

Kenya Operational Update

1 – 31 March 2022

547,884

Refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya as of 31 March 2022

234,007

Refugees and asylum seekers in Dadaab

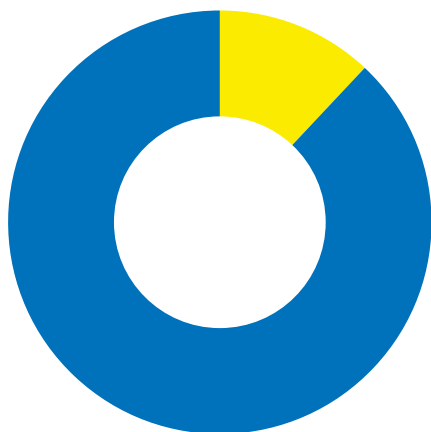
227,986

Refugees and asylum seekers living in Kakuma

FUNDING (AS OF 31 MARCH 2022)

USD 145.5M

Requested for the Kenya Operation



18% Funded

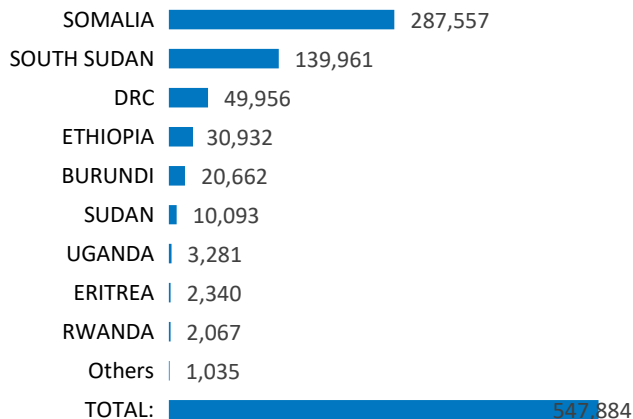
26.9M

82% unfunded

118.6M

POPULATION OF CONCERN (MARCH 2022)

Country of origin



POPULATION DECREASES

226

People assisted to return to their places of origin voluntarily between 1 January and 31 March 2022

127

Departed to various resettlement countries between 1 January and 31 March



Sarah is among the new arrival refugees who have been provided with transitional shelters.
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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 March 2022, 96 child protection cases were received, and 47 Best Interest Assessments (BIA) were conducted and shared for review.
- As of March 2022, there were 275 (183 boys, 92 girls) child-headed households, and 371 children (232 boys, 139 girls) are under foster care.
- 1,236 young refugees and members from host communities engaged in sports and creative arts, including chess and football, during the reporting period.
- 35 adolescent girls from Kalobeyi settlement were identified and recruited for the Youth mentorship sessions to enhance their knowledge and skills of the adolescent and issues affecting them.
- In March 2022, 339 men took part in gender-based violence (GBV) prevention committees, gender clubs, GBV prevention training, and mass awareness.
- 219 individuals were reached directly with targeted neighbourhood forums in the Kalobeyi settlement to create awareness of GBV prevention.
- Two community dialogue sessions were held with 26 LGBTIQ+ participants together with UNHCR, its protection partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and Kenya's Department of Refugee Services (DRS).
- 411 Individuals were interviewed for Refugee Status Determination; 195 assessments were completed, and 211 cases were reviewed during the reporting period.
- 600 birth certificates were processed and distributed in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyi in March 2022

Dadaab

- 99 refugees and asylum-seekers were attended to at the Protection desks across the three camps and referred to specific sectors and agencies for appropriate assistance.
- UNHCR's partner Refugee Consortium Kenya (RCK) conducted border monitoring in border areas and reported 89 Ethiopians and 1,597 Somalis engaged in cross-border movements to and from Kenya. The monitors offered legal advice to persons arrested for immigration offences.
- UNHCR's partner RCK conducted a sensitization forum on the Refugee Act, 2021, targeting 131 persons (81 duty bearers, 25 community members, 25 teachers) drawn from different primary schools across the camps to familiarize the participants with the relevant provisions of the Act.
- 1,534 birth notifications for children born at home were processed pending issuance of birth certificates, and 7,246 (3,623 boys, 3,623 girls) birth certificates were distributed across the three camps.
- In March 2022, 364 children were identified and offered individual counselling sessions to enhance their coping mechanisms in line with their protection needs and play therapy to strengthen their social skills.
- 182 caregivers attended training on good parental skills. The session covered topics on building self-esteem and identifying and responding to strengths and weaknesses in children.
- 64 Child-Friendly Space facilitators and Early Childhood Development (ECD) teachers from Ifo and Dagahaley camps were trained in "Play on Guide" to enhance their knowledge and skills to facilitate quality play activities and child-centred engagement within the Child-Friendly Spaces and at the ECD centres. This will improve their psychosocial support and well-being for children. 160 children and trainers participated in the training.
- During the commemoration of the International Women's Day, 2022, 12 female farmers previously supported with household gardening by UNHCR in collaboration with DRC exhibited their groceries. They were happy with the new skills that would help them sustain themselves and their families.

