

Kenya

1 – 30 November 2021

540,433

Refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya as of 30 November 2021.

481,787

Refugee living in Kenya as of 30 November 2021.

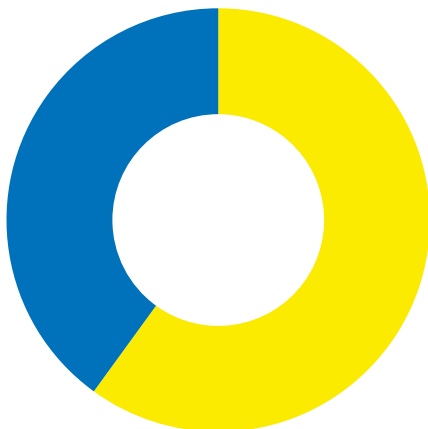
58,646

Asylum seekers in Kenya as of 30 November 2021.

FUNDING (AS OF 30 NOVEMBER 2021)

USD 149.6

Requested for the Kenya Operation



Funded
60%
\$89.8 M

Unfunded 40%
\$59.8M

POPULATION OF CONCERN (NOVEMBER 2021) COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

SOMALIA	289,959	53.7%
SOUTH SUDAN	134,570	24.9%
DRC	48,275	8.9%
ETHIOPIA	30,262	5.6%
BURUNDI	19,172	3.5%
SUDAN	9,942	1.8%
UGANDA	3,093	0.6%
ERITREA	2,172	0.4%
RWANDA	1,986	0.4%
OTHERS	1,002	0.2%

Others* Uganda, Rwanda, Congo, Eritrea, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Afghanistan, Zimbabwe, Pakistan, Egypt, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Central African Republic, Comoros, Chad, Burkina Faso, Angola, Mauritania, Guinea.

POPULATION INCREASE

2,679

Individuals were registered during the reporting period

26,186

Cumulative number of Individuals were registered since January



Learners from LifeWorks Boarding school display their traditional attire during a cultural day held at the school. UNHCR/ Pauline Kwamboka

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- In November 2021, 37 families of 97 refugees and asylum seekers voluntarily repatriated to their country of origin, Burundi.



Burundian refugees queuing to check-in at the Kakuma Airstrip. Plane that will be taking them home to Burundi from Kakuma Refugee Camp. UNHCR/Pauline Kwamboka

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- Since January 2021, 14,881 new arrivals (including 7,877 new-borns) have been registered in Kakuma, most of them from South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
- 26 child protection concerns, and 61 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were received for review during the month. 47 Best Interest Determination requests were recorded during the reporting period.
- 5,100 (including 2,244 girls) were engaged through child-to-child activities conducted at the child-friendly spaces.
- Child rights club meetings were conducted for 664 children across Kakuma and Kalobeyei. The members were taught about children's rights and their responsibilities at home.
- Five radio talk shows for creating awareness and psychoeducation for children, caregivers and the community were aired.

- 90 children including 44 girls were engaged in 2-day art therapy sessions. The sessions were to help children understand the role of a facilitator in a child-friendly space, understand the stages of development and age-appropriate activities and the importance of art and play therapy.
- UNHCR facilitated the first virtual training of 104 refugee girls. 231 (182 girls from Kakuma camp and 49 girls from Kalobeyei settlement) participated in various sessions of peer-to-peer meetings which focused on menstrual health management, hygiene, peer influence, and teenage pregnancies.
- 263 girls were reached through peer-to-peer sessions to discuss issues affecting them, including gender violence and sexually transmitted diseases.
- Basic Digital Literacy training was conducted for 97 young women at the Youth Centres.
- 14 group therapy sessions were conducted using the Group Problem Management Plus (GPM+) approach, a psychological intervention used in assisting people who have gone through challenges.

