

# Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31 March 2020

**196,050**

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

**2,898**

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2020.

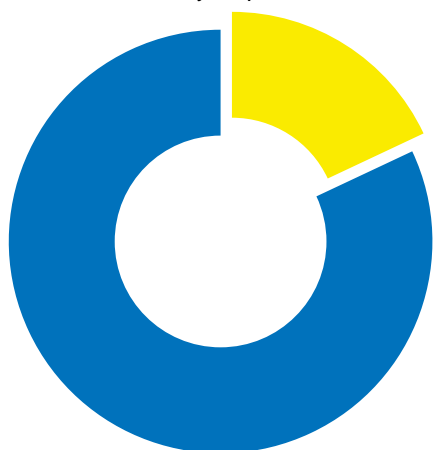
**1,683**

Newly arrived refugees from South Sudan registered in 2020

## FUNDING (AS OF 19 MARCH 2020)

**USD 153.6 M**

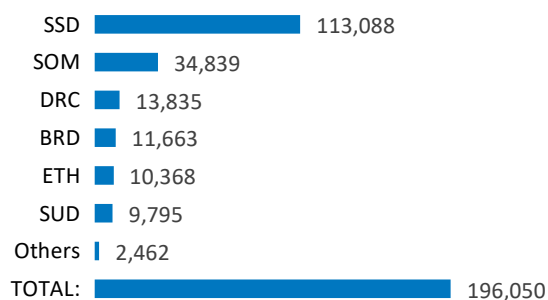
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 82%  
**127.5 M**

## POPULATION OF CONCERN (6 APRIL 2020)

### Country of origin



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

## KEY INDICATORS

**2,732**

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

**607.4M**

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



A woman washes her hands with soap and water at the entrance of Kakuma 1 market. Refugee businesses are following the Government's directive of establishing hand-wash points as a measure to curb the spread of covid-19. UNHCR/ Samuel Odhiambo

# Update on Achievements

## Highlights

**UNHCR and WFP conduct a mock food distribution exercise in line with the ministry of health directive on social distancing:** UNHCR, World Food Programme and partners, on 30 March 2020, conducted a mock food distribution in Kakuma 1. The mock distribution tested new identification mechanism which will temporarily replace biometrics, allowed for marking of appropriate distance while queuing in readiness for Food and Soap distribution which is scheduled to start on 1st April 2020.

**Information campaigns on awareness and prevention of corona virus kicks-off:** In a bid to keep the persons of concern informed of the corona virus pandemic, UNHCR and FilmAid, UNHCR's partner for communication, are using various communication channels to disseminate information on awareness and prevention of the covid-19. Some of the channels used include: Radio (including live radio shows), Bulk SMS, and Mass Awareness broadcasts.

**Two Covid-19 isolation facilities identified in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement:** UNHCR together with health partners have identified two facilities that will be used for isolation of Covid-19 patients. The two facilities located at the Referral Hospital in Kakuma 4 and at the Kalobeyei village 1 health facility were previously used as a Cholera Treatment Centre (CTC). Plans are underway to identify and expand capacities of additional isolation facilities within the camp and settlement.

**IOM, UNHCR announce temporary suspension of resettlement travel for refugees:** As countries drastically reduce entry into their territories owing to the COVID-19 global health crisis, and restrictions around international air travel are introduced, travel arrangements for resettling refugees are currently subject to severe disruptions. Some States have also placed a hold on resettlement arrivals given their public health situation, which impacts on their capacity to receive newly resettled refugees. <https://www.unhcr.org/ke/17163-iom-unhcr-announce-temporary-suspension-of-resettlement-travel-for-refugees.html>

**Mama Bodaboda, a motorbike rider challenging gender role in Kakuma refugee camp, Kenya:** Read the story of Palagie, a refugee from Burundi and a mother of six, the first refugee female motorbike taxi rider. Her story is that of resilience and courage as she curves a niche in a male dominated trade. <https://www.unhcr.org/ke/17051-mama-bodaboda-a-motorbike-rider-challenging-gender-roles-in-kakuma-kenya.html>

From the press:

**Meet the South Sudanese Rising Star Model Who's Looking to Make a Difference:** For new models, Paris Fashion Week can be a trial by fire, but Agi Akur took it all in stride. The 23-year-old beauty was on a roll during the fall/winter 2020 collections, racking up some of the biggest shows on the calendar. She was born in Kakuma, a Kenyan refugee

camp, but Akur's family originally hails from South Sudan.

