

Urban Refugee Programme, Kenya

1 – 31 January 2021

Achievements



PROTECTION

Protection Cluster

LEGAL

Achievements and Impact

- 1 (one) URPN meeting took place on 18 January chaired by RAS. The meeting agreed to continue convening twice a month.
- From 20 January key Protection staff attended 2 weekly online workshop sessions on the roll-out of COMPASS, the new Results-Based Management (RBM) approach. The staff will attend an additional 4 sessions.
- UNHCR Nairobi, Dadaab and Kakuma analyzed the draft National Civil Registration and Identity Management Policy, 2020 (“Huduma Policy”) and provided written comments on the draft Policy to the NIIMS Secretariat. It is expected that the draft Policy will be forwarded to the Cabinet for consideration and approval.
- PDU worked with RAS in the operationalization of the Joint Service Centre (JSC) at GM. This included preparation for the reception of persons of concern from the month of February as well as administrative and construction issues.
- PDU and RAS held sensitization meetings with the Spring Valley police and the local government (Assistant County Commissioner Highridge), the introductory meetings were aimed at introducing the presence of the JSC

and its services in the new location. The government officers assured of their support to RAS and UNHCR.

SGBV

Achievements and Impact

- One GBV working group meeting was held and most GBV partners continue working from home with a few having 30% of staff working in the offices.
- Remote management of GBV cases that include remote assessments and referrals, tele-counselling, and virtual psychosocial panels for cash assistance/material support to the survivors will continue in the new year.
- Support to community workers and volunteers with airtime, stipends and PPEs will continue to support with case identification and support. 12 GBV cases (10F 2M) were recorded in January 2021.
- Preparations for the international women's day to be held on 8th/3/2021 were commenced and UNHCR and partners continue to hold meetings together with other GBV stakeholders including RAS, Nairobi Metropolitan Services(NMS)and the State Department for Gender. The theme for this year is "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world". The theme celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

CHILD PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR received 24 BIAs and 10 Social Assessments from HIAS, 19 BIAs and 6 SAs were reviewed and uploaded into proGres, specific needs updated and case linkages created for 14 UASC.
- 7 children received counselling during the reporting period and a total of 34 children were monitored.
- 1 child was rescued and placed in a charitable children institution
- 2 case conferences with colleagues in the camp were held

- 2 children in the safe house were counselled during the monthly Safe house counselling
- 7 children at the Transit Centre were counselled.
- 10 girls were referred for covid-19 screening as a prerequisite for safe housing at RefuSHE
- Conducted monitoring of 5 children in need of education -lunch levy
- Monitoring of 3 children for family reunification conducted
- 2 children referred for exemption by RAS
- 1 child in refugee led community organization's shelter was monitored
- 1 child who self-relocated from Kakuma was placed in a charitable children institution pending relocation to the camp
- CP participated in the MFT panel where 7 CP cases were discussed, none was approved to receive cash assistance as assistance is only issued to extremely vulnerable children.
- 2 separated children departed on Voluntary repatriation
- 1 separated child supported with CBI to facilitate resumption of school
- Follow up on delivery of DI items to the Transit Centre, charitable children institutions and children's office is ongoing
- One meeting with HIAS on modalities of engagement and work plan for 2021
- Made inputs to HIAS notification of funding opportunity from BPRM
- Brainstormed on modality of engagement with Humanity and Inclusion regarding children with disability
- 1 HIAS psychosocial panel held where 25 cases were discussed and 22 approved to receive cash assistance
- One internal virtual child protection meeting took place to discuss on the current increase noted of UASC which was realised was because of the ongoing verification exercise where specific needs was updated

STATELESSNESS

Achievements and Impact

During the reporting period, the government of Kenya requested UNHCR for information on the Asians and the Pemba in the country. UNHCR in collaboration with partners leading work with the two communities provided the required information to the Government to enable them to take necessary decisions regarding the communities.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 1) Support to the Pemba and the Asians who are stateless to put a community register in place.
- 2) Meeting with relevant stakeholders to begin discussion of accession to the two statelessness Conventions
- 3) Issuance of identity documents (certificates of registration, birth certificates to adult Shona born in Kenya and Identity cards to Shona above 18 years) to the 1670 Shona whose registration was positively completed in Dec 2020.
- 4) Mapping persons of Rwanda descent, and supporting them to apply for citizenship in addition to collecting community data to support their applications

