

Kenya Operational Updates

May 2022

552,061

refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya as 31 May 2022

233,888

Number of refugees and asylum seekers in Dadaab

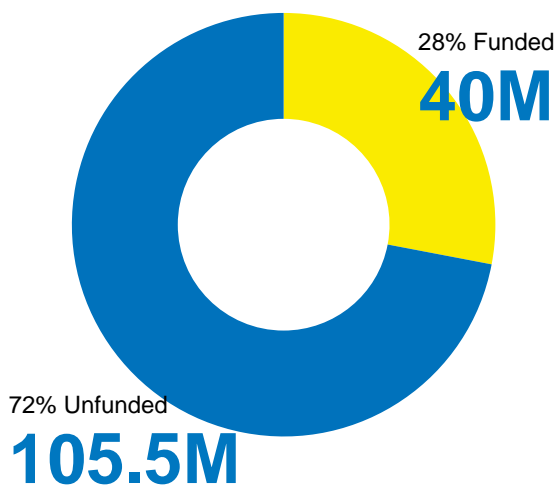
230,954

Number of refugees and asylum seekers in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement

FUNDING (AS OF 31 MAY 2022)

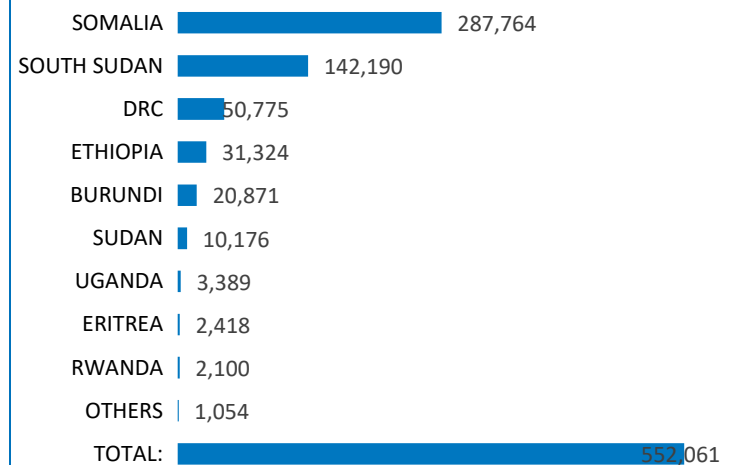
USD 145.5

Requested for the Kenya Operation



POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 31 MAY 2022)

Country of origin



578

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

522

Refugees departed to various resettlement countries between 1 January to 31 May 2022.



Fanuel Ebule, a 40-year-old father of eight, is a refugee from the DR Congo living in Kakuma refugee camp. "When I arrived at the camp, I was welcomed by a community that took me in and taught me how to sew. Today, I have my own shop," He explained.

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PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- As of 31 May 2022, Kenya's Department of Refugee Services registered 7,855 newly arrived refugees, asylum-seekers, and 2,606 new births.
- 31 Best Interest Determinations (BIDs) were submitted for review during the reporting period and two panels were subsequently held to deliberate on them.
- 87 children (25 boys, 62 girls) were identified with mental and psychological concerns through client walk-ins and referrals from case workers, community structures, and partners while 104 children (43 boys, 61 girls) were engaged through group counselling.
- In May 2022, 90 adolescents (46 boys, 44 girls) participated in an extensive 3-days life skills and resilience training across Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlement.
- 411 asylum-seekers interviewed for Refugee Status Determination, 195 assessments completed, and 211 cases reviewed during the reporting period.
- 485 Birth Certificates were processed and distributed in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei in May 2022.

