# Kenya

01-31 July 2025

**Nairobi:** In June 2025, UNHCR's urban helpline handled over 12,000 calls and 1,100 emails, supported vulnerable relocations, and provided cash assistance to elderly refugees.

**Kakuma:** UNHCR supported over 308,000 refugees and asylum-seekers in Kakuma through protection, education, health, shelter, WASH and livelihoods programmes despite severe funding constraints.

**Dadaab:** UNHCR and partners reached 57,000+ people with life-saving information, and empowered refugees with digital skills, education, and protection services

## KEY FIGURES

## 858,137

Registered refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya from over 20 countries.

## 86 per cent

Percentage of refugees living in Dadaab **(432,863)** and Kakuma **(308,415)** Municipalities. **116,859** refugees and asylum seekers reside in urban areas. Read more.

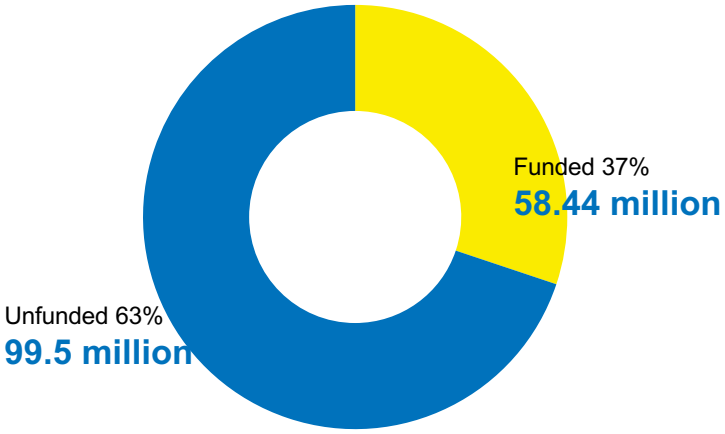
## 12,000

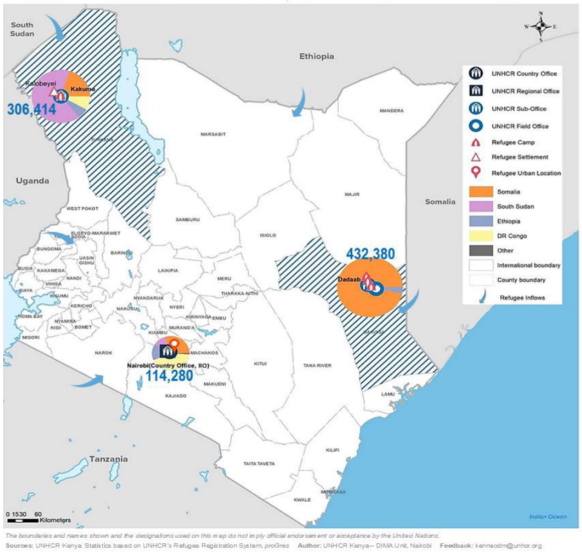
Calls answered on the UNHCR helpline.

## FUNDING (AS OF 31 JULY 2025)

## US$ 157.9 million

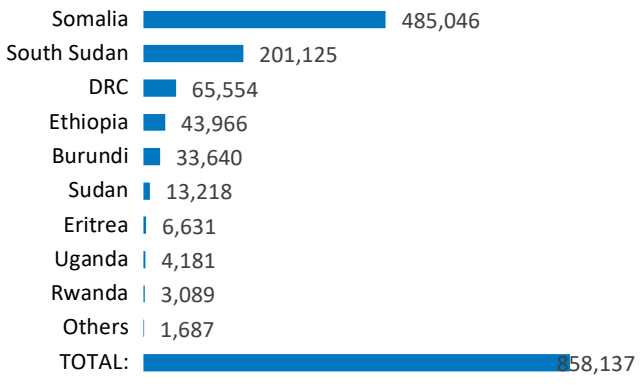
As of 30 June 2025. Read more.




## POPULATION OF CONCERN

## Host Countries




* *https://data.unhcr.org/en/country/ken*

## Operational Context and Highlights

In early July 2025, Kenya's Ministry of Health donated 140,000 insecticidal mosquito nets for refugee and host families in Kakuma. The distribution is helping protect thousands of the most vulnerable from malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases, reducing preventable illness and strengthening community health.




