

Kenya

1 - 28 February 2021

512,494

Refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Kenya as of 28 February 2021 3,513

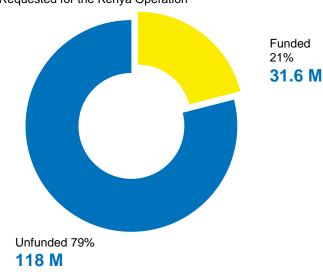
New arrivals refugees and asylumseekers registered in 2021. 1,193

Newborns registered in February 2021

FUNDING (AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2021)

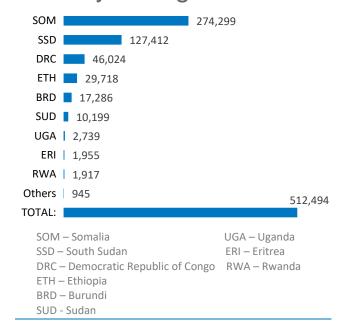
USD 149.6 M

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Country of origin



COVID-19 FIGURES

632

Individuals cumulatively confirmed to have COVID-19

962

COVID-19 samples collected in 2021 mostly from Humanitarian workers in Kakuma

7,037

COVID-19 samples collected since May 2020 in Dadaab



Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in Kenya, UNHCR has been receiving donations of Personal Protective Equipment from Government and private partners. In this picture, UNHCR is sorting out medical supplies received from IGAD © UNHCR/Mohamed Maalim, 10 February 2021.



Update on Achievements

Highlights

- UNHCR donated four Gene-Xpert to support the fight against COVID-19 in both Garissa and Turkana Counties. at the County Referral Hospital. The machines will go a long way in safeguarding the health and wellbeing of the host and refugee communities.
- In February, UNHCR made disbursement of Cash to 32,646 households in



Kakuma camp to cater for the needs of soap and sanitary materials, and energy.

COVID-19 Preparedness and Response

- In Dadaab, on 9 February 2021, a total of 165 boxes containing Personal Protective Equipment donated by IGAD was received through the Garissa County government and subsequently transferred to Dadaab Refugee Camps. The donation included N-95 masks, face shields, infrared thermometers, medical uniforms, protective gloves, safety boxes, boots, and swabs.
- In Dadaab, there are 242 community health workers supporting risk communication and community engagement, community-based surveillance, and community sensitization on uptake of essential services thereby ensuring access to basic care for those with chronic conditions in Dadaab camps.
- In Dadaab, COVID-19 supplies stockpile maintained at Ifo2 warehouse with received assorted supplies such as 4 bed capacity Intensive Care Unit (ICU) equipment, infrared thermometers.



Achievements



Achievements and Impact

- Since January, UNHCR Kakuma registered 2,632 new arrivals and 2,992 newborns
- Cumulatively in 2021 in Kakuma, a total of 7 cases comprising of 28 individuals departed for resettlement to third countries while 39 cases comprising of 49 individuals were assisted through UNHCR's complementary pathways in Kakuma.
- In the month of February in Kakuma, 39 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were received from which 24 BIAs were reviewed and referred to relevant partners for action.
- In February, two inter-agency Best Interest Determination (BID) panel meetings were held in **Kakuma** within the month in which 24 BIDs were discussed.
- In Kakuma, 17 new SGBV cases were identified and referred for assessment.
 All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- In Kakuma, awareness creation during general food distribution was conducted, reaching over 153,160 persons of concern with GBV information and various service points.
- Kakuma United FC, a team comprising of players from nationalities, including Kenyans, trained on COVID-19 as they embark on competing in the Kenya Premier League.
- 775 girls (127 in Kakuma and 648 in Kalobeyei) reached with messages on effects of early and forced marriages, coping with COVID-19, early pregnancies, and menstrual cycle.
- In **Dadaab**, 680 new-born babies were registered during the month.
- On 1 February 2021, Live Capture Unit (LCU) came into active use in **Dadaab**, where all Refugee Identity Card (ID) application and renewal services will henceforth be automated. 767 refugee ID applications were carried out through the automated services of the LCU. A total of 747 Refugee ID cards were collected while 10,239 Refugee cards awaiting collection.
- Legal Aid clinics were conducted across the three camps reaching 48 people in Dadaab. The issues presented by clients included intimate partner violence, defilement, physical assault, immigration cases, documentation, rape, loss of alien cards as well as child support. Interventions conducted included legal and



