

Urban Refugee Programme, Kenya

1-31 August 2019

74,748

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in urban areas as at 31 August 2019

8,866

New arrival refugees and asylum seekers registered since January 2019.

2,209

Individuals in urban areas assisted to return to their home countries since 2014.

KEY INDICATORS

142,787

Refugees and asylum seekers files that have been digitized.

30%

Of newly registered refugees are from Democratic Republic of Congo

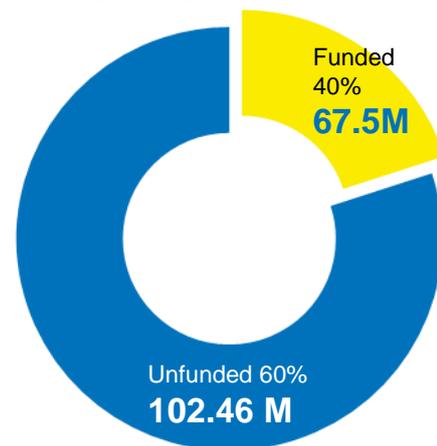
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Number of refugees assisted to voluntarily return to their countries of origin.

FUNDING (AS OF 03 SEPTEMBER 2019)

USD 170M

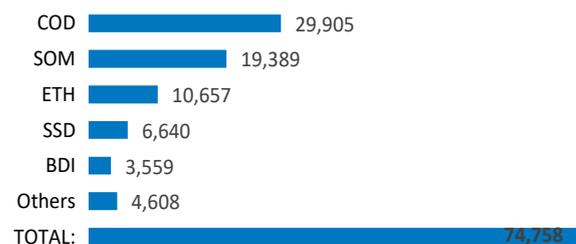
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Emma Muguni from the stateless Shona community in Kenya going through the birth certificates of her 6 six children issued to them by the Government of Kenya on 1 August 2019. Photo Credits UNHCR/Rose Ogola.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

Host Countries



HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR participated in the peer monitoring and observation exercise of the 2019 Kenya census. Other participants were drawn from UNFPA, UN Women, UNCHR, FAO, and the WorldBank. Representatives of Governments from Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Ghana, Namibia, Nigeria and Uganda were also present.
- 10 regions were monitored across the country, with regions comprising of several counties. The UNHCR team participated in strategic regions known to host refugees, asylum seekers and stateless persons such as Turkana West covering Kakuma and Kalobeyei, North Eastern covering Dadaab and Garissa, South Rift covering Nakuru and Eldoret and the Coast covering Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi.
- The teams monitored the household listing exercise which was done two days before the census as well as the census enumeration process. The team participated in a debriefing workshop at the end of the process where they presented their findings. The teams formed an important part of the process on the ground as they corrected issues which arose and ensured that data collected was inclusive of Persons of Concern to UNHCR.



PROTECTION

Registration:

Achievements and Impact

- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) conducted new registration for 1,064 individuals, 25% (270) arrived before 2019, 69% (731) arrived in 2019 and 6% (63) new-born (birth) registration. The registration was conducted in Nakuru (46), Mombasa (212) and Nairobi (806). Majority of the new arrivals originated from Burundi (155), Democratic Republic of the Congo - DRC (347). Others included; Eritrea (31), Ethiopia (120), Rwanda (22), Somalia (289), South-Sudan (71), Sudan (1), Uganda (13) and other nationalities (15); bringing the total urban population to 74,758 refugees and asylum seekers.
- In a meeting held on 21 August with Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), the Deputy Commissioner informed UNHCR that new registration in proGres with BIMS enrolment had been suspended in Mombasa until further notice for security reasons. However, registration continues in Nakuru and Nairobi.
- 597 refugee Identity cards were issued and another 821 received from the National Registration Bureau. Action was taken for 127 cases that had been referred for Biodata changes.
- 113 movement passes were issued to individuals wishing to travel to Kakuma Refugee Camp, 94 to Dadaab and 2 to Moyale for various reasons.
- 22 cases who had sought asylum in other countries outside Kenya had their information verified as part of request received from various UNHCR offices and NGOs globally.
- 142,787 had been digitized in the ongoing e-filing project to digitize asylum seekers' and refugees' files while 78,364 from the scanned files have been separated for uploading in the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).

Legal

Achievements and Impact

- The Refugee Bill 2019 was published through the Kenya Gazette Supplement No 126 (National Assembly Bills No 62). This is the first key step in reintroducing the Bill in Parliament following the President's failure to assent into law Refugee Act 2017. The Bill will be tabled for the first reading as a Government Bill when Parliament resumes from recess in the month of September.
- A total of 36 Conventional Travel Documents (CTDs) were issued during the reporting period.
- UNHCR and its partner Kituo cha Sheria continue to monitor the protection situation of persons of concern residing in the urban areas. 102 persons of concern were arrested in police stations and charged in court for different offences. Various police stations within the country, including in Nairobi, Meru, Isiolo, and Mombasa Counties were visited as part of the monthly detention monitoring activities.
- 750 cases were attended to by the Joint Protection Team (RAS and UNHCR) during the month. The cases received includes insecurity mostly among the Burundian refugees who claim attacks from government agents. Other cases addressed include SGBV, Child Protection, documentation and persons with specific needs requesting for psycho social support and resettlement.
- The numbers received at Shauri Moyo keep increasing each month. However, the sitting space and amenities at the office cannot allow large numbers to be screened in for services.
- 131 new arrivals were received and assisted to go to Kakuma Refugee Camp

SGBV

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR conducted weekly counselling for GBV cases in Shauri Moyo. Most of the cases requested extension of their financial assistance.
- Monthly SGBV coordination meeting was attended by a representative from the Nairobi county official who presented the overall county activities for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2019. Subsequently UNHCR is planning a meeting with Dagoretti, Kamukunji and Kayole sub-counties to explore possible areas of collaboration.
- UNHCR visited the MSF clinic in Eastleigh to map services at the Mathare and Eastleigh programs, and to share the information with PoCs.