Dadaab

- Trainings were conducted for 60 Community Protection Volunteers and other social service volunteers on the national child protection manual to standardize child protection practices and enhance service delivery in the community.
- BIAs were conducted for 149 children presenting various protection concerns, including stigma for children living with disability, children at risk of abuse and neglect, children involved in labour, and child victims of physical abuse to recommend appropriate interventions and support.
- 175 refugee and host community children received cash transfers to address identified protection needs.
- UNHCR and partner Save the Children International (SCI) conducted a child resilience workshop for 225 children between 11-17 years in Accelerated Basic Education centres and 225 parents/caregivers in Ifo and Dagahaley camps with the aim of building their capacity through understanding of fundamental children's rights and the accompanying responsibilities; child protection abuses and reporting mechanisms to improve their social and emotional wellbeing.
- A child-led forum was conducted for 50 adolescents in and out of school with a focus on mental health, stress, and coping mechanisms.
- 76 Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) cases were reported and attended to across the camps. All survivors received psychosocial counselling and referrals were made to the police and to hospitals as appropriate.
- Peer-to-peer school club sessions on child/forced marriage, drugs and substance abuse were conducted in Ifo camp reaching 56 students. A similar session was held in Dagahaley camp reaching 64 students who noted that there is an increasing number of school dropout cases in the camp. GBV hotline numbers and the interagency referral pathways were shared.
- 75 Gender-Based Violence male champions from Ifo and Dagahaley camps were engaged in "supporting survivors of violence" and "healthy relationships."
- 300 vulnerable women and girls from Ifo and Dagahaley camps were identified and assessed for cash support. The assessments are under review and selected beneficiaries will receive their disbursements in December.
- A radio session was held at Radio Gargaar to share key messages on the 16 days of activism theme; "End Violence against Women Now!" Awareness on GBV prevention and response and various activities that would take place to advocate and raise awareness on violence against women and girls was conducted.

- A Focus Group Discussion with 11 safe home volunteers from Ifo camp was held to facilitate community participation, marking the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence.
- 34 host community secondary school teachers were trained on SGBV prevention and response, and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).
- Various services were provided for 949 older persons across the camps and included case assessment and documentation, psychosocial counselling, home visits, and referrals.
- Services were provided for 642 people with disabilities across the camps. These included therapy for hemiplegia, cerebral palsy, post-fracture deformities, clubfoot and neurological disorders, physiotherapy and occupational therapy services, provision and repair of mobility aids and locally fabricated devices toilet seats and crutches, issuance of assistive devices, home-based therapy, counselling ADL (Activities of Daily Living) training, and referrals for specialized services.

Urban

- On 17 November, the Refugees Bill was signed into law by the President of the Republic of Kenya.
- 14 BIDs and 6 social assessments were received during the reporting period. BID virtual panel took place where 5 BIDs (3 girls, 2 boys) were discussed and approved for resettlement processing.
- Seven children received counselling and six physical home visits were conducted by the protection monitors during the reporting period.
- Three child protection committee meetings were held in Kayole, Eastleigh and Kawangware where 21 participants attended. The committee was taken through an introduction of UNHCR and partner HIAS' Child Protection Programs.
- Four children's charitable institutions were supported with in-kind donations including dry food, food blender, mattresses, and plastic chairs.
- Physical counselling sessions were conducted for four children currently at the transit center. Two were following up on their possible reunification case with their mother and siblings from Kakuma and two were following up on their RSD status.
- UNHCR facilitated three movements to Kakuma where 98 PoCs were assisted to relocate from Nairobi to the Kakuma camps. The 98 included 66 registered refugees who reported inability to meet their basic needs in the urban and 32 unregistered new arrivals.
- Monyqadow, a Refugee led community based organization started capacity-building sessions on women and leadership in Kawangware as part of this year's UNHCR activities for the 16 Days of Activism.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps - Kakuma

- There was an increase in the number of child food collectors because most of their parents had returned to South Sudan. Alternative food collector arrangements were made for them.
- Due to the continuous flow of asylum seekers into Kenya from neighbouring countries and with the Refugee Status Determination (RSD) backlog, asylum seekers face delays in the processing of their asylum claims.

**EDUCATION****Achievements and Impact****Kakuma**

- A total of 89,381 (including 36,541 girls) students attended schools during the reporting period at pre-primary, primary, and secondary school levels in the Kakuma camps.
- To support increased retention and transition, remediation and catch-up classes have been provided to 1,868 girls at primary, secondary schools.
- 263 including 131 girls learners from the host and refugee communities received Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in schools.
- 75 secondary school teachers from the host and refugee communities trained on ICT integration and use of the KOLIBRI platform, enhancing education quality.
- Eight students including three from the host community were awarded Vocational Training Education Scholarship.
- Registration for the Competency-Based Assessment on the KNEC portal was completed for 5,544 (2,385 girls) grade 3 children in Kakuma.
- 10,024 (4359 girls) learners in grades 4 and 5 were supported to sit for the National Competency-Based Assessment in Kakuma.
- UNHCR and partners supported 4,205 (1,987 girls) learners with learners' kits comprising of five exercise books, a pen, pencil, and eraser).
- 50 members of schools Board of Management and community leaders were trained on roles and responsibilities, with a focus on strengthening their financial management skills to utilize school improvement grants effectively.
- 68 teachers received training on data management and the use of digital devices in teaching and learning.

