

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 28 February 2021

206,458

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 28 February 2021

2,632

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2021.

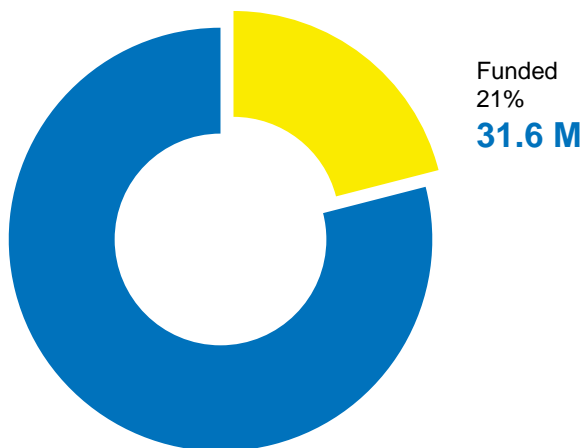
2,992

Newborns registered in 2021

FUNDING (AS OF 23 FEBRUARY 2021)

USD 149.6 M

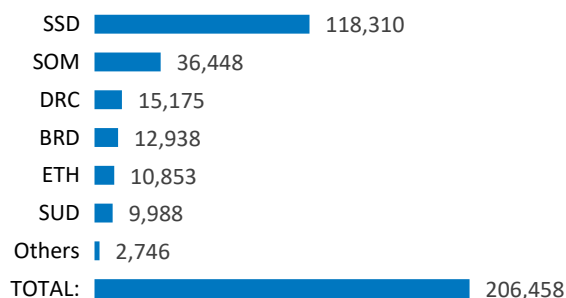
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 79%
118.0 M

POPULATION OF CONCERN (28 FEB 2021)

Country of origin



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

COVID-19 FIGURES

353

Individuals cumulatively confirmed to have COVID-19

962

COVID-19 samples collected in 2021 mostly from Humanitarian workers



One of the two Gene-Xpert machines donated by UNHCR to support the fight against COVID-19 in Turkana County: Installed at Ammusait General Hospital in Kakuma and Lodwar Referral Hospital. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- UNHCR donated two Gene-Xpert to support the fight against COVID-19 in Turkana County. One of the two machines was installed at the Ammusait General Hospital in Kakuma camp and will serve both refugees and the host community of Turkana West Sub County. The second Gene-Xpert machine was handed over to the County Government of Turkana and installed at the County Referral Hospital.



The Governor of Turkana County, HE. Josephat Nanok, receives a Gene-Xpert machine and a consignment of COVID-19 supplies donated by UNHCR. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

- The World Food Programme (WFP) conducted a general food distribution exercise to the refugee population in Kakuma camp. Unlike previous food distribution, UNHCR's distribution of non-food items did not take place instead refugees in Kakuma will for the first time receive Cash Assistance to for the purchase of soap and sanitary items.
- In February, UNHCR made its first disbursement of Cash to 32,646 households in Kakuma camp to cater for the needs of soap and sanitary materials, and energy.
- 353 persons of concern and 168 humanitarian workers have cumulatively been confirmed to have COVID-19 since May 2020. 33 of the confirmed cases among frontline humanitarian staff are health care workers.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** 2,632 newly arrived refugees and 2,992 newborn babies registered since the beginning of January 2021.
- **Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep):** Voluntary repatriation programme remains suspended due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Resettlement (RST):** 5 cases of 27 individuals were submitted for resettlement consideration to Norway.
- Cumulatively in 2021, a total of 7 cases comprising of 28 individuals departed for resettlement to third countries.
- **Complementary pathways:** 39 cases comprising of 49 individuals were assisted through UNHCR's complementary pathways.
- **Child Protection:** During the month, 39 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were received from which 24 BIAs were reviewed and referred to relevant partners for action.
- Two inter-agency Best Interest Determination (BID) panel meetings were held within the month in which 24 BIDs were discussed.
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted training on child protection and safeguarding for UNHCR's partner for Communication - FilmAid. The training aimed to equip staff with knowledge on child referral pathways to provide a safeguard for children and youth they come across during the implementation of activities.
- 32 (7 girls) with various disabilities were reached during a therapy day for children in Kakuma camp. DRC sensitized the children's parents and caregivers on children's rights and the importance of allowing their children to access the Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS).
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** 17 new SGBV cases were identified and referred for assessment, including 10 cases involving LGBTI Individuals. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- 3 case conferences were conducted during the month to discuss planned discharges at the Safe Shelter (Safe Haven and Amani Boys Center). 2 admissions to the Safe Haven were made for 3 minors with an imminent risk of abduction. Additionally, an admission panel meeting was held to discuss protection cases eligible for admission at the protection boarding schools (Angelina Jolie Primary School and Morneau Shepelle).
- Group sessions for 20F survivors and women at risk were initiated for the alcohol abuse recovery program. This was after assessments under the ASAM