- individual psychosocial counselling, psychoeducation, follow up of reported cases at the police and court stations and case referrals to relevant agencies for further intervention.
- In Dadaab, A BID panel meeting was held on 22 February 2021 between UNHCR, Refugee Consortium of Kenya, Terres Des Hommes, and Save the Children International where eight durable solutions cases (4 Voluntary Repatriation and 4 Resettlement) were discussed, and appropriate recommendations approved. Follow up of the cases will continue as part of the respective processes.
- To improve the living standards of their families in **Dadaab**, 217 children were assisted through emergency social support in the form of food and non-food items such as clothes, sleeping materials and unconditional cash vouchers to redeem food and non-food items from identified suppliers in the camp.
- 350 (200 members of the host communities and 150 refugees) children and their families were supported with COVID-19 PPE such as face masks, hand sanitizers, soap, and gloves to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in **Dadaab**.
- In Dadaab, 500 vulnerable refugee and 200 and host community children were supported with 50 USD each, to enable them purchase food and non-food items.
- In Dadaab, 256 children comprising of school dropouts, SGBV survivors and family therapy for separated children were offered individual and/or group counselling and emotional support services to deal with their psychosocial distress and enhance their protection coping mechanisms and welfare. They were also taken through psychological first aid, counselling, and psychoeducation on healthy ways of processing trauma. Follow-up sessions are ongoing.
- 60 adults and 50 adolescents participated in a three days training on Child Protection basic case management skills, prevention and response, children's rights, prevention of traditional harmful practices and norms and reporting. They also discussed on the emerging issues and the available referral pathways within the camps in **Dadaab**.
- 50 SGBV cases were reported and attended to across the three refugee camps in **Dadaab**. All survivors received psychosocial counselling and referrals were made to the police and to hospitals as appropriate. Follow up will be done with the police to ensure that proper investigations are conducted, and witnesses record statements thereby aiding in survivors' access to justice.
- In Dadaab, two peer-to- peer club activities were conducted in Bahati and Illeys Primary Schools in Dagahaley refugee camp reaching 40 school-going boys and girls. The students were involved in discussions surrounding dropping out of school, negative peer influence, child and forced marriage, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) in schools and prevention of GBV and response. The facilitator challenged them to mentor those going through peer influence and encourage them to report back to school.



- In Dadaab, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) collaborated with the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in conducting GBV health talks reaching 338 community members. The discussions cantered around the prevention and response to GBV and the referral pathway. The GBV toll-free hotline number was shared.
- 107 persons with disabilities in **Dadaab** were supported by Lutheran World Federation while 130 were supported by Humanity and Inclusion in Hagadera, Ifo and Dagahaley rehabilitation centres and home rehabilitation support services. 47 received physiotherapy and occupational therapy services for various conditions such as club foot, hand injuries, fractures, sciatic nerve injuries, neurological disorders, spinal cord injuries and cerebral palsy including stroke, Manual therapy and exercises, soft tissue manipulation ambulation training was offered. 250 were supported at the technical unit for repairs and modification, 107 had their mobility aid devices assessed and repaired, 51 were issued with locally fabricated toilet seats and 92 were booked for fabrication of assistive aids and mobility device.
- 203 older persons across Hagadera, Ifo and Dagahaley camps in **Dadaab** were attended to during individual assessments and at block level. The activities included case identification and documentation, psychosocial counselling, home visits and referrals. The elderly committee continue to access the most at risk in the community and refer the cases for appropriate support.
- Outreach team in **Dadaab** conducted home visits for 110 people and provided them with home-based therapy for children with cerebral palsy and bedridden older persons. The therapy ranged from soft tissue manipulation, gait training, assistive device training and maintenance, skills transfer to caregivers and home adaptations. Referrals of complicated cases of impairments was made to the rehabilitation centres for assessment and intervention.
- In Dadaab, 61 persons with specific needs were provided psychosocial support in the blocks and at the offices. Peer-to-peer session, caregiver sessions were also conducted to support them with counselling. The services provided were routine case management, psychoeducation and counselling on stress management and remote monitoring of community own resource persons (CORPS) conducting family mediation sessions. The current environment has made it increasingly important for persons with severe functional and mental disabilities and their caregivers to engage in self-management practices and assume a more proactive role in organizing, monitoring, and tracking their health care outcomes.
- In **Urban areas**, the Refugees Bill 2019 was debated at the Committee of the Whole House stage between 23 and 25 February 2021. It was read a third time at the National Assembly on 2 March 2021 completing the legislative process at the National Assembly level. Proposals made by UNHCR and the task force on legislative process, that advocate for better access to rights for asylum seekers,



