

# Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**222,390**

Refugees and asylum seekers in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 31 October 2021.

**13,528**

Refugees registered in 2021.

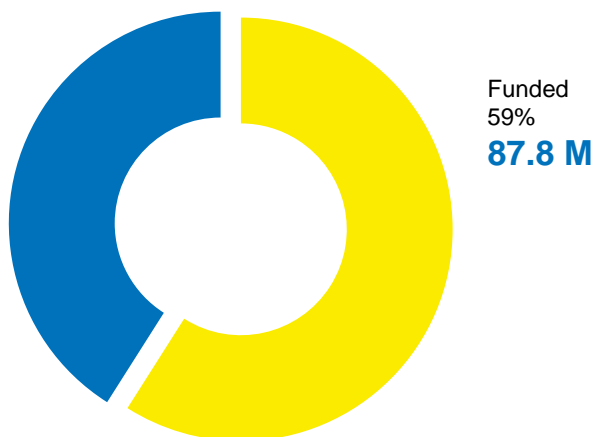
**6,848**

Newborns registered in 2021.

## FUNDING (AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2021)

**USD 149.6**

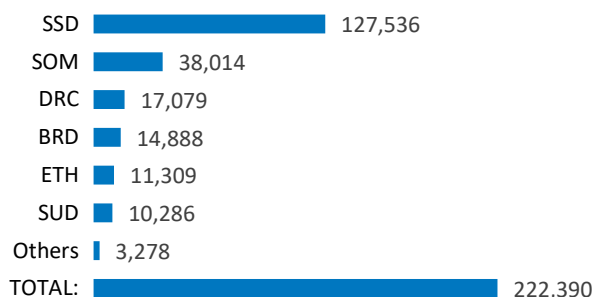
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Unfunded 41%  
**61.8 M**

## POPULATION OF CONCERN (OCTOBER 2021)

### Country of origin



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

Others\* Uganda, Rwanda, Congo, Eritrea, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Afghanistan, Zimbabwe, Pakistan, Egypt, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Central African Republic, Comoros, Chad, Burkina Faso, Angola, Mauritania, Guinea.

## COVID-19 FIGURES

**6,211**

Individuals received doses of Astra Zeneca, Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines in Kakuma

**1,152**

Cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 positive cases in Kakuma



A Refugee mother from Congo at the Locher Angamor Antenatal Clinic in Kakuma Refugee Camp. In October 468, skilled deliveries were recorded within various health facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. UNHCR/ Pauline Kwamboka

# Update on Achievements

## Highlights

- The Turkana West Education Hub launched during the month and UNHCR has ongoing discussions with higher education providers to sign agreements to provide access to higher education through online, on-site and blended learning approaches.
- 47 households comprising 301 individuals in Village 3 Neighbourhood 4 to Neighbourhood 4 received CBI for the first stage of construction of 86 permanent houses and 45 household latrines.
- 492 children received birth certificates. UNHCR is working with the County Civil Register to ensure that refugee children have access to civil documentation.
- UNHCR and Partners have facilitated voluntary repatriation of 14 families consisting of 80 individuals Burundian refugees in October.



*Burundian refugees board a plane that will be taking them home to Burundi from Kakuma Refugee Camp.*

*UNHCR/Pauline Kwamboka*

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Registrations:** Since January, UNHCR Kakuma has registered 13528 arrivals, 6848 including new-borns. Most of the new arrivals came from South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
- **Child Protection: 58 child protection concerns** were received. 61 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were received from UNHCR's Child Protection partner for review during the month. The BID panel approved 6 out of the 7 cases approved.
- 1 Best Interest Determination requests were recorded during the reporting period.
- **3382 (1529 girls)** were engaged through child-to-child activities that 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.
- Psychoeducation on hygiene awareness session was conducted within the month at the reception center, reaching 12(6M, 6F) aimed at enhancing access to hygiene and health information.
- 100(34F) members of the child protection community – based network attended a feedback meeting.
- **172(6 girls)** children with physical, psychosocial, intellectual, and cognitive disabilities were taken through monthly peer to peer sessions.
- 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 session 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 October 2021, UNHCR partner for SGBV services identified 75 new SGBV cases. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- 2 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.
- 7 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 21 South Sudanese women were enrolled in the Behaviour Modification/Alcohol Abuse Recovery program.
- **Legal Protection:** 492 children received birth certificates. UNHCR is working with the County Civil Register to ensure that refugee children have access to civil documentation.
- UNHCR and its partners conducted border monitoring, review Access to Territory Procedures and Conditions of the western flight corridor.
- **35** police station visits were conducted across Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Beneficiaries detained at the stations were offered legal advice on various matters.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Community-based child protection networks were reported to have limited their reporting of cases of child marriage for fear of victimization by the community.
- It was observed that in some of the food distribution points, there was an increase in the number of child food collectors because most of the children's parents had returned to South Sudan, leaving the children with their relatives with return unknown. Alternative food collector arrangements were made for them. There are emerging trends of gangs (teenage girls & boys) in Hongkong who are robbing and engaging in illegal activities.
- Increased teenage youth engaging in alcoholic especially in (Hongkong Group 45 & 47).
- Some children are not attending school because they are engaging in gambling through borrowed phones, and then they go to the video halls. When they lose the money, they steal food from their home they sell to get more money to gamble.
- The absence of regular court sessions amounted to delay in finalizing cases.



