

Urban Refugee Programme, Kenya

1 – 29 February 2020

80,691

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in urban areas as at 29 February 2020

3,306

New arrival refugees and asylum seekers registered by February 2020.

17

Number of athletes training in preparation for the Refugee Olympic Team qualifiers to be held in Doha Qatar

KEY INDICATORS

221

individuals submitted for resettlement consideration in 2020.

38%

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

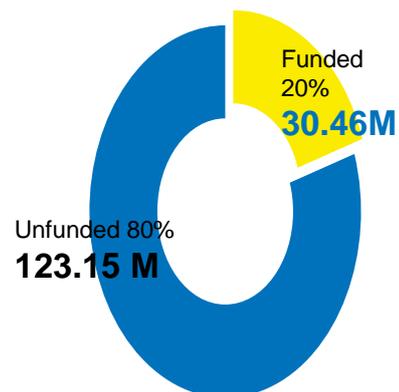
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Number of refugees enrolled at the Toyota Academy advanced auto mechanics course in Nairobi.

FUNDING (AS OF 10 MARCH 2020)

USD 153.6M

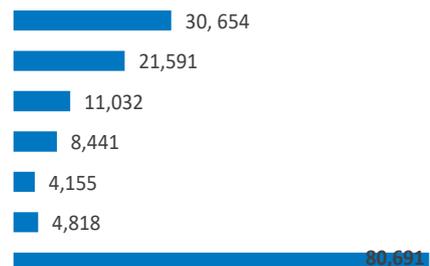
requested for the Somali and South Sudan situation



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HIGHLIGHTS

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PROTECTION

Protection Cluster

Legal

Achievements and Impact

Law and Policy

- Following the government's publication of "*The Registration of Persons (National Integrated Identity Management System) Regulations, 2020*" and "*The Data Protection (Civil Registration) Regulations, 2020*" and subsequent call for public participation, UNHCR attended the public participation hearings in Nairobi and Garissa on 26 and 27 February. UNHCR also submitted its written comments on both draft regulations.

Shauri Moyo Protection Desk

- Kiosk Automated Scheduling and Information (KASI) appointments system aimed at managing persons of concern (PoCs) access was improved in February by scheduling different activities on separate days. Special Needs Cases and other cases without KASI appointments were also attended to. During the month, 576 cases were scheduled for Protection Counselling through KASI with 85% show rate. 100 other cases including referrals from other units were also attended to.
- Issues raised at the Protection desk include insecurity, Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), Medical concerns, delayed Refugee Status Determination (RSD) decisions, Resettlement and exemption requests. RAS protection desk attended to detention cases and court orders. All the PoCs were advised and referred to different services and V4 updated accordingly except for the camp registered PoCs.

Detention Monitoring

- UNHCR and its partner Kituo Cha Sheria (KCS) continue to monitor the protection situation of persons of concern residing in the urban areas. During the reporting period, 18 persons of concern were released upon intervention by the partner. 64 police station visits were made within Nairobi, Mombasa, Moyale and Busia counties as part of the monthly detention monitoring activities.

SGBV

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR coordinated the planning for the International Women's Day. RAS in collaboration with Kitengela Sub County, Kajiado County. This year's theme is "*I am generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights*". The Coordination Team will use the opportunity to link refugees particularly women and girls to leadership and empowerment activities available at the sub county level.
- The SGBV Coordination Team had its monthly meeting. Mapping of additional partners was undertaken to consolidate and synchronise work plans (government and other partners) to avoid duplicity.

Child protection

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period a total of 19 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were conducted and approved for financial assistance, counselling, education, medical assistance and exemption from the encampment policy.
- 145 cases of children seeking exemption from the encampment policy on family unity grounds and proper fostering in the urban were presented to the panel on 17/2/2020. 125 of the cases were approved for exemption and issuance of urban documents; 20 cases were differed for further follow-up.
- Two BID panels were convened. 13 cases were paneled and approved for resettlement and three (3) for family reunification with parents in Germany. Four (4) Child Headed Household and two (2) children with disability were monitored and issued with financial assistance.
- UNHCR recruited a refugee who will champion youth activities in urban area. The staff member is currently responsible for youth activities in the urban was recruited. There is ongoing mapping of youth activities in the urban.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- With the current encampment policy and the requirement for a BIA before consideration for exemption, some children lack proper documentation which hinders their access to basic needs.
- UNHCR child protection partner, HIAS is experiencing capacity challenges that hinder BIA for children, a major hiccup for exemption panels. On the other hand, RAS has limited capacity and are issuing urban documents to approved exemptions as expected.
- Identification of proper caregivers for some children continues to be a challenge. This is because some caregivers have linked fostering to continuous financial assistance. There is a planned meeting with the foster parents to sensitize them on the fostering process.

