

Urban Programme, Kenya

1-30 June 2019

73,829

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in urban areas as at 30 June 2019

6,546

New arrival refugees and asylum seekers registered since January 2019.

2,165

Individuals in urban areas assisted to return to their home countries since 2014.

KEY INDICATORS

600

Birth certificate applications facilitated for the stateless Shona community living in Kinoo, in the outskirts of the capital, Nairobi.

30%

Of newly registered refugees during the month originated from Somalia

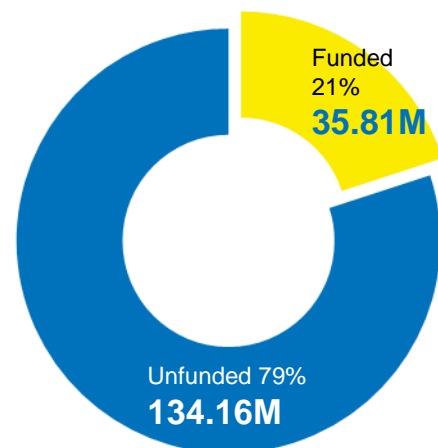
112

Number of refugees that departed for resettlement to a third country in the month, mainly to United States of America.

FUNDING (AS OF 24 JUNE 2019)

USD 170.1M

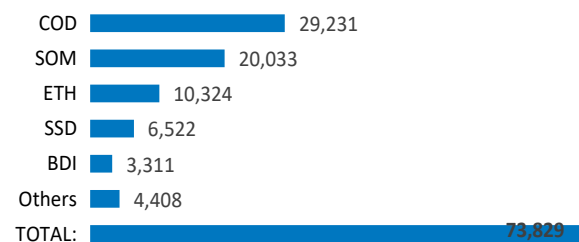
requested for the Somali and South Sudan situation



Juk Mabior, a refugee from Kakuma was on 24 June 2019 admitted to the prestigious Pupils Reward Scheme (PURES), a one-week mentorship project and initiative of the President and First Lady of the Republic of Kenya. Juk was second-best student from Turkana County in 2018.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

Host Countries



HIGHLIGHTS

- **Stateless persons:** On June 28, the first ever UNHCR supported 600 birth certificate applications for the Shona community was conducted in Kinoo, at the outskirts of Nairobi. This activity came at a very crucial time, when many stateless children were being sent away from school for lack of birth certificates. A total of 600 birth certificate applications were supported. The birth certificates will be issued on 19 July.
- There is now an opportunity to support all stateless children who lack birth certificates as the Government announced a one-month Rapid Results Initiative for birth certificate issuance across the country. This initiative is targeting to reach 1.3 million children born in Kenya.
- **World Refugee Day.** World Refugee Day (WRD) was commemorated in Nairobi with activities that included, inter alia, an artistic event 'RefuPoet'. The event brought together refugees and Kenyan artists, who showcased their artworks and designs, poetry and musical talents.
- L'Oreal East Africa joined the WRD celebrations by gifting refugee entrepreneurs with beauty and health products. They also discussed the needs and challenges of the beauty industry, in an event held at DRC office in Eastleigh, Nairobi. L'Oreal will also provide certified trainings in hair-dressing and make-up
- **SGBV Mainstreaming:** Three *National Action Plans* have been developed and are being implemented with a focus on: Timely documentation/Refugee Status Determination; Safe livelihoods; and Exiting negative coping mechanisms like survival sex. As a result of the new approach mainstreaming SGBV and mitigation, reported incidents of SGBV have significantly reduced significantly from January to May in 2019 compared to the same period in 2018 (111 reported cases in 2018 as compared to 56 cases in 2019).



