

Kenya Monthly Operational Update

1 – 28 February 2022

543,919

Registered refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya as of 28 February 2022

234,026

Refugees and asylum-seekers in Dadaab

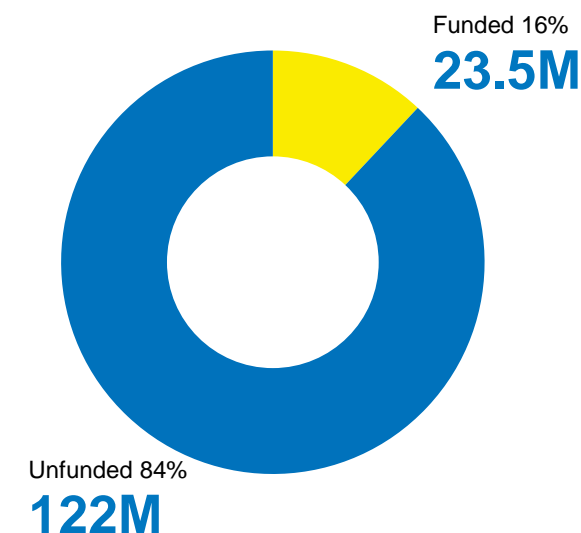
224,956

Refugees and asylum-seekers in Kakuma

FUNDING (AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2022)

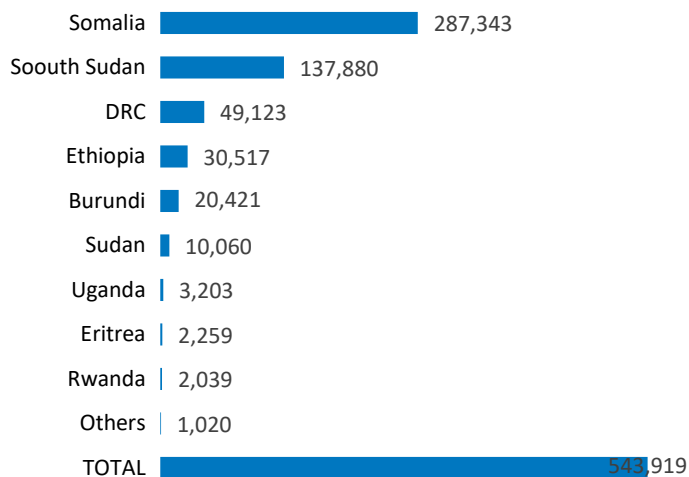
USD 145.5

Requested for the Kenya Operation



THE POPULATION OF CONCERN (FEBRUARY 2022)

Country of origin



POPULATION DECREASES

1,812

People assisted to return to their places of origin voluntarily

703

Departed to various resettlement countries



Manirakiza and Maria are refugees from Burundi and farmers. Together with partners, UNHCR is supporting refugee women to become more self-reliant.
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**PROTECTION****Achievements and Impact****Kakuma**

- In 2022, UNHCR Kakuma has registered 6,090 newly arrived refugees and asylum-seekers and 1,173 new births. Most of the new arrivals came from South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
- In February 2022, 70 child protection cases were received, and 18 Best Interest Assessments (BIA) were conducted and shared for review.
- A total of 47 BIA assessments were presented for review, with some of these cases identified in the previous months.
- Three children were placed in foster care in February 2022, with regular monitoring sessions conducted for 247 children (169 boys, 78 girls) out of the 374 children (235 boys, 139 girls) reported being in foster care.
- UNHCR and partners visited 34 children (11 boys, 23 girls) at Safe Haven and Amani Boys to monitor their psychosocial progress.
- 850 young people in the Kakuma refugee camp engaged in sports and creative arts, including chess and football, in the host community and the camp during the reporting period.
- 11 community outreach members (3 men, 8 women) from Kalobeyei were sensitized to identifying adolescent girls included in the mentorship session scheduled to start in March 2022.
- 413 men took part in gender-based violence (GBV) prevention committees, gender clubs, GBV prevention training, and mass awareness.
- 181 individuals were reached directly with targeted neighbourhood forums in the Kalobeyei settlement to create awareness of GBV prevention.
- 537 Birth Certificates were processed and distributed in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei in February 2022.
- 82 individuals (18 men, 64 women) were assisted on issues of child protection, GBV and insecurity concerns during the reporting period.

