

Kenya

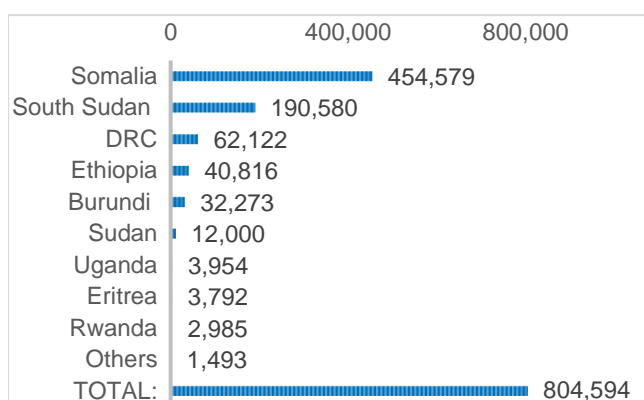
October 2024

Kenya hosts more than **800,000 refugees and asylum-seekers**. The majority reside in the **Kakuma** and **Dadaab Municipalities**, with a smaller number living in **urban areas**.

UNHCR provides **protection and assistance** and works with the Government and partners to ensure they are provided with basic services and have access to some economic opportunities.

UNHCR supports **durable solutions**, including socio-economic inclusion, voluntary repatriation, resettlement, complementary pathways and resolving statelessness.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

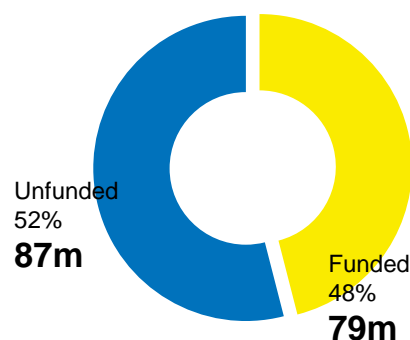


Demographics:

51% male, 49% female
 77% women and children
 53% aged 0-17 years
 87% living in camps and 13% living in urban areas

FUNDING (AS OF OCTOBER 2024)

USD 166 million requested for the Kenya operation.



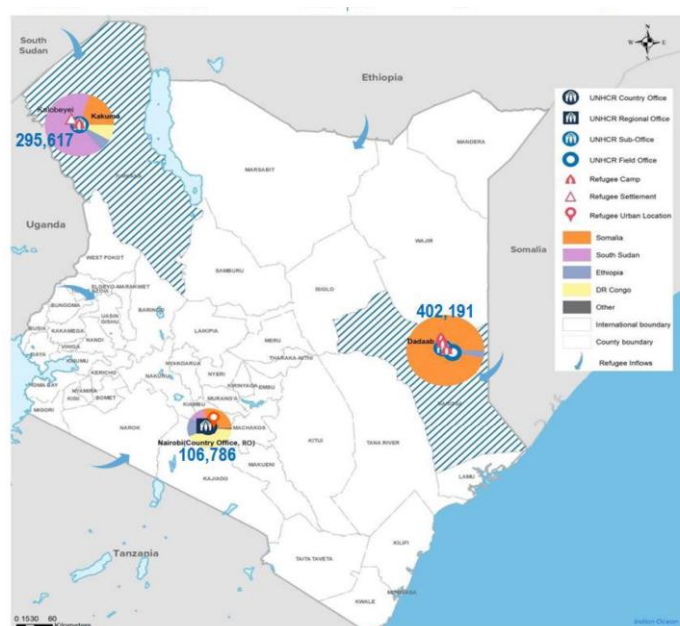
UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

255 National Staff
 47 International Staff
 37 Affiliate workforce

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi
 1 Joint Refugee Service Centre in Nairobi
 2 Sub-Offices in Kakuma and Dadaab





"35-year-old Adelle, a Congolese refugee, making a difference by empowering women through creating employment opportunities. UNHCR/Charity Nzomo

Operational context

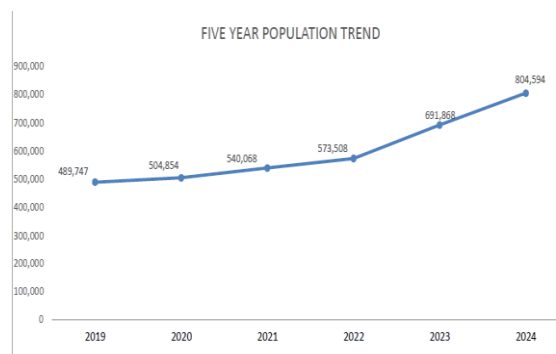
UNHCR has been operational in Kenya for over fifty years. Kenya is the fifth largest refugee-hosting country in Africa. The refugee situation in Kenya is protracted, most refugees have resided in the camps for over 30 years with new influxes over the years, mainly from Somalia and South Sudan. There are more than 408,985 residing in Dadaab Municipality and approximately 295,152 in Kakuma Municipality and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement. Just over 107,000 are living in urban areas.

