

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

197,341

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 30 September 2020.

4,708

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2020.

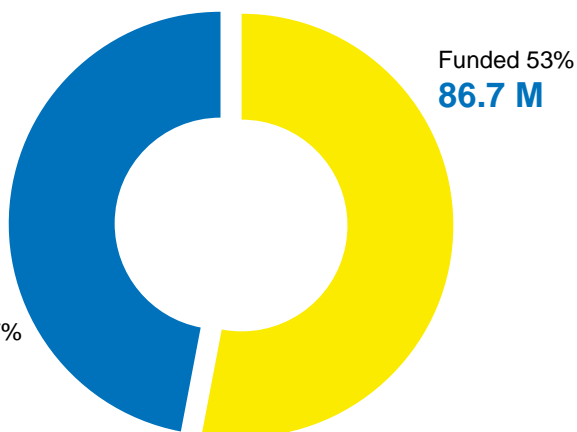
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Nationalities hosted in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement

FUNDING (AS OF 07 OCTOBER 2020)

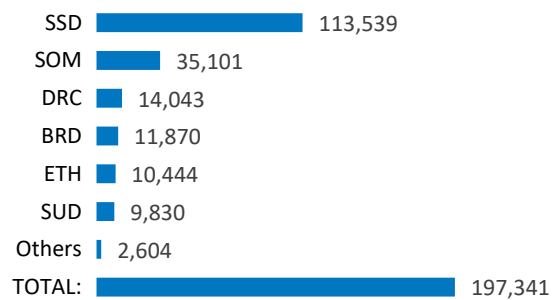
USD 164.6 M

Requested for the Kenya Operation



POPULATION OF CONCERN (30 SEPTEMBER 2020)

Country of origin



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

KEY INDICATORS

2,636

COVID-19 tests conducted in Kakuma for persons of concern and humanitarian workers

191

Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases among persons of concern and humanitarian workers.



UNHCR supported 36 bed capacity COVID-19 Isolation and Treatment centre at the Nalemsokon Health Clinic in Kalobeyei Settlement. UNCHR/Samuel Otieno

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- UNHCR continued to conduct COVID-19 tests for newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, new entrants into the camp and settlement and humanitarian workers travelling from and to Kakuma and individual close contacts meeting ministry of health criteria.
- During the month, UNHCR commenced distribution of 130,000 reusable facemasks donated by the US government. Distribution to persons of concern was conducted through partners. 3,500 masks were distributed to the Kenya Police Service and 500 to G4S security.



A Somali refugee girl displays re-usable masks, donated by the US Government, she received during a distribution exercise in Kakuma 3. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

