

KENYA

MAY 2020

5,127 refugees and asylum-seekers have been registered in 2020 - **3,088** in Kakuma and **2,039** in urban areas

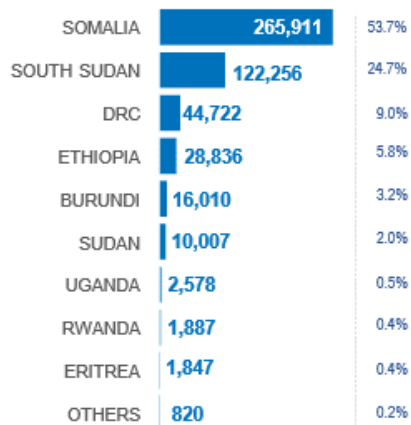
84% of refugees and asylum-seekers in Kenya live in the camps and **16%** urban areas

217,515 (44%) refugees in Dadaab, **196,345** (40%) and in Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement, **81,015** (16%) in urban areas

POPULATION OF CONCERN

494,875 refugees and asylum-seekers as of 31 May 2020.

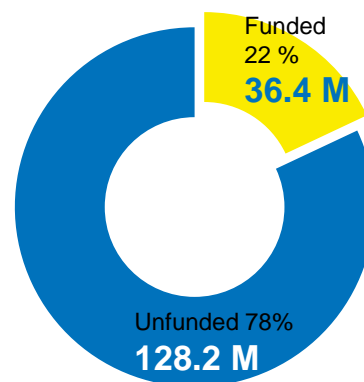
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



FUNDING (AS OF 31 MAY 2020)

USD \$164.6 million

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2020



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

268 National Staff
50 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi
1 Field Office in Alinjgur
2 Sub Offices in Dadaab and Kakuma



A refugee in Dadaab making reusable facemasks. UNHCR and partners are working with refugees in Dadaab to make 300,000 masks for distribution to refugees and host communities ©UNHCR/Dennis Munene

Main Activities

Operational Highlights – May 2020

- The Legal Advocacy Working Group met virtually to discuss the draft Guidelines for Reporting on SIM-Card Registration by Telecommunications Operators, 2019. Through the guidelines the Communications Authority of Kenya (CAK) is seeking to review the process registering SIM cards. UNHCR sent written comments on the Guidelines to CAK with a view to have refugees and stateless persons appropriately included.
- COVID-19 has led to loss of many informal jobs and refugee livelihood opportunities generated by small and medium-sized enterprises that are critical in complementing UNHCR's foundational support to households. This has led to a big need to establish business grants or set up a finance pool to support businesses after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Following the confirmation of COVID-19 positive cases in Dadaab, the Ministry of Health Surveillance and Response went to Dadaab to initiate contact tracing.
- Ministry of Health also stepped in to support UNHCR and partners in the tracing of persons that have been in contact with the confirmed cases in Dadaab. On 29 May, UNHCR held a meeting with the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) and 14 senior police officers/law enforcers to formulate strategies to prevent people from escaping quarantine facilities and to dissuade taxi drivers from transporting persons across the borders.
- Due to current movement restrictions, the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) did not conduct any registration activities in Nairobi in May.
- The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Kakuma, with support from the US Government through the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), initiated the broadcast of educational content through a local radio station. The content, acquired from the Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development (KICD), will ensure that over 88,000 refugees and host community learners continue to attend classes through radio.
- UNHCR delivered a truckload of humanitarian assistance for the families affected by floods in Trans Nzoia County. The County Commissioner for Trans Nzoia said the Core Relief Items that will be distributed to flood victims residing in Villages of Namajalala, Kiminini, and Saboti.



