

Kenya Operational Update

1 - 30 April 2022

550,817

Refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya as of 30 April 2022

234,084

Refugees and asylum seekers in Dadaab

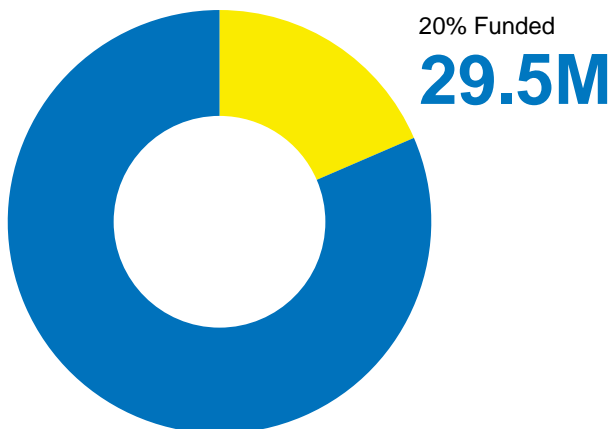
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Refugees and asylum seekers in Kakuma camps and Kalobeyei settlement

FUNDING (AS OF 12 APRIL 2022)

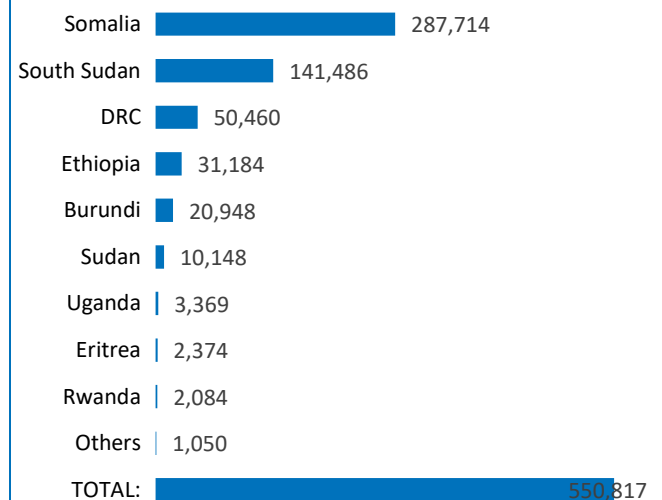
USD 145.5

Requested for the Kenya Operation



POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 30 APRIL 2022)

Country of origin



274

People assisted to return to their places of origin voluntarily between 1 January and 30 April 2022

221

Refugees departed to various resettlement countries between 1 January to 30 April 2022.



Elias Mujambere attained an A- grade in his Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education. He ranked among the top 0.86 per cent of students nationwide. Refugee children study the Kenyan curriculum and take Kenyan national examinations. In 2021-22, 9441 people registered for national exams.

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PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- In 2022, UNHCR Kakuma and Kenya's Department of Refugee Service (DRS) registered 7,848 newly arrived refugees, asylum-seekers, and 1,880 new births. Most new arrivals came from South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
- In April, the safe identification of 60 children (31 boys, 29 girls) with protection needs was conducted, and the process was initiated to support them.
- There were 373 children (234 boys, 139 girls) in foster care and 276 (184 boys, 82 girls) in child-headed households as of April 2022.
- In April 2022, 1,236 young people in the Kakuma refugee camp engaged in sports and creative arts, including chess and football, in the host community and the refugee camps during the reporting period.
- During the reporting period, 35 adolescent girls from the Kalobeyei settlement were identified and selected for the Youth mentorship sessions. The mentorship sessions aim to enhance the adolescent's knowledge and skills on issues affecting them in daily life.
- 311 men took part in this month's prevention activities, such as gender clubs, block and neighbourhood forums, Gender-based violence (GBV) training, couple's module, and mass awareness.
- In April 2022, 411 Individuals were interviewed for Refugee Status Determination, 195 assessments were completed, and 211 cases were reviewed.
- 600 Birth Certificates were processed and distributed in Kakuma and Kalobeyei in April 2022.

