

Urban Refugee Programme, Kenya

1 - 28 February 2022

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- On 10-12 February UNHCR, as a member of the UN-LIA Taskforce, attended a meeting in Mombasa with the parliamentary Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security (DCANS) that is considering the Huduma Bill 2021. The UN-LIA Taskforce did a joint presentation on the Bill and submitted a consolidated memo with comments and recommendations for the inclusion of refugees, asylum seekers, stateless and minority communities in the Huduma registration which is a national integrated system of registration.
- On 15 February HIAS and UNHCR held a partnership meeting to plan on implementation and discuss challenges faced by both agencies regarding the project.
- On 23rd February UNHCR and RCK in Nairobi attended a parliamentary public participation hearing on the Huduma Bill 2021.
- UNHCR's legal partner Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) carried out 13 detention monitoring visits to various detention facilities including Ruiru prison, 2 visits to Pangani police, JKIA police, 2 visits to Gigiri police, Kileleshwa police, Kitengela police, Githurai Kimbo police, Lunga-Lunga Police, Mtito Andei Police and Moyale Police Station.
- UNHCR facilitated 3 movements to Kakuma for 37 POCs (34 registered and 4 new arrivals), in collaboration with RAS and HIAS. 11 of the PoCs had been residing in Mombasa and opted to relocate to the camp because they could not sustain themselves anymore in the city.
- UNHCR supported the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) Karen school to conduct Refugee Protection training as part of a Protection of Civilians Course for 27 participants from the military, police and civilian components from Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, S. Africa, India, Burundi, S. Sudan, Ghana, Pakistan, Nepal, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda and Ethiopia.
- On 14 February UNHCR, Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) and Haki Centre Organization (HCO) attended a meeting with the Pemba community in Kanana, Kwale county hosted by Hon. Khatib Mwashetani and attended by Hon. Owen Baya (Kilifi North) and Imran Okoth (Kibra) in support of the recognition of the Pemba community as Kenyan citizens. The community made a renewed appeal to the Government of Kenya to recognize and issue them with identity documents and the Members of Parliament committed to continuing to push for the Government to initiate the process of registration of the Pemba community as recommended by the parliamentary committee and endorsed by the National Assembly. UNHCR and statelessness partners are committed to continued support and advocacy for the resolution of the remaining statelessness situations in Kenya. The meeting was preceded by a preparatory meeting on 13

February between UNHCR, KHRC and HCO with the Pemba community leaders in Shimoni, Kwale county.

- On 15 February UNHCR, KHRC, HCO, Kwale Human Rights Network and Pemba community leader visited the Kwale civil registrar to advocate for non-discriminatory practices in birth registration and issuance of birth certificates to stateless children and other minority groups at the risk of statelessness. Resolutions reached for continued cooperation, community awareness and training for health and records personnel on modalities of civil registration. Planned activities for mobile birth registration in remote areas will also be organized.
- On 18-19 February UNHCR attended a meeting in Naivasha for civil society organizations to present their comments and recommendations on the Huduma Bill to the parliamentary committee. There was continued advocacy and calls for the inclusion of refugees, asylum seekers and stateless persons in the Bill and provision for their registration and issuance of Huduma cards. Issues facing the double registered population mainly in Garissa County were also raised and concerns that if not resolved many individuals would miss out on Huduma registration and access to services.
- The monthly interagency GBV working group met, and partners are continuing with remote case management while others have adopted a hybrid system.
- The International Women's Day celebrations: UNHCR and Partners held three meetings to prepare for the event scheduled on 7th/3/2022. The global theme for 2022 is "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow".
- UNHCR also participated in one meeting organized by the Nairobi County gender office to plan for the county's IWD event to be held on 3/3/2022
- UNHCR, DRS and Partners planned to celebrate the day at Gethsemane Ministry Headquarters along Manyanja Road in Umoja on 7 March 2022 as a build-up activity to International Women's Day.
- Seven cases were admitted for counselling during the month and there are 34 cases so far enrolled since January. UNHCR attended joint case conferencing where four cases were discussed as well as 2 CBI panel discussions where GBV cases were presented