- A joint KRCS/UNHCR Mission took place along the western flight corridor to engage County authorities to advocate for a coordinated approach to reception, assistance and protection of new asylum seekers during the ongoing Covid-19 situation. County administration open to receive asylum seekers and Health services to offer Covid-19 testing.
- UNHCR's partner for legal aid, Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) is gradually resuming Legal aid clinics in Kakuma and Kalobeyei to offer legal services to the community.
- Due to confirmed COVID cases at the Lodwar Prison, the administration of justice in Kakuma Law Courts was impacted, as individuals under remand at Lodwar Prison are not presented in court. Prison services were suspended for 14-day and tentatively expected to resume on 5 October.
- The National Council of Churches in Kenya (NCCK) donated medical equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to UNHCR health partners to enhance the fight against COVID-19. The donation includes Pulse oximeter, oxygen concentrators and cylinders, suction machines, infrared thermometers and assorted PPEs.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** Since the beginning of the year, 4,708 newly arrived refugees have been registered in Kakuma. This include 2,396 refugees from South Sudan and 685 asylum seekers from Burundi.
- **Refugee Status Determination (RSD):** Government of Kenya, Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), resumed issuance of decision letters for persons granted refugee status by the Commissioner of Refugee Affairs. On 22 September 2020, 197 Individual RSD Cases recommended for recognition and 3 Individual RSD Cases recommended for rejection were presented before the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.
- During the month, persons of concern continued to access the border points (Malaba and Busia) along the Western Flight Corridor. They all undergo COVID-19 testing and quarantine before facilitation to Kakuma refugee camp. Nadapal border (Kenya and South Sudan side) is currently closed for persons of concern.
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** UNHCR child protection and SGBV partner attended a live radio talk show and engaged the audiences on the effects of child abuse during the COVID-19 pandemic and the referral pathways.
- **Child Protection:** During the month, 29 child protection Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were reviewed and feedback provided to CP partners for follow up.
- A total of 9 Sexual and Gender-Based Violence cases involving children were reported in Kakuma camp and appropriate referral and assistance offered to the survivors.
- The protection concerns of 25 children (20 in Kakuma camp and 5 in Kalobeyei settlement) were identified and referred to child protection partners in Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlement.
- UNHCR Child Protection Unit participated in a virtual Joining Forces Alliance workshop, aimed at protecting children from abuse during COVID-19 pandemic, with the objective that children and adolescents experience reduced levels of violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect. This will be achieved by: strengthening national and local protection and response systems (OS1); improving the protection of children living in resilient families, communities and institutions (OS2); increasing the capacity and agency of children themselves to prevent and respond to violence against them (OS3) and by increasing the learning and sharing of knowledge and best practice related to child protection approaches (OS4) during the COVID-19 crisis and recovery phase.
- 69 (36 females, 33 males), including 4 persons living with disabilities and the Community Based Child Protection Committee participated in a feedback session held during the month in Kalobeyei Village V1, V2 and V3. The members reported that the COVID-19 has brought challenges that affects both children and adult members of the community. The session highlighted the negative impact of prolonged closure of schools, including increased teen pregnancies and negative peer influence.
- **Youth Protection and Development:** 10 youth participate in a five-day virtual training on Peace Building and Dialogue. The dialogue brought to together refugees from Kakuma and Dadaab camps.
- UNHCR's partner for youth activities, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) kicked off the season 7 of *Kakuma Got Talent*. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Kakuma Got Talent competition is being conducted virtually. Virtual submission of short talent videos is ongoing.
- **Communicating with Communities (CwC):** During the month, two bi-weekly CwC Working Group meeting were held. Among the agenda items was enhancing risk communication, planning for the 16-days of activism virtual event, and enhancing access to information for persons of concern through UNHCR's *help.unhcr.org* initiative. Current emphasis is on encouraging preventive measures including wearing of masks, social

distancing with specific targeted messaging on safe mourning and burial arrangements for any COVID-19 related death.

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

- Re-opening of the Instant Network School Centers (INS) to ensure continued access to learning during the COVID-19 period. ICT coaches were trained on the operation of INS centers as well as a brief training on hygiene measures. Handwashing stations have been installed in all the INS centres and soap supplied to contain the spread of COVID-19. Access to the centres remain controlled and students encouraged to adhere to health regulations and social distancing.
- In preparation for school reopening, UNHCR in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and partners conducted a baseline assessment in 103 schools (60 refugee schools/centres and 43 host community schools/centres). Data collection was done by school Head Teachers, Principals and refugee curriculum support staff with supervision and coordination by Education Officers.
- Mobile mentorship training conducted for 190 teachers (56 female) to empower them to improve learning outcomes across the 5 primary schools and 6 ECD centres in Kalobeyei.
- 651 (424 male and 227 females) learners with special needs were supported through teachers, caregivers, community mobilizers, and Special needs officers who offered various support including provision of assistive devices, support with remote learning, and psychosocial support.
- 27 (18 males, 9 female) learners were assessed and screened from the Education Assessment and Resource Centre (EARC). 8 were referred to IRC clinic 7 for medical intervention.
- 798 school desks were supplied to 10 schools in Kakuma in preparation for school reopening. 662 more desks will be supplied to 21 schools across Kakuma and Kalobeyei. The additional desks will promote physical distancing in schools as a COVID-19 containment measure recommended by the Ministry of Education.
- 1,575 secondary school candidates accessed learning materials in audio, video and print format shared through WhatsApp trees in support of learning continuity.
- UNHCR and partners engaged incentive and national teachers to conduct learner mapping for purposes of Community Based Learning and distribution of learning material including radios recently procured by UNHCR.
- Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) training was conducted for 41 (12 female) teachers in Kalobeyei settlement.
- Education partners participated in a radio talkback show to sensitize and create awareness to both the host and refugee communities on teenage pregnancies and early marriages at Radio Atanayece.
- 9,479 revision textbooks were distributed to the 26 Primary Schools in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Additional 4,373 revision textbooks procured by UNHCR were delivered to 6 secondary schools for distribution to registered national exam candidates.
- 133 (41F) teachers were engaged in monitoring the student participation in radio lessons across Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement. Monitoring of radio lessons conducted by Education Officers from the implementing partners.
- UNHCR's education partner for Kalobeyei settlement, Finnish Church Aid (FCA), conducted a training on Child safeguarding, Teaching and learning aids, Code of Conduct and teacher development to 25 (13 female) Early Childhood Development Education (ECD) teachers in Kalobeyei.