- harmonious existence with the host community, and strengthening the government institutions managing refugees were largely adopted.
- In Urban areas, 26 vulnerability assessments were done in Urban areas, out of which 8 received individual counselling.
- In **Urban areas**, 3 GBV cases from urban areas were recorded in February involving 2 females and 1 male aged between 18-59 years and all were enrolled for psycho-social counselling. There are 15 GBV cases reported since the beginning of the year and 11 cases are under counselling.
- UNHCR took part in the validation of GBV IEC materials for PoCs who are blind and deaf together with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD)and Partners in urban areas. 20 POCs with disabilities took part in the exercise that included verification of brailles, animation videos and GBV posters. The materials were produced by the NCPWD in collaboration with Youth Voices community (YVC), a refugee lead community-based organisation and the project was funded by UNHCR
- In Urban areas, 30 social assessments and 25 BIAs were reviewed in February. The specific needs, case linkages and individual child protection cases were updated in proGres V4. Follow up on various interventions was done internally with resettlement and refugee status determination units and externally flagged to partners such as HIAS for further assessment of various aspects and paneling for CBI consideration and Humanity and Inclusion for disability assessments.
- In Urban areas, individual counselling for 6 children at the Transit Centre was conducted. 4 of the children were referred for best interest Determination, 1 child was referred for psychosocial and medical support and 1 child was supported to follow up on an alleged physical abuse with the law enforcement in urban areas.
- In **Urban areas**, Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) registered 545 individuals (including 33 birth registrations), on an emergency basis, and with strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety guidelines, bringing the active urban population to 81,574 individuals 54,271 refugees and 27,303 asylum seekers as of 28 February 2021.
- A total of 529 persons of age 5 and above were enrolled into BIMS during the reporting period in urban areas.
- In Urban areas, a total of 211 refugees were issued with 'Refugee ID Cards', out of which thirty-two were updated in proGres during the reporting period while a total of 148 asylum seekers in urban areas were issued with 'Asylum Seeker Pass' documents.