Dadaab

- The Department of Refugee Service (DRS) and UNHCR conducted a population fixing exercise across the three camps in Dadaab to determine the number of unregistered, inactivated and closed cases not accessing basic services. 11,508 households comprising 37,580 individuals were issued serialized tickets which they could utilize to get one-off food assistance.
- A joint UNHCR and DRS panel conducted an assessment for cases inactivated during the 2021 verification and intention survey exercises. Out of 4,688 inactivated individuals, only 189 showed up for the exercise and presented their claims; 174 were approved, and their records were activated in proGres V4.
- DRS distributed 951 refugee ID cards across the three camps in Dadaab and processed 6,437 individuals through the Live Capture Unit. 15,356 refugee ID cards are currently pending collection.
- 87 refugees and asylum seekers were reached and assisted through legal aid clinics during the reporting period.
- 90 community workers (42 men, 48 women) participated in a 2-day training by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) on vulnerability assessment, protection, and inclusive programming at the three camps. The training also included awareness in addressing the needs of Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs) through proper documentation, using the UNHCR vulnerability codes, referrals, and follow-ups.
- In April 2022, 436 elderly persons (221 men, 215 women) received various services across the camps, including case assessment and documentation, psychosocial support, home visits, case follow-up and referrals to specialized agencies for support.
- 341 persons living with disabilities (PwDs) at the camps received specialized services such as physiotherapy and occupational therapy, home-based therapeutic services, support with assistive devices, and locally fabricated toilet seats.
- LWF provided Mental Health and Psychosocial support to 52 persons living with disabilities, including elderly persons. Save the Children International (SCI) and Terres des Hommes (TdH) also provided

psychosocial counselling to 84 individuals, including children with disabilities. The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) provided psychosocial support and individual counselling to 30 non-GBV survivors.

- General counselling was provided to 20 individuals at the Kenya Red Cross Trauma and Recovery Centre in Ifo Camp.
- UNHCR partner TdH distributed start-up kits (sewing machines, cloths for tailoring, tie-and-dye items, hair salon, and henna equipment) to 50 foster parents who underwent a 3-month training on livelihoods and soft business skills.
- One family forum was conducted for 20 caregivers in Hagadera, targeting stigmatized and excluded families to sensitize them about the services available in the camps.
- TdH conducted a positive parenting capacity-building session for 63 caregivers to empower them with skills to provide nurturing and protective environments for children.
- 75 out-of-school adolescent boys from Dagahaley and Ifo camps had a session to discuss the challenges they face in the camps.
- 30 adolescent mothers attended a two-day training focusing on enhancing their knowledge of self-care, self-esteem, and life skills.
- A sensitization forum on children's rights was held, reaching 30 caregivers to enable them to promote a nurturing and protective environment for children.
- Two family-focused sessions were conducted in Dagahaley and Ifo camps reaching 20 parents/caregivers. They aimed to engage men to understand how cultural practices and beliefs impact the quality of care and protection of children.
- Two group therapy sessions for SGBV & Post-Trauma Stress Disorder (PTSD) survivors were conducted by DRC in Ifo and Dagahaley, reaching 24 survivors. DRC also conducted Engaging Men in Accountable Practices sessions for 30 women in Dagahaley camp and 30 women in Ifo camp.
- 471 community members and 127 community/traditional/religious leaders were trained on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and response to SGBV.

Urban

- 471 community members and 127 community /traditional/religious leaders were trained on various topics related to PSEA and response to SGBV.
- In April 2022, the Helpline received a total of 31,574 calls. Of these, 13,892 calls were answered, representing 45% of the received calls. The top incoming language queue was Swahili, and the top category was documentation about Refugee Card inquiries.
- In April 2022, the UNHCR Partner Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) conducted 33 monitoring visits to various police stations and prisons in Nairobi, Embu, Mombasa, and Isiolo.
- UNHCR facilitated four movements to Kakuma for 36 individuals in collaboration with the Government of Kenya and partner HIAS. The movements were organized upon the request of refugees and asylum-seekers as they could access free assistance in the camps.
- UNHCR co-chaired 1 GBV working group meeting on 14 April. The working group members shared their sector updates, services/activities they are currently undertaking to assist survivors of GBV, and the contingency measures in place.
- 20 GBV cases were reported during the month, and eight cases were admitted into counselling sessions.
- Implementation of child protection is ongoing. Children with specific needs of care and protection are identified, assessed, and assisted with financial assistance through their caregivers. The assistance enables the children to meet their basic needs, including food for sick children, transport for hospital appointments and those in need of physiotherapy.
- Ten children benefited from counselling services, of which 3 finished their counselling.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 73,666 students, including 31,191 girls and 2,174 children with disabilities, were supported in accessing pre-primary and primary education during the month in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- 17,118, including 5,059 girls, attended nine secondary schools and two satellite centres in Kakuma during the reporting period.
- 57,302 students, including 24,730 girls, were supported to sit school-based assessments and end-of-term examinations for 2021.
- 6,495 learners, including 2,108 girls, received their national examination (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education – KCPE 2021) results. 2 students scored above 400 out of possible 500 marks, making the top 1% nationally.
- In April 2022, 84 teachers (16 women) trained in a Competency-based Curriculum (CBC).
- 2,376 candidates, including 561 girls, supported to sit for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) 2021.