*A refugee mother in Kakuma holds her baby and a newly distributed mosquito net, part of the 140,000 nets donated by Kenya's Ministry of Health to protect families from malaria.*

## Dadaab Refugee Camp

### Protection

Dadaab hosted 432,863 refugees and asylum-seekers across 81,910 households. Somalis made up 96.8 percent of the population; women and children accounted for 80 percent.

- 111 new arrivals and 293 births were recorded in July, bringing the total registered in 2025 to 14,213. Nearly 30,000 individuals were biometrically enrolled since mid-June.
- More than 400 ration cards, 419 refugee ID cards and more than 360 movement passes were issued.
- Legal and psychosocial support was provided for GBV, family disputes, custody and documentation challenges.
- Over 1,000 children participated in Child-Friendly Space activities to support psychosocial wellbeing and early protection identification.

- Awareness campaigns reached nearly 68,000 people with key messages on protection, education, food and health.
- Over 1,000 community members were sensitized on prevention and referral pathways on Gender Based Violence.
- Border monitoring recorded nearly 1,800 movements; more than 150 individuals expressed interest in voluntary return.
- More than 700 people received counselling on resettlement; departures to Canada finalized.

## Education

- Attendance remained strong: 97 to 98 percent in Pre-Primary/Primary/Junior Secondary, and 71 to 74 perecent in Secondary.
- End-term exams began on 18 July; schools closed on 1 August.
- 90 teachers completed digital literacy training; 163 incentive teachers sat DPTE and BCTE exams.
- 20 girls represented Dadaab and Fafi in the Garissa County Music Festival, qualifying for the Regional Festival in Wajir.
- 40 school leaders and education officers were trained on Ministry of Education guidelines for communities of practice.
- Inclusive education support reached 57 children with disabilities; 54 accessed audiology services; 79 received occupational therapy.
- 133 student leaders were trained on children's rights and feedback mechanisms.

## Health and nutrition

- There were 48,308 medical consultations; 2,109 mental health consultations and 664 skilled deliveries.
- Dengue fever outbreak continued with 215 new admissions. Health facilities also treated 10,212 cases of watery diarrhoea and 19,668 cases of acute respiratory infections across the camps.
- 162 HIV patients received Antiretroviral Therapy treatment.
- Community sessions were held to reduce stigma and promote positive mental health. Hundreds of people received psychosocial first aid, trauma counselling and referrals for specialized care.
- 2,659 children suffering from acute malnutrition were admitted for treatment. This included 1,490 children with moderate malnutrition, 669 with severe cases and 470 who required intensive inpatient care.
- The reduction in food rations and the suspension of supplementary feeding programmes worsened the situation, contributing to higher malnutrition rates.
- All UNHCR-supported health facilities were registered under the new Social Health Authority, marking progress in linking refugee health services to the national system.

## Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- Across Dadaab's 28 operational boreholes, 7,900 cubic metres of water were produced daily. Refugees received an average of 9.5 litres per person per day.
- Sanitation coverage stood at 53%, with 41,341 household latrines and 840 communal facilities available. Plans for additional facilities are underway.
- Hygiene promotion activities remained critically under-staffed with only 42 promoters serving the entire camp population, far below the standard of one promoter per 1,000 people.

### Livelihoods & Economic Inclusion

- UNHCR participated in a stakeholder workshop on the hide and skin value chain with Garissa University and the International Labour Organization, aimed at creating new livelihood opportunities through skills development and market access.
- Digital literacy training reached over 220 learners, including 80 women. More than 200 refugee freelancers also received coaching in digital marketing, online safety and professional development.
- Refugee freelancers began earning income online, with 10 individuals making a combined USD 890, including one translation project worth USD 125. To support this, 23 laptops were donated through the Danish Refugee Council, expanding access to digital tools.
- The black soldier fly insect farming project produced over 750,000 larvae for animal feed, while also recycling organic waste and generating sales.
- Two new savings and loan groups were formed, collectively saving KES 16,850.

## Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement

### Protection

- Kakuma and Kalobeyei hosted 309,963 refugees and asylum-seekers.
- 492 new arrivals (mainly from South Sudan, DRC and Sudan) and 433 births were registered in July.
- 35 refugees departed for resettlement and complementary pathways.
- 83 unaccompanied or separated children were received and placed in alternative care.
- 39 cases of gender-based violence were reported; survivors received timely medical, legal and psychosocial support.
- 367 newly elected refugee leaders were inaugurated.
- Core relief items were distributed to new arrivals and families in reception centres.
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### Education

- 105,214 students were enrolled across 55 schools.
- 20 new classrooms were completed under Danish funding, benefiting more than 2,000 learners.
- Assessments were carried out in 12 senior schools to prepare for the 2026 transition, which will include more than 6,000 students.
- Flooding and heavy rains earlier in the term continued to affect school attendance, which averaged around 72%.
- The School Meals Programme distributed over 80 metric tons of food.
- Teachers received training on mental health, psychosocial support and the Competency-Based Curriculum.
- More than 100 student leaders were trained in leadership and governance.
- 13 junior secondary schools, including 5 host community schools, received mobile science laboratories.
- Over 8,000 vulnerable learners received uniforms, hygiene kits and sanitary pads.

### Health, food security, and nutrition

- Health facilities provided 77,881 consultations, including 1,084 mental health visits and assisted with 455 births.
- A four-day surgical camp performed 45 operations, benefiting both refugees and host community members.

- Seasonal malaria prevention reached more than 29,000 children under five years old.
- The cholera outbreak declared in May was officially brought under control by July.
- A vaccination campaign achieved more than 95% coverage for measles and typhoid.
- Over 100,000 mosquito nets were distributed to protect families from malaria.
- 311 children in Kakuma and 265 in Kalobeyei were admitted for malnutrition treatment.
- 913 caregivers were trained on proper maternal and child feeding practices.

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- 22 boreholes, 45 elevated steel tanks and 1,500 communal taps were operational across Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- Refugees received on average 15 litres of water per person per day below the recommended minimum of 20 litres.
- 68% of households had access to latrines.
- Over 1,300 new arrivals were reached with hygiene and sanitation messages.
- Water pipelines were rehabilitated and borehole generators serviced to ensure consistent supply.

### Environment and energy

- Over 387 metric tons of firewood were distributed to schools, reception centres and institutions.
- Refugee artisans produced 290 improved cookstoves to reduce firewood use.
- More than 5,700 seedlings were planted across refugee camps, host communities and institutions.

## URBAN

### Protection

- The urban refugee and asylum-seeker population stood at 116,859 people authorized to live in towns and cities, though the number is likely higher as some relocate without authorization.
- The UNHCR Helpline managed 17,441 incoming calls, answering 16,694 and placed 232 outgoing calls.
- 2,144 appointments were booked in July, with new arrival registration the most requested service.
- The Helpline received 1,538 emails, mainly requests for RSD interviews, protection and resettlement.
- 15 arrest cases were recorded, escalated, and those detained were released with support.
- 22 refugees and asylum-seekers were relocated from urban areas to camps, including families facing hardship after losing livelihoods during the 7 July protests.
- An LGBTIQ+ information-sharing session in Rongai reached 22 participants, covering CBO registration, access to services and the Shirika Plan. Another 9 individuals at the HIAS Safe House were trained on diversity, safe spaces, and conflict resolution.
- The LGBTIQ+ Technical Working Group convened on 16 July with 5 partners to review challenges and opportunities for protection.
- Four Helpline calibration sessions were conducted, auditing 8 calls to improve quality and service delivery.

### Livelihoods, economic inclusion, and social protection

- 182 elderly refugees received KES 370,552 under the 70+ scheme; 40 additional cases remain under tracing.

- Draft concepts were developed for eight livelihood value chains, covering agriculture, digital economy, creative industries, environment, and small business development.

## Resettlement and complimentary pathways

- 50 cases consisting of 170 individuals were reviewed; 9 cases consisting of 18 individuals interviewed and 15 cases consisting 68 individuals prepared for submission.
- 50 cases of 254 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries (mainly Canada and Australia).
- 286 individuals departed on resettlement between January and July, 327 individuals departed on complementary pathways, mainly to Canada and Australia.

## Statelessness

- From 28th to 30th July, Haki Centre Organization, government officials, and immigration officers conducted missions in Kwale and Lamu to map stateless individuals.
- Advocacy sessions were held with local administrators to highlight statelessness and encourage protection while awaiting formal recognition.

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