

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 30 September 2021

220,913

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 30 September 2021

18,771

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2021.

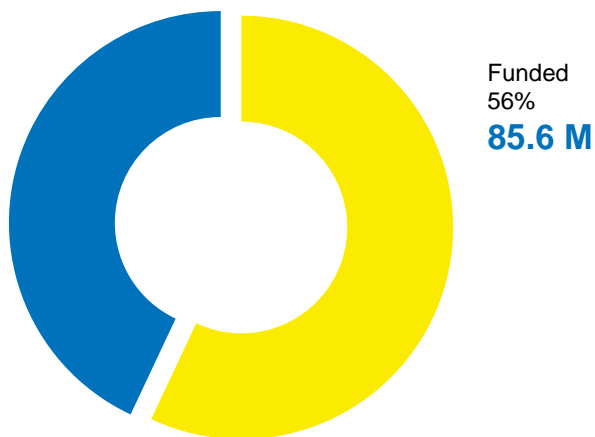
6,402

Newborns registered in 2021

FUNDING (AS OF 24 SEPTEMBER 2021)

USD 149.6 M

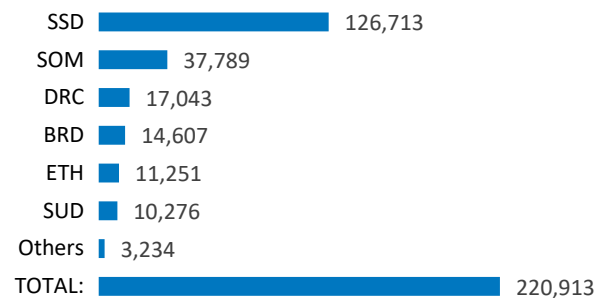
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 44%
64.0 M

POPULATION OF CONCERN (30 SEPTEMBER 2021)

Country of origin



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

COVID-19 FIGURES

4,386

Individuals received first dose of Astra Zeneca and Moderna vaccines in Kakuma

1,113

Cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 positive cases in Kakuma



UNHCR staff during a continuous registration activity. In September, UNHCR partnered with the Civil Register for Turkana West to offer 278 birth certificates to refugee children in Kakuma. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- UNHCR, in collaboration with various implementing partners, participated in one community dialogue session on the introduction and rollout of NHIF in Kalobeyei. The session brought together about 30 youth from the refugee community, while the radio show is estimated to have reached over 40,000 individuals due to its wide listenership.
- In September and August, UNHCR disbursed cash to 35,144 (52% female-headed households) households in Kalobeyei settlement to purchase Core Relief Items (CRIs), soap, and sanitary materials, covering households needs for August and September. Included were 47,167 women within the reproductive age bracket who received additional cash for hygiene and sanitary items.
- Four (Host & refugee community) Solar technicians benefitted from extensive hands-on and theoretical capacity building training on Solar PV systems design, installation, commissioning & maintenance & operation.



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Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Registrations:** Since January, UNHCR Kakuma has registered 2643 arrivals, including new-borns. Most of the new arrivals came from South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
- **Child Protection:** 116 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were received from UNHCR's Child Protection partner for review during the month. The BID panel discussed 26 cases.
- 47 Best Interest Determination requests were recorded during the reporting period.
- Child-to-child activities were conducted at the child-friendly spaces across the camp, in the settlement, and at the inter-agency centres.
- Monthly peer-to-peer support network sessions for 172 children living with disabilities (CWDs) were held during the reporting period.
- 153 adolescents were reached through a 2-day training on life skills. The training focused on life skills of empathy, positive communications, creative thinking, interpersonal relationships, decision making, and problem-solving.
- **Youth Protection and Development:** UNHCR coordinated and facilitated the first virtual training of 104 refugee girls.
- 231 (182 girls from Kakuma camp and 49 girls from Kalobeyei settlement) participated in various sessions of peer-to-peer meetings which focused on menstrual health management, hygiene, peer influence, and teenage pregnancies.
- Kakuma Chess Project training was rolled out in Angelina Jolie Primary school with a total of 40 pupils being trained online with FIDE team.
- 1 Mentorship sessions on Social and Life Skills were conducted for Divas Female Football Team, comprised of 17 players. The objective of the sessions was to empower them with skills on how to analyse situations affecting them in the community to enable them to make informed decisions.
- 263 (219 from Kakuma and 44 from Kalobeyei) girls were reached through peer to peer meetings sessions to discuss issues affecting them, including gender violence and sexually transmitted diseases.
- Basic Digital Literacy training was conducted for 97 young females at the Youth Centres.

