

Urban Refugee Programme, Kenya

1 - 31 January 2020

79,785

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in urban areas as at 31 January 2020

724

New arrival refugees and asylum seekers registered in January 2020.

16

Number of stateless children supported to apply for and acquire birth certificates.

KEY INDICATORS

2

individuals submitted for resettlement in 2020.

30%

Of the newly registered asylum seekers and refugees in urban area are from Democratic Republic of Congo

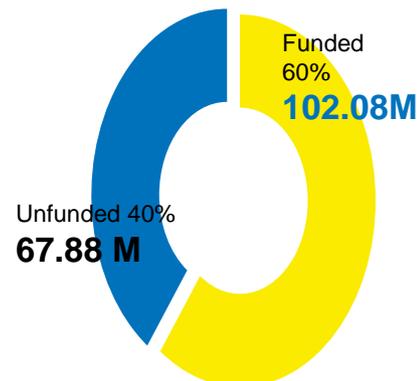
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The number of students awarded full scholarship to join secondary schools in 2020

FUNDING (AS OF 31 JANUARY 2020)

USD 170M

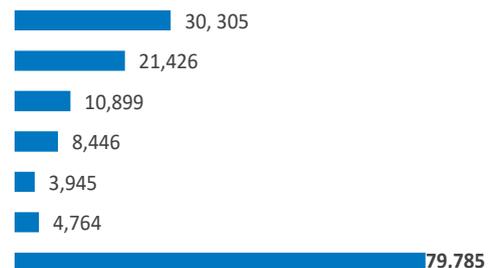
requested for the Somali and South Sudan situation



Kenyan and refugee pupils at Kabiria primary school in Nairobi. This is one of the public schools that received 36 desk donations from UNHCR courtesy of generous contribution from the Big Heart Foundation. © UNHCR/Caroline Opile

POPULATION OF CONCERN

Host Countries



HIGHLIGHTS

- The Annual Strategic Workshop to review the handover of Registration and Documentation to the Government of Kenya was held on 21-22 January 2020 in Nairobi, jointly hosted by the Government of Kenya (Refugee Affairs Secretariat) and UNHCR Kenya. A notable recommendation was for the deployment of Live Capture Units in all locations to establish an automated system for documentation, thus improving the efficiency of the process while reducing the potential for fraud and corruption.
- A Regional Ministerial Forum on Harmonizing Labour Migration policies in East & Horn of Africa was held on 20 and 21 January 2020. 11 member states that include Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda signed a Communique, the 'Nairobi Process' which outlines pledges and commitments of the member states towards harmonizing labour migration policies against the backdrop of the Global Compact on Migration. The Communique did not address refugee labour mobility aspects although member states at the meeting alluded to some of the progressive policies within their countries aimed at addressing refugee labour issues.

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

- 43 police station visits were made within Nairobi, Moyale and Mombasa counties as part of the monthly detention monitoring activities.

SGBV**Achievements and Impact**

- 18 GBV cases were presented at a joint psycho-social panel by UNHCR and HIAS. Only one case was approved. Recommendations were made for a re-assessment of the cases for a thorough review of the assessments especially those in requesting for financial assistance.

Shauri Moyo Protection Desk**Achievements and Impact**

- Protection counselling at Shauri Moyo was done through newly introduced Kiosk Automated Scheduling and Information (KASI) appointments except for special needs cases that were prioritized and given urgent attention. 625 cases were attended with a 95% show up rate. Most of the persons had concerns of insecurity, SGBV, delayed documentation and exemption requests.
- UNHCR and RAS met to discuss relocations to the camp. The teams agreed on collaborative procedures to simplify relocation of PoCs.

Challenges

- Large number of PoCs (over 250 Individuals) visit the RAS/UNHCR Shauri Moyo office for KASI bookings. However, the space available is not sufficient for those already booked for protection counselling and those in need of appointment bookings.

- PoCs self-relocating from the camp and seeking support services in the urban continues to be a challenge, and many cannot access any services at Shauri Moyo because they are camp based.

Child protection

Achievements and Impact

- 16 BIAs were conducted. Of the six cases presented to the panel, five were approved for resettlement and one case was deferred for further follow up.