- A total of 423 sanitary kits, each containing powder soap, underwear, 2pcs of soap, a bucket and reusable sanitary pads, were distributed to 423 most vulnerable girls in school across the Dadaab camps.
- Two sessions were conducted for new Engaging Men in Accountable Practices trainees in Dagahaley and Ifo, with 30 women in each session. The programme consists of eight weekly reflective sessions raising voices on how they would like men to be accountable and ensure a safe and secure environment for women and girls.

Urban

- One meeting to support male GBV survivors has held, which eight male survivors attended. The support group provides a safe space for the men to discuss their recovery progress and share positive coping mechanisms with the team.
- Two GBV committee meetings were held in Kitengela and Kasarani. The members were taken through key concepts associated with GBV.
- One quarterly PSEA information sharing forum was held in Kawangware. In attendance were 15 (8 men, 7 women) participants. They discussed reporting mechanism in place for refugees in urban areas.
- 25 GBV cases were reported during the reporting period. UNHCR and partners held two case reviews for seven complex cases to discuss various options for the survivors, including financial support and relocation.
- UNHCR's partner Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) psychosocial panel took place where cases of 62 children (34 boys, 28 girls) were presented and approved for financial assistance
- UNHCR Child Protection unit received 19 assessments (8 BIAs and 11 social assessments) from HIAS during the reporting period, while 17 Best Interest Determinations (BIDs) were also panelled.
- HIAS Child Protection Program implemented activities to enhance the capacity of the refugee community to identify, refer and respond to the needs of children at risk. UNHCR and HIAS conducted a one-day training with refugee-led organizations, child protection monitors and community workers in child protection, where 30 persons benefited from the training.
- Child protection committee meetings were held in Kawangware, Kayole and Eastleigh, where 24 persons participated. The committee leaders discuss challenges faced and develop a way forward in the protection of vulnerable children.
- 79 birth certificates were distributed in Kilifi – Magarini Sub-County in March 2022.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- In March 2022, 73,666 students, including 31,191 girls and 2,174 Children With Disabilities (CWDs), were supported in accessing pre-primary and primary education during the month in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- 17,118 students, including 5,059 girls, attended nine secondary schools and two satellite centres in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- 57,302 students, including 24,730 girls, were supported to sit school-based assessments and 2021 end of term examinations.
- 6,495 students, including 2,108 girls, received their national examination (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education – KCPE 2021) results. Two refugee students scored above 400 out of a possible 500 marks making to the top 1% nationally.
- 2,376 candidates, including 561 girls, were supported to sit for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) 2021.

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- 2,784 candidates (1,692 boys, 1,092 girls) sat for the 2021 KCPE examination.

- KCPE results were released on 28 March 2022; the top student from the refugee schools scored 374 marks out of a possible 500 marks.
- 26 primary school teachers were trained on Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) by three officials from the Sub-County Education Office-Dadaab to enable the participants to synthesize the new curriculum design and interpret specialised skills to facilitate inclusion in teaching as per CBC design and assess learning in a CBC paradigm.



CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 48,339 refugees and asylum-seekers from 9,055 families were supported with unrestricted cash to purchase soap, energy requirements and other hygiene items for two months (March and April 2022).
- 30% (14,514 individuals) of the total CBI beneficiaries are women within the 11-50 age bracket as of March 2022.
- In March 2022, 82 refugees and asylum-seeker from 23 families were supported with cash for shelter to complete their houses. These included 16 single shelters for family size 1 to 5 members and six double shelters for families between 6 and 10, and one family size 12, which received funds to complete a double shelter plus an additional single house.
- 104 individuals were supported with cash for voluntary repatriation as they were repatriated to Burundi by air.
- 22 complaints from refugees in Kakuma and Kalobeyei through Fresh Desk received in March 2022. 12 requests to change bank custodianship due to changes in the household headship. Eight requests for new bank accounts for new arrivals and confirmation of the CBI entitlement. Two were other complaints with different issues. 98% of the complaints were addressed.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- A total of 723 mental health consultations were made in the month.
- Nine cases were referred from Kakuma to Lodwar, Eldoret and Nairobi. 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. Additionally, 62 cases were referred to Kakuma Mission Hospital for imaging services.
- As of 31 March, 5,468 individuals were admitted to the two quarantine facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- As of 27 March, 34,126 vaccines have been administered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. 14,061 of these have been first doses, while 7,186 were second doses and 12,754 doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine administered as a single dose vaccine. Additionally, 125 booster doses have been administered.

