

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31 March 2021

208,538

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 31 March 2021

3,902

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2021.

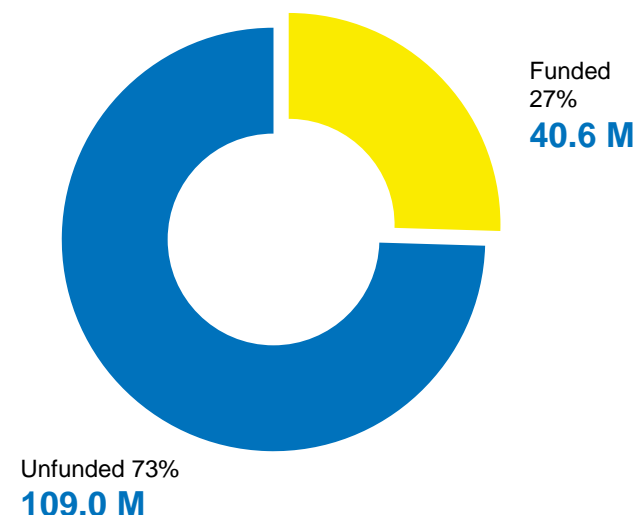
3,654

Newborns registered in 2021

FUNDING (AS OF 30 MARCH 2021)

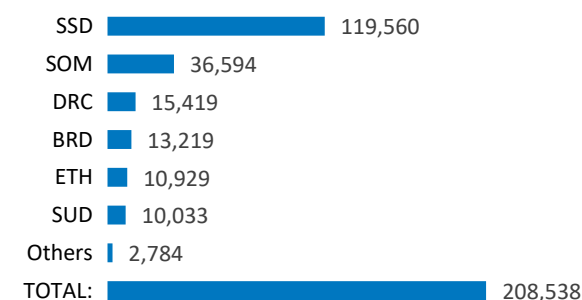
USD 149.6 M

Requested for the Kenya Operation



POPULATION OF CONCERN (31 MARCH 2021)

Country of origin



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

COVID-19 FIGURES

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Individuals received first dose of Astra Zeneca vaccine in Kakuma

7,608

Cumulative COVID-19 samples collected from POCs and humanitarian workers since May 2020



Divine, a refugee learner from Burundi sits at the front row of her class at Al-Nuur Primary School in Kakuma refugee camp. Over 9,000 learners sat for national primary and secondary school exams in March. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

Update on Achievements

Highlights

The Ministry of Health, through the National Vaccine & Immunization Program, received its first consignment of the Astra Zeneca vaccine through the COVAX facility on 4th March 2021. The over one million doses received were distributed across various counties in Kenya. The nationwide COVID-19 vaccination campaign began on 5th March 2021.

The Ministry of Health approved three health facilities in Turkana West Sub County for the COVID-19 vaccination campaign. Ammusait General Hospital located in Kakuma 4 was one of the facilities approved. The Ministry of Health organised a two-day training for health workers who would be involved in the vaccination campaign in Kakuma. The vaccination campaign was officially rolled out on 30th March 2021.

The first phase of the vaccination campaign is targeting frontline health workers, teachers, and uniformed personnel. Persons of concern working as incentive staff in the health and education sector will be prioritized for the vaccination exercise. In addition, PoCs above 58years will also be prioritized in the first phase of the vaccination plan.

Over 9,000 refugee and host community learners from UNHCR supported primary and secondary schools in Kakuma and Kalobeyei sat for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) in March 2021. KCSE examinationa will continue untill 19 April 2021.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** Since January, UNHCR Kakuma registered 3,902 new arrivals and 3,654 newborns. Most of the new arrivals came from South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
- 47% of the total refugee and asylum seeker population are females, with women and children representing 76% of the total population. South Sudan population remains the largest 119,560 individuals (57%) followed by Somalia 36,594 individuals (18%), the Democratic Republic of the Congo 15,419 individuals (7%),

Burundi 13,219 individuals (6%), and Ethiopia 10,929 individuals (5%), while 7% is from other countries.

