

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 30 NOVEMBER 2020

199,115

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

3,695

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2020.

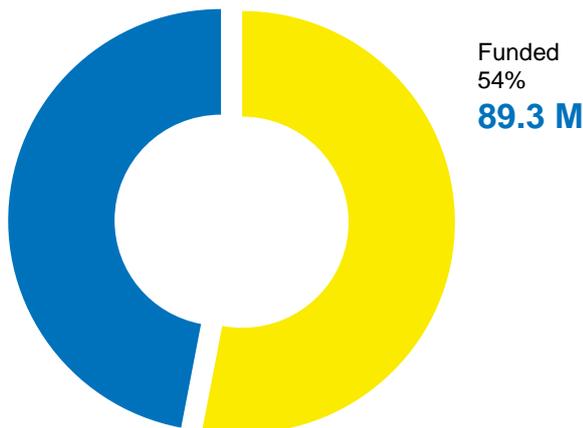
2,227

New births registered since January 2020

FUNDING (AS OF 10 DECEMBER 2020)

USD 164.6 M

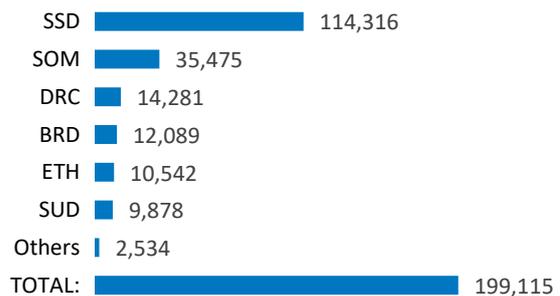
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 46%
75.3

POPULATION OF CONCERN (30 NOVEMBER 2020)

Country of origin



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

KEY INDICATORS

5,260

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

435

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



Health services have run uninterrupted despite the pandemic. Over 3,140 of the deliveries have been performed since May when the first COVID-19 case was reported in the area. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno. Click on the image to read Eliana's Story

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- UNHCR, in partnership with a Kenyan Bank (Kenya Commercial Bank), commenced the mass opening of bank accounts and issuance of ATM cards to refugee households in Kakuma camp, which hosts over 37,500 households. The bank accounts will facilitate the roll-out of UNHCR's Cash-Based Intervention (CBI) for Core Relief Items in 2021, replacing the current in-kind distribution of soap and sanitary items.
- On 20 November, the Governor of Turkana County held a KISEDIP and Turkana Leadership Summit forum in Lodwar with the presence of the County Speaker, County Senator, County Commissioner, Members of Parliament, Ward Representatives, the UNHCR HSO and partners to list the overall activities targeting host communities and ensure smooth flow of information about successful implementation of KISEDIP.
- The World Food Programme, WFP, the UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, and partners undertook the last 2020 distribution of general food and core relief item targeting the general population in Kakuma camp, in strict observance of Government set COVID-19 prevention measures.
- On 19 November, the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) Turkana Chamber, convened a meeting, attended by the Governor of Turkana, UNHCR HSO, and businesses to discuss investment and business growth in the County. The recent UNHCR- KNCCI MoU was also addressed with a joint commitment to work closely on its implementation in Turkana county.
- On 19 November, UNHCR delivered 3,000 surgical facemasks to the County Commissioner for Turkana County to support the governments' response to COVID-19.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** During November 2020, 19 new SGBV cases were identified and referred for assessment. 2 additional SGBV cases were follow up from the previous month. Out of the 19 new cases, 8 involve LGBTI individuals. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.

