

# KENYA

1 – 31 JANUARY 2021

**508,033**

Refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Kenya as of 31 January 2021.

**928**

New arrivals refugees and asylum-seekers registered in January 2021.

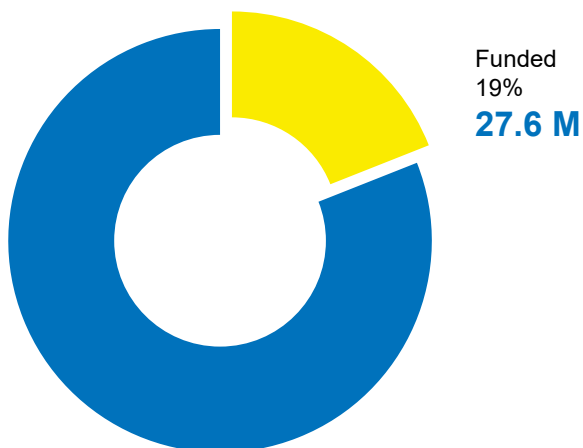
**38,144**

Refugees received cash under UNHCR's Cash-Based Interventions programme in Kakuma

## FUNDING (AS OF 31 JANUARY 2021)

**USD 145.7 M**

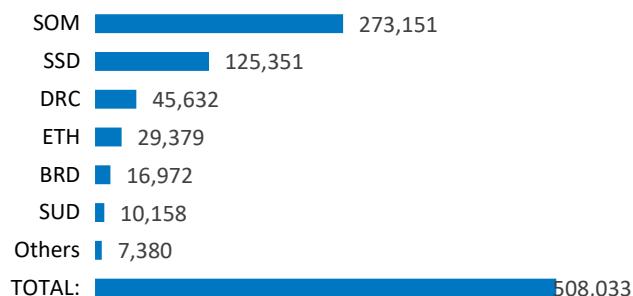
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 81%  
**118.1 M**

## POPULATION OF CONCERN (31 JANUARY 2021)

### 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



A member of the Turkana host community accesses health services at the newly inaugurated Locher Ang'amor clinic in Kakuma refugee camp. ©UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

# Update on Achievements

## Highlights

- **School Reopening:** Schools across refugee camps in **Dadaab** and **Kakuma** safely reopened in January 2021 following Government instruction. Schools had been closed since March 2020 as result of the COVID-19 outbreak in Kenya.
- In **Kakuma**, a total of 32,003 bank accounts were activated, and ATM cards distributed to 86 per cent of the targeted refugee families. The enrolment will continue for the next two months to allow the remaining 5,546 families to collect their ATM cards. UNHCR will make the first disbursement of Cash-Based Interventions (CBI) for Core Relief Items in February 2021.



*Silvia Dongo Enosa validates her ATM card by using fingerprints at a shop in Kalobeyei Settlement to withdraw cash from UNHCR to purchase soap and sanitary items.*  
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- **Inauguration of new health facility in Kakuma:** On 18 January 2021, UNHCR, together with partner International Rescue Committee (IRC), the Ministry of Health, and County Government, inaugurated Locher Ang'amor Health Clinic in Kakuma refugee camp. The new health facility was constructed in partnership with the Big Heart Foundation (TBHF) and will benefit over 32,000 individuals in the catchment area, including the host community.

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, UNHCR and the Refugees Affairs Secretariat (RAS) registered 783 newly arrived refugees and asylum-seeker. A total of 838 new-borns were also registered during the reporting period.
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)**: A total of 43 new SGBV cases were identified and referred for assessment in **Kakuma**, while 55 SGBV cases in **Dadaab** and 12 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**, 170 persons were reached directly at the reception centre and service points in Kalobeyei Settlement with GBV information, including referral pathways since asylum-seekers were expected to be relocated to Kakuma camp.
- **Child Protection – Kakuma**: A total of 78 child protection concerns were identified and referred to partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) for follow-up and Best Interest Assessment (BIA). UNHCR's Child Protection Unit also received 21 BIA from DRC for review.
- **Child Protection – urban areas**: 24 BIA and 10 social assessments were received and are currently under review.
- **Child Protection – Dadaab**: 17 child SGBV survivors were followed up and assessed on their resilience and coping strategies. They were taken through counselling sessions that helped them to process the trauma. Follow up sessions will be conducted in the coming weeks to ensure improvement of their mental and emotional health.
- In **Dadaab**, talks on the prevention of domestic violence were conducted at health posts in Dagahaley refugee camp, reaching 61 individuals. During the sessions, effective community protection strategies, the duty to report incidents and confidentiality principles were explained, and emergency hotline numbers shared.
- In **Dadaab**, a three-day training for 30 Child Welfare Committee members in Ifo refugee camp was conducted with the emphasis of the importance of girl's education, challenges associated with girls' education and the role of community in promotion of girls' education.
- In **Dadaab**, group tele-counselling session was conducted for the LGBTIQ+ refugees and asylum-seekers to find out how they are coping with the COVID-19 pandemic and on their health and well-being. The group was supported with non-food items, which includes mats and blankets.
- In **urban areas**, RAS registered 151 individuals (including six birth registrations), on an emergency basis, and with strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety regulations.
- In **urban areas**, 376 refugees were issued with 'Refugee ID Cards', out of which 39 were updated in UNHCR's Profile Global Registration System progress, while 148 asylum-