Dadaab

- Over 2,500 refugee learners who sat the March 2022 KCPE examinations received places in various public secondary schools. 90% of the learners secured spots in secondary schools within the camps, while 10% (323 learners) were placed in county and sub-county secondary schools in other parts of the country.
- Registration of candidates for the 2022 KCPE and KCSE, the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KPSEA) for the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC), and KCSE qualifying tests started on 27 April 2022.
- 240 school Boards of Management (BoM) members from the three camps in Dadaab underwent a 2-day training on school improvement.
- 300 parents of grades 4-6 learners across the three camps underwent training on positive parenting and their role in supporting the CBC.
- 64 school administrators underwent a 10-day certified course offered by the Association of Volunteers in International Service (AVSI) Foundation on management and administration of education from the Kenya Education Management Institute (KEMI).
- 1,220 digital devices, including 44 Bluetooth speakers, were distributed in the 22 primary schools in the 3 camps to support digital learning activities.



CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 44,075 individuals from 7,611 families received cash to purchase soap and other hygiene items for two months (March and April 2022). They also received cash support to purchase energy for cooking and lighting.
- 32% (14,104 individuals) of the total CBI beneficiaries are women between 11-50 years benefitting from cash for sanitary materials.
- 82 individuals from 23 families supported with cash for shelter to complete their houses in March continued to be monitored by the WASH and Shelter technical team. These included 16 single shelters for family size 1 to 5 members, 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.

- 228 students and 219 parents were given cash for education grants to facilitate their return to school through the parent-student-managed scholarship programme implemented through CBI.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- In April, 503 skilled deliveries were recorded within the various health facilities
- A total of 626 mental health consultations were made in the month.
- 28 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, 97 cases were referred to Kakuma Mission Hospital for imaging services.
- As of 30 April, 6,109 individuals were admitted to the two quarantine facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyi.
- UNHCR, in conjunction with other health partners, organized 9-day training on GPM+ (Group Problem Management Plus) for 15 community helpers. GPM+ is a scalable MHPSS intervention that equips lay community members with skills to help themselves and other members of their communities to cope positively with adversity.

Dadaab

- Dengue fever outbreak confirmed in Hagadera camp continued into the period under review, with five more cases raising the total cases to 42.
- The population's general health 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 0.08 and 0.2/1000 population/month compared to 0.17 and 0.37 in the previous month.
- In April 2022, 33,715 consultations were conducted compared to 39,519 in the previous month. There was an overall reduction in watery diarrhoea cases, acute respiratory illness cases and COVID-19. This also reduced the number of consultations per clinician per day to 65 from 71 in the previous month.
- 8,039 girls and women accessed HIV services compared to 6,412 in the previous month. HIV testing, especially for antenatal care mothers, reduced to 29% due to a nationwide shortage of test kits. The viral load testing cartridges have also remained out of stock nationwide.
- The complete antenatal coverage rose to 64.8%, up from 54% in the previous month. The proportion of women delivered by a skilled professional was 94% at a caesarean section rate of 7%.
- Eight survivors received health services for sexual violence, and six survivors received PEP (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis) within 72 hours. All cases received appropriate care according to the time seen.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Shortage of HIV test kits due to a countrywide shortage causing a reduction in antenatal HIV testing.
- Shortage of TB cartridges.
- Inadequate blood and blood products 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 members of the community.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- In April, 346 patients (332 refugees and 14 Kenyans) were admitted to the Outpatient Therapeutical Program (OTP), and 1,015 individuals (981 refugees and 34 Kenyans) were admitted to the Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP). 42 malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding mothers were also admitted into the SFP programme.
- The Stabilization Centre (SC) admitted 67 severely malnourished children with medical complications, of which 13 were nationals.
- 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. 0.6% of children defaulted in OTP, and 2.3% of children defaulted from the SFP programme in Kalobeyei, mostly from the host community.
- UNHCR and partners continued to provide health and nutrition education to pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and parents of children during the monthly nutrition distribution sessions reaching 13,899 caregivers.
- Promotion of optimal Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) practices through 43 active support groups continued during the month. The groups facilitated 78 sessions, reaching 591 caregivers with key maternal, infant, and young childcare messages
- Additionally, the support group members continued screening and referred malnourished and children at risk of malnutrition to nutrition clinics. 89 children presented at the facilities following Family MUAC (Middle-Upper Arm Circumference) referrals.
- Six community dialogue sessions and seven family bazaars were conducted to discuss optimal infant and young child feeding, reaching 242 caregivers in Kakuma.
- Eight orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) were supported with breastmilk substitutes with home visits to monitor milk preparation and their progress and support with nutrition counselling.

Dadaab

- The Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) admissions in the program were at 454 and 1,060. 37 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers were admitted into the program for MAM.
- 23 new babies under six months were admitted into the breast milk substitute (BMS) program.
- General food distribution commenced on 1 April and was completed on 12 April 2022; 44,724 families of 232,395 individuals received food assistance representing 98.81% of the targeted population.