Child Protection

Achievements and Impact

- A total of 26 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were conducted; two Best Interest Determination (BID) panels were convened and a total of 14 cases were presented and approved for resettlement.
- UNHCR held a meeting on 20/8/2019 with Partners, US, Canada and Australia to discuss on BID requirements.
- A 6-day joint BIA/BID mission was conducted in Mombasa and Marereni in Kilifi from 25/08/2019 and 31/08/2019 by staff from UNHCR and HIAS, a partner that deals with child protection. The team conducted 30 assessments comprising of newly identified cases, social assessments on the impact of assistance provided in the past.
- UNHCR and DRC are currently implementing a youth mentorship project targeting youth that want to strengthen already existing livelihood/vocational skill and pair them with "super entrepreneurs" through a formal five-month apprenticeship.
- UNHCR also currently partnering with Futbol Mas and Istanbul Football club who are using football as a medium for social impact.

Refugee Status Determination

Achievements and Impact

- RAS and UNHCR Eligibility staff conducted 132 interviews; 92 were initial interviews and 40 were complementary interviews.
- RAS and UNHCR Eligibility team reviewed 1023 cases; 81% of the cases were reviewed by RAS as one of the measures in reducing backlog of pending cases.
- On 13 August the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) sat and recommended 1333 individuals for recognition and 1 individual for rejection.
- On 30 August, UNHCR and RAS held a case conference to adjudicate nine (9) complex cases. Four (4) cases were recommended for recognition; 2 cases for complementary interview; 2 cases for redraft and 1 case for rejection.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 1,848 cases are pending interviews; 582 cases are pending assessment and 3,040 cases pending review

Community Mobilisation

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR held a meeting with albinism activist. Dr. Prabha Choskey, an ophthalmologist who also runs a foundation that supports persons with albinism called Dr. Choskey Albinism Foundation. The meeting explored prospects of collaboration that include:
 - ✓ Possibility of some PoCs living with albinism receiving free eye checks and spectacles;
 - ✓ Opportunity to form and strengthen support groups;
 - ✓ Linkage with other People Living with Albinism (ALA) actors



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- During the month of August, the schools closed, and learners proceeded for their holidays
- Monthly partnership coordination meeting was held with Francis Xavier Project, UNHCR partner on education to discuss midyear revision. Instructional capacity building through issuance of desks and water tanks were enlisted as new activities to support schools hosting large numbers of refugees and asylum-seeking learners.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

- 16 refugee entrepreneurs in the hairdressing industry were trained in a partnership between UNHCR and L'Oreal on 21 August. The focus of the training was to equip the participants with relevant modern skills and to impart knowledge to understand the science on hair dressing therapy.

They were also taught on product selection and customer care skills to boost their customer retention. L’Oreal have donated 20,000 Euros to UNHCR for training and skills development.

- A private sector partnership between UNHCR and dgMarket an online job company led to the interview of 5 refugee candidates on the 13 August. All the five were hired as part of ongoing efforts for social economic integration of refugees. The company hopes to scale up its operations in Kenya to offer more job opportunities to refugees.
- A bilateral meeting between Eclof, a Microfinance Institution (MFI) and UNHCR was held on 27 August to make a follow up on MOU for financial inclusion of refugees. The MFI agreed to offer business development opportunities to refugees as they explore guarantors for refugees to access loans and financial products.
- Longitude Finance one of the MFIs has offered a loan facility to a refugee entrepreneur to expand his business operation in the month of August. This is notably without UNHCR providing a guarantee facility to the MFI.
- A refugee athlete, Rose Nathike a RIO Olympian was supported by AAR Japan to participate at the TICAD 7 event held in Tokyo, Japan. She gave a key note speech and urged for refugee assistance by the global states at the TICAD 7.
- The UNHCR livelihood database tool was developed. The tool aims to comprehensively capture the skills and experiences of refugees which will inform the designing of livelihood interventions as well as advocacy initiatives in economic inclusion and self-reliance.
- 25 refugees were vetted to participate in the Youth Empowerment Project. The project aims to equip the mentees with apprenticeship skills that will enhance their employability or self-employment.
- The Global UNHCR Goodwill Ambassadors Kristin Davis and Mercy Masika with the UNHCR High level influencer Pinky Ghelani visited the MADE51 project site in Karen Village where refugee utilize their artistic skills in making various artefacts and products. The film and photos taken during the visit are meant to be used by the GWA in her advocacy.
- UNHCR and Ocean Sole Africa a private company working in waste management, are converting flip flops collected from the Kenyan coast into artisanal products. Plans are underway to hire refugee tailors who will produce durable mattresses from the flip flop cuts for distribution to marginalized communities in Kenya.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Resettlement

Achievements and Impact

- **49 cases/83 individuals** were interviewed by USCIS mission.
- **168 individuals** were submitted for resettlement consideration for Australia, Canada, Sweden and USA. **774 individuals** have so far been submitted for August 2019.

Voluntary Repatriation

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR facilitated the voluntary repatriation of 5 individuals to Ethiopia.
- UNHCR liaised with the Burundi Embassy to facilitate the voluntary repatriation of 39 Burundians from Kakuma to Bujumbura. This

STATELESSNESS

For the first time ever, the Government of Kenya issued 600 birth certificates to the stateless Shona community residing in Kinoo in the outskirts of Nairobi on 1 August 2019. Government move is the first step toward ending statelessness for the more than 4000 Shona community that have lived in Kenya since 1960's.

Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya** operation amount to **US\$ 67.5 million**

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