- UNHCR SOK resumed the use of the KASI Self-Services Kiosk at all field posts. Currently, the service is available to persons of concern for booking appointments for movement passes issued by the government, RAS.
- **Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep):** Voluntary repatriation programme remains suspended due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Resettlement (RST): 14** cases of 59 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:195** cases comprising of 354 individuals were assisted through UNHCR's complementary pathways.
- **Child Protection:** During the month, 35 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were received and reviewed, and feedback provided to DRC for action.
- Two inter-agency Best Interest Determination (BID) panel meetings were held within the month in which 7 cases of children under consideration for resettlement with their families were discussed and approved.
- 5 home visits were conducted to Child Headed Households (CHH) considered for CBI for shelter cycle 9 through which the POCs will convert their transitional shelters to permanent houses. During the visit, an assessment was conducted and shared with UNHCR technical unit.
- Child right club meetings were conducted at three schools in Kakuma during which members were taken through the role of DRC, UNHCR's Child Protection partner, and Rights Club, and their role and responsibilities in the community. Referral pathways, CP toll-free numbers and office locations was also shared with members.
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** 38 new SGBV cases were identified in March out of which 12 involve LGBTI individuals. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision
- The International Day for Women (IWD) celebration was marked with the launch of Fumbua Africa shop. Women under the Safe from the Start (SfS) program, including refugee and host community beneficiaries displayed their products and calls for support in sale and marketing done by the HSO.
- In close coordination with the UNHCR SGBV Unit, the Danish Refugee Council supported Humanity and Inclusivity (HI) in their PFA training reaching 13(7M,6F) national staff. The objective was to equip staff with knowledge and skills on SGBV Prevention and Response.
- Over 200 persons were reached directly at Reception center in Kalobeyei settlement with GBV information and various service points. Among the information shared include referral pathways at Kakuma since asylum seekers were expected to be relocated to Kakuma camp. Locations for psychosocial

support in Kakuma were shared to participants and reporting procedures for GBV and child protection issues.

- **Youth protection and development:** Kakuma United FC, a team comprising of players from nationalities, including Kenyans, withdrew their participation in the Kenya Premiere League following bottlenecks presented by the upsurge in COVID-19 cases, also referred to as the third wave.
- COVID-19 awareness sessions were conducted in both Kalobeyei and Kakuma refugee camp reaching 1,027 youth with COVID-19 awareness and prevention messages during.
- 80 Girls peer to peer forums were conducted during the month and attended by 813 girls from Kakuma and Kalobeyei. COVID-19 containment measures were strictly observed during the forums.
- 5 mentorship sessions were conducted during which 120 girls, aged 8 - 12 years, were taken through the topic on "Adolescence". The sessions were aimed at equipping the attendees with knowledge and prepare them to handle the challenges that come in the adolescent stage.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- In March, over 9,000 learners in Primary and Secondary schools in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyi settlement sat for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and Kenya Certificate for Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations that begun on 22nd March 2021.
- Primary Education partners, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Kakuma and Finn Church Aid (FCA) in Kalobeyei settlement, examined Learner Continuity in Basic Education (LCBE) assessments for children in grades 1 to 4.
- In March, 2,160(611 female) youth received Digital literacy trainings meant to equip them with computer proficiency skills towards self-reliance.
- Education partner-LWF through the Special Needs Education unit supported two (2) CWDs (Children with Disabilities) with wheelchairs to enhance their access school facilities.
- UNHCR Health partner, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted Eye Care exercise in schools. A total of 150(66 female) learners were screened from which 29(13 female) were referred to clinic 7 for further medical intervention.



CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

- KES 27,996,930 (22,289,445 Kakuma and 5,707,485 Kalobeyei) monthly allowance for Core Relief Items (CRIs) was disbursed by UNHCR to 41,091 families' bank accounts in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement benefiting 192,795 Persons of concern. 56,550 (45,223 Kakuma, 11,327 Kalobeyei) women of reproductive age received cash for sanitary materials.
- KES 6,408,654 for monthly allowance for Energy provision was disbursed by UNHCR to 33,821 Households through their bank accounts, targeting 152,975 individuals in Kakuma refugee camp, and KES 1,673,448 disbursed to 7,266 households in Kalobeyei Settlement benefiting 39,819 individuals.
- 136 households in Kalobeyei villages 2 and 3 in different stages of permanent shelter construction, benefitted from cash for shelter and latrines of amount totalling to KES 9,073,800 for shelter and KES 108,500 for latrines.
- Cumulatively, UNHCR through CBI disbursed a total of KES 45,261,332 in the month of March to Persons of Concern in Kakuma and Kalobeyei through financial service providers. This includes KES 27,996,930 cash for Core Relief Items (soap and sanitary items), KES 8,082,102 for Energy and KES 9,182,300 cash for Shelter and latrines.

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

- Currently, UNHCR is working closely with the Ministry of Health to ensure that Gene Xpert machine installed the Ammusait General Hospital obtains the relevant approvals and authorizations. This will ensure testing and reporting is linked to the national reporting system.
- Personal protective equipment and viral transport media kits have been distributed among the various implementing partners involved in COVID-19 prevention and response activities.
- Risk communication and community engagement activities have been scaled up in response to the upsurge of COVID-19 cases across the country, popularly referred to a the third wave of COVID-19 infections.
- Active hospital/laboratory-based surveillance is ongoing for patients who meet criteria for Severe Acute Respiratory Illnesses (SARI) and Influenza Like Illnesses (ILI). Through this, 31 positive cases have been identified by end of March 2021.
- Community-based surveillance by Community Health Workers and the community in general is ongoing for identification of any PoCs coming to the Camp/Settlement, and subsequent notification for them to be assessed to determine need for quarantine and testing.
- There is ongoing stakeholder engagement through the communicating with community's (CWC) coordination forum.

