

KENYA

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6,816 refugees and asylum-seekers have been registered in 2020: **4,708** in Kakuma and Dadaab and **2,108** in urban areas

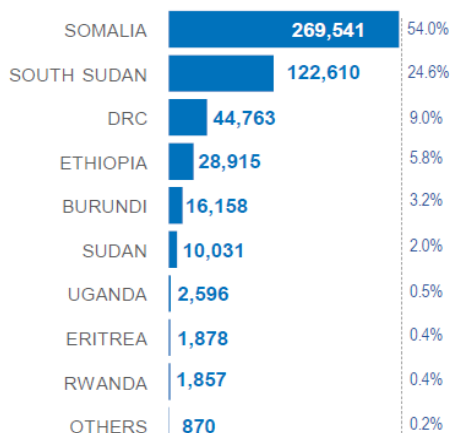
Out of a population of **499,219**, **447,141** (90%) are refugees and **51,281** (10%) asylum-seekers.

221,102 (44%) refugees and asylum-seekers in Dadaab, **197,341** (40%) in Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement, **80,776** (16%) in urban areas.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

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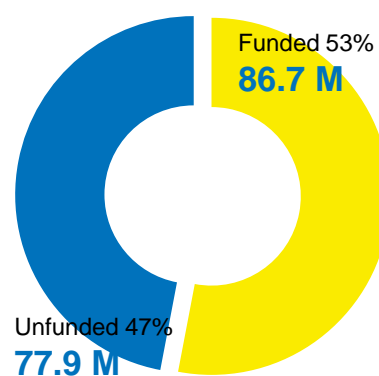
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



FUNDING (AS OF 1 SEPTEMBER 2020)

USD \$164.6 million

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2020



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

259 National Staff
50 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi
12 Sub Offices in Dadaab and Kakuma



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

Main Activities

Operational Highlights – September 2020

- UNHCR in partnership with Oracle launched the Oracle Workforce Development program, which aims to impart digital skills training with global certifications. Five Persons of Concern (PoC) (3 females, 2 males) from urban areas and eight PoC (3 females, 5 males) from Kakuma were shortlisted for the training after a competitive process. The trainees will be upskilled in Java Fundamental and Programming and later be linked to job opportunities.
- PoC who can no longer support themselves in urban areas continued to request for assistance to relocate to the camps. UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) worked on resuming PoC's relocation to the camps. This had been suspended towards the end of August due to a high COVID-19 positivity rate among PoC that had been tested before travel.
- RAS and UNHCR agreed to set up a working group to start a remote interviewing pilot for refugee status determination. Remote interviewing will increase the number of interviews conducted.
- In August UNHCR and implementing partners in Kakuma distributed 130,000 reusable facemasks donated by the Government of the United States.
- The National Council of Churches in Kenya (NCCCK) donated medical equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to UNHCR health partners in Kakuma to enhance the fight against COVID-19. The donation includes pulse oximeter, oxygen concentrators and cylinders, suction machines, infrared thermometers and assorted PPE.



Protection

- Government-run children charitable institutions have been on the forefront in assisting refugee children in urban areas. Out of 27 children placed in five children homes, six were reunified with their parents by the Children's Department after a successful home assessment to verify their ability to care for the children. UNHCR continues to support the homes through partner organisation HIAS with in-kind donations (food, milk and diapers for babies, masks, soap and sanitizers).
- UNHCR attended the monthly national gender sector working group meeting (NGSWG) and a sub-group meeting on the Gender Based Violence (GBV) helpline operators in the country organised by the State Department for Gender (SDfG). The State Department has since shared data from the Healthcare Assistance Kenya (HAK) Hotline 1195 for Nairobi, Mombasa and Nakuru from March to September 2020.
- A radio session was conducted in Dadaab on 29 September to sensitize the community on human trafficking and smuggling. Differentiating the two concepts, identification of victims of human trafficking and referral for assistance through appropriate channels was discussed.
- Some 300 children from the three Dadaab camps, including 23 with disabilities and eight survivors of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), and their families received cash vouchers; redeemable from pre-selected vendors in markets across the camps. Provision of CBI is a means to ensure economic safety net for the identified children and their families during COVID-19; lack of which would expose children to protection risks such as SGBV, sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), recruitment into militia groups, trafficking and smuggling; and child labour.
- A series of peace and mediation seminars were conducted with refugee and host community participants from Dadaab, Kakuma and Nairobi from 21 to 30 September 2020 in commemoration of the International Day of Peace. Conflict and dialogue; and their dynamics, mental health and selfcare practices useful in the process of peacebuilding and mediation were discussed. UNHCR and partners supported participants with airtime for connectivity to the virtual sessions.