REGISTRATION & DOCUMENTATION

Achievements and Impact

- New Arrivals' & Birth Registration: Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) registered 151 individuals (including 6 birth registrations), on an emergency basis, and with strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety regulations.
- Individual Identity Cards Issued to Refugees and Asylum seekers: A total of 376 Refugee ID cards were produced by the National Registration Bureau (NRB) and dispatched to different stations in urban areas as following: 346 in Nairobi, 22 in Mombasa, and 8 in Nakuru.
- A total of 62 refugees were issued with Refugee ID Cards in urban areas as follows: 8 in Nairobi, 14 in Nakuru and 40 in Mombasa.
- A total of 25 refugee ID applications were processed through the Live capture unit in January, only in Mombasa. Refugee ID application has been halted in Nairobi and Nakuru due to technical reasons, and only 3 ID applications were processed manually
- A total of one hundred and forty-eight (148) asylum seekers were issued with 'Asylum Seeker Pass' documents during the reporting period.
- A total of four (4) minors were issued with Minors' Passes documents during the reporting period.
- Two (2) movement passes were issued during the reporting period.

- Birth Certificates Issued: No Birth Certificates were issued during the reporting period.
- Individually Biometrically Registered Refugees: A total of one hundred and thirty-three (133) children of age 5 and above were enrolled into BIMS during the reporting period.
- The month of January 2021 has been busy with the office setup at General Mathenge (GM). Two registries for both RAS and UNHCR have been setup with the latter being completed. These will accommodate active files while the rest will be stored in containers yet to be assembled.
- Data for 11 individuals was transferred to Kakuma.
- We have started receiving cases for adjudication.
- We reached out to 17,586 Individuals in January and managed to successfully verify 12,480 Individuals.

REFUGEE STATUS DETERMINATION

Achievements and Impact

- RAS and UNHCR jointly planned for the resumption of RSD services in February at the new office premises at the joint refugee service centre on General Mathenge. Pre-interview preparations were undertaken to ensure that the interview schedule, ICT needs, provision of PPE, Sanitation and hygiene requirements are in place. A workplan was developed for RSD processing of post-February 2017 cases using the initial backlog reduction strategy and methodology applied to the pre-2017 cases.
- During the period, there was limited casework with 0 interviews conducted; 6 assessments completed. 5 cases were reviewed of which 2 cases are ready to be submitted to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) while 3 require complementary interview.
- RAS and UNHCR jointly developed draft guidelines for managing referrals including requests for fast track. These are currently under review before they implemented.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 1270 individuals are pending interviews; 493 individuals are pending assessment and 1,301 individuals pending review.



Achievements and Impact

- Learning resumed in all institutions of learning on 4th January 2021. All the other classes except grade 4, class 8 and form 4 resumed for their 2nd term of 2020.
- 25 (11M 14F) ECDE, 399 (215M 184F) primary, 28(19M 9F) Children with Disabilities (CWD) and 186(107M 79F) in secondary were supported to go back to school through payment of fees, levies and provision of personal upkeep.
- 495 (114F 381M) DAFI scholars registered for the January- April semester. The number is likely to rise as more scholars resume the blended learning.
- 6 institutions of higher learning (Catholic University -CUEA, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology-JKUAT, Kenya College of Accountancy-KCA, Kenya Institute of Management-KIM, Kenyatta University-KU, Tangaza College, Technical University of Mombasa-TUM and University of Nairobi-UoN) were visited by partner Windle International Kenya (WIK).

Challenges:

- Some parents were hesitant to take their children back to school for fear of COVID 19 infections. The local administration aided in adherence to the government directive.
- Some parents whose livelihoods were adversely affected by COVID 19 had challenges supporting their children with transport and personal upkeep. There were many parents approaching partner organizations seeking support.
- Indiscipline among some students leading to damage/loss of school property whose reconstruction will require parents and guardians to pay more.
- Anticipated anxiety among candidates who may be feeling inadequately prepared for the final examinations. This calls for increased monitoring and psychosocial support.

**DURABLE SOLUTIONS****RESETTLEMENT****Achievements and Impact**

- **6 cases/16 individuals** were submitted to resettlement countries (1 case/3 persons to the Netherlands (direct submission), 2 linked cases/4 persons to Finland (via the RB), 2 cases/8 persons to France (via the RB), 1 case/1 person to Sweden (via the RB).
- **8 individuals** departed on RST in January (all to Sweden).
- Meetings and other preparations were undertaken with Norway on the Norwegian quota for Kenya in 2021. Other coordination meetings were held including the USRAP partner's monthly coordination meeting.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The RST Unit has to prepare for submission to Norway 150 individuals within a very short time (deadline is February).