PROTECTION

Registration:

Achievements and Impact

- The Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) newly registered 920 individuals, of whom 37% (338) arrived before 2019, 58% (534) arrived in 2019 and 5% (48) were new-born (birth). The registration was conducted in Nakuru (112), Mombasa (154) and Nairobi (654). The majority of the new arrivals originated from Burundi (46), Democratic Republic of the Congo - DRC (162), Eritrea (44), Ethiopia (126), Rwanda (8), Somalia (274), South-Sudan (213), Sudan (1), Uganda (26) and other nationalities (20), bringing the total urban population to 73,829 refugees and asylum seekers by end of June 2019.
- The Office received requests from counterpart UNHCR offices to verify refugee status of three (3) cases who had sought asylum in Malaysia (2) and England (1). Eight (8) cases were closed in proGres (v4) for those whose BIMS were reassigned in different sites; Somalia Hargeisa (1), Sudan Khartoum (1), Uganda Kyaka II (1), Zambia (4) and Tanzania (1).
- Currently, there 13,565 files in circulation via Barcode File Tracking System (BFTS).
- The e-filing project that commenced in the month of February 2018 is progressing well. Out of a target of 140,000 files to be digitized, 137,897 files have been digitized after following all due processes (i.e. 98%). 69,376 from the scanned files (50%) were

separated ready to be uploaded in the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS). The digitized files are from three locations, i.e. UNHCR, Kate and RAS (Shauri Moyo).

- 385 IDs were issued during June, while 888 IDs were received from Headquarters during the same period.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The Unit experienced problems with proGres V4 and BIMS but this was finally resolved in early July. This has had a significant negative impact on the registration during the last months.
- The challenge faced by the EDMS project is the limited storage space for uploading the separated files into system. The issue could be resolved through the procurement of 12 hard disks, each with 10TB capacity plus the support.

Legal

Achievements and Impact

- The Helpline received 5,488 calls. This represents a 40.7% reduction from the previous month. This is directly attributable to the high number of Government of Kenya's National Integrated Identification Management System (NIIMS) related calls received in May (at 13%). A total of 3,912 calls were answered in the first instance. The biggest call driver was Resettlement (at 33.11%) followed by Protection (at 23.15%). The most used language was Kinyamulenge, followed by Swahili and Somali respectively. The team held 4 calibration meetings (quality control) and contributed to the development of the 2019 referral information flyer.
- UNHCR facilitated sessions on Refugee Rights and UNHCR Mandate for 25 participants in a two-week course on the Protection of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons at the Peace and Conflict Studies School in Karen, Nairobi. Participants consisted of civilians, military and police from various countries including Kenya, Uganda, Comoros, Zambia, Sudan, Burundi and Rwanda. Officer Commanding Police Division (OCPD) in Dadaab was also in attendance.
- UNHCR attended a Legal Aid Clinic by Kituo Cha Sheria. 112 PoCs attended including Kawangware refugee community chairperson and the youth representative.
- UNHCR participated in a training session for local authorities in conjunction with its partners IRC, HIAS and Kituo Cha Sheria. The training sensitized the authorities on refugee law, SGBV, and mixed migration.
- UNHCR trained staff working in the Call Centre on protection and procedures for refugees. The training was aimed at equipping the call center staff with skills to handle queries from refugees and asylum seekers contacting UNHCR through the Call Centre.
- 118 PoCs were relocated to Kakuma refugee camp for residence.
- UNHCR and its partner Kituo Cha Sheria continue to monitor the protection situation of persons of concern residing in the urban areas. During the reporting period, interventions were made for 45 persons that were arrested and charged in various courts for different offences. 85 police stations in Nairobi, Mombasa, Moyale, Isiolo and other urban areas were visited as part of the monthly detention monitoring activities.

SGBV

Achievements and Impact

- SGBV coordination meeting that brings together the multi-sectoral team on SGBV prevention, mitigation and response was held to reflect on achievements and work plan for the month. The team discussed how to strengthen partnerships and involve the local government in SGBV activities.

- UNHCR participated in the National GBV technical working group and the launch of the of the National Gender Equality Commission's 2019-2024 strategic plan, now available on www.ngeckkenya.org-recources.
- On the sidelines of the launch, UNHCR also met with the Nairobi County SGBV Coordinator and agreed to work closely with the sub-counties on SGBV prevention, mitigation and response. A meeting with the SGBV sub-county focal points is scheduled in the third week of July 2019.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Information sharing on activities and available assistance programmes for those at risk of SGBV was identified. It was agreed that at the subsequent meeting, DRC would present the assistance services available for at-risk-populations.