### EDUCATION

#### Achievements and Impact

- 12,760 (6,300 Female) learners at pre-primary level, 59,756 (25,208 Female) at primary level, and 17,173 (5,063 female) at secondary level enrolled and attended school during the reporting month.
- **6993 (2572 Female)** and 2454 (577 Female) students registered for the 2021 primary (KCPE) and secondary (KCSE) levels national examinations, respectively.

- **1068 girls** in schools in Kakuma and Kalobeyei received cash grants to cushion families from effects of pandemic and retain them in schools.
- 60 (67 Female) students provided new scholarships to government schools through the Cash-Based Initiative (CBI).
- **The Turkana West Education Hub** launched during the month. UNHCR has ongoing discussions with higher education providers to sign agreements to provide access to higher education through online, on-site, and blended learning approaches.
- **60 (10 Female)** teachers started an in-service Diploma in Primary Teacher Education Course with Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology at Turkana West Education Hub's Teacher Resource Center.
- 50 (11 Female) school Board of Management members and community leaders trained on respective roles and responsibilities in Kakuma.
- **68(23 Female)** teachers trained on alternative discipline measures, child protection, and safeguarding policies.
- Assessment of 3 learners (1 Female) with disabilities done at the EARC center in Kakuma and 20 others (11 Female) at Kaduguli and Peace primary schools supported with assistive devices like Hearing Aids.
- UNHCR, through its partners, distributed 450 new desks to Palotaka, Malakal, and Fashoda primary schools in Kakuma camp to support decongestion and reduce the number of learners sharing desks.
- 7 schools supported with establishment of hand washing stations.
- **580 girls** at the boarding schools in the camp supported with dignity kits that include Soap, sanitary wear, panties, buckets and mosquito nets.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Congestion and overcrowding in schools due to the shortage of classrooms continue to be a major challenge.
- Other challenges include a shortage of school furniture and insufficient teaching and learning materials, textbooks, WASH facilities.
- Roll out of the Competency-Based Curriculum in Kenya requires additional resources and evolving adaptation.
- Need to address challenges of teacher's quality, quantity and enhance motivation.



### CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

#### Achievements and Impact

- **47 households** comprising 301 individuals in Village 3 Neighbourhood 4 to Neighbourhood 4 received a total of KES 4,212,424.00 for the first stage of construction of 86 permanent houses and 45 household latrines.
- A total of 12,000 USD (KES 1,362,000) was disbursed to **14 families of 80 refugees** and asylum seekers for return to country of origin-Burundi. The cash provided as a pre-departure package, at 150 USD per individual, to cover basic needs on arrival in their country of origin was distributed by Equity Bank Over the Counter at Kakuma airstrip, before boarding the aircraft.
- During the reporting period, a total of KES 4,229,194 for Secondary Education scholarships was disbursed **161 (42%F) students** (16 from the host community), for the second term of 2021-2022 academic year. The money covered tuition fees, transport allowance, school supplies and pocket money stipends.
- Cumulatively, UNHCR CBI disbursed a total of KES 9,803,618 in October to Persons of Concern in Kakuma and Kalobeyei for various interventions: KES 4,212,424.00 cash for Shelter, 12,000 USD cash for VOLREP, and KES 4,229,194 for Education.
- 2 sessions of community awareness creation via Public Address announcements, were conducted in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement. This was done to communicate on the different CBI programmes; cash delivery mechanisms and distribution modalities, transfer values, distribution frequency and other CBI-related information.

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

- In October, **468 skilled deliveries** were recorded within the various health facilities compared to 460 in September.
- A total of 510 mental health consultations were made compared.
- 10 (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. Four of the referrals facilitated were from the host community.
- **85 new cases of COVID-19** were reported in October 2021. Cumulatively, 1,148 COVID-19 positives have been identified from a sample size of 16,382.
- As of 30th September, 3,897 individuals were admitted at the two quarantine facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- **2,380 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 2,096 are considered fully vaccinated having received their second COVID-19 dose. Among those who have received the first dose, 929 are humanitarian staff and 2,601 persons of concern, while 661 humanitarian workers and 134 persons of concern are fully vaccinated.

- General distribution of long- lasting insecticide treated nets (LLITNs) was done in Kakuma during the food distribution and reached 91% of the target populations. The general distribution of LLITNs in Kalobeyei was done during the proof of life exercise and reached 92% of the target populations.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- **COVID-19:** There has been increased uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine attributed to the variety of vaccines available in the country. Despite the support from the Ministry of Health there have been intermittent stock outs leading to missed opportunities to vaccinate persons of concern.
- **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) 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 referred 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.
- 4 cooking demonstrations were conducted in several OTP sites reaching 231 caregivers.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 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.