criteria were conducted for all the survivors of SGBV and women at risk who have been abusing alcohol. The women were informed of the behaviour modification – Alcohol abuse Recovery program, and all consented to be members of the group.

- In coordination with RAS and DRC-Social Cohesion, we had a session with 109(31F:78M) members of LGBTIQ+ residing in Kakuma 3. The meeting was a follow up of alleged incidences of attacks on the LGBTI community that happened during the month and chat the way forward in addressing the same.
- Awareness creation during general food distribution was conducted, reaching over 153,160 persons pf concern with GBV information and various service points.
- **Youth protection and development:** Kakuma United FC, a team comprising of players from nationalities, including Kenyans, trained on COVID-19 as they embark on competing in the Kenya Premier League.
- 775 girls (127 in Kakuma and 648 in Kalobeyei) reached with messages on effects of early and forced marriages, coping with COVID-19, early pregnancies, and menstrual cycle.
- 26 Balls made in Kakuma, with GIZ supports, were distributed to 26 football teams playing in the Kakuma Divas League (female teams) and Kakuma Premier League. Among the teams that benefited are two teams from the host community.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- Finn Church Aid (FCA) conducted a one-day training for 264 teenage girls and mothers from primary schools in Kalobeyei on life skills and physiological well-being on 17th February 2020, facilitated by the Ministry of Health.
- Lutheran World Federation (LWF) supported two Children with Disabilities with wheelchairs to access school facilities at Mt. Songot pre-school and Mogadishu primary school.
- The International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted eye care screening for 150 (84 male, 66 females) learners, out of whom 29 pupils (16male, 13 females) were referred to clinic 7 for further medical intervention.
- To boost school attendance for children with albinism, 5 (3 male, 2 female) learners with albinism were supported with sunscreen lotion to boost.
- To improve the quality of curriculum delivery in pre-primary and primary schools in the camp, LWF, with support from UNHCR and Porticus, introduced 21 qualified Kenyan primary school teachers and 13 pre-primary schoolteachers into refugee schools. They joined 21 teacher tutors supported by BPRM and over 600 refugee teachers to continue term two curriculum implementation in 21 primary schools.

- UNHCR delivered soap and PPEs to the Office of Sub-county Administrator and Sub County Director of Education to support host community learners. The donation included
 - 1,000 pieces of facemasks,
 - 220kg of bar soap,
 - 220litres of liquid soap, and
 - 110 pieces of 500ml sanitisers.
- During the period, education partners distributed 3,000 pieces of facemasks, received from The UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, to teachers in all schools (ECDs, Primary and Secondary schools) to protect them and learners from COVID-19.
- To support learners and encourage school attendance, UNHCR partner for education - The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) distributed 14,644 pairs of school uniform to primary school learners in Kakuma.
- UNHCR's partner for education in Kalobeyei, the Finn Church Aid (FCA), received 13,280 pieces of sanitary pads for distribution to adolescent girls and teenage mothers to support menstrual health hygiene and keep them in school for the next six months.
- Windle International distributed 1,329 solar-powered radios, procured by UNICEF, to learners across the 7 secondary schools in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.



CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

- The energy assistance component to refugees was fully transitioned as CBI for Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. In February, UNHCR disbursed KES 7,940,184 to 40,004 families' bank accounts comprising 188,727 individuals in both locations. While Kalobeyei settlement residents receive cash assistance through Equity bank, Kakuma residents received through UNHCR's new Financial Service Provider Kenya Commercial bank (KCB).
- A total of KES 5,708,295 disbursed to 39,670 individuals in the kalobeyei settlement through 7,358 refugee bank accounts in Kelobeyei settlement to purchase Core Relief Items (soap and sanitary items). This included 11,349 women of reproductive age (11-50 years) benefitting from cash to purchase sanitary materials.
- A total of KES 21,815,085 monthly allowance for CRIs was disbursed by UNHCR to 32,646 families' bank accounts in Kakuma camp, through KCB benefiting 149,057 Persons of concern including 44, 263 women of reproductive health receiving cash for sanitary materials.

- KES 28,081,000 disbursed to 1,295 families in Kalobeyei villages 2 and 3, through UNHCR's CBI for Shelter to support the construction of concrete houses, currently at different construction stages. Similarly, UNHCR disbursed KES 1,387,500 to support the construction of household latrines.
- KES 64,932,064 has been disbursed cumulatively in February to support various CBI programmes in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.

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

- There were 23 new cases of COVID 19 reported in February 2021. By the end of February, the cumulative number of confirmed cases stood at 532, from a cumulative sample size of 6,976. This translates to a positivity rate of 7.6% since April 2020. The total number of recoveries by the end of the reporting period stood at 509.
- As of 28 February, 2,131 individuals were admitted into the two quarantine facilities in Kakuma camp and the Kalobeyei settlement.
- During the reporting period, 6 (non-covid-19) cases were referred from Kakuma for specialized care in Lodwar, Eldoret and Nairobi. These were mainly emergency cases needing specialized care not available in Kakuma, and diagnostic imaging tests such as CT scans to manage various health conditions better.
- Through the Kenya Health Professions and Oversight Authority (KHPOA), the Ministry of Health assessed the eight health facilities in preparation for accreditation by the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF). This will ensure PoCs can access health services under the NHIF scheme, which UNHCR will sponsor.
- COVID-19 sample collection has mainly been limited to humanitarian staff with limited testing for persons of concern since the beginning of the year. Only 962 COVID-19 samples have been collected in 2021. The installation of the Gene-Xpert machine will enable increased testing among persons of concern.
- Laboratory-Based Surveillance: Patients treated at the hospital and meeting SARI and ILI case definition are tested for COVID-19. Forty-one cases of asymptomatic cases were identified from 839 tests conducted through the surveillance, of which three new cases have been identified in 2021.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- UNHCR continues to receive an average of 1,000 new arrivals per month mainly from Sudan and some minorities from the Great Lakes region. This has overstretched the capacity at the reception centre in Kakuma which has a maximum capacity of 600 PoCs. This poses public health risk.

- There is a need to sensitize the PoCs on the benefits of NHIF in preparation for the NHIF roll out in Kalobeyei this year. This will promote acceptability and effective utilization of the card when NHIF is rolled out in the coming months.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- 231 children with severe malnutrition were reached through the Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP), and 869 children with moderate malnutrition reached through the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP).
- Eleven severely malnourished children with medical complications were served at the Stabilization Centre in February. Recovery rates were maintained above 90% for both OTP and SFP. Additionally, 2,398 women were served through Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP), targeting pregnant and lactating women. Six orphans and vulnerable children are being supported with breast milk substitutes.
- Health partners reached 15,388 beneficiaries of the nutrition programs and caretakers with nutrition messages during this month.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The ongoing food rationing, currently at 60% of the recommended quantity of 2100Kcal/person/day, will directly affect food security in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Hence, there is a need for increased surveillance to ensure all new cases of malnutrition are detected early and linked to care and follow-up.
- There is a need for upscaling communication activities aimed at behaviour change to ensure the person of concern can choose and utilise locally available foods in the market that provide maximum nutrients to them and their children. This can be achieved through community dialogue sessions and activities in schools such as food/agriculture clubs and youth influencers.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Energy & Environment Unit Updates

