

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31 DECEMBER 2020

200,536

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 31 December 2020.

4,286

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2020.

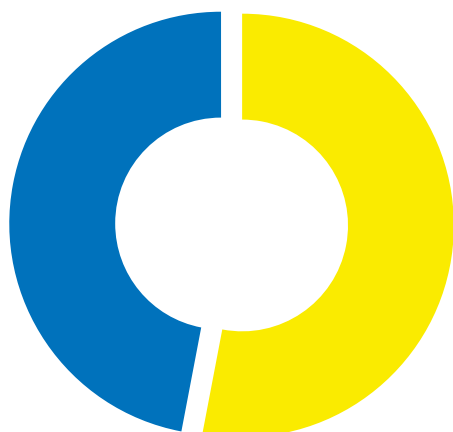
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Individuals assisted in returning home through UNHCR's Voluntary Repatriation programme in 2020

FUNDING (AS OF 30 DECEMBER 2020)

USD 164.6 M

Requested for the Kenya Operation

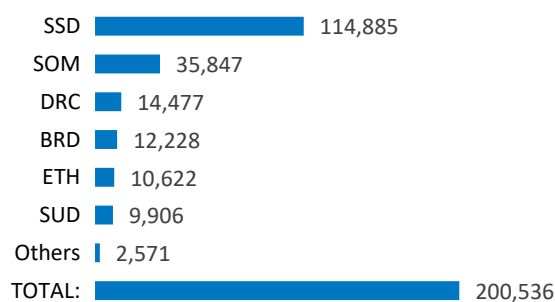


Funded
57%
93.8 M

Unfunded 43%
70.8

POPULATION OF CONCERN (31 DECEMBER 2020)

Country of origin



SSD – South Sudan
SOM – Somalia
DRC – Democratic Republic of Congo
BRD – Burundi
ETH – Ethiopia
SUD – Sudan

KEY INDICATORS

6,198

COVID-19 tests conducted in Kakuma for persons of concern and humanitarian workers

486

Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases among persons of concern and humanitarian workers.



Persons of concern board a Voluntary Repatriation flight to Burundi at the Kakuma Airstrip. UNHCR facilitated repatriation of 69 individuals to Burundi in 2020. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- UNHCR, in partnership with a Kenyan Bank (Kenya Commercial Bank), completed the mass opening of bank accounts and issuance of ATM cards to refugee households in Kakuma camp, which hosts over 37,500 households. A total of 30,999 bank accounts were opened with the remaining over 6,000 households expected to collect their ATM cards from the bank before the roll-out of CBI.



A refugee poses with a photo of her new ATM card received during the account opening and issuance of ATM activity by UNHCR and Kenya Commercial Bank in Kakuma. UNHCR/ Dhieu Deng

- 18 families consisting of 60 individuals, were assisted to return to Burundi on 22 December 2020 through UNHCR's VolRep programme. Before the movement, the COVID-19 test was conducted for a total of 27 families of 107 individuals who had registered for VolRep, out of whom 9 individuals turned positive and had to remain behind.
- Education partners undertook school reopening preparations for January 2021 by installing handwashing stations and supplying soap, sanitizers, and face masks to schools. The ministry of education has set the school reopening dates to 5th January for grade 4, standard 8, and Form 4 and 11th January for other grades.
- Gene Expert machine and testing reagents for testing of COVID-19 have been received in Kakuma on 23rd December 2020 pending installation by vendor and linking to the national reporting system for all COVID-19 results. This is expected to enhance COVID-19 testing capacity for Turkana county and surroundings.
- During the month, UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) partially resumed registration services at the Field Offices. UNHCR has enhanced COVID-19 prevention

