

Urban Refugee Programme, Kenya July 2022



PROTECTION

- DRS and UNHCR held a two-day meeting at the Movenpick Hotel on 18-19 July to discuss areas of mutual interest and future collaboration between UNHCR and DRS. The meeting agreed on recommendations and action points to be followed up on by both DRS and UNHCR.
- Camp relocation assistance – UNHCR, in collaboration with HIAS and DRS facilitated 3 movements to Kakuma for a total of 28 registered PoCs.

REFUGEE STATUS DETERMINATION

- A Refugee Status Eligibility Panel meeting (RSEP/04/2022) was held 15th July 2022. A total of 1021 individuals were presented to the Panel from Nairobi and Kakuma. The cases presented in the Panel were endorsed by the commissioner on 27th July 2022.
- RSD facilitated a Training Workshop, which was organised by the RCK at Heron Portico, Nairobi, from 25-29 July 2022. The five-day workshop on RSD was provided to community leaders from Kawangware, Kayole, Eastleigh, Guthurai/Kasarani and Rongai/Kitengela. The training objective was to train refugee leaders on RSD procedures, rights and provisions of refugees and asylum seekers and on documentation.
- RSD attended a two-day UNHCR/DRS collaboration workshop on 18 and 19 July together with the field offices. RSD presented on ACSG project and on backlog management.
- During the period, RSD services continued at the Joint Refugee Service Center on General Mathenge. 183 individuals were scheduled for interviews (151 showed and were interviewed, 31 were no show and 1 was rescheduled), 142 assessments completed and, 195 individual cases reviewed (173 ready for the Eligibility Panel Sitting and 22 returned for complimentary interview). 363 RSD decisions were endorsed by the CRA and updated.
- 37 individuals referred to RSD from the Helpline were called and given feedback on the status of their cases.

DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- 2,067 individuals were submitted (or re-submitted) to different resettlement countries since January 2022 (all locations), out of which 670 individuals were

submitted by BO Nairobi (476 to the USA; 184 to Norway; 5 to Germany and 5 to the 'unallocated quota').

- Since January 2022, resettlement departures for Kenya operation stands at 700 individuals: Canada (399), USA (194), Norway (37), Germany (21), Australia (13), France (8); The Netherlands (5); UK (3) blank (20).
- RST Helpline activities continued during the reporting period around 10 PoCs made inquiries and had received a follow-up email/counselling. RST counselling was provided for PoCs with a resettlement case who had appointments for protection counselling.
- RST counselling was conducted on Tuesday and Thursday of every week in the month of July.

REGISTRATION

- New Arrivals' & Birth Registration: Department of Refugee Services (DRS) registered 788 individuals during the reporting period, bringing the active urban population to 88,465 individuals (57,053 refugees and 31,412 asylum seekers) as of 31 July 2022.
- A total of Seven hundred and three (703) PoCs of age 5 and above were enrolled into BIMS during the reporting period; these include those registered earlier but were not enrolled at the time.
- According to the proGres data, a total of nine (9) Refugee ID Card(s) were issued during the reporting period.
- Five hundred and thirty-one (531) asylum seekers were issued with 'Asylum Seeker Pass' documents and recorded in proGres during the reporting period.
- Nineteen (19) minors were issued with Minors' Passes documents and recorded in proGres during the reporting period.
- Zero (0) Movement Pass document was issued by DRS and recorded in proGres during the reporting period.
- Fourteen (14) Birth Certificates were issued and recorded in proGres during the reporting period.

COMMUNITY-BASED PROTECTION

- The team agreed to mobilize 30 persons per location to adhere to the COVID guidelines – social distancing and bearing in mind it was campaign time to avoid big gatherings. The 30 mobilized will then share the information with the rest of the people in their location through WhatsApp messages, meetings at community level, FBOs and on one on one.
- In Mombasa and Kilifi counties, the sensitization forums were conducted in Kibokoni, Majengo, Kisauni, Bamburi, Likoni Malindi and Watamu and in Nakuru, the sensitization were conducted in Kiti, Section 58, Langa Langa and Shabaab.
- Coordination meetings were held including the PSN/Protection Coordination meeting on July 21, Urban MHPSS TWG on July 5, MHPSS advocacy task group

on July 13, capacity building task group on July 14, as well as profiling of POC with mental illness on July 20.

- 132 vulnerability and needs assessments were conducted.
- In July, additionally, 25 PSN benefited from counselling services, making a total of 109 children. 5 PSN was terminated after finishing their counselling successfully.

CHILD PROTECTION

- Implementation of child protection is ongoing. Vulnerable children in need of care and protection are identified, assessed and supported with financial assistance through their caregivers. In July, one psychosocial panel was organized to discuss and approve vulnerable for financial assistance including cases identified during a community visit to Mombasa by the partner NGO. The assistance enables the children to meet their basic needs which include dietary food for sick children, transport for hospital appointments and those in need of physiotherapy.
- HIAS protection monitors and community volunteer workers are the link between the refugee community, UNHCR and partners. They are able to identify vulnerable children, conduct basic assessments and refer to partners for assistance.
- UNHCR Child Protection received 16 best interest assessments and 9 social assessments from HIAS during the reporting period. Some of the assessments conducted were referrals from UNHCR that needed various interventions including counselling, educational assistance, medical support, documentation assistance as well as financial assistance to cover the cost of basic needs. Also UNHCR and other panel members convened one BID panel which was postponed in June, where 10 BIDs were discussed and signed eventually. The July BID Panel was scheduled in early August, therefore the cases will be reported in the next operational update.
- In July, additionally 5 children benefited from counselling services making a total of 28 children. 2 child was terminated after finishing their counselling successfully. Counselling enables the children to understand challenges faced and are also counselled on coping mechanisms.
- On July 28, child protection training was conducted through the partner NGO for representatives of four refugee-led community-based organizations. 30 refugee leaders (17M, 13F), 6 facilitators (1M, 5F), community leaders, and child protection monitors attended. The training covered principles of child protection, identification of children at risk and referral pathways, Violence against Children (VAC), and foster parents and children in need of foster care.
- On July 8, UNHCR, partner NGO and DRS convened a case conference to discuss clients sleeping at DRS offices in Upper Hill Nairobi.
- On July 4, a child protection working group meeting was held where 10 organizations including DRS attended and provided operational updates in the field of child protection as well as reviewed a draft information booklet for children.