Dadaab

- One reverse referral screening surgery session for Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) cases was conducted in the camps during the reporting period. A total of 152 were screened, and 67 benefitted from surgical interventions.
- The health of the population remained stable, with crude and under 5 mortality rates maintained within acceptable standards. The Crude and under 5 mortality rates for the period under review were 0.17 and 0.37/1000 population/month compared to 0.1 and 0.3, respectively, in the last reporting period.
- In March 2022, a slight decline in the total consultations was noted, where 39,519 consultations were conducted compared to 44,735 in the previous month. This is attributed to the overall reduction in watery diarrhoeas, acute respiratory illness cases and COVID-19. The consultations per clinician per day were 71 against the recommended standard of 50.
- To ensure optimal access, sexual reproductive health and HIV services were maintained during the reporting period. 6,412 girls and women accessed services compared to 5,725 in the previous month; complete antenatal coverage dropped to 54% from 75%. The proportion of women delivered by a skilled professional was 94% at a caesarean section rate of 6%.
- Access to HIV services was maintained across the three camps in Dadaab, with all patients provided with antiretroviral therapy (ART). HIV testing was reduced due to a nationwide shortage of test kits. The total number of patients on ARTs and follow up at the comprehensive care centres was 119. There were 52 new TB cases compared to 39 in the previous month. The total TB cases on treatment were 176, with 4 cases of drug resistance.
- Access to health services for sexual violence survivors was provided with 14 cases receiving appropriate care, while 10 (71%) of them who presented within 72 hours received PEP.
- Medical emergencies and elective cases requiring specialized care benefitted from referral to tertiary facilities in Garissa and Nairobi. The total referrals out of Dadaab were 70, of which 58 were managed in Garissa. There were 13 emergency referrals of obstetric cases during the reporting period.

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 HIV test kits due to a countrywide shortage causing a reduction in antenatal HIV testing.
- Inadequate blood and blood products especially affecting 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.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 332 (320 refugees, 12 host community members) admissions in the Outpatient Therapeutical Program (OTP) and 1,388 admissions (1,357 refugees, 31 host community members) in the Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) were recorded in March 2022. 54 malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding mothers (49 refugees, 6 host community members) were also admitted into the SFP programme.

- The Stabilization Centre (SC) admitted 60 severely malnourished children with medical complications, out of whom 11 were host community children.
- 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. 13% of children defaulted in OTP and 1.6% in SFP in Kalobeyei, mainly from the host community.
- Promotion of optimal Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) practices through 41 active support groups continued during the month. The groups facilitated meetings reaching 773 caregivers.
- Four community dialogue sessions were conducted to discuss optimal infant and young child feeding, reaching 80 caregivers in Kakuma.
- Eight orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) were supported with breastmilk substitutes in March with home visits to monitor milk preparation and their progress and support with nutrition counselling.

Dadaab

- Management of acute malnutrition was maintained in March 2022. The Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) admissions were 561 and 1,248 compared to 551 and 1,292 in the previous month. 37 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers were admitted into the program for management of MAM.
- 12 new babies under six months were admitted into the breast milk substitute (BMS) program- the program had 42 infants.
- In Hagadera and Ifo camps, mother-to-mother support group meetings were held where 407 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers were linked.
- In March 2022, 44,553 families consisting of 232,332 individuals received food assistance representing 98.81% of the targeted population.



ACCESS TO ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- 120 Maendeleo hybrid dual-purpose cookstoves were fabricated at the Stove Production unit and ready for distribution.
- In March 2022, 104.77MT of firewood was received at Firewood Centre 4.
- A total of 244.07MTs of dry wood was distributed to learning institutions, reception centres, new arrivals, Child headed households and vulnerable families in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- 13,797 tree seedlings were distributed to refugee and host community homesteads, Institutions and organizations for planting.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- In March 2022, 445 Transitional shelters were constructed for new arrivals, 20 Improved Shelters were constructed for new arrivals with special needs, and two new shelters were constructed for protection referral cases bringing the cumulative shelter construction for this year to a total of 1,039 new T-shelters