measures and ensured the safety of staff and persons of concern by installing pixie glasses and supplying PPEs to all staff at the Field Posts.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Reception of new arrivals** – UNCHR Kakuma has witnessed a steady increase of new arrivals despite the covid-19 pandemic. Most of the new arrival are using the Western Flight Corridor and transit at the Kitale transit center run by UNHCR implementing partner, Kenyan Red Cross. In line with the organized movement from the transit to the reception center in Kakuma, RAS, alongside UNHCR, facilitate their quarantine arrangements followed by registration once cleared by the medical team. The asylum seekers are issued with relevant documents to access services and assistance as they integrate into the community.
- UNHCR and the Refugees Affairs Secretariat (RAS) registered 562 new arrivals were registered in December 2020. The majority of the new arrivals came from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Somalia, and Uganda.
- **447** new-borns were registered, bringing the total number of newborn babies registered since the resumption of registration activities in Kakuma in November to **1,199**. Some of the newborns registered were pending registration since the outbreak of Covid-19 in early March 2020.
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence:** 24 new SGBV cases were identified and referred for assessment in December 2020. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- 20 female Behavior Modification participants graduated after completing six-month counseling on Alcohol Addiction and Training on Agriculture and Life Skills.
- In December, 189 male EMAP (Engaging Men in Accountable Practices) methodology participants graduated across the camp and settlement. SGBV partners used this event as one of the close-out events for the 16 Days of Activism.
- 134 (126 female) survivors of rape, physical assault, and psychological abuse were taken through group therapy sessions. 2 case conferences were held to review the Safe Haven cases' exit strategies.
- **Child Protection:** (BIA's) for review comprising: assessments on Alternative Care Arrangements, Child Abuse, S/GBV, CBI for the construction of latrines and shelters.
- During the month, a total of 17 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were entered into progress.
- In coordination with UNHCR SGBV unit, capacity building training was conducted on the new SOPs for the Safe-haven residents. Additionally, follow-up with beneficiaries at the

safe shelter was done with key issues highlighted for support (e.g., need for dignity kits/MHM kits and seedlings for kitchen gardens). Both issues have been addressed by the SGBV unit.

- UNHCR, in partnership with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK), and Humanity and Inclusion (HI) conducted a 3-day refresher capacity building session for DRC caseworkers: Key concepts in child protection such as BIP procedures, child safeguarding, legal support to children, support to children with disability concerns and disability inclusion, child-centred approach to Case Management, and Psychosocial support for children undergoing trauma.
- **Youth Protection and Development:** The seventh edition of the annual Kakuma's Got Talent competition was held during the month. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, this year's KGT was conducted virtually, with only representatives of the competing groups turning up to collect their prizes in strict observance of covid prevention protocols.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- Sensitization campaigns on COVID-19 and back to school messages targeting Kalobeyei Settlement were conducted to prepare for school reopening. 50 (37 female) parents of children with disabilities were trained on home-based support to Children with disabilities (CWDs). Additionally, 703 (486M, 217 F) learners were reached in the routine mobilization for continued learning for learners with disabilities at home.
- 57 girls at Angelina Jolie Primary School for girls received 228 packs of sanitary pads, 63.3 kgs of bar soap, and 114 underwear to support hygiene and help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Improvements in the school infrastructure (classrooms, WASH, desks, school materials) required for 52 pre-primary, primary, and secondary in pre-preparation for school reopening.
- Additional 300 teachers required to provide reasonable coverage upon school reopening.

**HEALTH****Achievements and Impact**

- The Cumulative individuals confirmed to have COVID-19 stands 486: 341 among the persons of concern and 145 among humanitarian workers. Among the humanitarian staff, 28 are frontline health care workers.
- Cumulatively, 6,198 COVID-19 tests have been conducted for Persons of Concern and humanitarian workers in Kakuma since the first coronavirus case was identified in the area in May 2020.
- As of 31 December 2020, there were four active COVID-19 cases among the humanitarian workers still within the mandatory period of self-isolation. All active cases are on home-based care.
- Cumulatively, Kakuma recorded 10 COVID-19 related deaths since the first case was identified in May 2020. The latest death occurred on 17 November 2020.
- The quarantine centres have had 1,516 cases cumulatively since the first case was confirmed, from which 1,191 have been discharged from quarantine cumulatively. As of 31 December 2020, there were 587 persons of concern admitted at various quarantine facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei: 304 at the reception centre in Kakuma, 167 at the reception centre in Kalobeyei, and 116 in the new quarantine facility at Brightstar Secondary school. All are waiting for testing and registration before being released to the community.
- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Ministry of Health in Turkana West Subcounty to increase testing among the Host community. So far, 353 individuals from the host community tested over the last four weeks, mainly targeting health care workers and contacts of positive cases. Samples were sent together with those from PoCs to CDC Nairobi.
- Laboratory-Based Surveillance-Patient treated at the hospital and meeting SARI, and ILI case definition also tested for COVID-19. A total of 683 tests have been done through this surveillance. This has led to the detection of over 39 cases of symptomatic COVID-19 cases both among refugees and the host community
COVID-19 sample collection and transport to testing facilities in Nairobi was limited over the festive season. 175 samples have been collected since 17 December 2020, and currently, there are no pending results.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Stigma and discrimination is widely observed within the community associated with COVID-19, which is a challenge to proper contact tracing and practice of home-based care. Stigma among the community of humanitarian workers is hurting psychosocial welfare of those affected.
- Inadequate infrastructure to use as COVID-19 treatment centres and quarantine following a government directive to stop using learning institutions for the response.
- There is an increased number of humanitarian staff infected with COVID-19 leading to the use of available health care personnel working in the camp facilities to take up