Registration

Achievements and Impact

- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) conducted new registration for 724 (305 Female, 419 Male) individuals, 48% (345) of whom arrived before 2020, 47% (344) arrived in 2020 and 5% (35) new-borns. The registrations were conducted in Nakuru (34), Mombasa (11) and Nairobi (679).
- Majority of the new arrivals originated from Burundi (140), Democratic Republic of the Congo - DRC (220), Eritrea (23), Ethiopia (119), Rwanda (21), Somalia (155), South-Sudan (17), Uganda (23) and other nationalities (6); bringing the total urban population to 79,785 refugees and asylum seekers.
- The files scanned for digitization to date stands at 145,201.
- Six (6) request for verification for POCs documents were verified as requested by embassies. These were privately sponsored cases on family reunification grounds.
- A total of twenty-four (24) Spontaneous departure cases to Uganda (22), Malawi (1) and Rwanda (1) was recorded.

Refugee Status Determination

Achievements and Impact

- The implementation to clear pre-February 2017 RSD backlog of 1834 cases has begun.
- On 27-28 January, the RAS Eligibility team held a strategic meeting to evaluate the RSD SOPs and output targets for 2020. Training on rejection was also conducted to equip staff with the skills to prepare well-reasoned arguments in support of decision for rejection.
- On 29 January, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended for recognition 364 individuals.
- 70 interviews RSD interviews were conducted, 55 initial interviews and 15 were complementary interviews. Meanwhile, 170 cases were also reviewed.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 813 cases (1,200 individuals) are pending interviews; 335 cases (483 individuals) are pending assessment and 1,040 cases (1,597 individuals) pending review. With 716 new applications in January 2020, the number of asylum seekers in the urban area who have no access to RSD increased to 23,464.

Statelessness

Achievements and Impact

- **Birth certificates issuance:** 16 children were supported to apply for and acquire birth certificates through the current birth registration procedures. Among them were eight children at the Coast region and eight children at risk of statelessness in Garissa County. In addition, 24 Persons of Concern (PoCs) were supported to apply for late birth registration procedures in Garissa county.
- **Petition for Pemba Community:** A meeting was held in Kilifi with the Pemba community leaders to discuss modalities of preparing and submitting a petition for recognition. Participants discussed the steps in submitting a petition to the county assembly and roles of stakeholders including Haki Centre, community

members and the political class. Pemba leaders in Kilifi were advised on existing and possible options that include presenting a petition directly to the Members of the County Assembly in Kilifi or identifying a Member of the County Assembly (MCA) to table a question on the status of the Pemba. The leaders are weighing the options in order to decide what suitable.



LIVELIHOOD

- The Toyota Service Technician for the 21st Century (TS21) training programme under the 'Building Resilience through Skills Development for Youth Living in Kenya' project commenced with the first module taking place at the Toyota Kenya Foundation Academy from the 6 – 11 January 2020. Nine (9) refugee trainees from Kakuma and one from Nairobi are participating in the training.
- A mission by the Loreal Foundation Women Tour met with the trainees who participated in the beauty project funded by Loreal on the 27 January 2020. The aim of the visit was to interact with some of the women refugee trainees and receive on the L'Oreal facilitated trainings. The team was keen to evaluate the challenges and opportunities present with a view of enhancing assistance through micro credit loans.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- Schools opened for the 2020 academic year on 6 January. Through Francis Xavier Project, 24 form 1 students were awarded full scholarship to join secondary on 13 January, 28 were supported with boarding requirements and 164 continuing students (F2-F4) were supported to return to their respective schools.
- An urban refugee education consultative forum was held on 24 January 2020. The participants were drawn from community representatives to identify the successes, gaps in the existing education interventions and possible solutions.
- M-Pesa Foundation Academy held its prize giving day for the class that graduated from secondary school in 2019. UNHCR used the opportunity to follow up on proposed MOU with the institution for formal engagement.
- A meeting was held with WUSC that has launched a new project HIREs (Hospitality Industry welcomes Refugee Employment- Linked sponsorship) that seeks to incorporate 10 refugees as a pilot in 2020.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Voluntary Repatriation

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR facilitated a visit to Dadaab camp for the Ethiopian Embassy, where persons of concern planning to return to their country were issued with Laissez Passes to facilitate their return.
- UNHCR facilitated the voluntary repatriation of a family of three individuals to Addis, Ethiopia. The safe arrival of the PoCs was confirmed by colleagues in country of origin.

Resettlement

Achievements and Impact

- The Resettlement Unit submitted 2 cases/2 individuals to France in January.
- UNHCR identified and processed 100 individuals from Somali community for resettlement in Norway. However, Norway requested for the office reduce the number and balance the quota with South Sudanese cases. The office opted to renegotiate for cases of other nationalities.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is need for Nairobi office to embrace use of an automated resettlement identification system to help identify refugees aligned to resettlement countries' restrictive criteria.

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\$ 102.08 million**

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