Dadaab

- UNHCR partner, Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) border monitors recorded 1,671 individuals (1,497 arrivals, 174 spontaneous returns) having crossed the border into either Kenya or back to Somalia through different entry points. This is a slight decrease of 27% compared to 2,117 persons in the previous reporting period.
- With support from Film Aid Kenya, community sensitization on examination registration for candidates and enrolment of learners for the new academic year was done reaching 41,000 individuals.
- Child-friendly messages on the negative effects of drugs and substance abuse, child labor, and child exploitation were disseminated at the 15 decentralized help desks in the three camps in Dadaab, and the surrounding host community villages.
- During the reporting period, BID was conducted for eight children under resettlement consideration, care arrangement, and facilitation of voluntary repatriation with all recommendations approved. Legal support for custody determination was also facilitated, where orders were granted at the Dadaab Law courts for two children (1 boy, 1 girl) from Ifo camp. Best Interest Assessments (BIA) were conducted for 76 children (37 boys, 39 girls) at risk.
- 84 children (45 boys, 39 girls) were offered psychosocial support to strengthen their coping mechanisms and were further referred to other agencies for relevant assessments and support.
- 17 girls were provided with psychoeducation. The session focused on physical, emotional, and social changes that occur during the adolescence stage and how to maintain good personal/menstrual hygiene.
- 36 children (7 boys, 29 girls) received dignity kits. 22 children (5 boys, 17 girls) were from the refugee camps while 14 children (2 boys, 12 girls) were from the surrounding host community villages.
- A community-led forum was conducted at the help desks in Hagadera camp to give community members an opportunity to discuss and resolve issues affecting children reaching 70 adults (28 men, 42 women) and 60 children (35 boys, 25 girls).
- A community awareness session on the prevention of child exploitation, child labor, and child trafficking was conducted in Ifo camp reaching 35 caregivers (18 men, 17 women) and 15 children (8 boys, 7 girls).
- 361 caregivers (128M, 233F) from the three camps and the surrounding host community villages were trained on positive parenting.
- A psychosocial session was conducted for 15 adolescent mothers in Ifo camp during the reporting period.

- 22 children (11 boys, 11 girls) at risk of abuse, exploitation and neglect were provided with the emergency social support of food and core relief items as follow-up and intervention on their protection issues continues.
- 46 community volunteers (17 men, 28 women) were trained on coaching and mentorship, and on how to use sports for protection to improve children's psychosocial wellbeing, develop teamwork, and enhance leadership skills.
- 178 older persons (92 men, 86 women) were assessed at the block level and referred for medical intervention, while 167 persons (78 men, 89 women) were counselled, assessed, documented, and referred to other agencies for appropriate support.
- 449 persons living with disabilities (242 men, 207 women) were attended to at the Hagadera Rehabilitation Center and in the blocks.
- Group therapy and parental group sessions were held reaching 217 students and their parents (115 men, 102 women).
- Psychological first aid was offered to 435 individuals (287 men, 148 women) to provide emotional support throughout their recovery journey thus promoting resilience.
- 155 older persons (73 men, 82 women) were taken through psychosocial sessions on the impact of COVID-19.
- A training on community-based approaches to Mental Health and Psychosocial Support was conducted reaching 44 community leaders (34 men, 10 women).
- 90 Ifo Secondary School students (55 boys, 35 girls) received mental health and psychological first aid training during the reporting period.
- 30 women in Dagahaley camp and 30 women in Ifo camp underwent an Engaging Men in Accountable Practices (EMAP) session on reflections on gender experiences in the community.
- A community Sensitization forum was conducted in Ifo reaching 27 participants (15 men, 12 women) with key messages on child marriage, teenage pregnancies, consequences of dropping out of school, peer pressure, and drugs and substance abuse.
- In May 2022, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) supported UNHCR in facilitating a two-day police training on international protection. The role of gender desks in offering a survivor-centered response, provision of safety/ security for Gender-based violence (GBV) survivors, and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) reaching 28 participants.
- 15 women mentors were trained on the DRC mentorship scheme in Dagahaley camp.
- 21 community members participated in a GBV prevention health talk in Dagahaley with discussions around power dynamics in the community and how it affects interpersonal relations.

Urban

- In May 2022, Kenya's Department of Refugee Services (DRS) led interagency Committee on the implementation of the Refugees Act 2021 held a series of meetings to develop a draft of the Regulations to the Act.
- On 14 May, UNHCR supported RCK to conduct training at the National Police Service training college in Kiganjo. The two-day protection training was organized by RCK and topics ranged from national and international legal regimes on refugees, refugee documentation, durable solutions for refugees and application of international refugee principles in national law. 49 officers (40 men, 9 women) attended.
- On 25 May, UNHCR attended a Public Participation forum on the Huduma Bill 2021. UNHCR also provided written comments which were incorporated in a memorandum by the UN Kenya to the Committee on Administration and National Security.
- UNHCR facilitated three movements to Kakuma for 26 refugees and asylum-seekers, in collaboration with DRS and protection partners
- UNHCR organized the monthly GBV working group meeting and two case conference meetings to discuss four GBV cases. Most partners continue hybrid GBV case management, but some partners have resumed in-person services in their offices.
- In May 2022, 18 individuals (11 men, 7 women) were approved for financial assistance. The assistance enables the children to meet their basic needs which include dietary food for sick children, transport for hospital appointments and those in need of physiotherapy.

