

# Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 29 February 2020

**194,914**

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**1,736**

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2020.

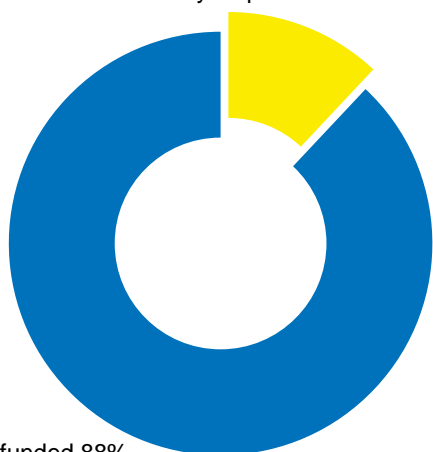
**1,069**

Newly arrived refugees from South Sudan registered in 2020

## FUNDING (AS OF 27 FEBRUARY 2020)

**USD 153.6 M**

Requested for the Kenya Operation

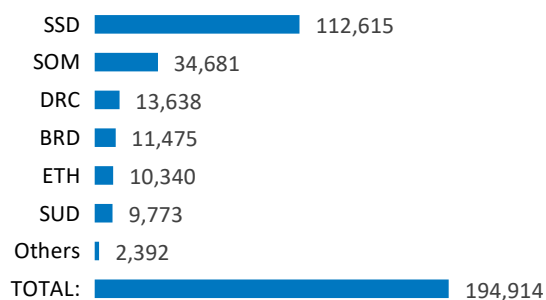


Funded  
12 %  
**19.0 M**

Unfunded 88%  
**134.6 M**

## POPULATION OF CONCERN (29 FEBRUARY 2020)

### Country of origin



SSD – South Sudan  
SOM – Somalia  
DRC – Democratic Republic of Congo  
BRD – Burundi  
ETH – Ethiopia  
SUD - Sudan

## KEY INDICATORS

**8,315**

Bank accounts opened to facilitate Cash Assistance for refugees in Kalobeyei Settlement since June 2018.

**568.4M**

Amount in Kenya Shillings distributed through UNHCR's Cash Based Intervention since June 2018.



Photo of HE. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, president of the Federal Republic of Germany, when he visited Kalobeyei settlement.

# Update on Achievements

## Highlights

**President of the Federal Republic of Germany visits Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement:** On 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020, UNHCR, jointly with the World Food Programme (WFP) and GIZ, hosted a visit by the President of the Federal Republic of Germany H.E. Frank-Walter Steinmeier. The President was accompanied by among others Hon. Adan Mohamed, Cabinet Secretary for East African Community & Regional Development for the Republic of Kenya, German Ambassador to Kenya, Kenyan Ambassador to Germany, HE. Governor of Turkana and the UNHCR Representative to Kenya. The President visited various projects by GIZ, WFP and UNHCR in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.

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**Innovation School Lab:** On 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020, an Innovation School Lab was launched at Fashoda Primary School in Kakuma refugee camp. The Lab will benefit over 200 refugee students and teachers through: Skype Interactions with other learners globally, Teacher training, coding classes for over 5,000 girls and learning on demand via video lessons. The Solar Powered Lab was constructed by a joint venture of Koen Timmers, Maggie Program NPO and DMOA architects.



*Maggie Shelter team, UNHCR and LWF colleagues pose for a photo outside one of the two Innovation Schools put up at Fashoda Primary School in Kakuma camp. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno*

**DFID and World's Best Teacher visit:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020, the World's Best Science Teacher and winner of the 2019 Global Teacher Prize, Peter Tabichi, accompanied by the Head of DFID Kenya and Julius Court, Head of DFID Kenya and the UNHCR Representative, visited schools in Kakuma during which he met and interacted with teachers and learners from various schools. The objective of the mission was to highlight Department for International Development's (DFID) support in Turkana West with a special

focus on Education.

<https://www.facebook.com/659119560819738/posts/2812331822165157/?sfnsn=mo>

**KidsOR visits Kakuma:** On 10 – 12 February 2020, UNHCR hosted a visit by the KidsOR Foundation which plans to put up a paediatric operating room at the Ammusait General Hospital, run by UNHCR's health partner, the International Rescue Committee in Kakuma. The paediatric operating room will be the first in Turkana West.

**Ethiopian refugees in Kenya make an emotional return home:** 76 Ethiopians were on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 assisted to return home through UNHCR's Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep) Programme. The movement, supported by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and the Governments of Ethiopia and Kenya, was part of a growing trend in which thousands of Ethiopian refugees in the region are choosing to return home. They are motivated, in part, by the impact of recent political and economic reforms on their homeland. <https://www.unhcr.org/ke/16921-ethiopian-refugees-in-kenya-make-an-emotional-return-home.html>

**UNHCR hands over accommodation facility to the Refugee Affairs Secretariat:** In order to improve staff well-being and enhance delivery of services to refugees, UNHCR on 29th February 2020 handed over one accommodation block of 12 rooms and a residence for the camp manager residence to RAS.