Achievements and Impact



- Finn Church Aid (FCA) conducted a one-day training for 264 teenage girls and mothers from primary schools in **Kalobeyei** on life skills and physiological well-being on 17th February 2020, facilitated by the Ministry of Health.
- Lutheran World Federation (LWF) supported two Children with Disabilities with wheelchairs to access school facilities at Mt. Songot pre-school and Mogadishu primary school in Kakuma.
- The International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted eye care screening for 150 (84 male, 66 females) learners, out of whom 29 pupils (16male, 13 females) were referred to clinic 7 for further medical intervention in **Kakuma**.
- To improve the quality of curriculum delivery in pre-primary and primary schools in Kakuma camp, LWF, with support from UNHCR and Porticus, introduced 21 qualified Kenyan primary school teachers and 13 pre-primary schoolteachers into refugee schools. They joined 21 teacher tutors supported by BPRM and over 600 refugee teachers to continue term two curriculum implementation in 21 primary schools.
- In Kakuma, UNHCR delivered soap and PPEs to the Office of Sub-county Administrator and Sub County Director of Education to support host community learners. The donation included;
 - 1,000 pieces of facemasks,
 - 220kg of bar soap,
 - 220litres of liquid soap, and
 - 110 pieces of 500ml sanitisers.
- During the period, education partners distributed 3,000 pieces of facemasks, received from The UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, to teachers in all schools (ECDs, Primary and Secondary schools) to protect them and learners from COVID-19 in Kakuma.
- To support learners and encourage school attendance, UNHCR partner for education -The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) distributed 14,644 pairs of school uniform to primary school learners in **Kakuma**.
- UNHCR's partner for education in Kalobeyei, the Finn Church Aid (FCA), received 13,280 pieces of sanitary pads for distribution to adolescent girls and teenage mothers to support menstrual health hygiene and keep them in school for the next six months.
- Windle International distributed 1,329 solar-powered radios, procured by UNICEF, to learners across the 7 secondary schools in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- Teaching and learning activities in **Dadaab** continued in all primary and secondary schools in the camps with average school attendance rate for the month recorded at 86% for primary schools and 84% for secondary schools. To improve attendance and enrolment of more learners in schools, community communication and radio broadcasts ongoing.
- 63 more refugee primary school teachers were recruited in **Dadaab** increasing the total refugee teachers to 410 and 27 national teachers. Recruitment of 23 more national teachers is ongoing.
- In Dadaab, out of 1,023 enrolled children, 722 children with disabilities in secondary and primary schools have reported back to school following the reopening of schools and are supported to access learning and other personalized services.



- Nationwide assessment for grade 3 learners was conducted as part of the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) monitoring of the implementation and progress of the new Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) in Kenya. 35,935 refugee learners in Dadaab undertook the assessment and results will be uploaded into the KNEC examination portal.
- UNHCR and partners supplied all schools in **Dadaab** with 80,000 face masks and 2 metric tons of bar soap to support 49,764 pre-primary, primary and secondary school children to mitigate the effect of COVID-19 and comply with the Ministry of Health and Education requirements for re-opening of education institutions. 30,000 of the face masks and bar Soap was donated by the NRC.
- Counselling and mentorship for girls in schools were conducted during the month for a total of 150 girls in Hagadera and 286 girls in Dagahaley participating in a one-day session in schools as a supportive place for girls to learn and discuss sensitive matters such as early pregnancies and post COVID -19 support.
- 6,167 pieces of Solar powered Radios were donated by UNICEF to primary and secondary schools in the camps and distribution is ongoing in **Dadaab**. The criteria for selection.
- In urban areas, 480 (111 girls, 369 boys) DAFI scholars were supported with allowances and tuition fees payments
- A DAFI scholar (Adhieu Achuil Dhiew) mobilized a consignment of books and foodstuffs in urban areas to be distributed to secondary school students in Kakuma and Dadaab.



CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

- The energy assistance component to refugees was fully transitioned as CBI for Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. In February, UNHCR disbursed KES 7,940,184 to 40,004 families' bank accounts comprising 188,727 individuals in both locations. While Kalobeyei settlement residents receive cash assistance through Equity bank, Kakuma residents received through UNHCR's new Financial Service Provider Kenya Commercial bank (KCB).
- A total of KES 5,708,295 disbursed to 39,670 individuals in the kalobeyei settlement through 7,358 refugee bank accounts in Kelobeyei settlement to purchase Core Relief Items (soap and sanitary items). This included 11,349 women of reproductive age (11-50 years) benefitting from cash to purchase sanitary materials.
- A total of KES 21,815,085 monthly allowance for CRIs was disbursed by UNHCR to 32,646 families' bank accounts in Kakuma camp, through KCB benefiting 149,057



Persons of concern including 44, 263 women of reproductive health receiving cash for sanitary materials.