Registration

Achievements and Impact

- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) conducted new registration of 875 (358 Female, 517 Male) individuals, of which 34% (295) arrived before 2020, 62% (540) arrived in 2020 and 4% (40) new-born (birth) registration. The registration was conducted in Nakuru (15), Mombasa (4) and Nairobi (856). Majority of the new arrivals originated from Burundi (219), Democratic Republic of the Congo - DRC (331), Eritrea (14), Ethiopia (130), Rwanda (3), Somalia (103), South-Sudan (23), Sudan (2), Uganda (45) and other nationalities (5); bringing the total urban population to 80,671 refugees and asylum seekers.
- Eight (8) requests for verification of individuals seeking asylum in other countries were received and processed.
- A total of twenty-six (26) spontaneous departure cases to Uganda (24), Malawi (2) were closed in proGres.
- There were 11 cases reported in February that require adjudication engagement in Nairobi.
- Currently, there are 11,575 files in circulation via Barcode File Tracking System (BFTs)
- KASI enrollment has improved with more resources allocated to it. All the refugees now have an equal opportunity to access UNHCR and RAS staff.

Refugee Status Determination

- On 24 February, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a meeting in which recommendations were made: 551 individuals were recognized, and 7 individuals were rejected.
- RAS and UNHCR Eligibility staff conducted 131 interviews of which 66 were initial interviews and 65 were complementary interviews. 22 asylum seekers who were invited for interview did not show up.
- RAS and UNHCR Eligibility staff reviewed 235 cases.
- The action plan to address the pre-February 2017 backlog is ongoing, issues addressed are the high numbers of applicants who cannot be reached and high no show rates through recording contacts in proGres and inactivation of such cases in line with set guidelines.
- Towards building capacity, the Eligibility team at UNHCR Branch Office provided on-the-job orientation to a staff member of the Refugee Appeals Board on RSD procedures and the use of proGres for procedures preceding appeal.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 706 cases (1,051 individuals) are pending interviews; 319 cases (460 individuals) are pending assessment and 1,110 cases (1,692 individuals) pending review. With 747 new applications during the month, the number of asylum seekers in the urban area who have no access to RSD increased to 24,274.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

- Meeting was held with urbanrefugees.org on 7 February with an international NGO planning to operate in Nairobi and support urban refugees.
- As part of the mapping of the private sector, a meeting was held with Coca-Cola, to explore potential partnership.
- The livelihoods working group meeting was held on 13 February 2020.
- A meeting was held with GSMA and the innovation team from the regional bureau to discuss the partnership and the main advocacy activities.

Refugee Athletes Project

- 17 athletes (7 female) under the UNHCR/ TLPF Athletes Project in Oloolua, Ngong, moved to Iten for a high-altitude residential camp from 17 February. The athletes, all training under the International Olympic Committee (IOC) scholarship holders' scheme, are preparing for Refugee Olympic Team (RoT) selection event in Doha, Qatar from 18 March to 1 April 2020. The athletes are hoping to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
- To ensure that the athletes do not miss out on their education programme, tutors have been hired to provide evening classes to all athletes, and in preparation for end of term examinations in April 2020. The Residential Training Camp will close on 16 March 2020 in time for the team's travel to Doha on 18 March.

Persons with Special Needs

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR held a meeting Persons with Special Needs (PSNs) leaders to identify needs that would be included in the BPRM proposal. It was generally agreed that the PSN leaders should support in ensuring there are committees for PSNs in all the locations in Nairobi. Currently we are supporting four committees and we would like to expand to eight in 2020.
- UNHCR attended the psychosocial panel that approved financial assistance for 26 PSNs for 3 months (7 for relocations, 8 persons living with Albinism, 8 PLWD and 3 older persons). Most of the ones being supported have chronic diseases.
- UNHCR have supported seven Community Based Organizations (CBO) with material support and all of them received their items. UNHCR and partners will monitor the CBOs to ensure that they are providing support to PoCs.

**EDUCATION****Achievements and Impact**

- Post distribution monitoring to primary schools issued with desks in December 2019 was conducted in Kabiria and Kangemi primary schools on 5 February 2020. In Kabiria primary schools, the desks were distributed to different classes while in Kangemi primary school, the desks were used to decongest the class eight and form a new stream.
- Partnership meeting with Francis Xavier Project took place on 18 February. It was noted that the timely signing of Partnership Programme Agreements (PPA) in time facilitated a seamless back to school processes.
- A Memorandum of understanding was signed with Kenyatta University on 19 February 2020. This is a run up to the upcoming Higher Education Institutions convergence proposed for end of March.

**DURABLE SOLUTIONS****Voluntary Repatriation****NTR****Resettlement****Achievements and Impact**

- A total of 60 cases/219 refugees were submitted by Nairobi to resettlement countries in February 2020. Most of these refugees were submissions to Norway in anticipation of their mission in March 2020. Of the submissions, 10 cases/13 refugees are LGBTI (or dependents). A total of 62 cases/221 individuals were submitted for resettlement in 2020 through the end of February.
- USCIS started their approximately three week circuit ride to Kenya. In Nairobi, USCIS is to prioritize adjudication of I-730 follow-to-join family reunification applications. In addition, there are approximately 35 refugees categorized as high-priority (US: LV1 and LV2) that will have their cases adjudicated.

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

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