiated for resettlement consideration for separated children.
- **Child Protection, urban areas:** 32 BIAs and 22 social assessments were received in November and are currently under review.
- **Child Protection, Dadaab:** 202 children showing high to medium risk psychosocial distress, anxiety and depression were provided with individual counselling sessions across the camps. Psychoeducation on prevention of COVID-19 and stress and anxiety management was also conducted for the children and their caregivers. Through the psychosocial support offered, their global assessment of functioning (GAF) score rose from 55 per cent to 85 per cent.
- In **Dadaab**, 467 vulnerable refugee children and 15 children from host communities received cash-based support as per their individual assessed needs. Provision of CBI is a means to ensure economic safety net for the identified children and their families during COVID-19, lack of which would expose them to protection risks such as SGBV, sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), recruitment into militia groups, trafficking and smuggling and child labour.
- In **Dadaab**, the Garissa County Civil Registrar, supported by UNHCR, completed his three-month mobile visit to Dadaab on 30 November after having processed 12,325 birth

notifications for certificate issuance. The next civil registrar visit is scheduled for the first quarter of 2021.

- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) registered 110 individuals (including 74 birth registrations), on an emergency basis, and with strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety regulations. As of 30 November 2020, the active urban population stood at 80,817 refugees and asylum seekers.
- In **urban areas**, 277 refugees were issued with 'Refugee ID Cards', out of which 250 were updated in UNHCR's Profile Global Registration System progress, while 66 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**, 29,312 individuals were contacted for verification of biodata and status of their documentation out of which 19,914 individuals were successfully verified.



## EDUCATION

### Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, learning is ongoing for Form 4, Grades 4 and 8 learners in school with an average attendance of 11,940. In **Dadaab**, student attendance rate by end of November was recorded at 85 per cent for primary school Grades 4 and 8 and 70 per cent for secondary school Form 4. UNHCR and partners continued to monitor the situation and ensured that adherence to health and safety guidelines are maintained in schools.
- In November, UNHCR supplied 662 desks to 21 schools in Kalobeyei settlement in **Kakuma** to support the improvement of learning conditions in schools. UNHCR and partners also provided 5,000 free play radio handsets to students to support radio lessons program.
- In **Kakuma**, 732 girl students received sanitary pads and bar soap.
- In **Kakuma**, secondary scholarship students in Form 1 to 3 received revision books and other stationery to support their self-study at home.
- In **Dadaab**, UNHCR and partner Humanity & Inclusion recruited 67 classroom assistants across the camps to support children with special needs in a bid to ensure children with disability receive appropriate, quality and inclusive education.
- In **Kakuma**, UNHCR and partner Lutheran World Federation supported 699 students with disabilities through home-based learning options and community-based support, including dissemination of video lessons for learners with hearing difficulties at home. In addition, 50 parents of children with disabilities were trained by UNHCR partner Finn Church Aid for two days on home-based support, i.e. how to support their children to learn at home during COVID-19 outbreak, stress management, and challenges of raising a child with a disability and its effects on the family.
- In **urban areas**, 400 primary and 170 secondary school learners were supported to continue learning through WhatsApp groups.

- In **urban areas**, 526 DAFI (*Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative*) scholars were supported with allowances to continue with online learning.

#### 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 textbooks and radios are required to support home learning and improve access to textbooks upon school reopening.



#### HEALTH

#### Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, health services continue to be offered in the eight designated facilities without any interruption. General health indicators maintained with a crude mortality rate of 0.2/1,000/month and Under Five Mortality Rate of 0.7/1,000/month, which are within recommended standards of 0.8/1000/month and 1.5/1,000/month, respectively.
- 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 1,286 cases cumulatively since the first case was confirmed, from which 786 have been discharged from quarantine cumulatively. In addition, the two reception centres (1 in Kalobeyei and 1 in Kakuma) continued to be used as quarantine facilities for both new arrivals coming into Kakuma and any contacts of individuals tested COVID-19 positive. In November, there have been 493 individuals admitted into quarantine.
- In **Dadaab**, a total of 74 refugees were tested positive for COVID-19 in November. As of 30 November, there were 26 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 **Dadaab**, routine activities of Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) are ongoing except the few activities that were suspended due to COVID-19.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Stigma and discrimination are widely observed within the community associated with COVID-19, which is a challenge to proper contact tracing and practice of home-based care. Stigma among the community of humanitarian workers is hurting psychosocial welfare of those affected.

