

Kenya

1 – 30 June 2021

521,185

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kenya as of 30 June 2021

157

Refugees departed from Kenya to various resettlement countries in June 2021

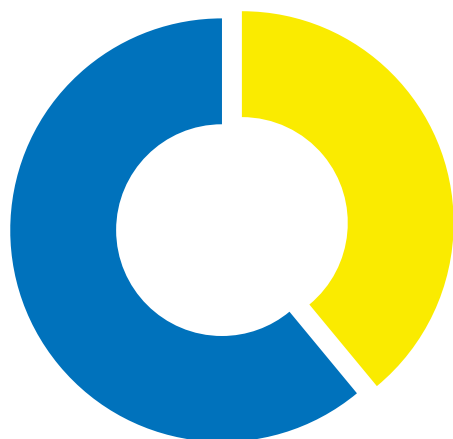
777

Persons assisted by UNHCR and partners for voluntary return to their places of origin since January 2021.

FUNDING (AS OF 22 JUNE 2021)

USD 149.6 M

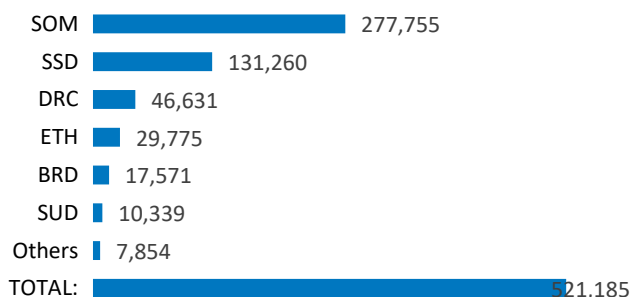
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 61%
91.3 M

POPULATION OF CONCERN (30 JUNE 2021)

Country of origin



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

DEMOGRAPHICS

51 % men – 266,856

49 % women - 254,329

84% Living in camps

16% Living in urban areas



Learners (refugee and host) at Our Lady secondary school pose with tablets donated to the school by various donors through UNHCR. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- As a commitment to support education for children in host Community schools, UNHCR, on 08 June 2021, handed over various ICT equipment to schools through the Turkana West Sub-County Director for Education. Three desktop computers, nine tablets, 30 Microsoft digital tablets and 4 Kolibri laptop were handed over to support Education technology initiatives and Enrolment through Kakuma Education Management Information System (KEMIS).



UNHCR's Head of Sub Office and the Sub County Director for Education, Turkana West Sub County, hands over ICT equipment to teachers and girls from Our Lady's Girls Secondary School in Kakuma town. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

- In June 2021, UNHCR's Health partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), conducted Eye Care exercise targeting schools in **Kakuma** camp and **Kalobeyei** settlement. A total of 150 learners were screened out of which 29 were referred to clinic 7 for further medical intervention.
- COVID-19 vaccination exercise, supported by the Ministry of Health, is ongoing at the Ammusait General Hospital in **Kakuma** camp. Thus far, 1,774 individuals including 1,207 persons of concern meeting MoH set criteria for the first phase of vaccination, have received COVID-19 vaccines. 632 of them have received their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- In June 2021, UNHCR facilitated seven refugee athletes from Kakuma to participate in the Kenya Under-20 (U20) athletics trials which will take place in Eldoret/Iten from 1 July 2021, ahead of the World Athletics Under-20 Championships due August 17 to 22, 2021.



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- Cumulatively, in 2021, a total of 216 cases of 398 individuals have been assisted to travel to third countries through complementary pathways.
- In June, 25 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were received and reviewed, and feedback provided to Danish Refugee Council (DRC), UNHCR's Child Protection partner, for further action and assistance.
- In June 2021, an Inter-Agency Best Interest Determination panel was conducted virtually in which seven child protection cases were discussed.
- In June 2021, 33 parents in Kalobeyei Settlement attended a two-day training on positive parenting and discipline method, life skills, early detection of stress in children and early childhood development.
- A community Based Child Protection Committee was established comprising of various interest groups living in Kakuma 1 area, and a meeting conducted to sensitize them on their role in the community.
- 772 girls (621 from Kakuma and 151 from Kalobeyei) were reached through Peer-to-Peer meetings.
- 295 girls participated in mentorship sessions on life skills like gender, standing up for yourself, liking yourself, saying no to sex, and sexual violence.
- 100 (62 men and 38 women) individuals in Kakuma and Kalobeyei benefitted from basic digital literacy training in June 2021.