seekers were issued with Asylum-Seeker Pass documents and four individuals were issued with a Minors' Pass. A total of 133 children of age five and above were also enrolled into the Biometric Information Management System (BIMS) in this period.



## EDUCATION

### Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, UNHCR distributed 73,327 facemasks to schools to protect students and teachers from COVID-19.
- School attendance for learners in **Kalobeyei Settlement** is improving with 90 per cent of learners enrolled in Early Childhood Development Educations (ECDE) and some 88 per cent of learners in primary school attending classes within the week.
- In **Kakuma**, UNHCR partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) distributed 1,076 new desks, supported by the Educate A Child (EAC) Programme. The new desks will support physical distancing as a protective measure against COVID-19.
- In **Kakuma**, 166 (136 men, 30 women) newly recruited refugee teachers were posted to 21 primary schools.
- In **Dadaab**, 674 children with disabilities in secondary and primary schools have reported back to school following the recent reopening of schools and are supported to access learning and other services based on their needs.
- In **Dadaab**, UNHCR distributed 5,108 textbooks for primary and secondary schools supported by Moran Publishers of Kenya.
- In **Dadaab**, construction of 28 permanent hand washing stations was completed in all the 22 primary schools and 6 secondary schools by UNHCR partner, CARE International.
- In **Dadaab**, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) training was conducted for 112 secondary schools board of managers, religious leaders, and selected camp leaders to equip the trainees with the skills of prevention and response to SGBV and SEA.
- In **urban areas**, 638 children with disabilities were supported to go back to school through payment of fees and provision of school materials.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Additional teachers required to provide reasonable coverage upon school reopening.

**HEALTH****Achievements and Impact**

- As of 28 January 2021, the cumulative total of individuals confirmed to have COVID-19 stands at 503 among Persons of Concern (PoC) and 353 among humanitarian workers in Kenya overall.
- In **Kakuma**, a total of 6,609 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 **Dadaab**, optimal access to reproductive health services maintained with 4,464 girls and women accessing services with 83 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 33,168 consultations conducted.
- In **Dadaab**, a total of 111 refugees and asylum-seekers received treatment for HIV.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

- Stigma and discrimination associated with COVID-19 is widely observed within the community, which is a challenge to proper contact tracing and practice of home-based care. Stigma in 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 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**

- In **Kakuma**, health partners in Kakuma Camp and Kalobeyi Settlement reached 13,791 pregnant and lactating mothers, and caretakers of children with health messages during nutrition distribution sessions.
- In **Kakuma**, the Outpatient Therapeutic Program served 203 children with severe malnutrition. The Supplementary Feeding Program reached 696 children with moderate malnutrition across the health facilities. Furthermore, 23 severely malnourished children with various medical complications were admitted and treated at the Ammusait General Hospital's stabilisation centre.
- In **Dadaab**, a total of 1,280 and 905 beneficiaries managed for Moderate Acute Malnutrition and Severe Acute Malnutrition respectively.

- 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 9,234 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**, the Outpatient Therapeutic Program served 905 children with severe malnutrition. The Supplementary Feeding Program reached 1,280 children with moderate malnutrition across the health facilities.
- In **Dadaab**, 200 Mother-to-Mother Support Group meetings were conducted reaching 314 pregnant and 1,743 breast-feeding mothers.



#### WATER AND SANITATION

##### Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, 144 household latrines were constructed for vulnerable families in to promote good hygiene and sanitation.
- In **Kakuma**, 169 host Community Health Volunteers (CHV) were supported with COVID-19 Kits (facemasks and hand-sanitisers). The CHV were trained on COVID-19 prevention and transmission and are expected to pass on the knowledge to their community members.
- In **Dadaab**, 126 hygiene promoters were engaged in carrying out hygiene promotion campaigns.