- KES 28,081,000 disbursed to 1,295 families in Kalobeyei villages 2 and 3, through UNHCR's CBI for Shelter to support the construction of concrete houses, currently at different construction stages. Similarly, UNHCR disbursed KES 1,387,500 to support the construction of household latrines.
- KES 64,932,064 has been disbursed cumulatively in February to support various CBI programmes in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.



Achievements and Impact

- In Dadaab, 88 youth were selected in February to start training for Technical and Vocational Education and Training trade test in electrical, solar lighting tailoring and dress making and plumbing skills for grade I and II In camp-based training centres.
- In Dadaab, 58 students were awarded with scholarships to study, Nursing, Agricultural engineering, Animal health, Electrical engineering, and IT studies in institutions of higher learning in Kenya.
- In Nairobi, BawaHope, a local social enterprise engaged by UNHCR on product design and marketing, participated in the 4th edition of the bizarre bazaar exhibition held at the village market. A wide range of products in the jewellery, baskets and bags trade were on display.



Achievements and Impact

- There were 23 new cases of COVID 19 reported in February 2021 in Kakuma. By the end of February, the cumulative number of confirmed cases stood at 532, from a cumulative sample size of 6,976. This translates to a positivity rate of 7.6% since April 2020. The total number of recoveries by the end of the reporting period stood at 509.
- As of 28 February, 2,131 individuals were admitted into the two quarantine facilities in Kakuma camp and the Kalobeyei settlement.
- Overall health of the population in **Dadaab** remained stable with mortality rates within
 the recommended standards at crude mortality rate (CMR) of 0.04/1000
 population/month (recommended is < 1.5) and under 5 mortality rate of 0.3/1000
 population/month (recommended is < 0.75)



- In Dadaab, optimal access to reproductive and sexual healthcare was maintained with 4,464 girls and women accessing services. Antenatal Care coverage went up from 84% to 89% in the reporting period.
- In **Dadaab**, skilled deliveries is at 96%. Uptake of family planning services remained low with a contraceptive prevalence rate of 6.3%. This could be attributed to stock out of family planning commodities. With the registration of camp health facilities, plans are underway to pull these commodities from the KEMSA supply chain at zero cost.
- In Dadaab, a total of 118 refugees and asylum seekers are receiving treatment for HIV in Dadaab.
- In Dadaab, the referral mechanism was maintained for emergency specialized care; 30 patients were referred to Garissa and Nairobi. Out of these cases, 10 were obstetric cases. As part of the Government of Kenya COVID-19 public health measures, the cessation of referral of elective cases and reverse referral missions is still in effect.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Number of chronic cases at the camps in Dadaab is rising due to movement restrictions suspending reverse referrals leading to increased morbidity and complications.
- There is a shortage of clinical staff in Dadaab. Currently clinicians are doing 80 consultations per clinician per day, the recommended standard is less than 50.



Achievements and Impact

- In **Kakuma**, 20,700 tree seedlings were produced in February cumulatively in all the tree nurseries, and 9,858 tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts and host community.
- One community awareness meeting on forest conservation and management was conducted, with a target audience of 763 community members from both Refugees and Host Communities (Male:325 & Female:753) in Kakuma.
- A total of 1,471 Child Headed Households (below 18 years old) in Kakuma will remain under in-kind firewood distribution as the rest of the population transition to CBI for Energy.
- Relief, Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RRDO) issued a total of 3,300 seedlings for compound afforestation in **Dadaab** refugee camp covering 420 households/1,200 PoCs, and host community areas covering 80 households/400 beneficiaries.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps



- Expanding existing mini-grids and develop new mini-grids to connect more refugees, institutions and businesses in Kakuma
- In the long-term, phase-out diesel generators introduce solar energy systems for host and refugee community facilities and Organizational facilities such as boreholes, schools, hospitals, and offices in Kakuma.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Achievements and Impact