- Five survivors (4 female and 1 male) were allocated with shelters to meet their safety needs during the reporting period. 2 female survivors were placed with safe home volunteers, while 2 female Safe Haven residents were discharged from the Safe haven and relocated to the community.
- 17 females received Dignity Kits consisting of a Dera, a re-usable sanitary pad, and 1 kg bar soap. Twenty females continued with the behavior modification activity exploring weeks 13-15 of the curricula. The participants continued to be engaged in cooking activities and were engaged in set up perma-gardens in their homes. They explored topics such as steps 6 and 7 of alcoholics anonymous, relapse prevention, dealing with boredom, and coping with shame and guilt.
- **Child Protection:** During the month, 39 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were reviewed, and feedback was provided to Child Protection partners for follow up.
- During the month, 18 new Best Interest Determinations (BIDs) were initiated for resettlement consideration for separated children. A total of 3 BID panels were held in which 33 cases were discussed, with 23 cases receiving approval and 10 cases deferred.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- Learning is ongoing in Kakuma and Kalobeyi for Form 4, Class 8, and Grade 4 learners in school with an average attendance of 11,940 (4,603 F). UNHCR and partners continued to monitor the situation in schools and ensured adherence to health and safety guidelines are maintained in schools.
- Fumigation of schools' compounds and buildings is ongoing on a regular basis. Assessments were conducted after reopening schools for Standard 8 and grade 4 learners, and results were uploaded by the school managers/ administrators to the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) portal.
- UNHCR supplied 662 desks to 21 schools in Kalobeyi to support the improvement of learning conditions in schools.
- UNHCR partner Finn Church Aid (FCA) completed 5 handwashing stations in 5 schools to support hygiene and safety in schools during this COVID-19 period.
- UNHCR supplied 5,000 free play radio handsets and distributed them to learners through UNHCR partners to support radio lessons broadcast program continuity at Radio Biblia Husema.
- Radio lessons targeting host community learners in Lokichoggio continued to be offered during weekends following reopening of schools.
- UNHCR partner LWF supported 699 (217 F) learners with disabilities in Kakuma through home-based learning options and community-based support, including dissemination video lessons for learners with hearing difficulties at home.

- 50 (37 F) parents of Children with disabilities were trained by UNHCR partner FCA for two days on Home-Based support, i.e. how to support their children to learn at home during Covid-19 outbreak, stress management, and challenges of raising a child with a disability and its effects to the family.
- 732 girls from Grade 4 and Class 8 attending lessons in the 5 primary schools in Kalobeyei received sanitary pads and bar soap.
- A 6-day teacher training on effective online and social-emotional learning (SEL) was conducted by UNHCR partner WIK. 130 (35 female) teachers were trained in a phased approach to ensure that safety regulations are strictly adhered to.
- Secondary Scholarship students in form 1-3 received revision books and other stationery to support their self-study while at home.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Improvements in the school infrastructure (classrooms, WASH, desks, school materials) required for 52 pre-primary, primary, and secondary in pre-preparation for school reopening.
- More radios to support connection to the ongoing radio lesson broadcast by the local FM
- 90,000 textbooks are required to support home learning and improve access to textbooks upon school reopening.
- Investments in digital infrastructure to leverage education technology remains a gap
- Additional 300 teachers required to provide reasonable coverage upon school reopening



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- Health services continue to be offered in the Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement in the 8 designated facilities without any interruption.
- General health indicators maintained within UNHCR with a crude mortality rate of 0.2/1000/month and under 5 mortality rate of 0.7/1000/month, which are within recommended standards of 0.8/1000/month and 1.5/1000/month respectively.
- The Cumulative total of individuals confirmed to have COVID-19 stands at 307 among the persons of concern and 128 among humanitarian workers. Among the humanitarian staff, 24 are frontline health care workers.
- There was continued response to the COVID-19 outbreak in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei. A total of 110 individuals were diagnosed with COVID-19 in November compared to 133 the previous month.
- As of 30 November, there were 7 active cases among PoCs and 13 among the humanitarian workers within the mandatory self-isolation period. All active patients are either asymptomatic or have mild symptoms and on home-based care and follow-up.