- 20,700 tree seedlings were produced in February cumulatively in all the tree nurseries, and 9,858 tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts and host community.
- One community awareness meeting on forest conservation and management was conducted, with a target audience of 763 community members from both Refugees and Host Communities (Male:325 & Female:753).

- 134.86MTs of firewood were distributed to Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei settlement institutions (Schools: 91.48MTs, Reception Centre:20.20MTs, Relocation: 3.34MTs, Red Cross Hospital: 6.34MTs &13.50MTs to Nadapal Transit Centre).
- A total of 1,471 Child Headed Households (below 18 years old) will remain under in-kind firewood distribution as the rest of the population transition to CBI for Energy.
- Through UNHCR's Operational Partner SNV Netherlands, Green Innovations Ventures Enterprises (GIVE) partnered with the Market Based Energy Access (MBEA II) Project to provide solar solutions for households, business settings and Social institutions. GIVE had the opportunity to visit Kakuma Refugee camp and meet refrigerators/freezers owners who are more than happy to have solar systems designed. At the moment, GIVE is installing a solar system for Refugee FM Radio Station in Kalobeyei.
- Usafi Green Energy conducted a series of cooking demos in February at different market centres in Kakuma Refugee Camp and town.
- Usafi Green Energy also installed three (two 100 litre stoves & one 200 litre stove) Institutional cookstoves at Kakuma Reception Centre in Kakuma 3.
- SNV, in Partnership with Usafi Green Energy, conducted an assessment to ascertain the status of the current cooking situation in 13 primary schools in Kakuma to renovate/replace the institutional cookstoves and/or recommend maintenance measures to serve the Schools better.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Expanding existing mini-grids and develop new mini-grids to connect more refugees, institutions and businesses.
- Fuel Consumption Monitoring and Fuel Storage Upgrade for boreholes; The generator rooms don't have storage tanks; this has led to more frequent refuelling activities that are costly in terms of vehicle movement and resource allocation, also not easy to monitor.
- In the long-term, phase-out diesel generators introduce solar energy systems for host and refugee community facilities and Organizational facilities such as boreholes, schools, hospitals, and offices.
- Introduce affordable, reliable, sustainable and clean cooking energy solutions, i.e. use of improved cookstoves, Briquettes, LPG, pellets, bioethanol etc., for Refugee & Host Communities.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- 4,992 bars of soap (200grams each) distributed to health facilities in Kakuma refugee to support handwashing as a COVID-19 prevention measure.
- To improve water supply in Kalobeyei settlement, UNHCR WAS partners laid 200 meters of water pipeline extension in Kalobeyei village 3.

- 12 school WASH Clubs in the refugee camp and Host community trained on sanitation and hygiene promotion reaching 400 learners. Members were trained on COVID-19 preventive measures, emphasising proper handwashing with soap and clean running water.
- 10,220 bars of soap (200grams each) for handwashing were distributed in Kakuma and Kalobeyi and demonstrated proper handwashing techniques. Additional 720 litres of liquid soap for handwashing practices in Schools in Kakuma refugee camp.
- 1,260 Kgs of chlorine distributed to health facilities in the host community and refugee camp for disinfection use.

Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), 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 Microsoft Teams platform.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya Operation** amounts to **31.6 million** US dollars.

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