- **Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** In September 2021, UNHCR partner for SGBV services identified 119 (26M, 93F) new SGBV cases. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- One case conference was held during the month to deliberate on prolonged cases at the Safe Haven. In the same period, one female survivor of physical assault was admitted to Safe Haven, while one survivor of psychological/emotional abuse was discharged.
- 28 group therapy sessions were conducted using the Group Problem Management Plus (GPM+) approach, a psychological intervention used in assisting people who have gone through adversaries.
- Group sessions and occupational therapy continued during the month for the second cohort of 17 South Sudanese women into the Behaviour Modification/Alcohol Abuse Recovery program. Assessments are being done to form a new group
- **Legal Protection:** 278 children received birth certificates. UNHCR is working with the County Civil Register to ensure that refugee children have access to civil documentation.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- **42 (11 female)** headteachers, deputy teachers, and curriculum support officers were trained on data management and curriculum support.
- 34 teachers were trained on Kenya Sign Language in-service training sessions.
- **1,049 (521 female) learners** received psychosocial support at their schools in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- During the month, Humanity and Inclusion (HI) trained 30(13 female) teachers were on MHPSS and Early Identification of children living with disabilities.
- UNHCR's partner for Secondary school education, Windle Kenya, facilitated a CBC curriculum overview training for **156 (70 female) secondary school teachers**. Officers from the Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development (KICD) and the Ministry of Education (MOE) conducted the training.
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- 936 Girls in primary schools and 342 girls in secondary schools attended remedial classes in Kakuma and Kalobeyei secondary during the month.
- **1,057 (703 female)** youth benefited from a series of training in Digital literacy to equip them with computer proficiency skills towards self-reliance.
- 30 (12 female) Accelerated Education Programme (AEP) learners from the refugee and host community underwent a Functional Assessment at Educational Assessment Resource Centre (EARC).

- 21 teachers graduated with a certificate in the Youth Sports Facilitator course. The six months were conducted to equip teachers with skills in organizing inclusive sports.
- **13,696 (5564 female) learners** from the refugee and the host community participated in an information session on child rights and complaint mechanism conducted by UNHCR partners, FCA and DRC.



CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

- **45 households comprising 337 individuals** in Village 3 Neighbourhood 4 to Neighbourhood 6 received a total of KES 2,777,500.00 for the first stage of construction of 86 permanent houses and 45 household latrines
- In September and August, UNHCR disbursed KES 46,908,540.00 to 35,144 (52% female-headed households) households in Kalobayei settlement to purchase Core Relief Items (CRIs), soap, and sanitary materials, covering households needs for August and September. Included were 47,167 women within the reproductive age bracket who received additional cash for hygiene and sanitary items.
- Additionally, KES 13,518,792.00 was disbursed to **35,144 households** to cover the cost of Energy for August and September.
- UNHCR has transitioned Education scholarship to direct implementation through UNHCR Cash-Based Intervention (CBI). In August, KES 2,335,599.00 was disbursed to 30 students joining various secondary schools under the UNHCR Secondary Education scholarship Programme (SEP).
- Cumulatively, KE S66,880,031.00 was disbursed to Persons of Concern in September for various interventions: KES 2,777,500.00 cash for Shelter, KES 46,908,540.00 cash for Core Relief Items (in Kalobeyei), and KES 13,518,792.00 for Energy (in Kalobeyei) and KES 2,335,599.00 through Education Scholarships and KES 1,339,200 cash for Voluntary Repatriation (VoLRep).

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is a need to raise more awareness of the different CBI programmes, cash delivery mechanisms and distribution modalities, transfer values, and payment modes.
- There is a need to promote energy-efficient and sustainable energy solutions in the medium-to-long term
- There is a need to ensure adequate and equal distribution of touchpoints within the camp and settlement for timely access of cash by PoCs.



