

## Kenya

1 – 31 August 2021

**529,854**

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

**228,308**

Refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Dadaab.

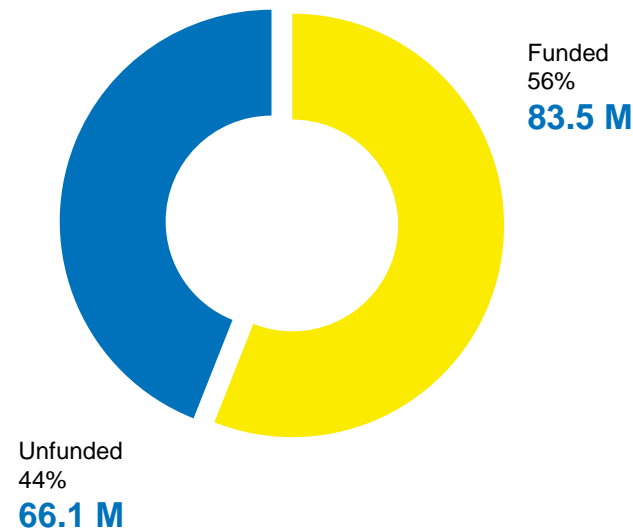
**218,380**

Refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlement.

### FUNDING (AS OF 31 AUGUST 2021)

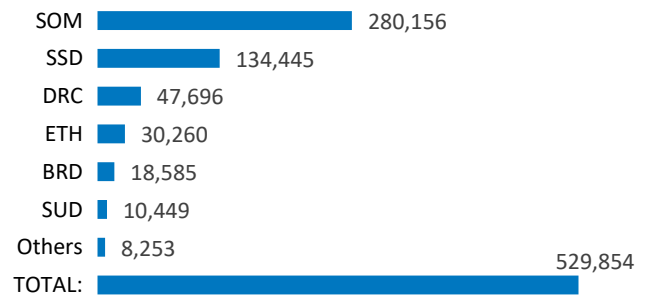
**USD 149.6 M**

Requested for the Kenya Operation



### POPULATION OF CONCERN (31 AUGUST 2021)

#### Country of origin



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

### COVID-19 FIGURES

**1,615**

Refugees and asylum-seekers received first dose of vaccine in Kenya.

**566**

Refugees and asylum-seekers received their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine in Kenya.



Reech Kuol Mayen, South Sudanese refugee in Kakuma camp, emerged the best learner in 2021 KCPE examinations. In August, UNHCR transitioned its education scholarship support to direct implementation through Cash-Based Intervention programme. ©UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

# Update on Achievements

## Highlights

- In Kakuma, UNHCR transitioned its Education Scholarship programme to direct implementation through UNHCR’s Cash-Based Intervention (CBI) programme. A total of 136 learners, including 16 learners from the host community were supported through the new approach in August 2021, which sends cash support to parents/guardians’ bank account and to learners’ virtual accounts.
- Refugee Olympic Team athletes from Kakuma, upon their return from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, conducted training and shared their experience with other [young refugee athletes](#) in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement.



*The Head of UNHCR Kakuma Sub-Office joins the Refugee Olympic Team athletes and other young athletes during a training session at the Olympic Stadium in Kalobeyei settlement. ©UNHCR/Samuel Otiemo*