Protection

- UNHCR Kenya participated in the protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) coordination meeting with participants from other UN Agencies such as UN Women and UNFPA. The meeting discussed PSEA interventions during COVID-19. A concept note has been developed on responding to gender-based violence (GBV) experienced by UN staff during COVID-19. This will ensure relevant assistance is available to staff experiencing GBV.
- On 21 May, UNHCR Kenya's Child Protection Unit participated in a regional child protection webinar. The discussions involved community engagement in child protection case management during the current pandemic.
- The number of Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs) requiring assistance increased in May due to COVID-19. Most of the PSNs are very vulnerable due to lack of access to support systems and access to specialized services within the community and as a result there is an increase of mental health cases that require psychosocial support and counselling.
- UNHCR Kenya's Global Youth Advisory Council (GYAC) and Tertiary Refugee Students Network have created the #ForYou campaign to showcase contributions and response of young people during COVID-19, which includes video contributions from Kenya, India, Pakistan, UAE, Chad, Uganda, among others.

- Kakuma refugee athletes received 350 face masks donated by the Tegla Lorupe Peace Foundation. The athletes, who are currently in Kakuma after the suspension of training activities in Ngong, Kajiado county, will use the masks to protect themselves while training.
- UNHCR is working with youth from Global Shapers Hub in Kakuma to disseminate COVID-19 related messages to community members through the Hub's WhatsApp platform.
- Mass awareness and public address announcements on COVID-19 and education messages centred on children was conducted in Kalobeyei and surrounding host community by Finnish Church Aid (FCA), in the ten languages best understood by children.
- In Dadaab refugee camps, 73 SGBV cases were reported in May 2020, which is an 46.5 per cent increase in recorded cases compared to April. Cases of domestic violence continue to be the most prevalent and this can be attributed to COVID-19 'stay at home' prevention directives. All the survivors received psychosocial counselling and referrals were made to the police and hospitals. Follow-up will be done with the police to ensure that proper investigations are conducted and witnesses statements recorded.
- During the reporting period, awareness campaigns and mass information on COVID-19 was conducted by the child protection community in Dadaab with UNHCR and partner staff reaching 519 children. The awareness campaign is an integral activity of child protection to prevent the risk of infection and transmission among children and the community.
- A bi-weekly radio sensitization and talk back shows are conducted at the radio stations in Dadaab to sensitize the community on preventing and responding to domestic violence. Listeners are leveraging on this medium to report their SGBV experience through the helpline shared during the talk shows.



Education

- Mapping out of Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) candidates' residences and assigning of teachers to the learners for home-based learning was completed in Dadaab. This will give the 3,136 refugee candidates safe access to personalized learning through mobile phones, print media, and discussion groups to supplement ongoing radio lessons. This will also enhance monitoring of learner participation and progress in alternative learning modalities.
- DAFI (*Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative*) scholars participated in community-based activities sensitizing the communities on COVID-19 related issues, distributed masks, soap and hand sanitizers.
- An online comparative survey was carried out by Francis Xavier Project to compare the extent of reach to online studies for primary and secondary school students among urban refugee students and Kenyan counterparts. The brief report will be released in due course.
- Radio broadcast of pre-recorded KICD content and interactive lessons with teachers using a locally developed content is ongoing. Over 33,000 learners from grades 4 to 8 and Accelerated Education Programme (AEP) from the primary school from Kakuma refugee camp, Kalobeyei settlements and the host community accessed various lessons.



Water and Sanitation

- In the efforts to scale up the access of water to refugees and improve the maintenance of hygiene and sanitation in Dadaab, UNHCR and Care International provided WASH services to 233,266 persons living in the Dadaab refugee camps. Water is conveyed from the treatment

plant to 42 storage tanks with total capacity of 4,950 m3, distributed through a pipeline network of 236 km and relayed to 774 tap stands with about 2,822 taps, installed around the three camps.

- A total of 6,027 households (35,740 individuals), across the three refugee camps in Dadaab were sensitized on proper disposal of human wastes, proper hand washing, proper storage of drinking water, hand washing, food hygiene, dangers of open defecation and proper use of latrine towards disease prevention and control. The awareness on COVID-19 pandemic was done during the visits by discouraging handshakes, avoiding social gatherings, and encouraging hand washing with soap every time and use of hand sanitizer.
- Comprehensive Water Sanitation and Hygiene preparation and reinforcement measures are being carried out at isolation and quarantine facilities in Kakuma. Installation of additional tanks where necessary, including bladder tanks, to facilitate the provision of water. In addition, construction of permanent and temporary latrines, including flushing sitting-type, is ongoing. Permanent latrines will be in use even after COVID-19 pandemic subsides.
- Five billboards with COVID-19 prevention message (proper handwashing with clean flowing water and soap) installed at strategic central locations across Kakuma and surrounding host community.