**Refugee athletes headlined the Kenya national athletics cross country:** Refugees, including Kakuma refugee athletes, displayed impressive performance in mixed relay and 10km senior men's race at the Kenya national cross-country competitions held at Ngong Racecourse on the 15th February 2020. The team has since embarked on intensive training to sharpen their techniques in preparation for Olympic games later in the year. <https://www.facebook.com/659119560819738/posts/2830532913678381/?sfnsn=mo>

**Two Kakuma refugee schools compete at the 2020 Kenya Science and Engineering Fair:** 14 learners from 2 Secondary schools, Greenlight and Kakuma Refugee secondary school, in Kakuma camp participated in the Kenya Science and Engineering Fair at County Level. Four learners, from Kakuma Refugee Secondary School, emerged top and qualified to compete at the regional level in Bomet County in March 2020, where they will present 3 science projects.

The Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) for Turkana West Sub County, Ronald F. Mwiwawi, on 22<sup>nd</sup> February left Turkana County for a new assignment within the country. UNHCR works closely with the National Government through the office of the DCC and the Refuge secretariat Affairs (RAS) to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers.

## From the press

**Football star Salah scores goal as first Ambassador for Instant Network Schools:** 30 refugees from Kakuma refugee camp joined a crowd of Vodafone employees to witness the announcement of Liverpool FC footballer, Mo Salah, as Ambassador for Vodafone's Instant Network School (INS) programme.  
<https://www.unhcr.org/news/stories/2020/2/5e5661b210/football-star-salah-scores-goal-first-ambassador-instant-network-schools.html>

**MADE51 connects refugee and host artisans in Kenya to international markets:** MADE51, an innovative business model championed by UNHCR, is providing refugees and host artisans global market access for their handicrafts. Read the story of Harriet, from Congo, who hopes to access these markets through UNHCR's MADE51 model.  
<https://www.unhcr.org/ke/16787-made51-connects-refugee-and-host-artisans-in-kenya-to-international-markets.html>

**Turkana's safe space for female refugees:** Turkana County Government opened a multi-purpose community centre to address the rights and needs of thousands of women and girls exposed to humanitarian challenges in North East Kenya such as health services.  
<https://www.nation.co.ke/gender/Safety-boost-for-refugees/5362750-5467214-14ipjpxz/index.html>

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** 1,736 newly arrived refugees were registered in January 2020, of whom 1,069 are new arrivals from South Sudan.
- **Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep):** 76 Individuals were assisted to return to Ethiopia through UNHCR's VolRep Programme.
- **Resettlement:** In 2020, 141 cases comprising of 645 individuals were submitted for resettlement consideration in Germany, France, Australia and Finland.
- Cumulatively, 17 individuals have departed for resettlement to Australia since the beginning of the year.
- **Complementary pathways:** 14 cases comprising of 48 individuals have assisted through UNHCR's complementary pathways since the beginning of the year.
- **Child Protection:** A total of 72 Best Interest Assessments (BIA) were conducted since January 2020 of which 48 assessments were conducted in Kakuma camp and 24 in Kalobeyei settlement.

- A total 33 Best Interest Determination (BID) were conducted in February 2020 of which 21 were conducted in Kakuma camp and 11 in Kalobeyei settlement.



## EDUCATION

### Achievements and Impact

- 38 students from Angelina Jolie Primary School participated in Kenya Drama Festival competition held at the County Level in Lodwar. The girls qualified to proceed to the regional level after emerging the overall best school on the county with the two items presented.
- 22 classrooms in five primary schools in Kakuma camp were renovated and handed over to the 5 school-based respective Board of Management. The renovated classrooms will offer a conducive learning environment to the students.
- 5,658 learners registered for the 2020 Kenya Certificate for Primary Education (KCPE) out of whom, 27 (11 females) are learners with special/specific needs and 12 (8 females) learners are Kenyans studying in refugee schools in Kakuma camp.
- A total of 1,285 (431 female) learners registered for the 2020 KCPE at Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.
- A total of 2,289 (558 female) learners registered for the 2020 Kenya Certificate for Secondary Education (KCSE) across six secondary school in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. This include 29 refugees recently relocated from Dadaab refugee camp.
- Six (4 female) teachers from 3 schools in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement attended Gender Responsive Pedagogy training held in Lokichogio town.
- 3 schools participated in Term I ball games and athletic competitions at the Sub-County level. 2 Boys from Kakuma Refugee Secondary School qualified to Compete at the County level.