Dadaab

- The average school attendance rate for the month was recorded at 98% for primary schools, 86% for secondary schools and 43% for Technical and Vocational Education and Training centres.
- A digital learning training was conducted for 34 teachers and Instant Network Schools coaches across the camps.
- A community forum was conducted for 100 primary school girls in Ifo camp on the significance of quality girl-child education and gender equality.
- One-day training on mental health was conducted for 16 teachers to equip them with skills to handle children with conditions such as autism, truancy, anxiety, depression, conduct disorder (CD), opposition deviant disorder (ODD), obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There are challenges in supporting post-Covid-19 education recovery efforts, emphasizing safe school operations requirements, making up for lost study time, teachers' professional development, and meeting the specific needs of girls and children with disabilities.
- There is a need for teacher mentorship and coaching support.
- There is a need for additional infrastructure, resources, and amenities for learners to succeed, building quality assurance and fostering local participation sustainability.



CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 20 households (76 individuals) in Kalobeyei Settlement received cash assistance to construct permanent houses including household latrines.
- Bi-monthly allowance for Core Relief Items (CRIs), constituting soap and sanitary materials was disbursed by UNHCR for the months of October and November to 34,225. The cash grant directly benefited 158,751 (74,976 female) people, including 46,987 women receiving cash for hygiene and sanitary items.
- In Kalobeyei settlement, 3 months (October, November and December) entitlement was disbursed to 7,455 (66% female headed) households of 42,705 individuals.
- Bi-monthly cash allowance for Energy provision for the months of October and November was disbursed to 34,225 households of 158,751 individuals in Kakuma refugee camp, and 3-months' cash entitlement was distributed to 7,455 households of 42,705 in Kalobeyei.
- During the reporting period, 1,114 bank accounts at KCB and 210 at Equity bank were activated for families in Kakuma and Kalobeyei respectively for disbursement of cash entitlements for CRIs and Energy.
- Three sessions (2 in Kakuma, 1 in Kalobeyei) of community awareness creation via community dialogue meetings were conducted through the CBI Communication with Communities project implemented by Film Aid Kenya. The dialogues attended by 46 community leaders aimed to disseminate CBI-related information and provide feedback to persons of concern.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- A total of 598 mental health consultations were made in November 2021 in Kakuma.
- Four emergency cases (for specialized care and diagnostic imaging services) were referred from Kakuma and Kalobeyei health facilities to Lodwar, Nairobi, and Eldoret. Additional 18 cases were referred to Kakuma Mission Hospital for imaging services.
- 5,197 individuals have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at the Ammusait General Hospital in Kakuma, out of which 2,734 are fully vaccinated.

Dadaab

- One reverse referral Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) camp was conducted from 20-24 November 2021 where 122 patients were screened with 3 undergoing surgical interventions.
- A total of 33,979 consultations were conducted in the three camps in Dadaab.
- Sexual reproductive health and HIV services were maintained, where a total of 5,917 girls and women accessed services during the reporting period