Achievements and Impact

- In September, **460 skilled deliveries** were recorded within the various health facilities compared to 417 in August.
- A total of 541 mental health consultations were made compared to 562 in September 2021.
- 7 (non-covid-19) cases were referred from Kakuma and Kalobeyei health facilities to Lodwar (5), Nairobi (1), and Eldoret (1). 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. Five of the referrals facilitated were from the host community.
- **50 new cases of COVID-19** were reported in September 2021. Cumulatively, 1,113 COVID-19 positives have been identified from a sample size of 15,179.
- As of 30th September, 3,897 individuals were admitted at the two quarantine facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- **2,389 individuals** in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at the Ammusait General Hospital In Kakuma, of whom 1,547 are considered fully vaccinated having received their second COVID-19 dose. Among those who have received the first dose, 421 are humanitarian staff and 1,968 persons of concern, while 571 humanitarian workers and 976 persons of concern are fully vaccinated.
- UNHCR, in collaboration with various implementing partners, participated in one community dialogue session on the introduction and rollout of NHIF in Kalobeyei. The session brought together about 30 youth from the refugee community, while the radio show is estimated to have reached over 40,000 individuals due to its wide listenership.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- **COVID-19:** The 4th wave of COVID-19 infection witnessed in the country could easily spread to Kakuma and Kalobeyei, given the extensive movement of people between Kakuma and the rest of the country.
- **HDU and Oxygen:** There is a need to establish a High Dependency Unit (HDU) and an oxygen plant that will significantly increase the life-saving capacity of the health facilities.
- **Diagnostic Equipment:** To improve capacity to diagnose diseases early, there is a need to provide additional diagnostic laboratory and radiology equipment.

- **Human resource:** The current ratio of consultations per clinician per day stands at 78, above the UNHCR and WHO recommendation of 50. There is a need to recruit additional qualified health workers to improve health services and reduce reliance on auxiliary staff to provide medical care.
- **Infrastructure:** Most of the health facilities need major renovation and reconstruction; additionally, in most areas, catchment population has surpassed the capacity of the respective facilities that serve them. Two of the facilities were constructed over 20 years ago and require total reconstruction, while two facilities require major renovation. This will enable the implementation of proper infection prevention measures, especially in the context of COVID-19 and ensure the provision of health services in a dignified environment that significantly impacts treatment outcomes.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- 218 children with severe malnutrition were admitted into the Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) program in September 2021 compared to 289 in September.
- 938 children with moderate malnutrition in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement were reached through the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP).
- 30 pregnant and lactating women benefited from the targeted supplementary feeding program (TSFP) during the month.
- The Stabilization Centre admitted 13 severely malnourished children, during which cure rates were maintained above 90% for both OTP and SFP.
- UNHCR's partners continued to provide health education to pregnant and lactating women and parents of children during the nutrition distribution sessions while observing the COVID-19 guidelines.
- 14,290 pregnant and lactating women and parents of children were reached with health education and nutrition messages in August during nutrition distribution exercises.
- 54 support groups with a total of 1,068 members graduated after completing their 2-year support group course. The support group members continued screening and referring malnourished and children at risk of malnutrition to nutrition clinics. Out of the 68 Family MUAC referrals made, 15 were enrolled to OTP, 37 to SFP, and 16 children did not meet the admission criteria to the nutrition programs.
- Four cooking demonstrations were conducted in several OTP sites reaching 231 caregivers.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Given the increase in admissions and mortalities at the stabilization center observed in June, UNHCR and partners continued to work together to improve the inter-agency referral time and staffing at the stabilization center. Nutritional screening activities remained intensified in the camp using family MUAC screening to identify children at risk of malnutrition. The nutrition technical working group continues to monitor the situation.
- The ongoing food rationing with the current food basket at 60% of the recommended quantity of 2100Kcal/person/day continues to affect the food security in 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.
- UNHCR and partners have continued to upscale communication activities aimed at behavior change to ensure the person of concern can choose and utilize locally available foods in the market that provide maximum nutrients to them and their children. There is a need for increased community dialogue sessions, activities in schools such as food/agriculture clubs and youth influencers. Some of these activities are affected by COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Energy & Environment Unit Updates

- In September, **101.32 metric tons (MT)** of firewood was distributed to various institutions in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as follows; 51.27MT to schools, 37.22MT to reception centres, and 12.83MT to Child-Headed Households.
- **A 14KWp Solar PV system** was installed at Kalobeyei Girls Boarding School. The solar system will improve the quality of education services delivered and digital inclusion.
- Technical studies for the Engineering and Design for High Mast Grid Connected Streetlights for the Refugee camps and Internal Wiring for all facilities to be solarized under Covid-19 energy response fund commenced.
- Four (Host & refugee community) Solar technicians benefitted from extensive hands-on and theoretical capacity building training on Solar PV systems design, installation, commissioning & maintenance & operation.