UNHCR works closely with the Government of Kenya and national and international partners. UNHCR also supports refugees and asylum seekers with humanitarian assistance while also working with partners to build the resilience of beneficiaries. UNHCR also supports refugees who return to their countries of origin (returnees) with logistical assistance. UNHCR advocates on behalf of stateless persons and with the support of the Government, supports access to citizenship and documentation.

The Government is currently shifting its approach toward refugees, which aims to transition refugees from camps into integrated settlements. The multi-year "Shirika Plan" is a pioneering initiative currently under development that could benefit refugees and host communities alike.

Population trends

- Since January 2024, the Department of Refugee Services (DRS) has registered 108,621 people, the majority coming from Somalia (69%) followed by South Sudan 17% and DRC (4%). This represents an increase of 32% in the number of registered and newly arrived refugees and asylum-seekers compared to the same period in 2023.



Main Activities

Protection

- UNHCR coordinates the planning and implementation of **protection and targeted assistance programmes** for refugees and asylum-seekers in partnership with the Government of Kenya and partners.
- UNHCR's main protection activities are centred around **safeguarding the legal rights of refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons**. This involves legal assistance, advocacy, access to basic human rights, mental health and psychosocial support, and protection from violence and exploitation. UNHCR approaches this through the mainstreaming of protection services, ensuring specialized focus on child protection and community-based protection.
- **Women and children**, who account for 77% of the total refugee population, are often the most vulnerable and are prioritized under UNHCR's protection and assistance programmes. This includes medical treatment, psychosocial support, legal assistance, and safe shelter. UNHCR and partners also implement a strategy to **prevent GBV** through awareness raising and targeted engagement with women, men, girls, and boys.
- UNHCR works with the Government of Kenya's Department of Children's Services and our partners to ensure the **protection of refugee children** in Kenya through comprehensive community-based programming. Unaccompanied and separated children are supported with alternative care arrangements.
- Whenever possible, family tracing with relatives is initiated and **family reunification** is facilitated in case of positive results.
- UNHCR and partners, **monitor detention facilities** across the country to identify detained refugees and asylum-seekers and follow-up with authorities. UNHCR also **monitor border areas** and flight routes to ensure that asylum-seekers have effective access to Kenyan territory and that they are not refouled.
- UNHCR also **provides technical support** to the Government of Kenya on matters related to refugee protection and assistance with the aim helping to ensure effective refugee protection in Kenya in line with Kenyan law and international standards.

Education

- UNHCR supports access to education for over 145,000 refugee children and youth through the direct provision of basic education services in 107 institutions in the refugee camps, and facilitates refugees to access public schools in Kenya.

- UNHCR supports more than 500 DAFI higher education students with scholarships to attend Kenyan TVET institutions and universities, as well scholarships abroad.
- Collaboration with the Ministry of Education supports a progressive approach to inclusion of UNHCR managed schools and refugee learners into the national education system. Highlights of progress includes: development of an Ministry of Education Strategy on Education and Training for Refugee and Host Communities in Kenya; government support for 8,000 refugee Elimu scholars pursuing secondary education in public schools around Kenya; registration of refugee schools and learners in NEMIS.

Health

- UNHCR works with the Ministry of Health and County Ministry of Health in Garissa and Turkana and partners to **provide free health and nutrition services** to asylum-seekers, refugees and members of the host communities at health facilities in the two refugee camps and in urban locations.

Water and Sanitation

- In the Kakuma and Dadaab Municipalities, UNHCR works with partners to improve access to water and sanitation. This includes maintaining boreholes, pipeline networks and tap stands and rehabilitating both communal and household latrines.

Shelter and NFIs

- In Kakuma, UNHCR supports new arrivals with **transitional shelters**. In the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement, some families have been supported with **permanent shelters**. In Dadaab, shelter remains one of the biggest gaps for refugees. UNHCR and partners give **basic support** including plastic sheets, pieces of rope and a set of tools.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- The Government's Department of Refugee Services is responsible for the management and coordination of refugee affairs and the refugee camps in Kenya, with technical support from UNHCR.

Energy and environmental protection

- UNHCR has an **Operational Strategy for Environmental Sustainability** (2022-2025) is committed to reducing environmental degradation in displacement settings and enhancing the preparedness and resilience of refugees and host communities to the effects of climate change.
- Activities include **tree planting** programs to restore forest cover; **energy-efficient stoves** to reduce dependence on firewood; **sustainable waste management** practices to minimize pollution; and **water conservation** like rainwater harvesting to manage water resources more efficiently.

Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion

- UNHCR's Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion programs aim to enhance the self-reliance and socio-economic integration of refugees and host communities. These initiatives focus on building capacities and creating economic opportunities through skills development, vocational training, and entrepreneurship support. UNHCR fosters partnerships with the private sector and facilitates access to relevant work permits.
- To support sustainable livelihoods, UNHCR assists refugees in accessing financial services and markets. Through advocacy and collaboration with governments and various partners, UNHCR strives to establish enabling environments that facilitate the integration of refugees into local economies, ultimately promoting self-reliance.



Arielle is an artisan stove-maker in Kakuma Municipality, providing her with a steady income and offering energy-saving cooking solutions. UNHCR/Pauline Omagwa

Social Protection

- UNHCR works with Kenya's Social Protection Secretariat and line social protection ministries, departments, agencies (MDAs), and stakeholders to strengthen the national and county social protection systems and increase reach for vulnerable persons in Kenya.

Durable Solutions

UNHCR supports refugees with durable solutions, in four ways:

1. Voluntary repatriation

- UNHCR and partners interview refugees and asylum-seekers who have expressed a desire to repatriate to provide them with important information and to assess the voluntariness of return. So far in 2024, some 1,024 Burundian refugees have been supported to return home.
- UNHCR supports those wishing to return with a financial grant, counselling, country of origin information and liaising with embassies of countries of origin and the department of immigration for exit VISAs.

2. Resettlement

- UNHCR supports the resettlement of refugees to third countries and the final decision to accept a refugee for resettlement is taken by the authorities of the country of resettlement. So far in 2024, a total of 3,401 refugees have departed for resettlement.

3. Complementary Pathways

- UNHCR supports complementary pathways for refugees so they can benefit from educational and employment opportunities in third countries.

4. Local Integration and Inclusion

- The Government of Kenya's "Shirika Plan" aims to transform refugee camps into integrated settlements where refugees and host communities would live together and benefit from inclusion in national services and from programmes designed to facilitate self-reliance and economic development in refugee hosting areas.

- UNHCR has been supporting the Government and a range of partners with the Kalobeyi Integrated Socio-Economic Development Plan (KISED) in Turkana County, and the Garissa Integrated Socio-Economic Development Plan (GISED) in Garissa County.

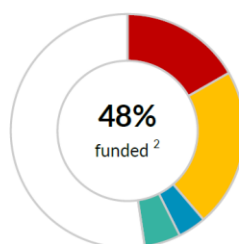
Financial Information

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.



\$166.0 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024 ¹



FUNDING UPDATE | 2024

KENYA

as of 31 October 2024

- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)

CONTRIBUTIONS ³ | USD

	Unearmarked	Softly earmarked	Earmarked	Tightly earmarked	Total
United States of America	-	2,794,617	35,000,000	1,593,278	39,387,895
Denmark	-	1,514,922	-	5,426,340	6,941,262
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	-	-	-	6,087,730	6,087,730
Private donors in Denmark	-	-	-	5,565,566	5,565,566
European Union	-	-	-	4,114,184	4,114,184
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	-	-	-	2,504,700	2,504,700
Japan	-	-	2,000,000	55,727	2,055,727
Sweden	-	-	1,233,280	-	1,233,280
Canada	-	-	548,246	192,591	740,837
Private donors in the Netherlands	-	-	-	538,713	538,713
Switzerland	-	357,906	-	-	357,906
Central Emergency Response Fund	-	-	-	300,000	300,000
United Nations SDG Multi-Partner Trust Fund Kenya	-	-	-	257,845	257,845
Private donors in Canada	-	-	-	236,800	236,800
USA for UNHCR	-	-	-	202,860	202,860
Australia for UNHCR	-	-	-	105,819	105,819
Private donors in China	-	-	-	100,780	100,780
China	-	-	-	99,153	99,153
Other private donors	-	-	109,435	180,921	290,356
Sub-total	-	4,667,445	38,890,960	27,563,007	71,121,411
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	8,322,965	1,800,328	(2,368,281)	198,808	7,953,820
Total	8,322,965	6,467,772	36,522,679	27,761,815	79,075,231

EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Earmarked contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 166 million**.

BROADLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Special thanks to the major donors of broadly earmarked contributions:

Australia for UNHCR 9.3 million | Finland 6.6 million | UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe 6.6 million | Italy 4.9 million | Norway 2.8 million | Private donors in Italy 2.4 million

UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

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