- UNHCR received seven BIAs and eight social assessments from partner HIAS during the reporting period. 12 BIDs were panelled, 11 of which were approved for resettlement processing, while 1 was deferred in order to obtain more information.
- Two children benefited from counselling services making a total of 21 children. One child finished counselling successfully.
- On 10 May 2022, training for 52 foster parents (13 men, 39 women) was conducted in Kayole, Eastleigh and Kawangware.
- On 26 May 2022, three physical meetings involving child protection community committee members were conducted in Kawangware, Eastleigh and Kayole.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- The registration of children in national examinations 2022 is complete. 7,287 learners in grade 8 sat for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCPE) and 8,045 learners including 3,347 girls at grade 6 registered for the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KPSEA) examination.
- In May 2022, Form 1 enrolment continued across secondary schools in the camp. 4197 (1472 girls) form 1 students have been enrolled in nine secondary schools representing 61% transition so far.
- The selection process of Secondary Education Programme (SEP) form 1 scholarship beneficiaries was completed. The 60 selected students (39 boys, 21 girls) are expected to be admitted into National, extra-County, and County schools.
- 14,979 Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) grade 6 textbooks were distributed to schools through UNHCR's education partner in May 2022.
- 98 parents/caregivers receive training across Kalobeyei settlement on disability mainstreaming/awareness in their homes and surrounding communities.
- 35 teachers (25 men, 11 women) received training on Kenya Education Management Information System (KEMIS/KAS) to improve data collection skills among teachers and improve data capture into the National Education Management integrated system

Dadaab

- 1,025 students (679 boys, 346 girls) have been registered KCSE in all the six secondary schools. 1,973 (978 boys, 995 girls) were registered for KPSEA (Grade 6) while 2,414 (1,419 boys, 995 girls) were registered KCPE
- 1,686 learners including 652 girls at form one were admitted across the six secondary schools in the camps.
- Interviews for the 2022 DAFI scholarship were undertaken during the month, where a total of 265 applicants including 47 girls from across the three camps in Dadaab were interviewed.
- On 18 May 2022, 26 secondary school teachers attended a workshop on child protection and safeguarding, and a PSEA workshop with school principals, and heads of departments.
- 52 primary school teachers (46 men, 6 women) from Dagahaley were supported with ICT integration training on e-Learning solutions- a classroom management software) and use of the offline digital content including the Longhorn CBC e-Learning content.



CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- In May 2022, 171,005 individuals from 36,904 families in Kakuma camps received unrestricted cash to purchase soap and other hygiene items for two months (April and May 2022). 29% of the population were women of reproductive age between 11 and 50 years who received cash for sanitary materials.
- 36,904 families of 171,005 individuals received unrestricted cash support to purchase energy for cooking.
- 48 families of 227 refugees and asylum seekers were given financial assistance for voluntary return to their country of origin.
- 1,400 bank accounts were activated during the reporting period, and ATM cards were produced for the new arrivals to access entitled CBIs.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- In May 2022, 413 skilled deliveries were recorded within the various health facilities in Kakuma.
- A total of 621 mental health consultations were made in the month of May.
- 21 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, 103 patients were referred to Kakuma Mission Hospital for imaging services.
- By the end of May, 22,885 out of a target of 96,539 refugees and asylum-seekers had been fully vaccinated. Additionally, 763 refugees and asylum-seekers had received the booster vaccine.
- UNHCR, with support from the UK-based charity - Kids OR, Ministry of Health, and partner International Rescue Committee, launched the first-ever paediatric operating room in Kakuma refugee camp at Ammusait General Hospital. This will significantly improve paediatric access to surgical interventions in Kakuma.