- The new individuals diagnosed among PoCs were either on home-based quarantine, as contacts of previously identified positive cases, in quarantine facilities, new arrivals waiting for registration, or undergoing processing before resettlement. Those in the quarantine facilities had already completed 10 days of mandatory self-isolation when the positive results were received, and none showed any symptoms during this period.
- Cumulatively, 9 COVID-19 related mortalities have been recorded since May. Two new cases were recorded in November:
 - On 17 November, a 47-year-old male with hypertensive heart disease admitted with severe symptoms of COVID-19, including cough and severe difficulty in breathing after 48 hours on oxygen and close monitoring.
 - On 5 November, a 40-year-old who, after sudden difficulty breathing, died in the community before to be brought to the hospital.
- The quarantine centres have had 1,286 cases cumulatively since the first case was confirmed, from which 786 have been discharged from quarantine cumulatively.
- In addition, the two reception centres, 1 in Kalobeyei and 1 in Kakuma, continued to be used as quarantine facilities for both new arrivals coming into Kakuma and any contacts of individuals diagnosed to have COVID-19. In November, there have been 493 individuals admitted into quarantine.
- Only 7 cases were referred from Kakuma for specialized care in Lodwar. These were mainly emergency cases in need of specialized care not available in Kakuma and diagnostic imaging tests such as CT scan to manage various health conditions better.
- The health unit conducted a refresher training for UNHCR/RAS registration staff on COVID 19 guidelines and protocols.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Stigma and discrimination is widely observed within the community associated with COVID-19, which is a challenge to proper contact tracing and practice of home-based care. Stigma among the community of humanitarian workers is hurting psychosocial welfare of those affected.
- Inadequate infrastructure to use as COVID-19 treatment centres and quarantine following a government directive to stop using learning institutions for the response.
- There is an increased number of humanitarian staff infected with COVID-19 leading to the use of available health care personnel working in the camp facilities to take up care and follow-up of the big numbers. There remains a gap in access to critical care for most humanitarian staff.
- A long delay in releasing results from the CDC-NRB laboratory reduces the effectiveness of isolating positive cases and contact tracing as a tool to cut off the transmission.
- Lack of adequate Oxygen delivery equipment as the number of symptomatic cases continues to increase. Reliance is on Lodwar County referral hospital to refill available oxygen cylinders.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- The health partners continued to support and run the nutrition programs; in November the Outpatient Therapeutic Program served 198 children with severe malnutrition; the Supplementary Feeding Program reached 602 children with moderate malnutrition across the 8 health facilities.
- The partners continued to provide health education to pregnant and lactating women and parents of children during the nutrition distribution sessions while observing the COVID-19 guidelines. A total of 7,692 beneficiaries of the nutrition programs and caretakers were reached with nutrition messages during this month.

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

- A total of 540 household handwashing stations in Kakuma refugee camp, 2,700 re-usable cloth masks, 7,500 bars of 200 grams soap, 540 handwashing stations with waste collection buckets/basins were distributed in Kakuma as part of response measures against COVID-19.
- A total of 8 complete handwashing units, 8 counseling cards stands with pointers, 8 counseling cards with COVID -19 messages, 200 liters of Liquid soap for hand washing, 32 20-liter jerricans, 540 posters with handwashing messages and 80 posters with COVID-19 messages were delivered to health facilities across Kakuma host community.
- Additionally, 85 household handwashing stations, 850 re-usable masks, 850 bars of 250-gram soap, 85 hand washing stations with waste collection buckets and 85 20-litre jerricans were distributed to the host community in Letea Ward.
- Distribution of 75 household hand washing stations in Kalobeyei Ward in the host community (750 re-usable masks, 750 bars of soap-250grams, 75 handwashing stations with waste collection buckets).
- Distributed 163 household hand washing kits in Kakuma and Lopur wards in the host community (1,630 re-usable face masks, 1,630 bars of soap-250grams, and 163 handwashing stations with wastewater collection buckets), including posters with COVID-19 prevention messages.