- 267 Maendeleo dual stoves were produced in September 2021; 247 of the stoves were distributed to newly arrived refugees, and 62 Stoves were distributed to worn-out replacement cases.
- **34,700 tree seedlings** were produced and propagated in September cumulatively in all the tree nurseries, and 23,846 of the tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts, and host community for planting.
- Two Environmental & natural resources management awareness meetings were conducted to sensitize the refugee community on the implications of the rampant tree cutting & environmental degradation within & around the refugee settlement.
- A total of 1,400 (959 female) individuals were reached on forest conservation and management awareness.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Expanding existing mini-grids and develop new mini-grids to connect more refugees, institutions, and businesses.
- Phase-out diesel generators in the long term and introduce solar energy systems for community & Organizational facilities such as boreholes, field posts, schools, hospitals, and offices.
- Introduction of affordable, reliable, sustainable, cleaner, and energy-efficient cooking energy solutions (i.e. use of improved cookstoves, Briquettes, LPG, pellets, bioethanol etc.) to lower the energy bill is essential. At the same time, UNHCR requires significant funds to increase the CBI for the energy component. Extend the land covered by existing greenbelts and establishing new green belts in Kakuma & Kalobeyei. Given the current environmental degradation, the rehabilitated areas will serve as buffer zones for refugees and host communities.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- **449 Transitional shelters** were constructed during the reporting period to accommodate 1,266 (403 families) newly arrived refugee households. Cumulatively, 2,160 shelters have been constructed since the beginning of the year.
- In Kalobeyei, 240 households are currently converting their temporary shelters to concrete houses through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter programme (CBI).

Identified Needs/Challenges and Remaining Gaps

- Lack of adequate shelter materials affected timely relocation of the refugees from communal areas to the community.

- Slow delivery of materials by the suppliers affected the rate of achieving the deliverables in the Transitional shelter constructions for new arrivals.

Poor drainage systems and inaccessible road networks within the camp remain a challenge in accessing some areas. This affects mobility and timely delivery of shelter materials to site.



WATER AND SANITATION

- 60 KVA new generator was handed over by HSO (Mr. Kahin) to Turkana west sub-county water services providers through Deputy Governor during the commissioning of NCKK new boreholes for the host community to increase water supply Kakuma ward residence population.
- During the implementation period, the storm drainage system at Kalobeyei reception center was completed. 6 blocks of 4 doors of semi-permanent latrines were constructed to address issues of sanitation challenges in Kalobeyei reception center.
- A 10,000-liter water tank was installed in four clinics across Kakuma camp. The tanks will increase water storage & water supply in each clinic.
- Latrine coverage for Kalobeyei settlement currently stands at 98% as compared to 71% of last year.
- Construction of 4 blocks of 4 doors of temporary bathrooms at Kalobeyei reception center is also complete and operational.

Distribution & installation of new generators to the 12 boreholes include the new three boreholes 5B, 4E, 18 & kumanyep it was implemented to increase water supply to the community both Kakuma & Kalobeyei settlement.

Identified Needs/Challenges and Remaining Gaps

- There is a need to improve latrine coverage for the Kakuma camp
- Additional boreholes are required to be drilled & solarized to minimized water challenges across Kakuma camp & Kalobeyei settlement.
- Solid waste management remains a challenge across Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- 200 vocational skills trainees (22female and 178 male) sat for their NITA Grade1 & II examination scheduled for December 2021.
- 84 (68 Male and 16 Female) individuals were trained on financial education and business development
- UNHCR's in collaboration with its partner (AAH-I), initiated business clubs for 57 individuals from the refugee and host community in Turkana West Sub County.

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 **85.6 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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