

Urban Refugee Programme, Kenya

1 - 31 December 2019

78,912

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

13,241

New arrival refugees and asylum seekers registered by end of 2019.

2202

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

KEY INDICATORS

1,999

individuals submitted for resettlement in 2019.

32%

Of asylum seekers and refugees registered in urban area are from Somalia

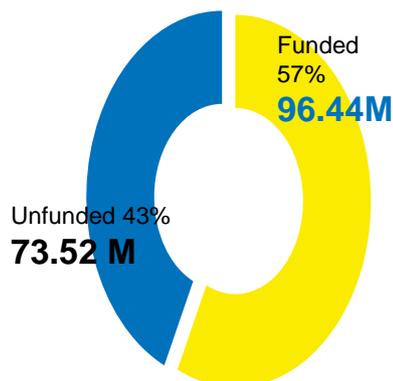
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Number of refugees assisted to voluntarily return to their countries of origin in 2019.

FUNDING (AS OF 09 DECEMBER 2019)

USD 170M

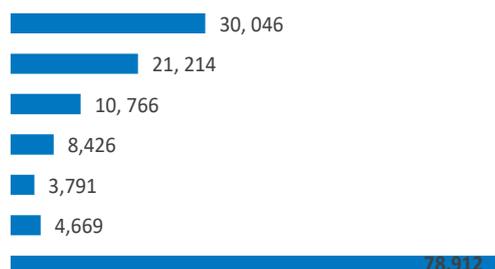
requested for the Somali and South Sudan situation



Refugee athletes from left, James Nyak, Anjelina Nadai, Dominic Lokolong and Clementina Ihure. The four competed in the 8km relay at second edition of cross - country events in Kenya. © UNHCR/Caroline Opile

POPULATION OF CONCERN

Host Countries



HIGHLIGHTS**Refugee athletes impress at Kenya Cross-Country Event**

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**PROTECTION****Protection Cluster****Legal****Achievements and Impact**

- The Helpline received a total of 3,018 calls in December. This represents a reduction of 27.1% from the previous month. A total of 2,239 calls were answered in the first instance. The biggest call driver was Protection (23.76%) followed by Resettlement (20.94%). The most used language was Swahili, followed by Somali and then English.
- UNHCR's partner Kituo Cha Sheria visited 52 police station visits within Nairobi and Mombasa counties as part of protection detention monitoring.
- On 19 December UNHCR facilitated a session on the role of UNHCR in Peace Support Operations. The session at the Defence College in Karen was attended by 60 military officers from 13 countries.
- UNHCR attended a meeting on Devolution and Migration organised by Kenya Human Rights Commission on 9-10 December. Representatives from all the 47 county assemblies attended the meeting that also discussed issues related to refugees and stateless persons in Kenya. The county assembly's forum presented their written comments to the draft policy.

SGBV**Achievements and Impact**

- On 10-11 December, UNHCR in conjunction with the Regional Support Centre conducted a training on Gender Equality and Accountability to Affected Populations for 25 SGBV Community Committee members, 12 Sub - County Community Volunteers and 14 Refugee Community and Religious leaders.
- On 16 - 17 December the UNHCR Regional Bureau facilitated a training workshop on Accountability to Affected Population and Gender Equality for 41 UNHCR and Partner SGBV frontline staff in the Kenya Refugee Urban Operation.

Child protection**Achievements and Impact**

- A total of 20 BIAs were conducted; One BID panel was convened where 7 cases were approved for resettlement. 10 home visits were conducted.
- Istanbul youth football club were crowned winners of the 2019 Youth Initiative Fund. The team that has 131 refugees and 33 Kenyans residing in Eastleigh Nairobi. The football club reaches out to youth through football, while sensitising the youth through focus group discussions on the importance of girl child education, illegal migration to Europe (Tahrib), early marriage and early pregnancy, school dropouts,

radicalization, police harassment and arbitrary arrest and detention. The youth highlighted the need for more recreational activities and vocational trainings as some solutions to the vices in the community.

Registration

Achievements and Impact

- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) conducted new registration of 2,031 (1,041 Female, 990 Male) individuals, of which 45% (912) arrived before 2019, 33% (680) arrived in 2019 and 22% (439) new-born (birth) registration. The registration was conducted in Nakuru (274), Mombasa (1207) and Nairobi (550). Majority of the new arrivals originated from Burundi (95), Democratic Republic of the Congo - DRC (235), Eritrea (42), Ethiopia (69), Rwanda (31), Somalia (1,207), South-Sudan (297) and other nationalities (55); bringing the total urban population to 78,912 refugees and asylum seekers.
- Due to an increase in the number of new registrations in Mombasa and Nakuru compare to previous months, a verification exercise was conducted from 19 November to 20 December 2019. Individuals already registered by RAS were transferred from an old MS Access module to proGres v4. In total, 6,288 individuals were registered and verified. 2909 in Nakuru and 3,379 in Mombasa. The verification also included self-relocated from camps; 585 individuals were verified in Nakuru from Kakuma and 26 in Mombasa, also from Kakuma.
- The files scanned for digitization to date from all three locations i.e. UNHCR, Kate and Shauri Moyo are 144,959. Embedment of these files was done for upload in the EDMS.
- BOLDATA wound-up digitization of refugees' files exercises on 31st December 2019. However, part of their staff (5) remained behind to mop up the project for about three weeks, so that all necessary processes are totally completed.
- One (1) request for verification of an allegedly UNHCR issued document was received from the Australian High Commission in Nairobi, was processed as per the Standard Operating Procedures.
- A total of twenty-four (24) spontaneous departure cases to Uganda (22), Malawi (1), and Rwanda (1) was recorded.
- There were 39 cases reported in December that require adjudication engagement in Nairobi.
- 113 individuals' data was transferred from Nairobi to Kakuma, 8 to Ethiopia, while 1 individual's data was transferred to Nairobi from Kakuma.
- Currently, there are thirteen thousand and eighty-two (13,082) files in circulation via Barcode File Tracking System (BFTs)