Child protection

Achievements and Impact

- A total of 24 BIAs and 19 BIDs were conducted.
- 19 home visits/social assessments were conducted and approved for assistance.
- 20 parents were trained on Foster Care and child rights in Eastleigh, while 20 adolescent mothers were trained on positive parenting and child rights in Kayole.
- UNHCR child protection in conjunction with the Nairobi County Child Protection Working Group (CPWG) organised and participated in the Day of African Child (DAC) celebrations themed *Humanitarian Action in Africa: Children Rights First*.
- One cross-border family reunification exercise was conducted in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to enable a separated child to be reunified with parents in Gambella.
- The psychosocial panel approved various forms of assistance for 53 cases.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There are inadequate resources to support Child-Headed-Households and those in group living arrangements.

Refugee Status Determination

Achievements and Impact

- RAS and UNHCR Eligibility staff conducted 115 interviews of which 84 were initial interviews and 29 were complementary interviews. 8 were no-shows.
- RAS and UNHCR Eligibility team reviewed 286 cases in June 2019.
- On 18 June, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a meeting to consider emergency cases both from Kakuma Refugee Camp and Nairobi; 35 individuals were recognized while one individual was rejected.
- The first Taskforce Meeting of 2019 was held on 18 June at the Refugee Affairs Secretariat, Shauri Moyo to discuss operational issues with the emphasis on the need for harmonized approach for Refugee Status Determination in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Nairobi.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 1335 are still pending interviews; 582 are pending assessment and 3168 individuals pending review.

Community Mobilization

Achievements and Impact

- Consultations were held with HIAS on strengthening approaches for Persons with Special Needs (PSN). It was agreed that they reach out the National Council for Persons with Disability (NCPWD) and other local organizations, strengthening coordination of support to PSNs, social support through support groups.

- UNHCR and six other agencies joined the commemoration of the International Day in support of victims of torture, held at Kayole in Nairobi, themed *Support Life after Torture*. 200 refugees attended the event and were counselled on where to access help for survivors of torture.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- Two students (from Kakuma and the University of Nairobi) participated in a Women's Dialogue Forum in Addis Ababa from 24th to 28th June.
- Secondary school monitoring in Rift-Valley and Eastern regions was conducted during the reporting period, covering 32 schools and reaching over 70 students.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

- A team from USIU visited refugee entrepreneurs to assess their needs in terms of trainings in entrepreneurship. In addition, a visit was also done to SOMO, a CBO running a business incubator in Kibera.
- On June 19, UNHCR was represented at the national microfinance conference at the University of Nairobi. Together with other microfinance institutions, UNHCR Kenya was part of a panel discussion about the role of microfinance in promoting the national development agenda.
- On June 21, a meeting was held with International Labour Organization (ILO) to discuss the collaboration in financial inclusion and vocational trainings. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at local level will be also signed between the two agencies.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Resettlement

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR received a selection mission by Iceland from 19 to 21 June with a focus on LGBTI refugees. 25 refugees in total (21 from Nairobi) were interviewed and approved. Departures are likely to be in August.
- 301 cases/524 individual refugees were submitted for resettlement through June, representing 40% of the submissions target. Majority of the cases were on LGBTI submissions 197 cases/214 individuals which have low case/individual ratios. UNHCR is on track to meet its targets this year.
- The Resettlement Unit met to review the Resettlement SOPs on Anti-Fraud and Biographical Data Changes.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There are 79 biodata changes pending with RAS, for the months of May and June 2019.

Voluntary Repatriation

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR finalized the analysis of the return intention survey for South Sudanese refugees residing in urban areas. The report shows that 80% of the respondents are unwilling to return to South Sudan, while 20% are willing to return if guaranteed of their safety when they decide to return.
- UNHCR liaised with the Burundi Embassy to soon facilitate the voluntary repatriation of 35 Burundian refugees from Kakuma to Bujumbura. This is part of ongoing efforts to provide durable solutions for refugees wishing to voluntarily return to their countries of origin.

STATELESSNESS

- The data collection of the Shona community commenced during the month of June. The tool used to collect data consists of a registration module and several Social Economic Modules (SEA). The SEA collects information on education, household characteristics, household consumption and expenditure. This information is important for welfare monitoring and national planning to guide interventions. The overall aim of this activity is twofold: the registration data will mainly be used for registration purposes, while the SEA data will be used for social economic comparison with a non-stateless population of Kenya.

Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya** operation amount to **US\$ 35.81 million**

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