Education

- Instant Network School (INS) Programme Centres were reopened in Kakuma to ensure continued access to learning during the COVID-19 period. ICT coaches were trained on the operation of INS centres as well as 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 centre 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) in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- A total of 513 DAFI scholars (127 females 386 males) in urban areas were supported were supported with upkeep allowances to allow them to continue accessing online education as offered by the institutions of higher learning.
- UNHCR and partners in Dadaab conducted an assessment on school enrolment, teacher numbers, and availability of appropriate infrastructure and WASH facilities; to map out what the gaps are, to develop a framework in conjunction with Nairobi and Kakuma that will establish comprehensive needs that will be used in fundraising; in preparation for schools reopening.



Water and Sanitation

- 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.
- On average, the daily water production in September from 22 operational boreholes was 10,460m³, where about 7,238m³ was supplied to the refugee population in Dadaab camps. This translated to an average daily per capita water allocation of 30.6 litres.



Shelter, CRI and CBI

- A total of 131 newly arrived refugees and asylum-seekers received Non-Food Items (NFIs), including 109 kgs of soap, 131 pieces of blankets and 131 sleeping mats, 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.
- During the August and September distribution cycle, 135,435 kgs of 450 grams of soap was distributed to PoC in Kakuma, benefiting 149,933 individuals. In addition, 42,526 women of reproductive age (11-50 years), received 25,520 kgs of 250 grams of soap, 88,066 pieces of underwear and 125,335 packets of sanitary towels.
- UNHCR distributed 387 kgs of soap to Child Headed Households (CHHs) in Kalobeyei settlement during the Proof of Life exercise. In addition, 126 pieces of sanitary towels and 126 pieces of underwear was distributed to the CHHs.
- 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 to a total of KES 9,456,650. This amount of money was distributed to cater to the costs of 21 MT of soap, 10,654 pieces of underwear and 106,540 sanitary napkins.



Health

- Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in the refugee camps, Kakuma has cumulatively recorded by the end of September a total of 191 cases, 150 recoveries and four fatalities, while Dadaab has recorded 84 cases, 42 recoveries and four fatalities.
- Inpatient hospital feeding has been provided, with the support from UNHCR and the World Food Programme (WFP), a total of 164 COVID-19 cases that have been managed at isolation centers and 642 PoC in quarantine.



Food Security and Nutrition

- Monthly Food Advisory Committee meetings were held across the three Dadaab camps in preparation for the October food distribution cycle. WFP reported that beneficiaries would receive two months' ration allocation. However, the quantities of both in-kind and voucher assistance would be reduced by 40 per cent due to low stock and budgetary constraints. Commodities to be distributed will include; rice, wheat flour, vegetable oil, pulses and Super Cereal Plus Plus (CSB++) for children aged 6-23 months.
- Family Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screenings was rolled out in over 50 per cent of 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 PoC, targeted screening was carried out in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement to identify malnutrition hot spots and intensify follow-up.
- In September, Community health workers from UNHCR's health partners conducted community sensitization sessions on safe breastfeeding and childcare practices.
- 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.



Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR in collaboration with Bizarre Bazaar Craft Festival and the Village Market Mall facilitated the participation of 11 refugees (8 female, 3 male) in an artisan market exhibition. Sales of artisanal products realized from the market reached a value of KES 92,000.
- UNHCR through its market outlet at the UN Commissary in Nairobi facilitated the sale of KES 44,800 worth of artisanal products benefitting six PoC (1 male, 5 female).
- UNHCR in collaboration with Hand in Hand Eastern Africa (HiH), through their VISA funded 'Kenya Micro-Enterprise Success (KMES) Programme', shared a list of five Community Savings and Loans Associations (75 individuals) as potential groups of PoC for targeting to benefit from the programme. The groups will be vetted by HiH for possible inclusion into the programme. The programme, which is targeting 8,600 disadvantaged urban and per-urban entrepreneurs aims to provide business development skills and improved access to resources for their beneficiaries to potentially run and grow profitable and sustainable enterprises.
- In order to revive and maintain cashflows for businesses in Kakuma, Africa Enterprise Collective (AEC) Kenya has provided COVID-19 business recovery grants to 611 entrepreneurs (46 per cent female) to a value of KES 27,730,000.



Environment and access to energy

- Farming activities in Dadaab designed to rehabilitate degraded areas and support livelihoods through income generation were sustained over this period. Orchards already established by the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) in Ifo 2 were maintained, fruit gardens developed by the Relief, Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RRDO) in primary schools yielded a healthy crop of bananas and mangoes that were distributed to PoC in COVID-19 isolation centres.

