

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 30 MAY 2019

190,194

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 2 June 2019.

7,720

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2019.

5,747

Newly arrived refugees from South Sudan registered in 2019.

KEY INDICATORS

6,202

Households in Kalobeyei received Cash for Core Relief Items (soap and sanitary towels) for the month of May and June 2019.

631

Refugees in Kakuma and Kalobeyei accessed legal assistance in 2019.

131

Refugees facilitated for long-term solutions (resettlement) through Complementary Pathways in 2019.

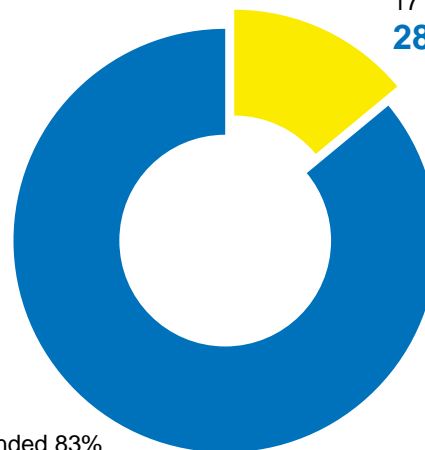
FUNDING (AS OF 29 MAY 2019)

USD 170.1 M

Requested for the Kenya Operation

Funded
17 %

28.42 M

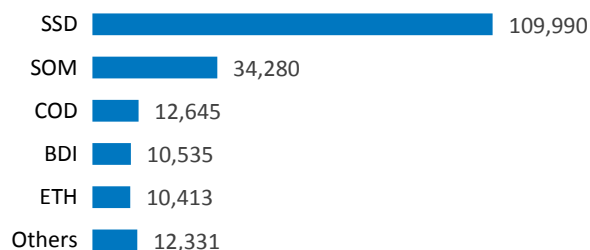


Unfunded 83%
141.68 M



A refugee trader in Kalobeyei demonstrates the use of UNHCR branded debit card and a POS machine to Kenyan Members of Parliament Taskforce working on the review of the Refugee Bill. Photo UNHCR

POPULATION OF CONCERN



The above figures show the overall refugee population registered in the UNHCR database as of 2 June 2019. The figure is inclusive of the population of refugees hosted in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei integrated settlement.

Update on Achievements

Highlights

Refugee learners participate in Inter-switchSPAK competition: 6 learners from Morneau Shepell girls school took a test that would see them represent Turkana county and compete with their fellow students across the country in the InterswitchSPAK competition. The competition targets form 3 students with a special interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). This yearlong program seeks to register 12,000 students across the country after which a national qualifying contest will be held. Through this, the competition organizers, Interswitch, the Ministry of Education, and UNESCO, will be able to determine the best 54 learners who will proceed to the next round and feature in the InterswitchSPAK Kenya 1.0 – National TV Quiz show to determine the top nine STEM students in Kenya.

<https://www.techarena.co.ke/2019/04/04/interswitchspak-2019/>

Kenyan members of parliament visit Kakuma refugee camp: 5 Kenyan Members of Parliament (MPs) Taskforce working on the review of the Refugee Bill visited Kakuma on 6 – 8 May 2019. The objective of the visit was to collect public views on the proposed Refugee Bill. During the visit, the MPs engaged with key stakeholders including refugees and the host community.

UNHCR, Kenyan Muslims fundraise for refugee education: The UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, and the Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims raised over 15 million shillings (150,000 U.S. dollars) in support of refugee education at an Iftar dinner held in Nairobi, Kenya.

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/14/c_138058304.htm

Alternative cooking energy: Superball briquettes changing lives in Kakuma: Hundreds of families in Kakuma are using briquettes – made from human waste and charcoal dust, as a source of cooking energy. ‘Poop,’ a smart and readily available ingredient, is collected from modified latrines in Kakuma camp. The sludge is then treated, combined with charcoal dust and compressed to make balls of energy.

<https://www.unhcr.org/ke/15669-alternative-cooking-energy-superball-briquettes-changing-lives-in-kakuma.html>