Health

- On 19 May, the National Multi-Agency COVID-19 Command Centre and the Ministry of Health visited Dadaab to assess and support the efforts of the Sub County, UNHCR and partners in the response to COVID-19.
- Cholera and COVID-19 surveillance and response activities continued in Kakuma in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and health partners, including measures such as screenings of persons of concern during the food distribution exercise; COVID-19 surveillance, quarantine of individuals meeting criteria set by the government; and support to contact tracing.



Food Security and Nutrition

- A total of 521 persons of concern were admitted in the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) in Dadaab, a significant decrease compared to 1,604 admissions reported in April. 247 new admissions were recorded in Community Therapeutic Care (CTC) and 12 new moderately malnourished pregnant and lactating mothers were enrolled in feeding programs across the camps.
- There has been shortage of *Plumpy'Nut* therapeutic food across the three refugee camps in Dadaab which will affect the supplementary feeding programmes.
- During the reporting period, the number of severe acutely malnourished children enrolled to the outpatient therapeutic programme (OTP) was 140 in Kakuma and 40 in Kalobeyei, while moderate acutely malnourished children enrolled to Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) was 527 in Kakuma and 148 in Kalobeyei.
- Dissemination of COVID-19 sensitization messages targeting breastfeeding mothers in collaboration with the Community Health Program, which entails supporting breastfeeding for mothers who are found positive for COVID-19.
- Wet feeding programme rolled out in COVID-19 quarantine and isolation centres. The World Food Programme (WFP) supports with in-kind dry foods and UNHCR provides fresh food to ensure availability of nutrient-rich diet admitted cases.



Shelter, CRI and CBI

- In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNHCR postponed the transition to Cash Based Initiatives (CBI) for Core Relief Items (CRI) in Kakuma and will do in-kind distributions of such items until August 2020. A market assessment will also be conducted in order to ascertain the current market prices for the CRIs in view of the COVID-19 impacts, as well as in a bid to transition to CBI for cooking energy in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei.



Environment and Access to Energy

- During the reporting period, firewood was supplied to the COVID-19 quarantine centres as well as the stove production factory. The wood is the main source of cooking energy for persons of concern hosted at the quarantine facilities in Ifo, Dagahaley and Hagadera camps.



Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

- A regional meeting between UNHCR Livelihood to discuss the Poverty Alleviation Coalition (PAC) and its potential adaptation to the COVID-19 crisis was held in the month of May. Different operations in the region shared their experiences and learnings with the implementation of the PAC and the graduation approach within their contexts.
- UNHCR held an introductory meeting with the McKinsey Generation project in Kenya which aims to support its beneficiaries with skills development and linkage to the labour market. Although the program is currently supporting Kenyan nationals, discussions held were on the possibility of including refugees in the program. The work permit approval process presents an impeding challenge, however there are opportunities to explore possibilities of refugee inclusion which will be pursued in follow up meetings.
- A total of 1,800 bars of soap produced by refugee livelihood groups were distributed to institutions in Dadaab town, Ifo and Dagahaley camps including hospitals, and police stations. The materials will ensure upholding of high standards of hygiene in the area thereby preventing spread of COVID-19 and other diseases.
- Dressmaking and tailoring trainees at Don Bosco Vocational Training Centre in Kakuma have been engaged to produce 3,000 cloth masks for UNHCR. The reusable masks will be distributed to vulnerable persons of concern. In addition, Don Bosco pledged and produced 1,000 facemasks which will also be distributed to persons of concern.
- Action Africa Help International (AAHI) in Kakuma facilitated the establishment of “Fumbua Africa”- a refugee-led tailoring umbrella to a platform for refugee tailors to participate in the mass production of reusable cloth mask. Orders received through the umbrella will be channelled to different refugee and host tailoring groups and individual tailors.
- Seven agencies in Kakuma pledged a total of 17,770 reusable facemasks in support of the general refugee and host community use in COVID-19 prevention. Of the 17,770 pledged reusable masks, 4,070 masks have been produced while the remaining facemasks are under production stage.