constructed. A total of 1,243 refugees and asylum-seekers from 378 families benefitted from the provision of T-shelters during the reporting period, while 3,024 individuals from 982 families have benefitted from the provision of T-shelters in 2022 cumulatively.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- 44,459 Individuals (7,871 households) in Kalobeyei settlement and 169,466 individuals (37,294 households) in Kakuma camp reached with sanitation and hygiene messages during General Food Distribution (GFD) exercise.
- 99 households were supported with poles and seven slabs for latrines construction in Kakuma.
- 112 hygiene promoters (33 for Kalobeyei, 79 for Kakuma) were engaged during a monthly review meeting to address emerging challenges, find a solution and draw up a work plan for implementation of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) at the community level.
- Two WASH club meetings were held with pupils from future and friend primary schools in the Kalobeyei settlement.
- 26 teachers were trained on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in both Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement
- 35 permanent handwashing stations installed and constructed by partner Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) were handed over to school management in both Kakuma camp, Kalobeyei settlement and the host community to improve handwashing practices in schools.
- 100,063,600 litres of water were 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 for Kakuma.

Dadaab

- On average, the daily water production in March from 22 operational boreholes was 10,338 m³, where about 6,579 m³ was supplied to the refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. This translated to an average daily per capita water allocation of 26 litres. About 3,759 m³ (36%) was apportioned to other users, including humanitarian agencies, markets, institutions, hospitals, and livestock.
- 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 was completed in Hagadera camp. UNHCR's WASH partner, CARE, currently incorporates community structures in camp cleaning.
- CARE engaged 126 hygiene promoters to conduct campaigns 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 in protracted refugee situations such as Dadaab.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- In collaboration with the Refugee Consortium of Kenya, 119 individuals (39 men, 80 women) benefitted from training and technical support on business Model Canvas, entrepreneurship, sales, marketing and distribution, business registration, business legal laws and instruction.
- In Kalobeyei, 467 (396 men, 71 women) were trained on ICT concepts and skills such as introduction to computers and devices, working with DOS, MS Word and Spreadsheet and understanding the internet. 25 (21 men, 4 women) also enrolled on the online marketing course, while 48 (40 men, 8 women, 47 refugees, 1 host community member) participated in the Computer Essential Certification course.
- In March 2022, 18 refugees and 16 host youth took courses, including 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).
- Government examined technical courses registered 349 refugees (275 men, 74 women) and 36 host community members (33 men, 3 women). 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 and 34 women) and 18 hosts (9 men and 9 women) for the computer operator exam.
- Don Bosco enrolled 631 refugees (440 men, 191 women) and one host community member (1 woman) in six-month vocational courses in computer studies, agriculture (fish, poultry, and fish farming), secretarial, English, and Adult Literacy. Successful pupils will eventually acquire Don Bosco certification.
- Creation of an enabling environment for entrepreneurial growth and development held three meetings with seven organizations for mentorship/ networking /advocacy/ mainstreaming forums.

Dadaab

- Routine clean-up campaigns were conducted across the three camps in Dadaab as part of the youth initiatives. 249 participants, including 18 persons with disability, took part in the cleaning campaigns targeting residential areas, markets, and dumpsites.
- Nine focused group discussions were conducted by the youth executives across the three camps on early marriage for teenage girls, human rights, peaceful coexistence and minimizing conflict through youth in sports, girl child education, forms of SGBV for youth, and drug and substance abuse. In total, 120 participants were reached, including four persons living with disabilities.
- DRC disbursed Micro-enterprise cash grants that supported six Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) groups in Dagahaley. Voluntary Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) mentorship program for five groups in Hagadera and Ifo camps and monitoring visits to 13 MSMEs for business coaching support was conducted in all the camps.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Achievement and Impact

Dadaab

- Fifteen cases comprising 46 individuals were interviewed for family composition and resettlement need assessment; 12 resettlement referral forms and 69 individuals were submitted for review, while 3 cases and 14 individuals were prepared and submitted to various resettlement countries.
- Resettlement Support Centre (RSC) mission conducted data collection interviews for 257 refugees and pre-screening interviews for 386 as part of United States Refugee Admissions Programme (USRAP) processing.
- UNHCR verified 67 Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP) cases with 202 individuals on their refugee/resettlement status using the KoBo Toolbox for Complementary Pathways and updated their case status. The unit also circulated outreach calls for scholarship opportunities for the UNIV'R education project for French Higher Education Institutions.
- 14 refugees departed to various resettlement countries in March 2022.
- 45 households with 69 individuals were facilitated by air to repatriate voluntarily to Somalia. Cumulatively, 66 households with 114 individuals have been facilitated by air to repatriate voluntarily in 2022.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is a need to increase and strengthen awareness of complementary pathways amongst the refugee community so that UNHCR can facilitate access to opportunities.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Kenya Operation amount to 23.5 million US dollars. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the Kenya operation and those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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