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** 7,720 newly arrived refugees registered since the beginning of January 2019, of whom 5,747 (74.4%) are refugees from South Sudan.
- **Resettlement:** 109 cases comprising of 464 individuals submitted for resettlement consideration in Canada, Sweden, United Kingdom and the United States (US). Additionally, 295 individuals departed for resettlement in 2019 mainly to the US, Canada and Australia.
- 32 cases of 131 individuals facilitated for resettlement through **complementary pathways** in 2019. These include family reunification, private sponsorships, educational scholarships and labour mobility.
- **Voluntary Repatriation:** 100 individuals have been assisted to return through the Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep) programme in 2019 of which 61 individuals returned to Somalia and 39 to Burundi.
- **Youth:** Distributed NIKE football shoes to 259 football players including 84 from the host community.
- Held a coordination meeting with Athletics Kenya, Turkana West Sub-County, officials with a view to organizing a 'We Run' sporting activity for the host community around Kakuma and Kalobeyi.
- **Legal Assistance:** 162 refugees accessed legal assistance in May 2019 of which 40 were from Kalobeyi settlement and 122 refugees from Kakuma camp.
- 5 visits to police posts in Kakuma and Kalobeyi were made reaching out to 6 refugees.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Specialized services to persons living with disability and mental health challenges are limited and the number of cases in need of assistance increased without having any adequate services and referral mechanisms.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- DAFI Kenyan students' organization (DAFIKESO) conducted mentorship/ career guidance sessions to 2,036 (437 female) from four candidates in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyi settlement.

- 91 (29 female) learners from 6 camp secondary schools and 1 host community school participated in a Mathematics Contest held at Morneau Shepell Secondary school.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Inadequate facilities (classrooms, toilets, desks, WASH and play facilities) leading to school congestion and inability to enrol out-of-school children.
- An insufficient number of teachers including a low number of female teachers, limited training opportunities, and low remuneration and motivation, which affects education quality.



SHELTER AND CBI

Achievements and Impact

- During the month of May, 69 families constructed 109 permanent shelter units in Kalobeyei settlement through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter project. Additionally, 60 household latrines were constructed through Cash Based Intervention in Kalobeyei alongside the permanent shelters.
- 233 permanent shelters units and 163 household latrines are undergoing construction in Kalobeyei settlement through the Cash for Shelter project.
- 699 transitional shelters constructed for 1,937 newly arrived refugees in Kakuma camp in the month of May 2019.
- 6,202 families comprising of 31,317 individuals, of which 8,570 are females of reproductive age, received cash assistance for Core Relief Items (soap, sanitary napkins, and underwear) for the months of May and June.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need for the construction of adequate permanent homes for the nearly 7,000 families who are currently living in temporary shelters in Kalobeyei settlement.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Achievements and Impact

- 1472.8 MT of firewood distributed during the General Firewood Distribution in Kakuma and 269.44MT in Kalobeyei Settlement.
- 539 dual-purpose cook stoves were produced and ready for lining and branding and 542 stoves were distributed to the new arrivals relocated to the community in Kakuma refugee camp.

- 16,100 tree seedlings were produced in May, and 7,158 tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts and host community.
- Kalobeyei Mini Grid: As of 22 May 2019 – All the poles, distribution and transmission lines had been installed in Kalobeyei Village 1 market and these connection lines extend to the surrounding households. Registration of both commercial and residential consumers begun by Friday 24th May. So far, 151 households and business have been registered and connected to the spark meters. Construction of the Kalobeyei Town Mini Grid is also ongoing.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Households continue to rely predominantly on firewood, charcoal, paraffin and basic solar lanterns for their cooking and lighting needs respectively, with firewood being the main source of energy.
- The availability of affordable and reliable electricity has the potential to stimulate economic growth that will have beneficial spill-over effects that could potentially increase individual revenue hence a higher disposable income.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- Refugees in Kakuma received an average of 21.33 litres of clean water per person per day while refugees in Kalobeyei settlement received 21.23 litres per person per day.
- 10 refugee staff were trained on water quality monitoring, plumbing skills, generator operations and maintenance.
- A five-day training conducted for WASH partners on mobile implementation of water, sanitation and Hygiene KAP surveys by facilitators from UNHCR Geneva and CartONG.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- More resources needed for the construction of household latrines to replace the current communal latrines in Kalobeyei settlement and improve the overall latrine coverage.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

- Business development services in financial literacy, Village Loans and Savings Associations (VSLA) groups capacity strengthening, and business management training empowered 1,150 individuals in Kalobeyei.
- 32 candidates sat for certified examinations including 11 Certified Public Accountants (CPA), 6 Diploma in Accounting Technicians, 15 Certificate in Accounting and Management Skills (CAMS)
- Solar powered pump technology demonstration conducted for 56 farmers with the aim of introducing farmers to solar pumps for shallow well irrigation. The demonstration was conducted jointly with SunKen Ltd.
- 98 women in Safe from the start project produced artisan items for the local and national markets valued at 164,000 Kenya shillings (US\$ 1,640).

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need for a multi-year sustainable livelihoods programming.
- There is inadequate access to credit facilities by refugees, which limits the growth of existing businesses and limits opportunities for new businesses.

Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), Turkana County Government, the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held including meetings with refugee representatives in the camp and settlement.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya** operation amount to **US\$ 28.42 million**

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