- Inadequate infrastructure to use as COVID-19 treatment centres and quarantine following a government directive to stop using learning institutions for the response.
- A long delay in releasing results from the CDC-NRB laboratory reduces the effectiveness of isolating positive cases and contact tracing as a tool to cut off the transmission.
- Lack of adequate oxygen delivery equipment as the number of symptomatic cases continues to increase.



### FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

#### Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, the Outpatient Therapeutic Program served 198 children with severe malnutrition; the Supplementary Feeding Program reached 602 children with moderate malnutrition across the eight health facilities in November.
- In **Kakuma**, UNHCR and partners continued to provide health education to pregnant and breast-feeding mothers during the nutrition distribution sessions while observing the COVID-19 guidelines. A total of 7,692 individuals benefiting the nutrition programs and caretakers were reached with nutrition messages.



### WATER AND SANITATION

#### Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, a total of 540 household handwashing stations, 2,700 re-usable cloth masks, 7,500 bars of 200 grams soap, and 540 handwashing stations with waste collection buckets were distributed as part of response measures against COVID-19 during the reporting period.
- In **Kakuma**, 38 hand washing units were installed in public places across the refugee camp and host community to enhance handwashing as a COVID-19 preventive measure.
- In **Kakuma**, dissemination of hygiene promotion messages continued in the refugee camp, reaching 2,098 households (10,490 individuals) per week.
- In **Kakuma**, demonstration of proper hand washing technique continued at the household level, culminating in installing 3,543 simple hand washing devices to promote an appropriate hand washing.
- In **Kakuma**, targeted distribution of one-liter liquid soap was conducted among persons living with disabilities in Kalobeyei settlement. A total of 1,082 persons benefitted from the distribution in November, which was aimed at enhancing handwashing with soap among persons living with disabilities in prevention of diarrheal diseases and the spread of COVID-19.

- In **Kakuma**, distribution of reusable sanitary pads targeting girls aged 9-14 years and their caregivers was conducted in Kalobeyei settlement. A total of 1,638 pads were distributed during the reporting period. Of these, 1,131 were distributed to adolescent girls and 507 to caretakers.
- In **Dadaab**, 126 hygiene promoters were engaged in carrying out hygiene promotion campaigns.
- In **Dadaab**, there are currently 37,456 household latrines and 250 communal latrines, translating to an average coverage of 80.9 per cent.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need for additional handwashing stations for public places.
- Need to equip newly drilled boreholes with solar and pumps to support Kalobeyei Water Supply, currently operating for 18 hours daily to meet water demand.



#### SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

#### 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* (NCCCK). A total of 66 transitional shelters were constructed for 180 individuals (68 households) during the reporting period. Cumulatively, 1,441 transitional shelters have been built so far in 2020.
- In **Kalobeyei**, 1,440 refugee families are in the process of converting their transitional shelters into concrete shelters through UNHCR's CBI for shelter.
- In **Dadaab**, construction of eight classrooms in Wadajir primary school in Dagahaley refugee camp was completed. The project will improve learning space in the school and will go a long way in promoting education in the camp through provision of conducive learning environment.
- In **Dadaab**, the renovation of kitchen facilities and construction of handwashing facilities in 22 primary schools across the refugee camps is completed. In addition, one handwashing facility per school for the kitchen area complete with taps, drainage pipes and soak pits were constructed. The project has greatly improved the condition of the kitchen facilities in the schools which will improve hygiene control in the schools.
- In **Dadaab**, establishment of joint quarantine centre in Hagadera transit centre is completed during the reporting period. The project was necessitated by the opening of the schools which were used as quarantine centres.



## LIVELIHOODS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

- In **Dadaab**, in November, 15 youth from Ifo camp were issued with beehive-making materials and installation support. The group will also be trained on business skills development to enable them to use the acquired skills to run profitable businesses.
- In **Dadaab**, 41 individuals from Ifo camp were provided with numeracy and literacy training with a focus on developing business plans, record keeping and business skills development.
- In **urban areas**, refugee artisans participated at the Biz Baz event at the Village Market from 27 to 29 November.