ACCESS TO ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- 24 Electric Pressure Cookers (EPCs) sales agents received skills and product training in Kalobeyei to kickstart the sale of EPCs to the community.
- 209.58MTs of firewood was distributed to learning institutions, reception centres, new arrivals, Child headed households and families with specific needs in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- Three environment and forestry monitoring activities were carried out in April. During the monitoring exercises, rampant tree cutting was observed in Kalobeyei Settlement.
- 309 Maendeleo hybrid dual-purpose cookstoves were fabricated at the Stove Production unit. 234 stoves were distributed to new arrivals, and 12 cookstoves were distributed to old caseloads.

- 29,200 tree seedlings were produced and propagated in all the tree nurseries. 10,390 of the tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, 2,000 seedlings to the host community and 850 to various institutions for planting.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- 193 Transitional shelters were constructed for new arrivals, and one new shelter was built for protection referral cases bringing the cumulative shelter construction for 2022 to a total of 1,169. 1,118 individuals from 378 families benefitted from the provision of T-shelters during the reporting period. Cumulatively 3,957 individuals from 1,286 households have benefitted from the provision of T-shelters in 2022.
- 21 emergency family tents were pitched at Kalobeyei reception centre, while 16 family tents were pitched at Kakuma reception centre.
- The construction of communal shelters in Kalobeyei had started with 20 units having foundation walling done. The project will be completed by mid-May 2022.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- In April 2022, the per capita water access was 19.29 litres/person/day in Kakuma and 22.26 litres/person/day in Kalobeyei.
- A total of 101,259,000 and 29,274,000 litres of water were provided in April 2022 in Kakuma and Kalobeyei, respectively.
- 166 households received poles (5 each) for household latrine construction in Kakuma 2 and 3.
- Routine follow-up visits on latrine construction and usage, handwashing and solid waste management were conducted in the camps. 54,090 individuals and 9,015 households were reached in Kakuma Camp.
- 40 Liters of liquid soap were supplied to the reception centres to support handwashing with soap and promote proper hygiene of the sanitation facilities.

Dadaab

- On average, the daily water production in Dadaab in April from 22 operational boreholes was 10,497 m³, where about 6,313 m³ was supplied to the refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. An average daily per capita water allocation of 23 litres/per day/per person.
- There were 39,931 functioning household latrines and 250 communal latrines during the reporting period, translating to a coverage of 88%.
- CARE engaged 126 hygiene promoters to conduct campaigns to incorporate community structures in hygiene promotion activities across the camps. The hygiene promotion ratio stands at 1:1,920.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- In April 2022, 413 entrepreneurs (272 men, 141 women - 398 refugees, 15 host community members) received training and technical assistance in areas such as Business Model Canvas (BMC), Entrepreneurship (ENT), and Sales, Marketing, and Distribution (SMD).
- With UNHCR assistance, 100 refugee and host community craft artisans (70 refugees, 30 host community members) are being mentored in product design, development, quality assurance, and manufacture.
- 110 young people, including seven individuals with disabilities (91 refugees, 13 host community members), have received ILO-based training and mentorship on business idea generation (GYBI) and company formation (SYB).
- 18 refugees and 16 host community youth took professional 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).
- Under the Government's examined technical courses, 349 refugees (275 men, 74 women) and 36 host community members (33 men, 3 women) have been registered. 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 host community members (9 men, 9 women) for the computer operator exam.
- Don Bosco enrolled 631 refugees (440 men, 191 women) and one host community member in six-month vocational courses in computer studies, agriculture (fish, poultry, and fish farming), secretarial, English, and Adult Literacy.
- 926 youth (648 men, 278 women) build digitally-enabled entrepreneurial skills to explore livelihood prospects, including online marketing and coding.

Dadaab

- 105 students participated in the National Industrialization Training Authority (NITA) examination for different skills such as plumbing, tailoring, electrical, and solar photovoltaic. There was a 90% turnout for the examination.
- A review meeting was held with 28 perm garden farmers in Ifo, where the farmers requested to be supplied with okra seeds, spinach, watermelon, and kales.
- DRC supported eight micro, small and medium enterprises to prepare their documents for grants. The one-stop mobile shop also provided business support services to refugee entrepreneurs in Dagahaley camp, where 28 entrepreneurs attended.
- 50 participants, including refugee youth from the three camps and host communities, attended an inter-agency youth engagement workshop where coordination between youth and partners and proposed youth activities for 2022 were discussed. The session culminated in the formulation of a Dadaab Youth Strategy.
- LWF conducted a two-day peacebuilding and conflict resolution training in Dagahaley camp, reaching 50 youth.
- RefugePoint, under the Economic Mobility Pathway Project (EMPP), conducted International English Language Tests Systems, training, and mock tests for nine refugee youth across the three camps in preparation for an exam in May 2022.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Kenya Operation amount to 29.5 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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