care and follow-up of the big numbers. There remains a gap in access to critical care for most humanitarian staff.

- A long delay in releasing results from the CDC-NRB laboratory reduces the effectiveness of isolating positive cases and contact tracing as a tool to cut off the transmission.
- Lack of adequate Oxygen delivery equipment as the number of symptomatic cases continues to increase. Reliance is on Lodwar County referral hospital to refill available oxygen cylinders.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR WASH partner installed 35 billboards with messages on prevention of COVID-19 have at strategic places in Kakuma refugee camp and the Host community.
- 96 waste bins were distributed to schools, health facilities, and reception centres in Kakuma refugee camp to enhance proper waste management.
- 2,400 reusable cloth face masks and 2,400 hand sanitizers were distributed to UNHCR Wash Partner staff in Kakuma and Kalobeyei camp. 7,728 bars of 200g soap for handwashing were distributed to the persons of concern in the Kakuma refugee camp.
- Distribution of Aqua tabs and Jerri cans to Persons with Disabilities living in areas of Kalobeyei village 2 and 3 with current water shortages. During the distribution, PWJ sensitized community members on COVID-19, the proper use of latrines, handwashing and waste management at the household and neighbourhood level.
- Training of 8 CLTS Facilitators from KV2 and KV3 on Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS), COVID-19 transmission and prevention, and sanitation and hygiene.
- Distribution of Liquid soap to beneficiaries in Nakwee village(20L), UNV 1(61L), UNV2(61L), IRC 103L, Red cross(120L), AIC Health Ministry (60L), Kakuma Mission (120L), and Sub-county hospital (120L) to enhance hand washing practices at the community and prevent COVID 19 transmission.
- House to house visits conducted to sensitize and educate the community on construction, use, and maintenance of latrines, hand washing, and COVID 19 transmission and prevention.
- 29 handwashing stations distributed to schools and 5 handwashing stations to public places in Kakuma refugee camp.
- 36 reusable masks, 612 bars of soap-250grams, 36 handwashing stations with a stand and waste collection bins, 36 jerricans, 20 litres distributed to the host community in Kalobeyei ward.
- Demonstration of proper hand washing technique at the household level and installation of 465 simple hand washing devices to promote proper handwashing in Kakuma camp.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need to engage additional Hygiene Promoters specifically for COVID-19 Quarantine facilities.
- Need for additional 100 Handwashing stations for public places.
- Need to equip newly drilled boreholes with solar and pumps to support Kalobeyei Water Supply, currently operating for 18 hours daily to meet water demand.
- Request from the host community with support for 30KVA Generator to replace spoilt one.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR has continued to provide adequate transitional shelter solutions to new arrivals through NCKK, UNHCR's shelter partner, to address the immediate shelter needs. During the period, NCKK constructed 164 transitional shelters for 482 individuals. A total of 1,895 transitional shelters were cumulatively built in 2020.
- In Kalobeyei, 1,440 Households continued constructing stone houses through UNHCR's Cash-Based Intervention (CBI) – CBI for Shelter programme. Upon completing these shelters, approximately 6,100 shelters will have been converted from transitional shelters to houses made of stone in the Kalobeyei settlement.
- Through the IHCO funded shelter project, 50 female-headed Households were identified to convert their transitional shelters to concrete shelters through CBI in village 3 of Kalobeyei settlement.
- In the spirit of KISED, UNHCR provided adequate permanent shelters to 250 Host community members. This represents 50 households selected through the County Government and the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) office.
- During the reporting period, 158 shelter cases reported through I-monitor, and other protection referral tools were assessed and repaired. A cumulative of 1,266 shelter cases have been solved using I-monitor in 2020.
- To Provide a more secure, accessible and durable shelter to those with special needs in Kakuma Camp, 99 improved shelters were constructed in December. As a result, the total of improved shelters constructed in 2020 stands at 101.
- To enhance access to the camp UNHCR, through its partner – NCKK, commenced the rehabilitation of a 2.7km stretch of road in Kakuma 1, including improvement of drainage. By the end of the reporting period, the works were at 96% completion.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The poor road network and inadequate drainage facilities remains a gap that needs to be addressed. A comprehensive drainage and road network master plan has been developed.
- Lack of adequate shelter materials affected timely relocation of the refugees from communal areas to the community.