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

##### Kakuma

- Since January 2021, UNHCR Kakuma has registered **16,103 new Persons of Concern (PoC)**, including **10,499** new arrivals and **5,294 new-borns**. Most of the new arrivals came from South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
- **38 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs)** were received from UNHCR's Child Protection partner for review during the month, while **23 Best Interest Determination** requests were recorded.
- **810 children (315 girls)** were reached through meetings conducted at various primary schools in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. The discussions focused on challenges children faced while at home and their responsibilities in school and at home.
- In August, UNHCR coordinated and facilitated the first virtual training of **16 refugee chess facilitators**.
- **34 basketball teams** from Kakuma and Kalobeyei, comprising 325 players, including 101 women, participated in friendly matches to build up to the upcoming regional basketball tournament.
- **231 (173 girls Kakuma camp and 58 girls in Kalobeyei settlement)** participated in various sessions of girls' meetings, which focused on forced marriage, adolescents, and bad cultural practices.
- **164 (87 from Kakuma and 77 from Kalobeyei) girls** were reached through mentorship sessions to discuss issues affecting them, including gender violence and sexually transmitted diseases.
- Basic Digital Literacy training was conducted for **137 youths** at the Youth Centre.
- **1,529 youth** participated in various performing art activities, including music, drama, dance, fashion show, oral narrative, and poetry in small groups within the community in preparation for 'Kakuma Got Talent Season 8' competition.
- In August, UNHCR's partner for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) services identified 72 new SGBV cases. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- **18 group therapy sessions** were conducted using the Group Problem Management Plus (GPM+) approach, a psychological intervention used in assisting people who have gone through adversaries.

##### Dadaab

- In August, Kenya's Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) registered **879 new births** and distributed 399 refugee identity cards (11,473 refugee cards are pending collection).

- Legal Aid clinics were operational across the three camps in Dadaab with camp-based protection monitors and community-based counsellors who identify and refer individuals for support. A total of **124 individuals were reached** through various interventions such as legal and individual psychosocial counselling, psychoeducation, follow up on reported cases at the police stations and court stations, and case referrals to relevant agencies for further intervention and assistance.
- In August, Best Interest Assessments were conducted for **13 children** presenting various protection concerns including security risks, children under consideration for durable solutions, registration issues of card merging and separation as well as alternative food collector.  
130 children were supported to receive services through existing referral pathways. The children were referred for psychosocial counselling, life skills training, profiling and registration, issuance of food tokens, card transfers, medical and physiotherapy services, and custody interventions with the department of Children Services.
- Terres des Hommes (TdH) identified and supported **17 vulnerable children** to access basic needs and supplement their household rations through cash-based interventions.
- **129 children** received individual and group counselling support sessions, in the camps offered by Tdh and Save the Children International (SCI) to cope with their protection needs and improve their wellbeing. This included SGBV survivors who were taken through counselling and Psychological First Aid to help them process the trauma in a healthy manner.
- SCI distributed **750 hygiene and dignity kits** to unregistered children and 1,500 adolescent girls and teenage mothers in Ifo and Dagahaley camps.
- The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted community psychoeducation sessions in Ifo and Dagahaley camps reaching **72 individuals** on root causes of SGBV, GBV trends, prevention and response activities and reporting mechanisms. The role of the community in responding to GBV incidents was highlighted, and participants were encouraged to share the knowledge acquired with other community members. The partner further held GBV health talk sessions at health facilities and in the community in Ifo and Dagahaley camps reaching 220 individuals with key protection messages. Reporting mechanisms available to the community and the interagency referral pathway were shared.
- **30 youth** participated in a training on life skills, GBV prevention & response, and economic empowerment. Key protection principles, reporting mechanisms and the interagency referral pathway were discussed. Participants were also informed of the services offered at the livelihoods centres and were invited to apply for the available vocational courses.
- A training on GBV prevention & response, economic empowerment and life skills was conducted in Ifo and Dagahaley camps reaching **77 youth**. Topics discussed included key GBV concepts, GBV prevention, post-rape care & management, interagency referral pathways, effective communication, building self-esteem, effective decision-making, conflict management and economic empowerment. 36 youth out of school were enrolled under livelihoods for training and support for self-reliance.

- **33 Safe Home Volunteers** were trained on the following topics which are relevant for providing community-based support for GBV survivors; Introduction to MHPSS (Mental Health and Psychosocial Support), psychological first aid, human rights and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.
- **180 women** in Hagadera camp undertook different skill building at women's centres. The skills building lessons also included sessions on financial literacy, start up and managing a small-scale business, and village savings and loans associations (VSLA) methodologies.
- **668 elderly persons** were supported with various services by Lutheran World Federation (LWF) to address their specific needs. Out of these, 380 were assessed and their cases documented, 222 received psychosocial counselling, 201 were reached through home visits and follow ups and 79 referred to other partners for various
- **692 persons living with disabilities** were provided with specific services by LWF at the Rehab Centre and in the blocks; 191 received physiotherapy and occupational therapy services, 78 received counselling services, 91 supported with repairs of their assistive and mobility devices and 197 received home-based therapy.