Dadaab

- In February 2022, 99 refugees and asylum-seekers were attended to at the UNHCR's protection desks across the three camps in Dadaab with various concerns.
- 148 children were identified with various protection concerns, and BIA was conducted to offer appropriate intervention and support.
- Follow-up for 249 children, including 58 unaccompanied children who had received various interventions, was done to assess their current situation and offer additional support. 167 children and their parents/caregivers were also referred to partners for specific assistance.
- 15 adolescent girls received sanitary towels. Terre des Hommes (Tdh) supported the adolescent girls with a cash-based intervention to purchase dignity kits and personal items.
- 205 children received individual counselling sessions to enhance their coping mechanisms in line with their protection needs and play therapy to strengthen their developing social skills.
- One psychosocial session on stress management and self-care was conducted in the Ifo camp for 15 adolescent mothers to promote resilience and enhance their coping mechanisms.
- Five family forums with 80 participants were conducted in Dagahaley and Ifo camps to strengthen families and foster conducive care environments for children.

- Two monthly school-based protection activities in Dagahaley Secondary and Juba Primary Schools reached 47 students with information on school-based gender violence.
- Three monthly Psychosocial support sessions were conducted for 30 adolescent mothers and 75 out-of-school adolescent boys in Ifo and Dagahaley Camps. Additionally, 15 adolescent mothers in Hagadera camp attended a 2-day training focused on enhancing their knowledge and skills on parenting /child-rearing responsibilities to promote child learning and self-reliant parenting.
- Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) & Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) sessions for 37 community leaders were conducted in Dagahaley in February.
- 127 community representatives received training on GBV prevention and response, PSEA, human rights, psychosocial first aid, community-based protection, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support, violence reduction, and conflict resolution.
- 106 security personnel such as Police and Community Peace and Protection Teams received SGBV and PSEA training in Dagahaley and Ifo, where fundamental principles and guiding concepts were shared with all participants.
- School-based protection sessions were conducted in Central, Unity and Wadajir primary schools and Tawakal and Towfiq secondary schools in Ifo and Dagahaley, reaching 216 students with key protection and GBV prevention messages.
- 90 elderly persons participated in the monthly coordination meetings held across the three camps. The concerns raised included the need for core relief items, shelter, registration, rehabilitation, and remote verification for the bedridden.
- Hagadera rehabilitation centre supported 107 persons with different types of impairments. All of them received physiotherapy and occupational therapy services at the rehabilitation centre.
- Dagahaley and Ifo rehabilitation centres supported 227 individuals with physiotherapy and occupational services such as manual therapy and exercises, soft tissue manipulation, ambulation training, assistive device use, skills transfer to caregivers and home adaptations. Additionally, outreach rehabilitation supported 693 persons with home-based rehabilitation services. Referrals were made for complicated cases of impairments for further assessment and intervention.

Urban

- The UN-Legal Identity Agenda Taskforce did a joint presentation on the Huduma Bill and submitted a consolidated memo with comments and recommendations for including refugees, asylum seekers, stateless and minority communities in the Huduma registration, an integrated national system of registration.
- UNHCR facilitated three movements to Kakuma for 37 refugees and asylum, in collaboration with Kenya's Department of Refugee Services (DRS) and partner HIAS. 11 individuals had been residing in Mombasa and opted to relocate to the camp because they could not sustain themselves anymore in the city.
- UNHCR supported the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) Karen school to conduct Refugee Protection training as part of a Protection of Civilians Course for 27 participants from the military, police and civilians.
- Seven cases were admitted for counselling during the month, bringing the total number of cases to 34 since January 2022. UNHCR attended joint case conferencing where four cases were discussed.



EDUCATION AND LIVELIHOODS

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 68,073 students, including 28,733 girls, were supported in accessing pre-primary and primary education during the month in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.

- 17,397, including 5,085 girls, attended nine secondary schools and two satellite centres in Kakuma during the reporting period.
- Sensitization and mobilization campaigns were conducted, returning/enrolling 347 Out of School Children in Kalobeyei's primary schools. Additional, 150 parents are sensitized to child protection.
- UNHCR and partners supported preparations for national examinations (KCPE and KCPE 2021) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education (MoE) through awareness creation and expansion of spaces to accommodate all children registered for the examinations. All school heads were taken through a 2-day training on guidelines by MoE officials in Turkana West. 9,441 students, including 3,150 girls, registered to sit the examination in March 2022
- 28 security solar-powered floodlights were installed in seven primary schools in Kalobeyei, enhancing the security of schools
- 4,734 children and 68 women teachers were supported with hygiene kits containing re-usable pads, soap, two panties, toothpaste, two pieces of vests, and underwear.
- Assessments for 145 Children with disabilities were conducted in Kakuma in February, which will inform support on access to assistive devices.
- 26 students were referred to access accelerated education programs to address their specific learning needs.