Dadaab

- The Crude and under-five mortality rates for the period under review were 0.12 and 0.27/1000 population/month compared to 0.08 and 0.2/1000 population/month respectively in the previous reporting period.
- Acute watery diarrhea admissions increased across all camps by 88% from 2,820 in the previous reporting period to 5,295. There was no cholera outbreak confirmed.
- 39,370 consultations were conducted compared to 33,715 in the previous reporting period. The consultation per clinician per day remained high at 94 for Ifo and Hagadera camps.
- HIV testing especially for Ante Natal Care (ANC) mothers remained low at 40% due to a nationwide shortage of test kits. The total number of persons on Antiretrovirals and follow-up at the comprehensive care centres were 117.

- 25 sexual violence survivors accessed health services. 21 survivors received PEP kit within 72 hours. All cases received appropriate care.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Currently, clinicians are doing 94 consultations per clinician per day, the recommended standard is less than 50.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- In May 2022, 761 (732 refugees and 29 host community members) admissions in the Outpatient Therapeutical Program (OTP) and 1,666 admissions (1,633 refugees and 33 host community members) in the Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) for children under five years were recorded.
- 82 malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding mothers were also admitted into the SFP programme.
- The Stabilization Centre (SC) admitted 184 severely malnourished children with medical complications, out of which 31 were from the host community.
- 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. 1.7% of children defaulted in OTP, and 1.94 % of children defaulted from 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 15,457 caregivers.
- Promotion of optimal Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) practices through 45 active support groups continued during the month. The groups facilitated 68 sessions, reaching 1,026 caregivers with key maternal, infant, and young childcare messages
- The support group members continued screening and referred malnourished and children at risk of malnutrition to nutrition clinics. 123 children were presented at the facilities as Family Mid-Upper Arms Circumference (MUAC) referrals. Out of these children, 30 were enrolled in OTP, 53 in SFP, while 123 children did not meet the admission criteria to the treatment programs.
- Two community dialogue sessions and seven family bazaars were conducted to discuss optimal infant and young child feeding, reaching 190 caregivers in Kakuma.
- First round of Malezi Bora ('Better Parenting') campaign was completed where 48,382 children (35,215 Kakuma, 13,167 Kalobeyei) received deworming tablets, 47,673 children (36,810 Kakuma, 10,863 Kalobeyei) received Vitamin A capsules and 384 Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) cases and 1,955 Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) cases were referred to the clinics for enrolment into nutrition programmes.

Dadaab

- Management of acute malnutrition was maintained; the SAM and MAM admissions in the program were 701 and 956 compared to 454 and 1,060 in the previous month. 51 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers were admitted into the program for management of moderate acute malnutrition.
- A total of 10 new babies under 6 months were admitted into the breast milk substitute (BMS) program in May 2022.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Eight deaths were reported in the Stabilization Centre (5 refugees, 3 host community members) in Kakuma. Partners are working closely with the county Ministry of health for timely follow-up of referred cases from

the host community for continuity of care to minimize the risk of death. Three health facilities are in the alert phase of the surge approach, and the stabilization centre is in its emergency phase. Community sensitization was scaled up to prevent malnutrition at the community level.

- Increased cases of acute watery diarrhoea, referrals from the host community and outpatient clinics in the refugee camps due to effects of drought caused the surge in admissions.