Statelessness

- During the month of May, partner paralegals supported 59 stateless persons with the process of applying for birth certificates. Out of the 59 cases, 37 are still in progress, meaning the PoCs are waiting to get feedback from the registrar, 14 were resolved successfully and have birth certificates while 8 were closed due to unresponsiveness of the PoC.
- Cumulatively since January 2020, paralegals have supported 427 cases, of which 389 are birth certificate cases while the rest are ID card and passport cases.

Durable Solutions

Voluntary Repatriation

- UNHCR Kenya held three cross-border meetings with colleagues in South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and the Regional Bureau for Africa to create a strategic plan and revision of repatriation activities in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. UNHCR will draft a voluntary repatriation and re-integration strategy for Somalis willing to return to their home country, while tentative plans for the repatriation of Ethiopian refugees in Dadaab are being maintained and will be revised later in the year once travel restrictions are lifted.

Resettlement

- Resettlement and integrity interviews continue to be conducted remotely in Kakuma.
- UNHCR organized radio shows in Dadaab to share updates on the current resettlement activities due to the response to COVID-19. The impact of COVID-19 on resettlement was discussed. Since the outbreak of pandemic, radio sensitization has continued to play a crucial role in delivering resettlement information to persons of concern.
- Since the beginning of the year, 1,378 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration to Australia, Canada, France, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States of America, among others.

Working with Partners

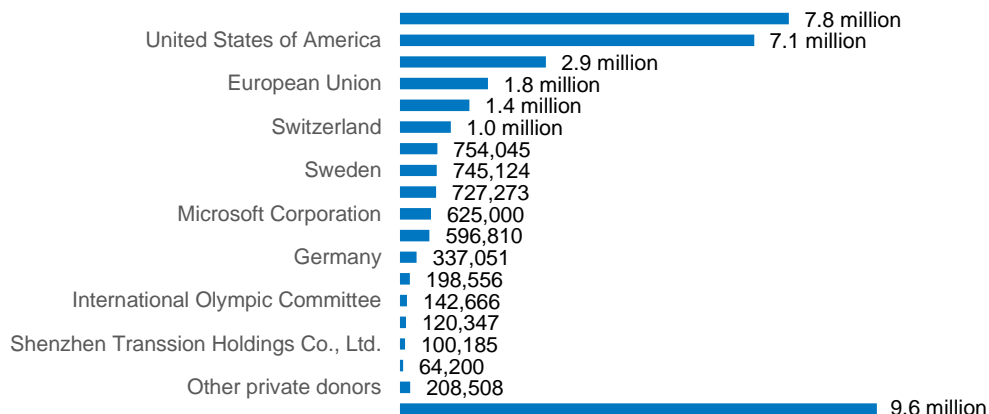
- UNHCR Kenya continues to work with its main partner, the Government of Kenya, through RAS and the Office of the Deputy County Commissioners (DCC), as well as with other international organizations including WFP, UNICEF, IOM and other partners.
- UNHCR continues to run a joint protection desk with RAS at the refugee-processing centre in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.
- UNHCR Dadaab coordinates its refugee operation in three refugee camps in Dadaab. UNHCR Field Office in Alinjgur is a part of the larger Dadaab operation and covers Hagadera camp in Fafi Sub-County.
- UNHCR Kakuma continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya, the Turkana County Government through DCC and 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 monthly meetings with refugee representatives in the refugee camp.

Funding and Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Kenya operation amount to **USD 36.4 million** (as of 31 May).

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EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD



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