- On 3 June, 981 youth participated in indoor games aimed at keeping youth and adolescents constructively engaged while nurturing their talents in sports as a protection tool.
- UNHCR and partners distributed 30 footballs to under-14 football teams for boys and girls in Kalobeyei and 15 balls for open-age teams in support of the ongoing tournaments.
- 16 football teams competing in the Kakuma premier league were supported with sports gear including balls, goalkeeper uniform and training cones each.
- 7 women football teams received assorted football equipment including 30 pairs each of chest guard and sports compressors.
- During the reporting period, protection partners identified 79 new SGBV cases. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.

Dadaab

- UNHCR issued 1,229 ration cards to persons of concern while the team also registered 331 new births and updated their birth documents (birth notifications and certificates) in ProGres.
- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) issued 1,223 Refugee ID cards and processed 897 individuals through the Live Capture Unit (LCU). A total of 424 cards were received from National Registration Bureau (NRB) in Nairobi bringing the total of uncollected cards to 14,280.
- UNHCR partners Terre des Homes (TdH) and Save the Children conducted radio sessions on 14 and 16 June as build-up activities for the virtual celebration of the Day of the African Child and World Day against Child Labour.
- TdH in collaboration with Save the Children conducted a radio session on 23 June 2021 on available referral pathways for SGBV cases in the camps to discuss the role of the community in combating SGBV.
- Start Awareness Support Action activists continued to conduct awareness activities within the community reaching 1,060 community members in Hagadera Camp.
- 715 (353 men, 362 women) older persons in the three camps in Dadaab received services related to case documentation, home visits and follow ups including referrals to other agencies for health, WASH, rehabilitation, and registration services. Additionally, 123 (65 men, 58 women) older persons and those with disabilities received home based therapy and counselling services.
- 2,729 (1,550 men, 1,177 women) persons with disability received various services from partners Lutheran World Federation and Humanity & Inclusion.

Urban areas

- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) registered 22 individuals, bringing the active urban population to 82,035 individuals (54,542 refugees and 27,493 asylum seekers) as of 30 June 2021. 29 individuals were enrolled into BIMS and 25 'Refugee ID Cards' were issued and updated in proGres.
- 38 cases were virtually counselled on protection issues including insecurity, psychosocial support and status of Protection and RST cases.
- Safe House Counselling session undertaken reaching out to 35 cases accommodated at the facility.

- UNHCR partner HIAS continue to monitor vulnerable children in various locations to update on their status and make the necessary referrals for further interventions while UNHCR continues to monitor children placed in children's homes and those living in child headed households.
- A total of 113 vulnerable children were given financial assistance in June 2021.



EDUCATION AND LIVELIHOOD

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- To improve quality of curriculum delivery in pre-primary and primary schools in the 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 the 21 primary schools.
- 37 (20 boys, 17 girls) children with disabilities in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement were identified and referred to the Educational Assessment and Resource Centre for functional assessment to place them in schools or further referral them for specialized; of the 37, 12 children were referred to IRC for specialized treatment and the rest placed in schools.
- Finn Church Aid, UNHCR partner for primary school education in Kalobeyei settlement, facilitated a one - day training led by the Ministry of Health for 264 teenage girls and mothers from primary schools in Kalobeyei.