Dadaab

- Average school attendance rate for the month was recorded at 95% for primary, 68% for secondary schools and 43% for Technical and Vocational Education and Training.
- In line with Ministry of Education directives, assorted teaching and learning materials were distributed to primary schools. These included 18,200 copies of assorted textbooks, 3,534 pieces of uniforms, 12,600 pieces of learner portfolios, 25 plastic chairs, three metallic cabinets for the EARCs (Educational Assessment Resource Centres), nine water tanks, nine hosepipes, 14 packets of biro pens and 110 copies of legal documents for educational institutions.
- In February 2022, UNHCR distributed 2,862 sanitary kits and underwear to 2,862 secondary school girls.
- UNHCR partner, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), trained 23 Micro, Small and Medium Establishments (MSMEs) on financial literacy in Hagadera to help them improve their skills and attitudes toward prudent personal financial management skills. 82 MSMEs from Dagahaley and Hagadera were also supported with business grants to help expand their businesses. Further, DRC Conducted post-training monitoring for four Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) in Hagadera.
- UNHCR partner DRC conducted training for six farmer families on perma-gardens in host community villages of Labasigale and Borehole 5. Three households in Ifo also received chickens distributed by DRC.
- DRC trained 25 gateway farmers on biochar and wood vinegar production in Ifo. Biochar is a soil fertility improvement solution that also produces wood vinegar. The facility will be loaned to farmers for commercial purposes in the future.
- Under their COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience program, UNHCR partner Humanity and Inclusion conducted a refresher training on business development for ten business refugee groups and provided cash grants support to 100 MSMEs.
- Under the Small and Medium Enterprises programme, UNHCR's partner Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), provided cash grant support to help beneficiaries restock their business and recover from the shocks of the pandemic.
- 40 students studying for a diploma in ICT at Equip Africa- a subsidiary of Mount Kenya University, are out on the job training.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Despite progress in expanding educational opportunities and increased resources for children, many refugees and host community children are out of school, with schooling conditions for those enrolled remaining inadequate.
- Girls' education participation in education lags below boys', with barriers to their education mainly due to socio-cultural challenges.
- Roll-out of the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) requires additional material, time resources, and evolving adaptation.



CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 34,775 households of 162,087 (76,180 women) individuals were reached through CBI. This included 162,087 (76,180 women) from 34,775 households benefitting from Core relief Items (CRIs) and Energy cash-based intervention.
- 47,832 women within the 11-50 age bracket benefit from sanitary materials through case-based intervention.
- There were 16 complaints from refugees in Kakuma and Kalobeyei through Fresh Desk during the reporting period. Seven requests to change bank custodianship due to changes in the household headship, six requests for new bank accounts for new arrivals and confirmation on the CBI entitlement. Four were other complaints on different issues. 94% of the complaints were addressed, and feedback was provided directly to the individuals concerned.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- In February, 472 skilled deliveries were recorded within the various health facilities
- A total of 723 mental health consultations were made in the month.
- Nine emergency cases in need of specialized care were referred from Kakuma to Lodwar, Eldoret and Nairobi for services unavailable in Kakuma and diagnostic imaging services such as CT scan to assist in managing various health conditions. Additionally, 62 cases were referred to Kakuma Mission Hospital for imaging services.
- As of 28 February, 4,414 individuals were admitted to the two quarantine facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- As of 28 February, 29,996 vaccines have been administered in the Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. 13,333 are first doses, while 6,011 are second doses, with 10,542 doses of Johnson and Johnson (J&J) being administered as a single dose. Additionally, 110 booster doses have been administered.
- As of February 2022, 16% of the population in Kakuma and Kalobeyei have been fully vaccinated.