- The complete antenatal coverage was at 77.8 percent. The proportion of births delivered by a skilled professional was at 96.4 percent while the caesarean section rate was at 6.5 percent.
- total of 12 sexual assault survivors were seen and received appropriate care while 10 received (PEP) Post-Exposure Prophylaxis within 72 hours.
- A referral mechanism was established for cases to tertiary facilities in Garissa and Nairobi. The total referrals out of Dadaab were 45 out of which 35 were managed in Garissa. The emergency obstetrics cases constitute 6.7% (3 cases) of the total referrals.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Reduced community health workforce for risk communication and community engagement resulting in inadequate community surveillance, difficulties in defaulter tracing, household health education sessions, and quarantine admissions.
- Shortage of clinical staff - currently clinicians are doing 72 consultations per clinician per day, the recommended standard is less than 50.
- Inadequate blood and blood products affecting maternal health outcomes. Post-partum haemorrhage is responsible for over 90% of maternal mortalities in the camps.
- There is a need to establish a High Dependency Unit (HDU) and an oxygen plant that will significantly increase the life-saving capacity of the health facilities.
- To improve capacity to diagnose diseases early, there is a need to provide additional diagnostic laboratory and radiology equipment.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- In November 2021, 221 children with severe malnutrition were admitted into the Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP).
- 1,070 children with moderate malnutrition were reached through the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP).
- 46 pregnant and breast-feeding mothers benefited from the targeted supplementary feeding program (TSFP) during the month.
- The Stabilization Centre admitted 13 severely malnourished children.
- 15,469 pregnant and breast-feeding mothers and parents of children were reached with health education and nutrition messages during nutrition distribution exercises.
- The mother-to-mother support group reached 488 mothers. The support group members continued screening and referred malnourished and children at risk of nutrition clinics. Out of the 44 Family Mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) referrals made, 12 were enrolled to OTP, 25 to SFP, and seven children did not meet the admission criteria to the nutrition programs.
- 54 support groups with 1,068 members graduated after completing their 2-year support group course. The support group members continued screening and referred malnourished and children at risk of malnutrition to nutrition clinics. Out of the 68 Family MUAC referrals made, 15 were enrolled to OTP, 37 to SFP, and 16 children did not meet the admission criteria to the nutrition programs.

- The annual Standardised Expanded Nutrition Survey was completed successfully in November. Results from the survey show poor Global acute malnutrition (GAM) levels in Kakuma 10.6% (8.1-13.6) and acceptable GAM levels for Kalobeyei 9.3% (7.2-11.9). SAM prevalence was 1.5% (0.8-2.8) in Kakuma and 1.4% (0.7-3.0) in Kalobeyei settlement.
- Anaemia levels among children 6-23 months were highest among the different age groups assessed, with 76.1% in Kakuma and 72.3% in Kalobeyei reported being anaemic.
- The second round of Malezi Bora Campaign commenced on 29th November 2021 and will run through to 6th December 2021. It aims at scaling up deworming, mass MUAC screening and vitamin - A supplementation targeting children 6-59 months in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei

Dadaab

- The total Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) admissions in the program were 304 and 750. Malezi bora campaign is ongoing in the camps as of 30 Nov 2021.
- A total of 15 new babies under 6 months were admitted into the breastmilk substitute (BMS) program, the program had a total of 32 infants.
- Hagadera and Ifo camps, mother-to-mother support group meetings were held where 471 (243 pregnant, 228 breast-feeding) mothers were linked. During the reporting period 6 community dialogue sessions were held targeting 57 pregnant, 64 breast-feeding mothers and 19 caregivers.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- A high prevalence of anaemia was reported in the survey for both women and children in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. This requires concerted effort to address micronutrient deficiencies.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- In November, A bimonthly energy grant was disbursed to 158,751 individuals (34,225 households) in Kakuma Camp for November - December Cycle.
- For November- January Cycle, energy grants were disbursed to 42,705 individuals (7,455 households) in Kalobeyei Settlement.
- In November, 131.98 MTs of firewood were distributed to various Kakuma Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement institutions.
- 281.96 MTs firewood were procured and delivered to firewood distribution centre 4.
- Kakuma's Green Energy Solutions & Environmental interventions were showcased during the 7th Devolution Conference that took place in Wote, Makueni County, from 23rd – 26th November 2021
- 41,800 tree seedlings were produced and propagated in September cumulatively in all the tree nurseries, and 23,846 of the tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts, and host community for planting.
- A total of 1,70 (40 women) individuals were reached on forest conservation and management awareness.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Kakuma Camps and Kalobeyei settlement remain entirely off-grid. The majority of refugees and asylum-seekers lack access to high-tier electricity and rely on electricity from independently operated
- Absence of financial guarantees to the private sector and development agencies to implement medium to long-term projects in Kakuma (5 – 10 years). Private sector and development partners' engagement is essential to achieve Camp electrification targets.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Achievement and Impact