- 190 teachers (56 female) participated in Mobile mentorship training geared towards the improvement of learning outcomes across the 5 primary schools and 6 ECD centres in Kalobeyei.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Improvements in school's infrastructure (classrooms, WASH, desks, school materials) required for 52 pre-primary, primary and secondary in pre-preparation for school re-opening.
- 90,000 textbooks are required to support home learning and improve access to textbooks upon school re-opening.
- Investments in digital infrastructure to leverage education technology remains a gap.
- Additional 300 teachers required to provide reasonable coverage upon school re-opening.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- As of 30 September, 164 persons of concern and 27 humanitarian workers had cumulatively been diagnosed with COVID-19, since the first case was reported in May 2020.
- Out of them, 5 humanitarian workers diagnosed with COVID-19 were on COVID-19 home-based care with one having been evacuated to Nairobi for treatment and care. The 5 humanitarian workers include frontline health care workers.
- Cumulatively, 4 COVID-19 related mortalities have been recorded since the first coronavirus case was reported in Kakuma. Among them there are two female refugees aged 20 and 36, the younger being in postpartum period (up to six weeks after childbirth), hence considered a maternal mortality. Males were aged 46 and 1 year and 7 months respectively.
- The quarantine centres in Kakuma camp have had 642 cases cumulatively since the first case was confirmed, from which 519 have been discharged from quarantine.
- Ongoing community-based surveillance has led to identification of individuals coming to the Camp/Settlement by Community health workers and general community with subsequent assessment if need for quarantine and testing. This is key especially after lifting of previous lockdown instructions.
- Laboratory Based Surveillance-Patient treated at the hospital and meeting SARI and ILI case definition also tested for COVID-19. A total of 452 tests have been done through this surveillance. These has led to detection of over 29 cases of symptomatic COVID-19 cases since the first case was recorded in May 2020.
- Mental health and psychosocial support is ongoing for all patients currently in COVID-19 treatment centres as well as those in quarantine.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- Inpatient hospital feeding has been provided, with the support from the UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, and the UN World Food Programme (WFP), to the cumulative 164 COVID19 cases that have been managed at Isolation centers and 642 Persons of concern on quarantine.

