



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS LIVING IN URBAN AREAS IN LIGHT OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) (Issued: 19 May 2020)

The Government of Kenya has introduced **movement restrictions** to prevent the further spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), in particular:

- A nation-wide **curfew between 7 pm and 5 am**. The curfew is **now in effect until 6 June 2020**.
- No movement in or out of the **Nairobi Metropolitan Area, Kilifi, Kwale, Mombasa and Mandera**. This restriction is in effect until **6 June 2020**.
- There is no movement within or out of **Eastleigh** in Nairobi and **Old Town** in Mombasa. This restriction is **currently in effect until 27 May 2020**.
- The **borders with Tanzania and Somalia have been closed** for the movement of persons from 16 May 2020.
- There is no movement in or out of the **refugee camps in Kakuma and Dadaab**.

The number of COVID-19 cases are increasing, and it is very important that you keep yourself updated and **adhere to the guidelines and restrictions** of the Government of Kenya to help prevent the spread. Concretely, this means:

- Regularly **wash your hands** with soap and water.
- **Please do not move around more than absolutely necessary during the day time**. If you have to go out, **wear a mask** in all **public places** and **carry your registration documents** with you at all times.
- **Do not attend or hold public gatherings**. If you have to attend a public gathering, such as a funeral or wedding, make sure that there are **not more than 15 people in the gathering**.
- In case the Government carries out **mass testing** in different locations to control the spread of COVID-19 and should you be in such a place, please **cooperate with staff from the Ministry of Health**.

These measures are for **your safety** and in **your own interest**. In addition, you will also contribute towards reducing the spread of COVID-19. But please note that there are implications in case you do not follow these directions which include:

- If you do not wear a face mask in public, you can be **fined up to 20,000 KES** and may face **imprisonment** for up to six months or both.
- If you attend gatherings where there are more than 15 persons or you move during curfew hours or try to travel to or out of the refugee camps in Kakuma or Dadaab, you may be **arrested**; alternatively, you might be **quarantined** by the Government at a designated facility for 14 days at your own expense.

These times are not easy for anyone. Should you require help, please see the **following emergency assistance numbers**:

For registration/ documentation emergencies: Refugee Affairs Secretariat Shauri Moyo: 0772057770	UNHCR Helpline: 0800720063 (tollfree)
For health emergencies: NCKK 0704873342 / 0723281352/ 0723281362	For NHIF-related issues (National Hospital Insurance Fund): 0740049502
For legal emergencies (arrest, problems with the police): Kituo cha Sheria 0720806531	For livelihood emergencies: Danish Refugee Council 0800720181
Counseling Hotline: 1190/ 1199/ 0721 336017	Child Protection Hotline: 116
Gender-based Violence Hotline: 1195/ 0800720501	

COVID 19 is spread directly through droplets (coughing/sneezing) from an infected person; indirectly through contact with surfaces or objects used by an infected person. Should you have **any of the COVID-19 symptoms** like fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties, **please contact the Ministry of Health** through 0800721316 (tollfree); 0732353535; or 0748592558 for guidance.