- Mental health and psychosocial support are ongoing for all patients diagnosed with COVID-19. Attention continues to be focused on humanitarian workers who undergo extended self-isolation due to persistently positive COVID-19 test.
- During the month, 2 mortalities were recorded among persons of concern, a 2-month-old baby on the 4th and a 65-year-old man on the 17th of March 2021.
- The total cumulative mortality stand at 12 in Kakuma since the first case was identified (3 maternal mortalities, 3 community deaths and 6 facility deaths).

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.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Energy & Environment Unit Updates

- 102.33MTs of firewood was distributed to Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei settlement institutions (49.65MTs to schools, 19.89MTs to support relocation, 7.14MTs Red Cross/IRC hospitals, and 25.65MTs to Don Bosco VTC).
- 280 Solar lanterns were distributed to Primary & Secondary School learners seating for the National Exams.
- The installation of a 17.5 KWp Solar PV System at Turkana West University Campus is completed.
- The 60KWp Kalobeyei Settlement mini-grid is currently serving 353 households, 144 small-and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) & 19 social institutions (e.g. health facilities, schools, religious institutions and humanitarian organizations including UNHCR and Partners). The 20KWp Kalobeyei Host Community Town mini-grid (developed by GIZ & Renewvia) is serving 100 households, 30 SMEs and 6 social institutions.
- 20,100 tree seedlings were produced & propagated in March cumulatively in all the tree nurseries and 11,319 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 689 community members from both Refugees and Host Communities (398 female).

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Inadequate water supply at LOKADO's tree nursery 4 at Kakuma 4 harboring seedling production.
- Poor ventilation in the generator houses at the field posts leading to poor performance and/or breakdown of the generators.
- Power rationing from the Renewvia minigrid serving Kalobeyei Village 1 including UNHCR's field post and Reception Centre.
- Poor operation and maintenance of generators at Institutions leading to unprecedented breakdowns.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- Cumulatively, 3,100 metres of water pipeline extension has been installed in Kakuma and Kalobeyei to enhance assess and improve water supply to POCs and various institutions including schools and the Turkana West University Campus.
- A new water booster pump has been installed at borehole14 pumping station to improve water supply in Kalobeyei settlement.
- As part of COVID-19 response, ten (10) communal latrines have been constructed at the Turkana west University Campus, Napata secondary, DRC Furaha center one, DRC Child protection center 4.
- 86 communal latrines constructed in March for newly arrived refugee who were relocated to the community from Kakuma and Kalobeyei reception center quarantine centers. WASH teams sensitized the new arrivals on proper latrine use, handwashing and COVID-19 containment measures during the relocation exercise.
- 1,260 Kgs of Chlorine distributed to health facilities in the host community and refugee camp for disinfection purposes.
- Community Action Days to enhance solid waste management conducted for three days in Kakuma 1. during this exercise COVID-19 messages were disseminated reaching out to the participants and general public.
- 20,640 bars of soap (200 grams each) were distributed to support hand washing practices as a means of combating COVID-19 in Kakuma camp.
- 28 (9 women) facilitators attended Menstrual Hygiene Management refresher training in March which covered topics along Gender and Sex, PSEA and referral pathway, Breaking the silence, how to Menstrual hygiene Management, and Covid-19 containment.
- 21 knapsack sprayers distributed to Health facilities in the camp and the host community to support disinfection exercises in the facilities.
- A total of 720 litres of liquid soap for hand washing practices was distributed to schools in Kakuma camp.

- UNHCR's WASH partner, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) distributed 5,000 re-usable facemasks to targeted refugees in Kakuma 4 camp. During the distribution hygiene promotion team sensitized beneficiaries on COVID-19 prevention measures.
- To support Menstrual Hygiene Management, 990 re-usable sanitary pads were distributed to school going teenage girls cumulatively benefiting 719 girls from the refugee and host community. During distribution hygiene promotion team sensitized the girls on COVID-19 preventive measures.
- Over 9 kilometres of water pipeline, funded by Peace Wind Japan Platform, installed from Kamunyaep in Lopur ward to Kalobeyei settlement to increase water supply.
- 3 new water boreholes have been drilled in Kakuma camp and is expected to enhance access to clean water for refugees and the surrounding host community and contribute to the fight against COVID-19.
- 5,000 re-usable face masks distributed by UNHCR's WASH partner to targeted refugees in Kakuma 4 camp. During the distribution hygiene promotion team sensitized beneficiaries on COVID-19 preventive measures.
- 136 hand washing stations and 2,820 litres of liquid soap distributed to health facilities, schools, and in public places in Kakuma camp.

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 **40.6 million** US dollars.

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