## DURABLE SOLUTIONS

### Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, cumulatively in 2020, 238 cases comprising of 1,019 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration to Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.
- In **Dadaab**, 71 individuals were counselled on requests for resettlement consideration and the status of their resettlement cases.
- UNHCR submitted four cases (9 individuals) to Canada and Norway. The Resettlement Unit has submitted 119 cases (447 individuals) for resettlement through November 2020.
- In November, 30 individuals departed for resettlement in third countries.

## Working in Partnership

- **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** is working together with the Government of Kenya through RAS, the Garissa County Government, Refugee Consortium of Kenya, WFP, UNICEF, IOM, Save the Children International, Terre Des Hommes, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Lutheran World Federation, Humanity & Inclusion, Center for Victims of Torture, Windle International, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Kenya Red Cross Society, Médecins Sans Frontiers (MSF), FilmAid International, CARE International, Relief Reconstruction & Development Organization (RRDO), and Peace Winds Japan.
- **UNHCR Kakuma** continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya, the Turkana County Government through DCC and RAS, and partners to ensure support



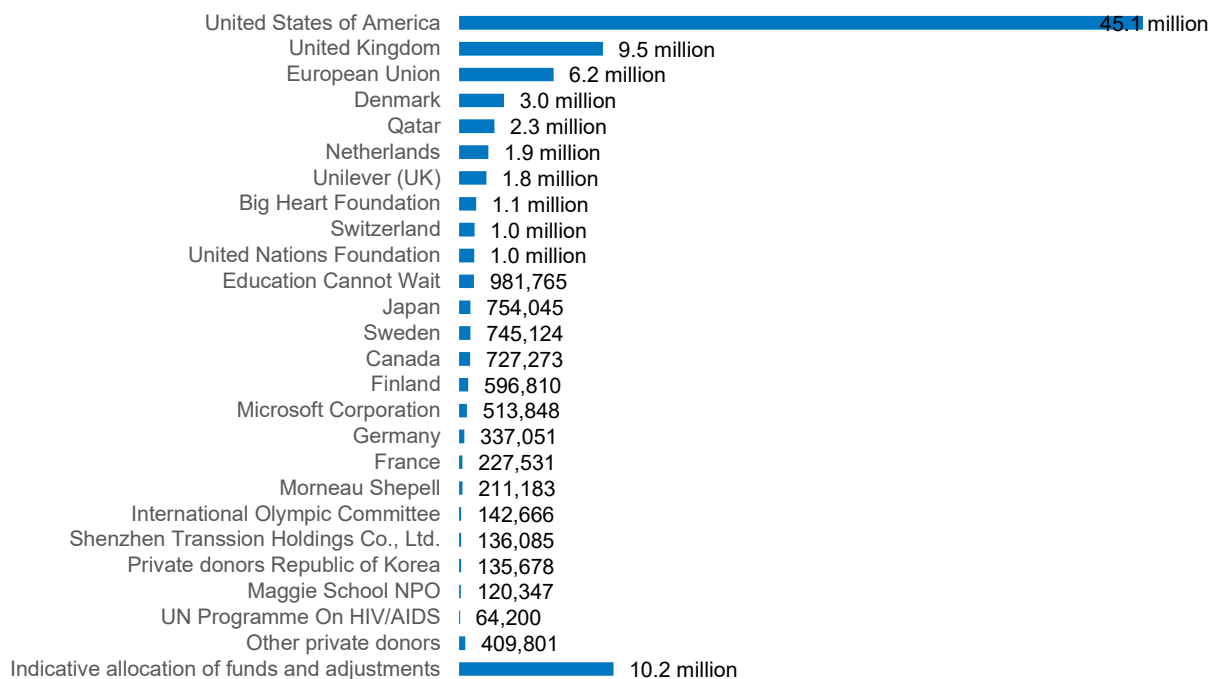
to refugees and asylum-seekers. Monthly inter-agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held, including monthly meetings with refugee representatives in the refugee camp.

## Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Kenya operation amount to **USD 89.3 million** (as of 1 December 2020).

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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