### Urban

- In August, **35 cases** were virtually counselled on Protection issues. Cases reported include insecurity, cash assistance support and GBV related issues. Cases were counselled accordingly.
- HIAS distributed sanitary pads and dignity kits to **207 women** to ensure that they have dignified menstrual hygiene amidst reduced income and loss of livelihoods as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that has rendered many women and families with girls unable to meet their basic need as well as purchase the menstrual hygiene items.
- UNHCR Kenya's Helpline received **eight GBV cases**. All survivors received services including counselling and financial assistance.
- 21 (13 BIA; 8 social assessments) were received and reviewed. Follow ups was made internally, RAS and with partners to render interventions. Four Best interest determination assessments were also conducted in August.
- RAS registered 734 individuals during the reporting period, albeit with strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety guidelines, bringing the active urban population stood at 83,166 individuals (54,935 refugees and 28,231 asylum-seekers) as of 31 August.
- A total of **605 of age five and above** were enrolled into BIMS during the reporting period; these include those registered earlier but were not enrolled at the time.



### EDUCATION

#### Achievements and Impact

#### Kakuma

- **4,784 (1,588 girls) learners enrolled for form one** in nine secondary schools, representing a 73% transition from Primary to Secondary school.
- UNHCR's partner for secondary school education, Windle Kenya, facilitated a CBC curriculum overview training for **156 (70 women) secondary school teachers**. Officers from the Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development (KICD) and the Ministry of Education (MOE) conducted the training.
- **130 (45 girls) Secondary Education Programme (SEP) form 1** scholarship beneficiaries admitted into National, extra-county, and County schools, including 14 Special Needs Education (SNE) students.
- **1,068 girls including five girls from host communities** in Kakuma received cash transfers to support their education.
- 1,136 Girls in primary schools and 732 girls in secondary schools attended remedial classes in Kakuma and Kalobeyei secondary during the month.
- 1,049 (521 girls) learners received psychosocial support at their schools in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- 50 (22 girls) Accelerated Education Programme (AEP) learners from the refugee and host community underwent Functional Assessment at Educational Assessment Resource Centre (EARC). Follow up of 34 learners diagnosed with various impairments with the responsible parents and guardians for further assistance is ongoing.
- **1,310 youth** benefited from a series of training in digital literacy to equip them with computer proficiency skills towards self-reliance.

#### Dadaab

- Teaching and learning activities in all primary and secondary schools in the camps continued with average school attendance for the month recorded at 90.4% for primary, 64.7% for secondary and 43.03% for Technical and Vocational Education & Training institutions. All primary and secondary schools in the camps observed four days midterm break from 25 August. Learning resumed on 30 August.
- Registration for national examination was closed on 13 August with a total of 2,951 candidates (1,785 boys, 1,166 girls) registered for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE), which includes 28 children (21 boys, 7 girls) living with disability. For Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE), a total of 1,171 (766 boys, 405 girls) candidates were also registered.
- 6,175 sanitary kits were distributed to all the schools in the camps.

#### Urban

- 42 refugees and asylum-seekers were supported to join public boarding and day secondary schools across the country with the start of the new year. A new operational partnership with Refugees in Schools Everywhere enabled an additional three urban refugees to enroll while one student joined M-PESA Foundation Academy.
- 448 primary school learners, including 39 children with disabilities and 190 secondary school learners, were supported to transition to the next grade. Support included

payment of fees and levies, as well as provision of uniform and other materials support for the most vulnerable.

- 60 refugees and asylum-seekers have been selected to receive the DAFI scholarship for university education. 448 (102 girls) have been supported to continue their studies.



## CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

### Achievements and Impact

#### Kakuma

- 71 households comprising 460 individuals in Village 3 Neighbourhood 1 and Neighbourhood 4 received a total of KES 6,963,715 to convert their temporary shelters to concrete houses and household latrines.
- In August, UNHCR disbursed KES 12,096,900 to 7,626 (66% female-headed households) households in Kalobeyei settlement to purchase Core Relief Items (CRIs), soap, and sanitary materials, covering households needs for August and September. Included were 11,940 women within the reproductive age bracket who received additional cash for hygiene and sanitary items.
- Additionally, KES 3,564,792 was disbursed to 7,626 households to cover the cost of Energy for August and September.
- UNHCR has transitioned Education scholarship to direct implementation through CBI. In August, KES 9,261,177 was disbursed to 130 students (16 hosts) joining various secondary schools under the UNHCR Secondary Education scholarship Programme (SEP). Six learners under the M-PESA Foundation Academy and Butere School Sports Scholarship received KES 101,890 through their virtual students' accounts.
- Cumulatively, KES 31,988,474 was disbursed to PoC in August for various interventions: KES 6,963,715 cash for shelter, KES 12,096,900 cash for CRI (in Kalobeyei), and KES 3,564,792 for Energy (in Kalobeyei) and KES 9,363,067 through Education Scholarships.



## HEALTH

### Achievements and Impact

#### Kakuma

- In August, 417 skilled deliveries were recorded within the various health facilities compared to 398 in July.
- A total of 541 mental health consultations were made compared to 562 in July.
- 15 (non-COVID-19) cases were referred from Kakuma and Kalobeyei health facilities to Lodwar (14) and Eldoret (1). These were mainly emergency cases in need of specialized

care not available in Kakuma and diagnostic imaging services such as CT scan to assist in managing various health conditions. Five of the referrals facilitated were from the host community.

- UNHCR, in collaboration with various implementing partners, participated in two community dialogue sessions on the introduction and rollout of NHIF in Kalobeyei. The sessions brought together about 70 community and religious leaders from the refugee and host communities and representatives of diverse groups such as youth and people living with disabilities.

#### **Dadaab**

- Access to essential health services provided for persons of concern with 43,500 consultations conducted during the reporting period at a rate of 77 consultation/clinician/day.
- During the reporting period, 5,400 women and girls accessed sexual and reproductive health services at the various points in the camps.
- 19,020 household visitations were made where various health education messages were disseminated, including importance of immunization, vitamin A supplementation for children aged 0-5 years, importance of screening children for malnutrition, hygiene promotion, proper hand hygiene, importance of hospital deliveries, transmission, and prevention of Cholera, water safety, importance of Ante-Natal and Post Natal Care.

#### **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

- Backlog of chronic cases at the camps due to movement restrictions suspending reverse referrals leading to increased morbidity and complications.



### **FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

#### **Achievements and Impact**

#### **Kakuma**

- 289 children with severe malnutrition were admitted into the Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) program in August compared to 285 in July.
- 917 children with moderate malnutrition in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement were reached through the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP).
- 28 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers benefited from the targeted supplementary feeding program (TSFP) during the month.
- The Stabilization Centre admitted 17 severely malnourished children, during which cure rates were maintained above 90% for both OTP and SFP. Two Orphans and Vulnerable (OVC) continued to be supported with breast milk substitutes.
- 10,930 pregnant and lactating women and parents of children were reached with health education and nutrition messages in August during nutrition distribution exercises.



- The 59 support groups (56 mother-to-mother support groups and three father-to-father support groups) continued to facilitate meetings which reached 936 beneficiaries, 33 of them attending for the first time. The support group members continued screening and referring malnourished and children at risk of malnutrition to nutrition clinics. Out of the 52 Family Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) referrals made, 15 were enrolled to OTP, 26 to SFP and 11 children did not meet the admission criteria to the nutrition programs.
- Six cooking demonstrations were conducted in several OTP sites reaching 231 caregivers.

#### Dadaab

- Food distribution was conducted during the month of August to cater for the following two months. The next distribution cycle starts on 1 October.