- Family Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening was rolled out in over 50% the households in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. Additionally, mothers were trained to take measurements of children for safe and timely identification of malnutrition.
- To resolve contributing factors to malnutrition in the population on concern, targeted screening was carried out in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement to identify malnutrition hot spots and intensify follow-up.
- During the month, Community health workers from UNHCR's health partners conducted community sensitization sessions on safe breastfeeding and childcare practices.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Inpatient hospital feeding is required for all patients in quarantine and isolation facilities.
- Households are required to be issued with MUAC tapes to support active case finding while observing the set COVID19 regulations.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- 7,366 households (approximately 39,830 individuals in Kakuma and Kalobeyei) were reached through COVID-19 awareness and sensitization activities conducted by WASH partners during the month.
- Heightened monitoring of Free Residual Chlorine –(FRC) at tap stands and household levels in order to ensure quality and safe water for domestic use. FRC was maintained between 0.5mg/l to 1.0mg/l.
- 2 temporary bathing shelters were constructed at the Kalobeyei reception centre which has been identified as a COVID-19 quarantine facility. Excavation of refuse pit at the Kitchen side and repairs of the staff are ongoing.
- 2,469 demonstrations on hand washing practice were conducted in Kalobeyei settlement and covered 40 neighbourhoods across the three villages. The exercise was aimed at improving personal hygiene for the prevention of diarrhoea and as a preventive measure against COVID19 pandemic.
- Home visits to ascertain the availability, use and maintenance of latrines reached out to 1,755 households in Kalobeyei settlement. It was observed that most households are maintaining high standards of cleanliness in and around the latrines.
- To prevent the spread of faecal oral infections and COVID-19, CLTS (Community Led Total Sanitation) Facilitators visited and sensitized 1,452 on the importance of handwashing and hygiene.
- 400 comic books on COVID-19 were distributed in the villages in Lopur and 385 in Kalobeyei host community. 10 picture books were also distributed in Lopur during the reporting period.
- 80 slabs distributed among the beneficiary communities in Kalobeyei village 3 to support the community in building makeshift latrines as part of efforts to enhance latrine coverage and stop open defecation among the benefitting neighborhoods.
- To enhance hand washing as a preventive measure against COVID-19, 3,421 simple hand washing stations installed at various households in Kalobeyei and Kakuma during the month. Cumulatively, 16,875 simple hand washing devices have been installed during the pandemic period.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need to engage additional Hygiene Promoters specifically for COVID-19 Quarantine facilities.
- Need for additional 100 Hand washing stations for public places.

- Need to equip new drilled boreholes with solar and pumps to support Kalobeyei Water Supply which is operating for 18 hours daily to meet water demand.
- Request from the host community with support for 30KVA Generator to replace spoilt one.

**SHELTER AND NFIS****Achievements and Impact**

- 131 newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers were issued with Non-Food Items (NFIs) including 109 Kgs of soap, 131 pieces of blankets and 131 pieces of mat, 38 kitchen sets, 77 jerricans, 77 buckets and 40 mosquito nets. The newly arrived individuals have since been relocated to the community after completing the mandatory 14-day quarantine.
- In August & September distribution cycle, 135,435 kgs of 450 grams of soap was distributed to the population of concern in Kakuma benefiting 149,933 individuals. Besides, 42,526 Women of reproductive, 11-50 years, received 25,520 kgs for the 250 grams of soap, 88,066 Pieces of underwear and 125,335 Packets of sanitary towels.
- 11,933 pieces of Jerricans meant for Cholera response was distributed to family size one out of which 10,657 pieces were distributed to the population in Kakuma camp and 1,276 in Kalobeyei settlement.
- UNHCR distributed 387Kgs of soap to Child Headed Households (CHHs) in Kalobeyei settlement during the Proof of Life exercise. Besides soap, 126 pieces of sanitary towels and 126 pieces of underwear was distributed to the CHHs.

**CASH BASED INTERVENTION (CBI)****Achievements and Impact**

- A total of 8,473 bank accounts have been opened since June 2018 to facilitate the implementation of UNHCR's Cash-Based Intervention (CBI) in Kalobeyei Settlement.
- Thus far, a total of KES 839,856,800 has been distributed to beneficiaries as of end of September 2020 to facilitate; Construction of permanent houses, access to Core Relief Items – soap and sanitary items, construction of family latrines and nutrition support.
- Cycle 9 of Shelter and Latrine construction begun in mid-august with a target of 1,440 shelter units. So far, 445 households have begun the shelter construction process, with 310 shelter units having so far been constructed.
- The 2020 plans involve the construction of 1,440 Household latrines through CBI, alongside the shelter construction process which is expected to be covered under Cycle 9. Household Latrine construction is ongoing with the current shelter construction process.
- UNHCR supports beneficiaries in Kalobeyei through cash transfers to cater to the beneficiaries' sanitary items on a monthly basis. In September 2020, UNHCR paid out CBI for CRI instalments to a total of 7,207 households (38,185 individuals) who received cash assistance of KES 9,456,650. This amount of money was distributed to cater to the costs of 21 MT of soap, 10,654 underwear and 106,540 sanitary napkins.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE****Achievements and Impact**