### ACCESS TO ENERGY

#### Achievement and Impact

- 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

### Achievement and Impact

- **540 Transitional shelters** were constructed during the reporting period to accommodate newly arrived refugee households. Cumulatively, 2,556 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).
- Several construction projects have been completed which include Renovation works at the RAS processing center, Renovations for the gated community staff Quarters at clinic 6, Renovation of Kalobeyei workshop, Renovation works of main Hospital Pediatric Ward, Construction works at IRC Kakuma AMMUSAIT Hospital, Construction of low-cost bus station in Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement, Construction of stone pitching of Storm Water Drain at Clinic 4, and Construction of additional works at Kalobeyei Sport Complex.

### Identified Needs/Challenges and Remaining Gaps

- Poor drainage system and inaccessible road network within the camp remains a challenge in accessing some of the areas, this affects mobility and timely delivery of shelter materials to site.
- Lack of adequate shelter materials affected timely relocation of the refugees from communal areas to the community.



## WATER AND SANITATION

### Achievement and Impact

- A total of **102,635,000 liters** of water was delivered for use during the reporting period in Kakuma. This translates to a per capita of 18.96 liters/person/day.
- The number of persons per tap was 112 against a UNHCR standard of 80.
- In Kalobeyei, the per capita water access was 18.775l/p/d. A total of 39,273,000 liters of water was pumped during the month of October. 771,000 liters of water was supplied to the Host community through water trucking.
- Following the installation of real time monitoring devices in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei, UNHCR with its partners have been able to identify system inefficiencies and inequitable distribution of water within the various blocks.
- 16 boreholes were operated in Kakuma and 3 in Kalobeyei. An average of 1000 liters of fuel was used daily to drive the boreholes.
- A topographical survey was carried out to map out the water transmission pipelines with a view of carrying out hydraulic modelling to address the inequalities in water access.
- To rid the camp of vectors, IRS (indoor residual spraying) commenced. The Spraying has been completed in Kalobeyei.
- 4 boreholes were solarised to reduce the running hours of the pumping of the generator and fuel consumption.
- 6 Boreholes were rehabilitated to improve sanitary hygiene around them and prevent water contamination at the source.
- A quarterly WASH KISED thematic working group meeting was held in Kakuma.

### Identified Needs/Challenges and Remaining Gaps

- Per capita water consumption has dropped significantly over the last few months to less than recommended SPHERE/UNHCR standards of 20l/person/day. The next phase will start in Kakuma. This factor is attributed among many causes to nozzles theft that leads to high water losses in the camp, pipeline vandalism, dilapidated infrastructure that need constant maintenance like the Elevated steel tanks and replacement of old PVC pipes.
- Need to carry out hydraulic modelling to rectify water access inequalities.
- Need to replace aged and dilapidated water supply infrastructure by replacing worn out pipes, fittings and leaking elevated steel tanks.
- Need to explore other water sources to cater for emerging needs like CBI construction, irrigation (WFP farms).
- Additional boreholes need to be drilled to reduce the pumping hours of existing boreholes that are running for more than 16hours daily with solar pumping accounting for only 6-7hrs daily.
- Poor solid waste situation in the Camps. A solid waste management strategy is in place whose implementation is phased.
- Need to Solarize more Boreholes
- Strengthening community water supply structures through capacity enhancement of staff, CBOS/SHGs, WASH/WRUA committees for better service delivery.

- Metering private entities, businesses, churches/Mosques, and agencies to curb illegal connection and monitor consumption.
- Metering of all ESTs to establish actual water losses.
- 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

### Achievement and Impact

- 46 farmers from the refugee and host communities in Kalobeyei are producing kales, spinach and tomatoes for the local market. The project is a synergy between UNHCR's partners WFP, FAO, Miramar and GIZ
- **30 host community** farmers planted cowpeas through a shade net process.
- UNHCR partners trained 42(14 female) individuals on business development
- 212 individuals aged 17-35 were trained on digital literacy program comprising ICDL(International Computer Driving License), and Microsoft for Philanthropy.
- **35 artisans** from MADE 51 participated in a PSEA sensitization session conducted by UNHCR' Partners
- 1,433 individuals benefited from business advisory and consulting services offered by AEC Kenya.
- **KES 330,000** was approved and disbursed to 1 host community and 8 refugees as loans.

## 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.

## UNHCR Partners in Kakuma

Government of Kenya | Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) | UNICEF | WFP| International Organization for Migration (IOM)| The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) | The United Nations Human Settlement | Programme (UN-Habitat) | The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) | Lutheran World Federation (LWF) | International Rescue Committee (IRC) | National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) | Windle International Kenya (WIK)| Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)| Don Bosco Kenya (DBK) | FilmAid International | Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) | Lotus Kenya Action for Development Organization (LOKADO) | iamtheCODE |

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