Registration

- Preparations of the new Database for Inventory, Monitoring and Assessment (DIMA) are in the final stages for the planned urban remote verification.

Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- RAS resumed issuance of decision letters for persons granted refugee status by the Commissioner of Refugee Affairs.
- The automatic RSD case creation rule was implemented in the Profile Global Registration System (ProGres). Before this, RSD cases had to be created manually.

Co-ordination

- UNHCR and UNICEF held a meeting to discuss and agree on preferred settings to be included in the CPIMS+ (Child Protection Information Management System) configuration ahead of its roll out in Dadaab. The Primero CPIMS+ allows for efficient file management, provides safe, secure and ethical information management and allows for real-time analysis of global data and trends across organizations.

Statelessness

- During the reporting period, UNHCR held a meeting with the Department of Immigration Services to review the existing registration form for stateless applicants and their descendants, as well as the process of accessing the application form. The current situation is that stateless persons cannot apply for registration online as expected because to log in to the site, one requires to hold certain documents. The need to open-up a category of stateless persons and descendants of stateless persons as an application category was agreed upon. Further, documentary requirements to log-in to the site will be lifted, thereby enabling stateless persons and their descendants to apply for registration online. A template form was discussed and is being reviewed jointly by stakeholders, which include various Government departments and Civil Society.

Durable Solutions

Resettlement

- In September, a total of 61 individuals were submitted to different resettlement countries as follows: 37 to Canada; 10 to the Netherlands; seven to Sweden; and seven to the United Kingdom.
- A total of 45 individuals departed in September (32 from Nairobi and 13 from Kakuma) to different resettlement countries: 33 to the United States; four to Canada and eight to Sweden.

Working with Partners

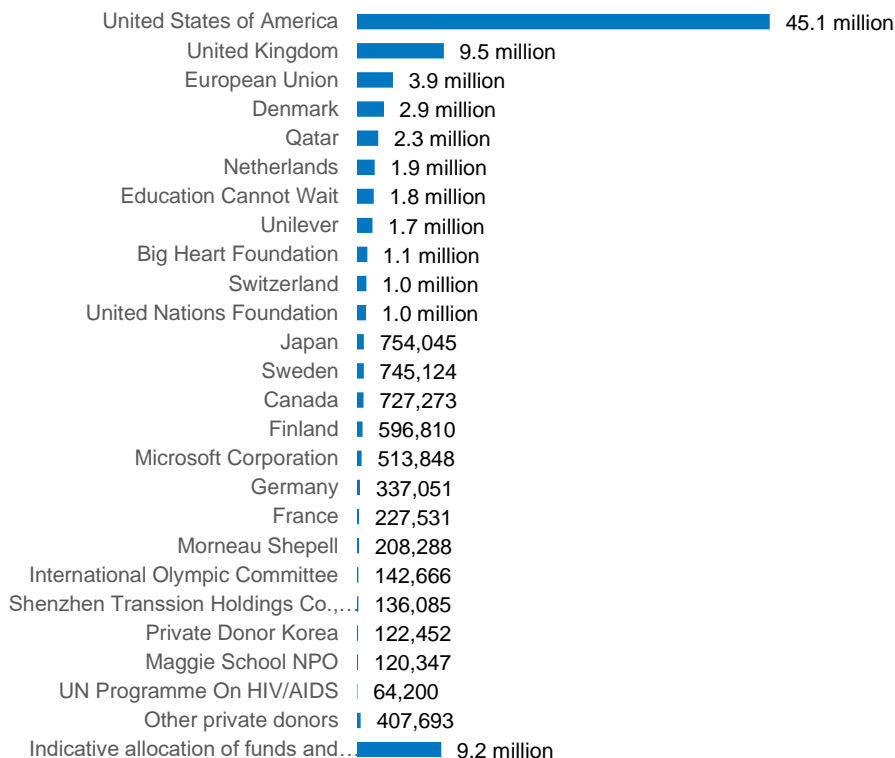
- UNHCR Kenya continues to work with its main partner, the Government of Kenya, through RAS and the Office of the Deputy County Commissioners (DCC), as well as with other international organizations, including WFP, UNICEF and IOM.
- UNHCR continues to run a joint protection desk with RAS at the refugee-processing centre in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.
- UNHCR Dadaab coordinates its refugee operation in three refugee camps in Dadaab, namely Dagahaley, Ifo and Hagadera.
- 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 86.7 million** (as of 1 September)

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

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