Dadaab

- The health of the population remained stable, with crude and under-five mortality rates maintained within acceptable standards. The Crude and under-five mortality rates for the period under review were 0.1 and 0.3/1000 population/month compared to 0.2 and 0.6, respectively, in the last reporting period.
- Cases of acute watery diarrhoea reduced by 43% from the previous month.
- A total of 44,735 consultations were conducted in February 2022.
- 5,725 girls and women accessed various services. The antenatal coverage rose to 75% from 68% in the previous month.
- The proportion of women delivered by a skilled professional was 98% at a caesarean section rate of 6%.
- 118 individuals are on Anti-retroviral (ARV) drugs and received follow-up at the comprehensive care centres.
- 39 new TB cases were diagnosed during the reporting period. A total of 139 TB cases were on treatment, with three cases of drug resistance and one leprosy case as of 28 February.
- 12 sexual violence survivors received health services and appropriate care, while 9 of them presented within 72 hours received a post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) kit.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is a need to increase staffing to keep up with the increasing demand for the COVID-19 vaccine to ensure vaccination runs daily across all health facilities.
- There is a need for medical oxygen plant. Currently, all medical oxygen is sought over 120km from the main inpatient facility. There is also a need for a 10-bed High dependency unit facility to ensure severely sick patients can be stabilized and provided with critical care.
- There is a reduced community health workforce for risk communication and community engagement. This has resulted in inadequate community surveillance, difficulties in defaulter tracing, household health education sessions and quarantine admissions.
- Inadequate blood and blood products mainly affect maternal health outcomes. Post-partum haemorrhage is responsible for over 90% of maternal mortalities in the camps. Health partners rely on blood donations from relatives and other community members.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- Don Bosco enrolled 631 refugees and one host community member in a six-month vocational course in computer studies, agriculture (fish, poultry, and fish farming), secretarial, English, and Adult Literacy.
- The current latrine coverage for the Kakuma refugee camp stands at 50.95%, while the Kalobeyei settlement stands at approximately 70% as per the November 2021 census/KAPs survey report.
- 44,459 Individuals (7,871 households) in the Kalobeyei settlement were reached with sanitation and hygiene messages. In comparison, 169,466 individuals (37,294 households) in the Kakuma camp were reached with sanitation and hygiene messages during the General food distribution (GFD) exercise.
- A total of 112 hygiene promoters (33 in Kalobeyei, 79 in Kakuma) were engaged during a monthly review meeting to address emerging challenges, find solutions and draw up a work plan for implementation of WASH (Sanitation & Hygiene) at the community level.
- Two WASH club meetings were held with pupils from future/friend's primary school in Kalobeyei settlement, while 26 teachers were trained on Menstrual Health Management (MHM) in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlement

- 35 Permanent handwashing stations were handed over to school management in Kakuma, Kalobeyei and the host community to improve school handwashing practices.
- A total of 100,063,600 litres of water was delivered for use during the reporting period. This translates to a per capita of 20.42 litres/person/day.
- 120,000 litres of water (80,000L for Kakuma, 40,000L for Kalobeyei) were trucked to support hand hygiene promotion during proof of life for Kalobeyei settlements and general food distribution Kakuma camp during the reporting period.
- 60kg of chlorine was used for water treatment at various boreholes, making up 260 kgs of chlorine during January and February 2022.

Dadaab

- On average, the daily water production in February from 22 boreholes was 10,730 m³, where about 6,494 m³ was supplied to the refugee population in the three Dadaab camps translating to an average daily per capita water allocation of 26 litres. About 4,236 m³ (39%) was apportioned to other users, including humanitarian agencies, markets, institutions, hospitals, livestock, leakages, and other losses.
- There were 39,554 functioning household latrines and 250 communal latrines during the reporting period, translating to a coverage of 86%. Construction of 30 new disability household latrines completed in Hagadera camp.
- UNHCR partner CARE engaged with 126 hygiene promoters to conduct campaigns aiming to incorporate community structures in hygiene promotion activities across the camps. The hygiene promotion ratio to persons of concern stands at 1:1,920, against the UNHCR standard of 1:1,000 PoCs in protracted refugee situations such as Dadaab.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- In February, 240 (227 refugees and 13 host community members) admissions in the Outpatient Therapeutical Program (OTP) and 620 admissions (599 refugees and 21 host community members) in the Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) were recorded. 48 malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding mothers, 37 refugees, and 11 host community members were also admitted into the SFP programme during the reporting period.
- The Stabilization Centre (SC) admitted 13 severely malnourished children with medical complications, out of which 6 were host community children.
- Targeted mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) screening was done in 10 neighbourhoods of village one in Kalobeyei, reaching 964 children under five years. Seven new Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) cases and 36 Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) cases were identified through this exercise and referred to the health facility for further treatment.
- The performance indicators for children under five years with acute malnutrition remained within the recommended SPHERE standards, where the recovery rates are >75% for both OTP and SFP.
- Promotion of optimal Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) groups facilitated meetings reaching 684 caregivers. Out of 78 Family MUAC referrals made in February were enrolled to OTP, 30 to SFP.