##### 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**, a total of 90 transitional shelters were constructed for 240 individuals to address their immediate shelter needs.
- 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**, through the International Health Cooperative Organisation (IHCO) funded shelter project, 50 female-headed households identified in Village 3 commenced converting their transitional shelters to permanent shelters through CBI.



#### LIVELIHOODS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

- In **Dadaab**, 400 youth trainees from refugee and host communities started Technical and Vocational Education and Training courses.



#### CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

##### Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, KES 9.6 million was disbursed to 7,178 households (38,144 individuals) living in the Kalobeyei Settlement under UNHCR's Cash for Core Relief Items. The amount included KES 3,792,600 directed to 10,836 women and girls of reproductive age (11-50 years) to purchase sanitary materials (additional soap, sanitary pads, and pants) during the month.



#### ACCESS TO ENERGY

##### Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, Okapi Green Energy Ltd – a refugee-owned energy company – acquired Tariff approval from Energy & Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) to sell out electricity to businesses and households from their 20 KWp mini-grid in Kakuma 3. A total of 35 households and 23 businesses have been connected to pilot the project.
- In **Kakuma**, UNHCR and partners have invested in solar technicians' training to raise the capacity for installation of solar infrastructure and their maintenance. Hence, the local capacity to implement is readily available.



**DURABLE SOLUTIONS****Achievements and Impact**

- In total, eight individuals departed in January for resettlement to Sweden.
- **Complementary pathways – Kakuma:** Since the beginning of the year, UNHCR have assisted 31 cases of 35 individuals to resettle to third countries through complementary pathways.
- In **Dadaab**, a radio show on resettlement was conducted to update refugees on anti-fraud, and the impact of COVID-19 on the resettlement processes. Radio sensitization continues to play a crucial role in delivering resettlement information to PoC in Dadaab. This allows for a larger engagement of PoC within a brief but impactful time frame whereby information is disseminated directly to the community.

**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.

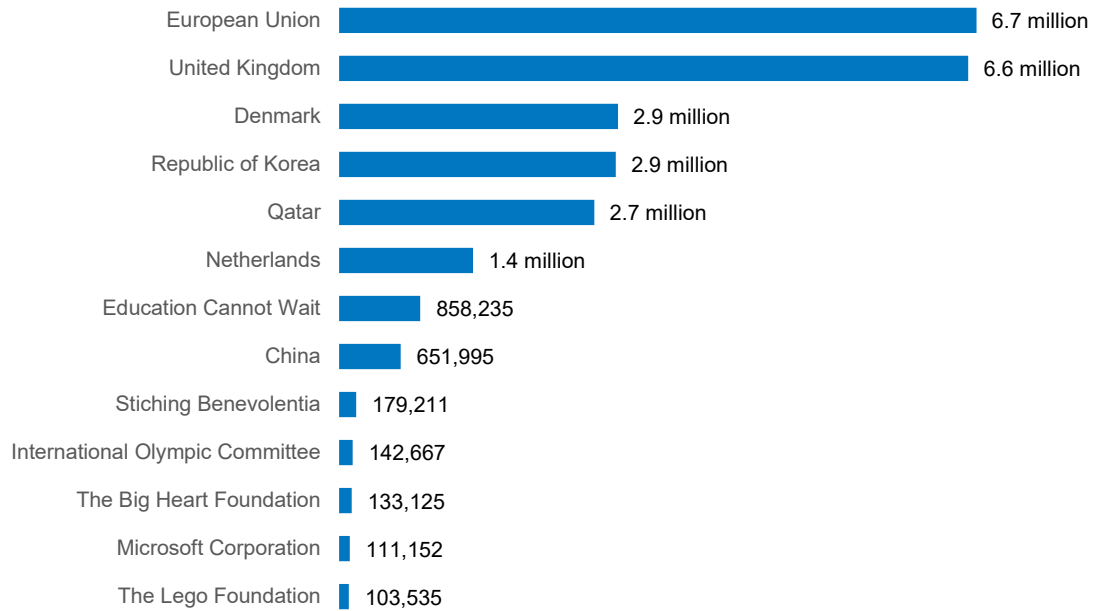
**Financial Information**

Total recorded contributions for the Kenya operation amount to **USD 27.6 million** (or 19% of requirements as of 31 January 2021).

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** 5.9 million

## UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

**Sweden** 66.9 million | **Netherlands** 36.1 million | **Denmark** 34.6 million | **Germany** 22.1 million | **Switzerland** 16.4 million | **Ireland** 12.5 million | **Belgium** 11.9 million

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