Dadaab

- Teaching and learning continued in all schools with the average student attendance rate recorded at 81.7% for primary school, 73.3 % for secondary schools and 55.1% for TVET (Technical and vocational education training) institutions.
- Quality assurance and standards assessment for schools in the refugee camps that officially kicked off on 22 June 2021 and is at final stages. The 10-day exercise intends to cover 22 primary and 6 secondary schools.
- ILO (International Labour Organization) together with Kenya national employment Authority (NEA) conducted a two-day validation workshop to share the assessment report on public employment services and active labour market conducted in 2021 in Garissa County and Turkana counties



CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- A total of Kshs. 118 million was disbursed to 41,451 households reaching a total of 196,477 persons of concern in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.
- 68% of the disbursed cash was meant for the purchase of Core Relief Items (CRIs) (soap, sanitary pads, and pants), 21 percent for energy, 10 percent for the construction of concrete houses and 1% was cash for work (CFW) paid to refugees engaged in short assignments with UNHCR.
- UNHCR continues to support the provision of permanent shelter through cash. A total of 147 houses were constructed during the month, accommodating a total of 147 families (859 individuals).
- In June, 68 new bank accounts were opened for refugees in Kakuma camp. Cumulatively, 41,500 bank accounts are operational in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement to facilitate UNHCR's Cash Based Intervention programmes.
- 36.6 million (33% of CBI cash disbursed during the reporting period) was disbursed to women of reproductive age (11 – 50 years) who constitute 34% of population of concern (67,392 persons) to purchase additional soap, sanitary pads, and pants aimed at improving the dignity of women by empowering them to make choices on how to spend the cash for the intended purpose.

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

- In June 2021, 388 skilled deliveries were recorded at the various health facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlement compared.
- A total of 412 mental health consultations were conducted by UNHCR partners.
- A total 85 (non-COVID-19) cases, mainly emergency cases in need of specialized care not available in Kakuma and for diagnostic imaging services such as CT scan to assist in management of various health conditions, were referred from health facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Of the 85, 78 cases were referred to Kakuma Mission, five cases to Lodwar Referral Hospital, one case to Eldoret and Nairobi respectively.
- The government led 10 days measles campaign kicked off on 26 June 2021 targeting more than 30,000 children in Kakuma and Kalobeyei aged between 9 and 59 months.

Dadaab

- Following approval by the MOH, COVID-19 testing using the GeneXpert machine begun on 13 June 2021 at Ifo hospital. This has contributed to reduced turnaround time for results relay and will in future enable optimal testing at Dadaab level. So far 242 PCR tests have been conducted.

- Access to essential health services for persons of concern was facilitated. 40,484 consultations were conducted in June with 75 consultations being done per clinician per day.
- A 32% reduction in acute watery diarrhoea cases was reported. All cholera cases confirmed were in Dagahaley camp and this was attributed to poor solid waste management. UNHCR has requested CARE to hire 90 cleaners (30/camp) to address the issue. Hygiene promotion, household disinfection, distribution of jerricans and sensitization of communities continued throughout the period with increased water pumping hours by 1 hour.
- Access to optimal reproductive health and HIV services continued to be provided. During the reporting period, 5127 women and girls accessed sexual and reproductive health services at the various points in the camps. Provision of safe motherhood interventions was achieved through 24-hour mama taxi referral services, adequate community linkages and provision of comprehensive emergency obstetric and new-born care. Referral mechanism was established benefitting 6 emergency obstetric cases requiring specialized care in Garissa. 78% of mothers completed antenatal care and 96% of all deliveries were conducted by skilled personnel. The caesarean section rate was 4%. 121 Most at-risk populations accessed care while 121 PoC are on antiretroviral therapy. 1,128 (368m) PoC were tested for HIV during the reporting period.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- The 4th wave of COVID-19 infection witnessed in the western region of the country could easily spread to Kakuma and Kalobeyei given the extensive movement of people between the two locations. UNHCR and partners have increased surveillance to avert any upsurge with the camp.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- A total of Kshs 19,606,356 was disbursed to families in Kakuma camp as CBI for cooking energy for the May-June-July Cycle. Kshs 3,427,116 was paid to Kalobeyei Settlement residents for June-July Cycle. Cumulatively, 195,832 individuals (40,669 individuals in Kalobeyei and 155,163 in Kakuma) benefited from the CBI for Energy programme.
- Electrical works at Turkana West University Campus were completed in June; the University campus now has power from the solar system.
- A total of 69.14MTs of firewood were distributed to institutions in Kakuma and Kalobeyei as: 40.38MTs to schools and the reception centres, and 28.76MTs to support relocation of refugees and asylum-seekers.
- 17.38MTs of firewood were distributed to Child Headed Households in Kakuma camp and 3.53MTs to Child Headed Households in Kalobeyei settlement.