Dadaab

- Management of acute malnutrition was maintained in February. The SAM and MAM admissions in the program were 1,046 and 1,009 compared to 503 and 1,250, respectively, in the previous month.
- A total of 11 new babies under six months were admitted into the breastmilk substitute (BMS) program raising the total to 42 infants.
- In Hagadera and Ifo camps, mother-to-mother support group meetings were held where 407 mothers were linked.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is ongoing food rationing with the current food basket at 50% of the recommended quantity of 2,100 Kcal/person/day, resulting in the need for increased surveillance to ensure new cases of malnutrition are detected early and linked to care, follow-up and advocacy for increased ration to meet the dietary needs of refugees and asylum-seekers.



ACCESS TO ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- 20 Electric Pressure Cookers (EPCs) were distributed and five eateries in Kalobeyei Village 1 to test the viability of electric cooking.
- 24 Primary schools' Institutional Cookstoves were repaired in February.
- Electrical load profiling of six Institutional facilities was carried out to inform the solarization needs of the facilities.
- 147.89MTs of dry wood were distributed to learning institutions, reception centres, new arrivals, Child-headed households, and families with specific needs in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- 10,150 tree seedlings were produced and propagated in February in all the tree nurseries, and 13,758 tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts, and host community for planting.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- UNHCR meets 11% of the cooking energy needed for families to cook three meals a day. Setting up production facilities for alternative cooking fuels (briquettes and pellets) and engaging LPG producers, suppliers, and distributors is key to meeting the need. Existing and alternative cooking energies aren't affordable; therefore, subsidies and blended finances are required.
- There is a need to sustainably scale up land rehabilitation programmes and enhance water harvesting and retention technologies to improve tree seedlings' survival and provide long-term environmental and social benefits.
- Access to Electricity remains one of the main gaps; UNHCR Kakuma targets 200Wh/HH/day and 1KWh/businesses/day. The fund required to achieve this target at Kalobeyei is ~4 Million USD and ~12 Million USD for Kakuma. The gradual introduction of mini-grids would achieve this target in 3 years.

**SHELTER AND NFIS****Achievement and Impact****Kakuma**

- During the reporting period, 531 transitional shelters were constructed for new arrivals while 30 improved shelters were constructed for new arrivals with special needs, and 13 new shelters were constructed for protection referral cases bringing the cumulative shelter construction for this year to a total of 574 new shelters constructed. A total of 1660 refugees and asylum-seekers (representing 558 households) benefitted from the provision of shelters in February, while cumulatively this year, 1,771 individuals in 601 households have benefitted from the provision of shelters.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE****Achievement and Impact****Kakuma**

- In February 2022, 413 (272 men, 141 women) entrepreneurs received training and technical assistance in areas such as Business Model Canvas (BMC), Entrepreneurship (ENT), and Sales, Marketing, and Distribution (SMD).
- To create an enabling environment for business, partners hosted three mentoring, networking, and advocacy forums with Kenyan Refugees Consortium (RCK), Swiss Contact, and the Trade Ministry under Business Trade Licensing Office, Turkana West Sub County.
- With UNHCR assistance, 100 craftspeople (70 refugees, 30 host community members) are mentored in product design, development, quality assurance, and manufacturing.
- 110 young people (91 refugees, 13 host community members) have received ILO-based training and mentorship on business idea generation) and company formation.
- The Government of Kenya has authorized numerous acres of land for Kakuma Kalobeyi Challenge Fund (KKCF) grantees in the private sector. Ziwani Poultry Farm, for example, was given four acres of land and has begun building utilizing local and refugee human resources.
- 18 refugees and 16 host community youth took professional courses in February. Courses include Certified Public Accountants (CPA), Certificate in Accounting and Management Skills (CAMS), and a Diploma in Accounting Technicians (ATD), as well as Kenya's Board of Accountants and Secretaries Examiners (KASNEB).
- 349 refugees (275 men, 74 women) and 36 host community members registered in the Government examined technical courses. The National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) examines courses in welding, metal fabrication, carpentry, dressmaking, tailoring, plumbing, masonry, electrical, and solar photovoltaic.
- The National Industrial Training Authority evaluated 348 refugees (314 men, 34 women) and 18 hosts (9 men, 9 women) for the computer operator exam.

Dadaab

- Routine camp clean-up campaigns were conducted across the camps where 469, including 32 persons with specific needs, were engaged in the exercises.
- Youth committee conducted 16 focus group discussions across the camps with 897 persons to discuss the rights of differently-abled persons, effects of early marriage, drugs, and substance abuse, benefits of peaceful coexistence, FGM, and the importance of COVID-19 vaccination.

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