- 38 hand washing units installed in public places across the Kakuma refugee camp and host community enhance handwashing as a COVID-19 preventive measure.
- Dissemination of hygiene promotion messages continued in the Kakuma refugee camp, reaching 2,098 households (approximately 10,490 individuals) during the week.
- Demonstration of proper hand washing technique continued at the household level in Kakuma, culminating in installing 1330 simple hand washing devices to promote an appropriate hand washing.
- 91 litres of liquid soap were distributed to 91 host community households in Kalobeyei: Elelea (39 households), Eskiriat (23 households), and Kangura (29 households) villages.
- 80 litres of liquid soap and 50 Pieces of 300ml hand sanitizers were distributed to the Kalobeyei health centre for the host community to enhance Infection Prevention and Control through effective hand hygiene for both health care workers and patients.
- 40 litres of liquid soap delivered at the Police Station in Kalobeyei host community to promote public handwashing with soap among the staff and clients seeking Police services at the police station.
- On 19 November, UNHCR delivered 3,000 surgical facemasks to the County Commissioner for Turkana County to support the governments' response to COVID-19.
- Demonstration of proper handwashing technique was conducted at the household level and installation of 3,543 simple hand washing devices.
- 600 demonstration of hand washing practice conducted among the beneficiaries in Kalobeyei settlement (600 households, 3,000 individuals).
- Targeted distribution of 1-liter liquid soap was conducted among persons living with disabilities in Kalobeyei settlement. A total of 1,082 persons benefitted from the distribution which was aimed at enhancing handwashing with soap among PWDs in prevention of diarrheal diseases and the spread of COVID-19.
- Distribution of reusable sanitary pads targeting girls aged 9 -14 years and their caregivers was conducted in Kalobeyei settlement. A total of 1,638 pads were distributed during the week. Of these, 1,131 were distributed to adolescent girls and 507 to caretakers. During the distribution, PWJ educated the beneficiaries on Menstrual Hygiene Management: proper use and maintenance of re-usable sanitary towels and menstrual waste disposal.
- Sensitization of the refugee community on COVID – 19 reaching 3,315 households (approximately 16,575 individuals).
- A 5-day Training of Trainers (TOT) and planning workshop on Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS), Gender and COVID mainstreaming as well as Monitoring and Evaluation was conducted for 22 sub-county and county officials.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need to engage additional Hygiene Promoters specifically for COVID-19 Quarantine facilities.
- Need for additional 100 Handwashing stations for public places.
- Need to equip newly drilled boreholes with solar and pumps to support Kalobeyei Water Supply, currently 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

- UNHCR has continued to provide adequate transitional shelter solutions to new arrivals and POCs affected by floods through shelter construction partner – the National Council of Churches of Kenya. 66 transitional shelters were constructed for 180 individuals (68 households) during the reporting period. Cumulatively, 1,441 transitional shelters have been built so far in the year 2020.
- In Kalobeyei, 1,440 refugee families are in the process of converting their transitional shelters into concrete shelters through UNHCR's CBI for shelter.
- UNHCR, through NCCK, has begun the rehabilitation of 2.7 kilometers of road in Kakuma 1. Once complete, the road will significantly improve refugees' lives and ease access to the camp and services.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Achievements and Impact

- Cumulatively in 2020, 238 cases comprising of 1,019 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration for Germany, France, Finland, Australia, Canada, Sweden, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. Additional 13 cases of 33 individuals have been submitted through the UNHCR Regional Bureau.
- 36 cases of 95 individuals have departed for resettlement to third countries in 2020 to Australia, USA, UK, Finland, Canada, and Sweden.
- 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, a total of 177 cases of 227 individuals were assisted through UNHCR's complementary pathways activities.

Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) office, 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 the Microsoft Teams platform.

To implement different sectors, since the beginning of the year, UNHCR signed a Partner Project Agreement (PPAs) with 18 implementing Partners (8 NGOs and 9 INGOs) as well as a Bipartite Agreement with RAS. In addition, another 14 operational partners also implement activities with their financial resources to complement UNHCR efforts in ensuring support to refugees and asylum seekers.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya Operation** amounts to **89.3 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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