<https://www.vogue.com/article/model-agi-akur-interview-fall-winter-2020>

**Eleven coronavirus isolation centres in Turkana:** Turkana county has set up 11 isolation facilities for suspected COVID-19 patients. The total capacity is 57 beds. Executive for health and sanitation Jane Ajele said they have procured Sh1.5 million medical supplies from the Kenya Medical Supplies Agency. <https://www.the-star.co.ke/counties/rift-valley/2020-03-17-eleven-coronavirus-isolation-centres-in-turkana/>

**Turkana residents told to be calm as no virus case reported :** A senior Turkana health official has assured residents living in the vast county that authorities are yet to confirm any coronavirus (Covid-19) case there. This came amid panic by residents of the populous Lodwar and Kakuma towns after 11 people, including foreigners, were quarantined. <https://www.nation.co.ke/counties/turkana/Covid-19-do-not-panic-Turkana-residents-told/1183330-5502018-chpcgyz/index.html>

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** 2,898 newly arrived refugees registered since the beginning of January 2020 of whom 1,683 are new arrivals from South Sudan.
- **Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep):** In March 2020, 79 individuals were assisted to return to Ethiopia through UNHCR's Voluntary Repatriation Programme.
- **Resettlement:** As of 31<sup>st</sup> March, a total of 144 cases comprising of 652 individuals were submitted for resettlement consideration in Germany, France, Finland Australia and Canada.
- During the reporting period, 29 individuals departed for resettlement to Australia, United States of America and United Kingdom.
- **Complementary pathways:** 93 cases comprising of 136 individuals were assisted through UNHCR's complementary pathways.
- **Child Protection:** A total of 24 Best Interest Assessments (BIA) were conducted of which 21 assessments were conducted in Kakuma camp and 3 in Kalobeyei settlement.
- **Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV):** During the month of March 2020, 37 new SGBV Cases were identified and referred for assessment, including four cases involving LGBTI Individuals. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.

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

- A joint education response plan developed to guide implementation of learning continuity measures amid the covid-19 pandemic which has forced the closure of all learning institutions in the country.
- Secondary schools' students issued with text assignments to work on at home during the school closure period.
- Education WhatsApp communication tree has been established to facilitate dissemination of important information and educational resources including online lessons to learners.
- WUSC has increased cash grants under KEEP programme to girls from Ksh 2,000 to Ksh 3,000 to enable them meet other needs such as buying soaps during the covid-19 pandemic period.
- Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) has provided mobile phone data for internet connectivity and laptops to its higher education students.
- Xavier Project conducted a podcast for Xavier's Good Start Curriculum and classes are being continued via WhatsApp and google cloud for participants with smart phones. All trainers are administering this remotely from their homes.

**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**

- Since June 2018, a total of 8,358 bank accounts have been opened to facilitate cash transfers for refugees in Kalobeyei settlement.
- As of 31 March 2020, a total of KES 607,356,950 had been distributed through UNHCR's Cash Based Intervention – Cash for Shelter and latrine, and Cash for Core Relief Items (CRI) programmes.
- 874 families are currently constructing their permanent houses through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter programme in village 2 of Kalobeyei settlement.
- In March 2020, 7,085 households (37,461 individuals) received the cash assistance to cater for the cost of CRI including soap and sanitary napkins. A total

of KES 9,243,750 was distributed to cover the costs of 21MT of soap, 10,356 underwear and 103,560 sanitary napkins.

- During the period 546 Transitional shelters were constructed for 1,491 new arrived refugees. Cumulatively, 1,227 families have benefited from the shelter program in 2020.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need for the construction of adequate permanent homes for the over 5,000 families who are currently living in temporary shelters in Kalobeyei settlement.



### COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

#### Achievements and Impact

- 36 individuals registered for the Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board (KASNEB) administered professional examinations including 15 members of the host community and are expected to sit for the professional examination in May 2020.
- 2,222 students (1,525 male and 697 female) are enrolled for various technical courses offered by Don Bosco Kenya (DBK).
- Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) officials conducted a compliance verification exercise at the center to confirm DBK adherence to Government of Kenya Policies matters TVET.
- To ensure learning continuity, DBK has is employing the use of WhatsApp communication for theoretical studies. However, this mode remains limited to trainees with access to smart phones.
- Individuals representing 396 business start-ups and existing business trained on business development with 32% from the host community.
- A total of 91 applications to join the business incubation programme were received during the reporting period out of which 40 applications were successful.
- Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF)- the IFC appointed Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (KKCF) manager, concluded a scoping mission in March 2020- Due to commence implementation in June 2020.
- UNHCR's partner for livelihoods, Action Africa Help International set up 30 Trapezoidal bunds in the host and refugee farms in Kakuma. The bunds will enhance water harvesting and boost the production of crops.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Inadequate access to credit facilities by refugees continue to limit the growth of existing businesses and restrain opportunities for new businesses.

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

- The current 60kWp PV solar power mini-grid Kalobeyei Settlement Mini has connected 342 households, 127 businesses and 12 institutions bringing the cumulative connections to 481. A second 20kWp mini-grid located in Kalobeyei Town has a total of 132 connections (98 households, 28 businesses and 6 Institutions).
- **80** Maendeleo dual purpose stoves were produced in March and **57** stoves were distributed to the new arrivals relocated to the community in Kakuma refugee camp.
- 82 Metric Tons of firewood were issued to the Camp Reception Center, Nadapal Center, Camp Hospitals and Camp Schools.
- 20,150 tree seedlings were produced, propagated in March and 17,143 tree seedlings were distributed to both Refugee and Host Communities for planting.
- One community awareness meeting on forest conservation and management was conducted, with a target audience of 677 community members from both refugees and host communities (Male: 298 & Female:379).
- 867 SMEs were assessed on cooking & lighting for the purposes of creating business linkages to companies on solar and stoves for productive use. Data analysis has been conducted and plans are underway to share the data with the companies.
- A total of **582** clean lighting products such as solar home systems and solar lanterns were sold to the Camp and Host community, from 3 different private sector companies – Green Light Planet, Raj Ushanga Group and D-Light.
- **256** clean cooking stoves which are locally produced were sold to the refugee and host community Markets.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

- The current Kalobeyei Settlement mini grid only covers a section of Village 1. The availability of funding/resources would facilitate the mini grid expansion to cover the entire Village 1 – 3.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION****Achievements and Impact**

- Nutrition program incorporated COVID-19 preparedness and awareness measures in all the interventions following the release of guidelines that

emphasize of promotion of breastfeeding and management of wasting in the context of possible outbreak.

- An increase in the number of new admissions to Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) was observed in March 2020. 176, from 120, new admissions were recorded in Kakuma camp and in Kakuma and 51 new admissions (up from 44 in February 2020) in Kalobeyei Settlement.
- New admissions to Supplementary Feeding Program was 756 in Kakuma and 119 in Kalobeyei.

#### 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

- Following the confirmation of COVID-19 cases in Kenya, the Ministry of Health, UNHCR and partners have enhanced prevention and awareness measure in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- UNHCR Sub Office Kakuma continues to lead in coordination of preparedness response to the covid-19 pandemic.
- As of 31 March 2020, 34 patients who had recently travelled from areas outside Kakuma continued to be monitored with daily temperatures taken and simple screening of key symptoms and reported daily with ministry of health. There is currently no active case reported in Turkana county.
- Training undertaken for health workers, targeting 110 individuals, on case management, infection prevention and surveillance initiated with support from trainers from KRCS & MoH. They are undertaking on job training targeting first line health workers. CDC is also undertaking WEBEX training targeting all health staff.
- All partners have developed a Referral Pathway for suspected cases of COVID-19 and an integrated referral of laboratory samples for suspected cases with the ministry of health.

#### 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 to have more qualified medical staff to improve on quality of health services being provided.



## WATER AND SANITATION

### Achievements and Impact

- To enhance prevention of Covid-19, 20 Hand washing stations with liquid soap have been installed at Food Distribution Centres (FDC) in Kakuma camp. Three five-cubic meters tanks have been installed at the Food Distribution centres 1, 3 and 4 to facilitate handwashing during general food distribution exercise.
- Heightened information awareness campaigns by WASH partners on proper handwashing practice, ensuring the adherence to hygiene etiquettes and adherence to social distancing.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- More resources needed for the construction of household latrines to replace the current communal latrines in Kalobeyei 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 **26.1 million** US dollars.

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