- 26,700 tree seedlings were produced & propagated cumulatively in all the tree nurseries and 24,062 were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts, and host community.
- 749 individuals including 504 women were reached on forest conservation and management awareness.

Dadaab

- UNHCR and other agencies joined the Garissa County authorities in commemorating the 2021 World Environment Day that took place in Garissa regional capital. UNHCR presented a donation of 1,000 assorted tree seedlings that were planted to mark the occasion.
- In commemoration of the 2021 World Refugee Day, the Environment Unit supported the operation with 1,000 assorted tree seedlings that were planted in all the camp sites. School going children who are members of the Scout Movement and Environment Club were mobilized to support in the clearing of bushes around the Waberi Secondary School in Hagadera camp.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Phase out diesel generators in the long-term and introduce solar energy systems for community & Organizational facilities such as boreholes, field posts, schools, hospitals, and offices.
- Introduction of affordable, reliable, sustainable, cleaner and energy efficient cooking energy to lower the energy bill. UNHCR requires major funds to increase the CBI for the energy component.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 48 new communal latrines were constructed in Kalobeyei settlement (31) and Kakuma camp (17).
- 21 Community Led Total Sanitation facilitators were trained on Menstrual Hygiene Management.
- 2 community dialogues on Menstrual Health Hygiene were conducted to a group of 20 men and women in Kakuma.
- In June, 871 households in Kalobeyei and 2,113 in Kakuma were reached with messages on proper waste management.

Dadaab

- UNHCR through the WASH partner CARE engaged 126 Hygiene promoters to carry out hygiene promotion campaigns in all camps in Dadaab.

- To maintain consistent supply of water to persons of concern, 21 out of 22 boreholes remained fully operational during the week. Each refugee received the following litres of water per day: Hagadera 19.9, Ifo 29.7 and Dagahaley 22.2. Water quality was at free residual chlorine of 0.9mg/l.
- 126 hygiene promoters carried out community sensitization for 4,938 persons on COVID-19 encouraging the community to do proper hand washing using soap and water, avoid social gatherings/greetings.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 130 Transitional shelters were constructed for 288 individuals (113 households), mainly newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, bringing to a total of 1,028 shelters constructed this in 2021.
- A total 120 family tents were installed in Kalobeyei for flood victims consisting of 120 households of 376 individuals.
- UNHCR, through National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK), has embarked on securing of flood zones in Kakuma camp with the delivery of 3,860 tonnes of boulders spread along the banks of the Nabek river near Don Bosco Vocational Training Institute.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Dadaab

- UNHCR together with Norwegian Refugee Council and the County Revenue Office (CRO), the Department of Trade, Enterprise Development and Tourism conducted a Virtual Business Registration Forum on 21 June 2021. The objective of the forum was to create an understanding on business registration procedures for refugee and host communities, identify existing synergies with the County Revenue Office, the regulatory framework for mandatory business permits/ licenses as well as identify opportunities for future engagements.
- Africa entrepreneur Collective Kenya (AEC-K) in partnership with Mastercard foundation launched their financial inclusion project on 16th June 2021 aimed at building the skills and knowledge of the local entrepreneurs. 250 entrepreneurs from Garissa are enrolled in the ongoing Business modelling training. Africa Entrepreneurship Collective Kenya (AEC-K) plans to expand their program and activities to the Dadaab refugee camps targeting both refugee and host communities.

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.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya Operation** amounts to **58.3 million** US dollars. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the Kenya operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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