CASH-BASED INTERVENTION

Achievements and Impact

- During the month, UNHCR, through Equity Bank, disbursed KES 50.99 million to 41,257 persons of concern. 77% (KES 39 million) of the sum was disbursed to 434 households (2,020 individuals) under Cycle 9 of the Cash for Shelter implementation; 4 percent distributed to 42 families (255 individuals) relocated to pave the way for the construction of a Girls Boarding School in Kalobeyei and 115 households (624 individuals) supported with cash for the construction of household latrines.
- KES 9.5 million (18%) was disbursed under UNHCR's Cash for Core Relief Items for 7,168 households (38,134 individuals) living in the Kalobeyei settlement.
- UNHCR engaged 27 refugees as enumerators for the Market Assessment carried out in Kakuma and Kalobeyei in December 2020. To fortify the evidence on CBI's feasibility in Kakuma, the UNHCR has collected data that will allow for a comprehensive market assessment across a few sectors, including energy, shelter, and livelihoods, among others.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Achievements and Impact

- **Resettlement:** Cumulatively, in 2020, 271 cases comprising 1,050 individuals from Kakuma were submitted for resettlement consideration to Germany, France, Finland, Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, Sweden, and the Netherlands.
- 36 cases of 95 Individuals departed for resettlement to third countries in 2020: Australia, Sweden, USA, United Kingdom, Finland, and Canada.
- **Voluntary Repatriation:** 139 individuals were assisted in returning to their home countries through UNHCR's Voluntary Repatriation Programme in 2020 including 79 individuals assisted in returning to Ethiopia and 69 individuals to Burundi.
- **Complementary Pathways:** Cumulatively, in 2020, UNHCR assisted 178 cases of 228 individuals to find durable solutions through complementary pathways.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

- To embed the special needs approach in 2021 livelihoods programming. The unit reached 2,882 caregivers and persons living with disabilities in the concluded joint Disability Livelihoods needs assessment. The resulting data will be released in January 2021.
- Danish Church Aid (DCA) and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) disbursed multi-purpose cash grants benefiting 2,620 individuals in 524 households from protection assessment and referral systems.
- Diverse 492 entrepreneurs in retail services, manufacturing, production, and agri-business, received USD 45,664 business recovery grants from Africa Enterprise Collective (AEC) Kenya and DCA.
- To support agricultural crop and livestock production, 715 farmers in Kakuma and Kalobeyei received USD 10,000 in farm implement vouchers, establish shed-net and multi-storey garden; distributed five (two-month old) chicks to boost poultry production, and promote the consumption of nutritious food through DCA cricket cookout sessions.
- Financial inclusion through Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) approach and traditional loans impacted 77 groups with 2,127 members in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Circulating in the market is expanded savings and loans worth USD 90,000 and 50,000, respectively. Additionally, AEC administered a total of 52 Shariah-compliant loans during the period under review.
- UNHCR Livelihoods and Education teams supported and facilitated support to ILO (International Labor Organisation) PROSPECT partnership to recruit 14 refugee youth to learn and be skilled in welding from East Africa Institute of Welding in Nairobi following a rigorous recruitment process.
- During the month, 518 refugee and host students were examined by Kenya's National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Business recovery grants as post COVID-19 recovery strategy.
- Internet connectivity for tertiary education and online jobs.
- Private sector linkages for markets and agricultural farm inputs/implements and value chains.

Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with Kenya's Government through the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) office, Turkana County Government, the Refugee Affairs Secretariat

(RAS), and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held virtually using the Microsoft Teams platform.

To implement different sectors, since the beginning of the year, UNHCR signed a Partner Project Agreement (PPAs) with 18 implementing Partners (8 NGOs and 9 INGOs) and a Bipartite Agreement with RAS. In addition, another 14 operational partners also implement activities with their financial resources to complement UNHCR efforts in ensuring support to refugees and asylum seekers.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya Operation** amounts to **93.8 million** US dollars.

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the Kenya operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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