- In order to revive and maintain cashflows for businesses in Kakuma, Africa Enterprise Collective (AEC) Kenya has injected COVID-19 business recovery grants worth KES. 27,730,000 to 611 entrepreneurs. Groceries and food stores secured 78% of the grants. Analysis reflect 46% female participation. Grants range between Kes. 10,000 and Kes.120,000.
- Kakuma Mission Hospital has engaged 4 vocational training graduates in carpentry, from UNHCR supported Don Bosco Don Vocational Training Centre, to support an ongoing construction and strengthen the graduates' practical skills. Daily wage earnings help mitigate COVID-19 impacts at household level and supplement bimonthly foods rations.
- Don Bosco Vocational Training Centre registered 572 students from various disciplines for the National Industrial Trading Authority (NITA) examinations scheduled for December 2020. Among registered trainees are 52 members of the host community.
- Lecturers and vocational training instructors reported back to work on 28th September in preparation for the reopening of schools and institutions of higher learning, following a directive from the Ministry of Education.
- During the reporting period, a total of 100 incubated businesses received coaching and mentorship in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- During the period, 547 individuals, among them 19 persons with disabilities, accessed business development support services.
- Three refugee businesses commenced operations after successful registration in compliance with the Government of Kenya regulations. The three include Kalobeyei Umoja Association (Group business), Akiberani Enterprises and Hamza General store.
- Peer to peer mentorship continued during the month with 9 women artisans, out of whom 7 are refugees and 2 from the Host community, receiving mentorship on prevention of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.
- An understanding of the effects of COVID 19 on businesses in order to make informed decisions and serve as a data source to other partners is ongoing in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- SwissContact, in partnership with Action Africa Help-International (AAHI), UNHCR's partner for livelihoods, supported 15 of their Skills for Life project graduated tailors, to produce 3,750 reusable facemasks which will be distributed to vulnerable members of the community.
- SwissContact commenced Labour Scan assessment aimed at informing the current market needs within Turkana West and new opportunities for Skills Development in vocational training. This exercise is anticipated to be completed withing the month and the report shared with relevant partners.
- SwissContact conducted an assessment for potential implementing partners for their Skills for Life project. The project will engage 4 local Community Based organisations from the refugee and host community to support and facilitate various vocational skills training under the Skills for Life project.
- The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) provided mentorship to 35 livestock traders and 15 butchers in Kalobeyei settlement. The group of livestock traders is promoting livestock trade in the settlement and access to livestock products.
- FAO has institutionalized COVID-19 regulations into agriculture activities through awareness creation. Refugee and host community farmers are currently undertaking agricultural activities safely and in observance of the set regulations.

- WFP in collaboration with FAO and the county government continued to support efforts to ensure nutritious fresh food and vegetable is accessible and available in Kakuma and Kalobeyei market for optimum health and that farmers are realising income from agricultural production.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There's a growing need for business recover grants as post COVID-19 recovery strategy.
- Poor or unaffordable internet connectivity continue to hamper access tertiary education and online jobs.
- Private sector linkages for markets and agricultural farm inputs/implements and value chains.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Achievements and Impact

- Cumulatively in 2020, 233 cases comprising of 984 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration to Germany, France, Finland, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom.
- 8 cases comprising of 35 individuals have departed for resettlement to third countries in 2020 – including Australia, USA, UK, Finland, Canada.
- 79 individuals repatriated to Ethiopia - 76 individuals facilitated with direct flights from Kakuma to Ethiopia while 3 others transited via Nairobi – since January 2020.
- Cumulatively, in 2020, a total of 127 cases of 176 individuals were assisted through UNHCR's complementary pathways activities.

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 virtually using Microsoft Teams platform.

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 **86.7 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.

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