### 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.
- Need for continuous training of ECD and Primary school teachers on the new Competency Based Curriculum.

**SHELTER AND CBI****Achievements and Impact**

- 473 transitional shelters constructed for 767 new arrived refugees (264 families) in February 2020. Cumulatively, UNHCR has provided transitional shelters for 1,324 newly arrived refugees in 2020.
- 235 transitional shelters constructed for 490 (123 families) recently relocated from Dadaab Refugee Camp.
- Out of the total 708 transitional shelters constructed in February 2020 25 were improved shelters for persons with specific needs.
- A total of 8,315 Bank accounts have been opened since June 2018 to facilitate Cash Based Intervention (CBI) for refugees living in Kalobeyei settlement.
- 1,836 families (9,769 individuals) have constructed a total of 2,732 shelter units in Kalobeyei village 1 and 2 since June 2018.
- Cumulatively, 3,881 permanent shelter units have been put up in Kalobeyei including those constructed through Project Partnership Agreement (PPA).

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

- Need for the construction of adequate permanent houses for all refugee families currently living in temporary shelters in Kalobeyei settlement (parts of village 2 and in village 3).

**ACCESS TO ENERGY****Achievements and Impact**

- The current Kalobeyei Settlement Mini grid is a 60 kWp PV, 120 kWh battery, 80 kW diesel generator with a 3 km Medium Voltage (MV) and 10 km Low Voltage (LV) network system. The first phase of implementation has connected 342 households, 127 businesses and 12 institutions bringing the cumulative connections to 481. The 20kWp mini-grid in the Host Community – Kalobeyei Town has 132 connections (98 households, 28 businesses and 6 Institutions).
- 12,400 tree seedlings have so far been produced, propagated since the beginning of the year and 9,923 tree seedlings have been issued to both Refugee and Host Communities for planting since the beginning of the year.
- One community awareness meeting on forest conservation and management conducted reaching out to 1,030 community members from both Refugees and Host Communities.

**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.



## FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

### Achievements and Impact

- Nutrition situation continues to be monitored closely through community surveillance with close linkage with the community health program. High impact nutrition interventions were implemented smoothly during the reporting period.
- Number of new admissions to Outpatient Therapeutic Program reduced in February 2020 to 120 from 169 in Kakuma and increased to 44 from 25 in Kalobeyei. New admissions to Supplementary Feeding Program was 874 in Kakuma and 96 in Kalobeyei.
- Performance indicators are within acceptable standards. Recovery rate in both OTP and SFP was above 90%.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Food assistance remains far from meeting Recommended Daily Intake of the population and leads to deteriorating nutrition status especially among young children and women.



## HEALTH

### Achievements and Impact

- 28 surgeries conducted for nine host community members and 19 refugees. Over 60 patients were reviewed and consultations done. These are patients who would have otherwise required referral to tertiary institution for further advanced care.
- In reproductive health over 397 deliveries were conducted with 95% of this occurring in health facility under supervision of skilled midwives. Over 37,887 condoms were distributed as part of HIV prevention in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei. 2,101 clients visiting various health facilities were counseled and tested for HIV, with 0.3% of those tested found to be HIV positive and immediately enrolled in care and treatment.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Consultations per clinician per day remain high at 89 compared to recommended standard of 50. There is hence an unmet need for more qualified medical staff to improve on quality of health services being provided.



### WATER AND SANITATION

#### Achievements and Impact

- Solar systems installed for 3 boreholes and 2 booster pumps supplying water to Kalobeyi settlement. Testing of the new solar system is ongoing.
- Installation of real-time water usage and supply monitoring system completed in Kakuma 2, 3 and 4 elevated steel tanks. This is aimed at collecting data which will be used to improve water supply to refugees.
- During the reporting period, total of 59 communal latrines were constructed in Kalobeyi village 2 for refugees recently relocated from Dadaab refugee camp.
- Implementation of the Water Sector Trust Fund (WSTF) Project has commenced in Lopur and Kalobeyi Ward, and in Kakuma Refugee Camp. The project, funded by DANIDA and implemented by various partners, aims at improving access to WASH services for residents of Turkana West Sub County.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

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

## 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.

To implement different sectors, since beginning of the year UNHCR signed Partner Project Agreement (PPAs) with 18 implementing Partners, (8 NNGOs and 9 INGOs) as well as a Bipartite Agreement with RAS. In addition, another 14 operational partners also implement activities with their own financial resources to compliment UNHCR efforts in ensuring support to refugees and asylum seekers.



## Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Kenya Operation amounts to **19.0 million** US dollars. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the Kenya operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

## External / Donors Relations

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