ACCESS TO ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- A second energy consumption assessment and internal electrical works at Ammusait Hospital were conducted in May 2022.
- A total of 400.00MTs of firewood was distributed to learning institutions, reception centres and new arrivals, Child headed households, and vulnerable families in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- Two environment and forestry monitoring activities were carried out in May 2022. Rampant tree cutting was observed in Kalobeyei Settlement during the monitoring exercises.
- 321 hybrid dual-purpose cookstoves were produced during the reporting period. 391 cookstoves were distributed to relocated refugees and asylum-seekers.
- 25,732 tree seedlings were produced and propagated cumulatively in all the tree nurseries. 7,200 seedlings were distributed to the refugee camp. In addition, 8,102 seedlings were distributed to the host community; 2,430 seedlings to institutions; and 8,000 seedlings to Kalobeyei settlement.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- 193 Transitional shelters were constructed for new arrivals. One new shelter was constructed for protection referral cases bringing the cumulative shelter construction for this year to a total of 1,169 new T-shelters constructed. A total of 1,118 individuals from 378 families benefitted from the provision of T-shelters. In 2022, 3,957 individuals from 1,286 households have benefitted from the provision of T-shelters.
- One case of shelter repair was resolved during the reporting period. A total of 4 shelter cases have been resolved since January 2022.
- 21 tents were pitched at Kalobeyei reception center while 16 family tents were pitched at Kakuma reception center.
- The construction of communal shelters in Kalobeyei had started with 20 units having foundation walling done.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- 139,443,000 liters of safe water was supplied to Kalobeyei settlement and Kakuma camp. As a result, about 227,297 refugees and asylum-seekers had access to at least 20 litres/person/day on average. This is in line with the UNHCR post-emergency standard of >20 litres/person/day.
- Additional 11 tap stands were constructed to improve access to safe water at the two reception centres in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- UNHCR in collaboration with WFP embarked on solarization of one borehole. The borehole is expected to improve water supply in Kalobeyei settlement through injecting an additional 500m³ of water. The water will also support WFP's agricultural activities.
- To improve monitoring and efficient utilization of fuel, UNHCR partner Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) installed real time Fuel monitoring system in 5 borehole generators.
- NRC collected 3,259 water samples from households in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement and checked for levels of Free Residual Chlorine (FRC). The result indicated that 67.9% of samples collected from Kakuma camp and 28.7% of samples from Kalobeyei settlement meets the required FRC level.
- 34 NRC water quality staff were trained on water quality monitoring and treatment including water safety and storage, how to test FRC in the field, preparation of culture medium, Fecal Coliform analysis, calculation, and preparation of calcium hypochlorite solution, and Jar test to determine the chlorine demand.
- To increase access to latrine facilities in the reception centres, construction of 12 latrines were ongoing at Kakuma reception centre.
- UNHCR partner Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) in collaboration with Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) and IRC trained 79 Community Health Volunteers and Hygiene Promoters from Kakuma and Kalobeyei on acute watery diarrhea and cholera outbreak preparedness, prevention and response.
- 40 teachers from 11 schools were trained on School Led Total Sanitation (SLTS); and 1,638 pupils from the same schools participated in the SLTS process of taking action to improve sanitation and hygiene conditions within the schools and in their community.
- Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) awareness training was provided in six primary schools with the participation of 430 girls. Furthermore, 555 girls from four secondary schools participated in MHM advocacy sessions.
- In Kakuma reception center, 305 potties were distributed to vulnerable women with children under 6 years. Following the distribution, PWJ hygiene promoters witnessed reductions in open defecation practices.

Dadaab

- On average, the daily water production in May from 22 operational boreholes was 10,497 m³, about 6,313 m³ was supplied to the refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. This translated to an average daily per capita water allocation of 23 liters. About 4,184 m³ was apportioned to other users including markets, institutions, hospitals, livestock, leakages, and other losses.
- There were 39,931 functioning household latrines and 250 communal latrines during the reporting period, translating to a coverage of 88%.
- UNHCR partner CARE engaged 126 hygiene promoters to conduct campaigns aiming to incorporate community structures in hygiene promotion activities across the camps. Hygiene promotion ratio stands at 1:1,920, against the UNHCR standard of 1:1,000 people in protracted refugee situations such as Dadaab.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievement and Impact

Dadaab

- 10 youth-led forums were held in Hagadera and Ifo camps reaching 222 (119 men, 103 women) individuals on the effects of drugs and substance abuse, and the significance of education in shaping an ideal society to live in.
- UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) launched a “Football for Talent Development” project for individuals under the age of 19, across the camps. During the activity, information on the prevention of drugs and substance abuse and peaceful coexistence was disseminated.
- 105 students (62 men, 43 women) participated in National Industrialization Training Authority (NITA) examination for different skills such as plumbing, tailoring, electrical, and solar photovoltaic.
- DRC supported eight Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) to prepare their documents for grants and the mobile one-stop shop provided business support services to refugee entrepreneurs in Dagahaley camp where 28 entrepreneurs attended to.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Kenya Operation amount to 40 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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