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

The registry has continued to support RAS Shauri Moyo with files request made and BFTS needs. It was noted earlier that the file storage capacity at Shauri Moyo is depleted, while many files are yet to be filed. There are 2 remaining empty racks out 26 needing space where to be setup. As such, about 10 more racks are needed to bridge this gap. There is need to improve electricity lighting in these two filing rooms. The leaking ceiling needs repair also

Refugee Status Determination

- 124 interviews were jointly done by UNHCR and RAS; 97 were initial interviews and 27 were complementary interviews. 15 asylum seekers who were invited for interview did not show up. 46 cases were also reviewed.
- Approximately 1090 cases were closed for abandoning their RSD applications after they were proven to be unreachable after three attempts.
- On 16 December, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a meeting. 34 individuals were recommended for recognition.
- On 23 December, the Commissioner endorsed approximately 563 recognitions and 6 rejections.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 823 cases (1,206 individuals) are pending interviews; 339 cases (500 individuals) are pending assessment and 1,021 cases (1559 individuals) pending review. A further 22,757 individuals are in the urban area but have no access to RSD.



LIVELIHOOD

Achievements and Impact

- As part of the financial inclusion advocacy, 3 workshops were conducted in Kakuma, Dadaab and Nairobi. Microfinance institutions were on a 3-day mission to explore the camps and met with refugee entrepreneurs. A validation workshop was organized in Nairobi with ILO to discuss the way forward.
- Artisan products from Kakuma and Dadaab were displayed at the [Global Refugee Forum](#) event on 17 – 18 December at Palais Des Nations.
- Meetings with commercial banks and telecom operators are on-going with view to developing a fact sheet for access to mobile money and sim cards .

Statelessness

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR participated in a regional workshop to draw an advocacy strategy to eliminate childhood statelessness. The key outcomes focused on the need to create legal awareness on childhood statelessness, its causes and solutions that include universal birth registration.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- DAFI monitoring and orientation of news scholars took place on 2-6 December. UNHCR visited three universities (Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Moi and Jomo Kenyatta, Nakuru Campus) for review of MoU. The universities expressed their willingness to renew the MoUs.
- Kenya Secondary Certificate of Education (KCSE) results were released on 18 December. Of the 37 sponsored candidates who sat for the exams, 51% scored C+ and above making them eligible for university placement. 1 student had an A, another had an A-, four had B+, six had B, one scored B- and seven scored C+.

- School desks were distributed to primary schools on 16 -23 December; 11 schools in Nairobi and six in Nakuru. 14 schools received 36 pieces each and four schools received 40 pieces depending on the number of refugees supported in each of the schools.
- A camp for secondary school students was on 2- 6 December at Highbridge girls. The students covered among other topics; time management, social emotional wellbeing, understanding self and building self-confidence.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Voluntary Repatriation

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR conducted a joint mission with the Ethiopian Embassy to Kakuma Refugee camp and met Ethiopian refugees who have expressed interest in voluntary repatriation. Arrangements are underway to facilitate the repatriation of 85 Ethiopians residing in Kakuma camp.
- UNHCR facilitated the voluntary repatriation of a family of 6 individuals to Bujumbura, Burundi.
- A total of 13 families /37 individuals were assisted to voluntary repatriate in 2019.

Resettlement

Achievements and Impact

- In December 2019, the Resettlement Unit submitted 3 cases/7 individuals to Australia.
- In 2019, the Resettlement Unit in Nairobi has submitted 514 cases/1,199 individuals on ProGres and a small number off ProGres (due to security concerns). The Resettlement Unit in Nairobi has exceeded its internal target of 1,200.
- In 2019, Kenya submitted 1191 cases/4,107 individuals. This exceeds the official published target of 4,000 for 2019.
- On 13 December 2019, the UNHCR held a dialogue with refugee community leaders which included RAS some partners and BPRM. Issues discussed were Registration, RSD, Resettlement, Livelihoods, education and financial assistance. The US talked about current vis-à-vis the US resettlement program.

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\\$ 96.44 million](#)

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