Dadaab

- Language testing was facilitated in Nairobi for 5 refugees under consideration for the Economic Mobility Pathways Project (EMPP) that aims to identify skilled refugees who meet the requirements of Canada's economic immigration programs.
- A team from Resettlement Support Center mission arrived on 3 November, 2021. 136 cases comprising of 634 individuals have been processed with data collection, pre-screening, and cultural orientation being conducted.
- 96 individuals were assisted to return to Somalia voluntarily. 82,271 refugees have been assisted to return to Somalia, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Uganda from Dadaab since the beginning of the process in 2014. 1,058 have been supported in 2021.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- 232 transitional shelters were constructed to accommodate newly arrived refugee households.
- In Kalobeyei, 240 households are currently converting their temporary shelters to concrete houses through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter programme
- Some new projects have also commenced including construction of toilets for Lodwar Magistrate court, renovation of the Kakuma Airstrip fence and conversion of three containers to sports libraries at the youth centers in Kakuma.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- The current latrine coverage for Kakuma camp is at 46% as compared to 38% last year while Kalobeyei settlement currently stands at 98% compared to 71% last year.

- Implementation of CBI for household latrines in cycle 10 at Kalobeyei settlement in village 3 is at the final leg of monitoring. Improved construction of household latrines in cycle 10 in comparison with low figures in the previous cycles.
- In Kakuma camp 5,667 households reached with sanitation and hygiene messages on latrine construction, use and maintenance, hand washing with soap/ash, Covid 19 transmission prevention and vaccination and solid waste management at household level.
- 54 slabs and 230 poles distributed to 100 households for latrine construction in Kakuma camp.
- Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) exercise concluded in Kalobeyei and Kakuma.

Dadaab

- On average, the daily water production was 10,631 m³, with 6,574 m³ supplied to the refugee population in the three camps. This translated to an average daily per capita water allocation of 26.6 litres.
- There were 39,504 functioning household latrines and 250 communal latrines during the reporting period, translating to a coverage of 85%. UNHCR's WASH partner, CARE, is currently incorporating community structures in camp cleaning.
- CARE engaged 126 hygiene promoters to conduct campaigns aiming to incorporate community structures in hygiene promotion activities across the camps.

Identified Needs/Challenges and Remaining Gaps

- Solid waste management across Kakuma and Kalobeyei remains a challenge - there is need to strengthen key solid waste management messages and policy through training hygiene promoters to conduct door to door visits/campaigns, proper handling & disposal of solid waste management to the designated dumping sites
- Additional boreholes need to be drilled & solarized to minimize water challenges & increase water supply across Kakuma and Kalobeyei.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- 30 women in Kalobeyei were trained and provided with seeds to prepare tomato seedbeds and plant cowpeas under two shade nets.
- 324 individuals aged 17-35 were trained on digital literacy program comprising ICDL (International Computer Driving License), and Microsoft for Philanthropy.
- 35 artisans from MADE 51 participated in a PSEA sensitization session conducted by DRC.
- 1,433 individuals benefited from business advisory and consulting services offered by AEC Kenya.
- Cash assistance was disbursed to 1 host community member and 8 refugees as loans.

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.

UNHCR Partners in Kakuma

Government of Kenya | Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) | UNICEF | WFP | International Organization for Migration (IOM) | The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) | The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) | The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) | Lutheran World Federation (LWF) | International Rescue Committee (IRC) | National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) | Windle International Kenya (WIK) | Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) | Don Bosco Kenya (DBK) | FilmAid International | Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) | Lotus Kenya Action for Development Organization (LOKADO) | iamtheCODE | Waldorf Kakuma | Action Africa Help International (AAHI) | Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) | Danish Refugee Council (DRC) | Peace Wind Japan (PWJ) | Kenyan Red Cross Society (KRCS) | African Inland Church (AIC) | Finn Church Aid (FCA) | Futbol Mas Kenya | Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) | World Vision International (WVI) | Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan) | African Entrepreneur Collective (AEC) Kenya | DanChurchAid (DCA) | Humanity & Inclusion (HI) | Church World Service (CWS) | IsraAID Kenya | Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) | Team&Team International | Swisscontact | Kakuma Mission Hospital (KMH) | Center for Victims of Torture (CVT) | SNV Netherlands Development Organisation (Stichting Nederlandse Vrijwilligers)

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