- 4,992 bars of soap (200grams each) distributed to health facilities in Kakuma refugee to support handwashing as a COVID-19 prevention measure.
- 12 school WASH Clubs in Kakuma refugee camp and Host community trained on sanitation and hygiene promotion reaching 400 learners. Members were trained on COVID-19 preventive measures, emphasising proper handwashing with soap and clean running water.
- 10,220 bars of soap (200grams each) for handwashing were distributed in Kakuma and Kalobeyei and demonstrated proper handwashing techniques. Additional 720 litres of liquid soap for handwashing practices in Schools in Kakuma refugee camp.
- 1,260 Kgs of chlorine distributed to health facilities in the host community and Kakuma refugee camp for disinfection use.
- There were 39,471 household latrines and 250 communal latrines during the reporting period in **Dadaab**, translating to a coverage of 85.2%. WASH Partner currently incorporating community structures in camp cleaning. 105 sanitation cleaners who were actively engaged in managing solid waste in public areas across the refugee camps, have been laid off. Therefore, management of solid waste is being done by the community and their leaders.
- During the reporting period, 126 Hygiene promoters were engaged in carrying out hygiene promotion campaigns across the refugee camps in **Dadaab**.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 108 additional hygiene promoters are required to be engaged to attain a standard ratio of 1:1,000 in Dadaab.
- 105 sanitation cleaners are needed to manage solid waste in public areas across the refugee camps in **Dadaab**.
- There is a need to install solar for the pumping of boreholes; 4 boreholes and 6 generators, need replacement. 13 leaking elevated tanks need repairs and capacity building is required for the three market water committee members in the camps in Dadaab.





Achievements and Impact

- In Kakuma, 231 children with severe malnutrition were reached through the Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP), and 869 children with moderate malnutrition reached through the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP).
- Eleven severely malnourished children with medical complications were served at the Stabilization Centre in February in Kakuma. Recovery rates were maintained above 90% for both OTP and SFP. Additionally, 2,398 women were served through Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP), targeting pregnant and lactating women. Six orphans and vulnerable children are being supported with breast milk substitutes.
- Health partners reached 15,388 beneficiaries of the nutrition programs and caretakers with nutrition messages in **Kakuma** this month.
- In **Dadaab** during the month, complementary feeding, dietary diversity among other health and nutrition messages were passed reaching a total of 9,234 beneficiaries.
- 29 pregnant and lactating mothers were provided with CSB++ through the supplementary feeding Programme in **Dadaab**.
- 300 MTMSG (Mother-To-Mother Support Group) meetings conducted in **Dadaab** linking 314 pregnant and 1,743 breast feeding mothers reached with health and nutrition messaging.
- In Dadaab, a total of 2,024 and 361 cases managed for moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and severe acute malnutrition (SAM) respectively. Out of the total MAM cases, 55.5% are from Ifo camp where the nutrition Programme was affected following closure of two health posts and reduction in incentive workers from 56 to 10.
- 45 pregnant and lactating mothers with moderate acute malnutrition admitted into the supplementary feeding programme in **Dadaab**.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The ongoing food rationing, currently at 60% of the recommended quantity of 2100Kcal/person/day, will directly affect food security in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Hence, there is a need for increased surveillance to ensure all new cases of malnutrition are detected early and linked to care and follow-up.
- There is shortage of staff to support Nutrition Programme and to operationalize additional service points especially in Ifo camp where MIYCN activities were downscaled.



Working in partnership

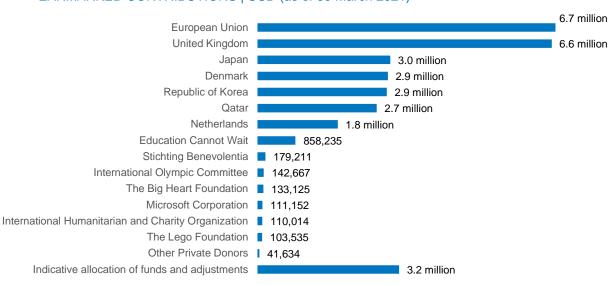
UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), Garissa and Turkana County Government, the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum-seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held virtually using the Microsoft Teams platform.

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