#### ACCESS TO ENERGY

##### Achievements and Impact

#### Kakuma

- In August, 181.65 metric tons (MT) of firewood was distributed to various institutions in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as follows; 120.68 MT to schools, 30.55 MT to reception centres, and 30.42 MT to Child-Headed Households.
- The Environmental Impact Assessment for the extension of the Kalobeyei Minigrid to Villages 2 and 3, by approximately 7km of Medium Voltage (11KV) and about 60km of Low Voltage (3 phase and single phase), and UNHCR's Solar Plant commenced.
- SNV Netherlands finalized repairs of 100L rocket cookstoves in seven pilot social institutions. Post-cooking tests will be carried out to evaluate the impact of the repairs.
- Private sector companies (Solaria Kenya and Solibrium Solar Kenya) carried out a series of market activations for solar lighting and the productive use of solar and solar home systems in Kakuma Camp, Town, and Kalobeyei Settlement.
- Usafi Green finalized the construction and commissioning of a Stove Production Unit (SPU) in Kakuma Town. The SPU has employed nine hosts and five refugee artisans and can produce 300 energy-saving stoves (60% energy saving) in a week.
- 127 Maendeleo dual stoves were produced in August; 117 of the stoves were distributed to newly arrived refugees, and 10 Stoves were distributed to worn-out replacement cases.
- 19,300 tree seedlings were produced and propagated in August cumulatively in all the tree nurseries, and 7,838 of the tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts, and host community for planting.
- A total of 917 (615 female) individuals were reached on forest conservation and management awareness.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Introduction of affordable, reliable, sustainable, cleaner, and energy-efficient cooking energy solutions (i.e. use of improved cookstoves, briquettes, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), pellets, bioethanol, etc.) to lower the energy bill is essential. At the same time, UNHCR requires significant funds to increase the CBI for the energy component.



## SHELTER AND NFIS

### Achievements and Impact

#### Kakuma

- 269 Transitional shelters were constructed during the reporting period to accommodate 591 (170 families) newly arrived refugee households. Cumulatively, 1,580 shelters have been constructed since the beginning of the year.
- In Kalobeyei, 240 households are currently converting their temporary shelters to concrete houses through UNHCR's CBI programme.

### Identified Needs/Challenges and Remaining Gaps

- Poor drainage system and inaccessible road network within the camp remains a challenge in accessing some of the areas, this affects mobility and timely delivery of shelter materials to site.



## WATER AND SANITATION

### Achievements and Impact

#### Dadaab

- On average, the daily water production in August from 22 operational boreholes was 9,500 m<sup>3</sup>, where about 5,000 m<sup>3</sup> supplied to the refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. This translated to an average daily per capita water allocation of 22 litres per person per day. About 4,400 m<sup>3</sup> (46.3%) was apportioned to other users including agencies, markets, institutions, hospitals, livestock, leakages and other losses.
- There were 39,471 functioning household latrines and 250 communal latrines during the reporting period, translating to a coverage of 85.2%. WASH partner CARE is currently incorporating community structures in camp cleaning.
- CARE engaged 126 hygiene promoters to conduct campaigns and incorporating community structures in hygiene promotion across the camps. Hygiene promotion ratio to persons of concern stands at 1:1,920, against the UNHCR standard of 1:1,000 people of concern in protracted refugee situations such as Dadaab.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE****Achievements and Impact****Kakuma**

- 196 vocational skills trainees were registered for National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) Grade III examination scheduled for December.
- 4,000 pieces of UNIQLO handmade bracelets were shipped to Hong Kong. 120 women artisans from the refugee and host communities are engaged under UNHCR's MADE51 project to produce the bracelets for the international markets.
- In August, 35 entrepreneurs received loans valued a KES 1.25 million from African Entrepreneur Collective (AEC) Kenya. Of the 700 loans circulating in the economy, reported delinquency was 5.6%, with repayment of 94.4%.
- 105 individuals gained knowledge in Digital Literacy and Hour of code. Additionally, 176 individuals gained knowledge on International Computer Driving License (ICDL-Computer).

## Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), 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 Microsoft Teams platform.

## Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya Operation** amounts to **USD 83.5 million** as of 31 August 2021.

UNHCR is immensely grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed directly to the Kenya operation, as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR's global programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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