

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31 JANUARY 2021

203,192

Cumulative number of refugees and asylum seekers as of 30 January 2021

160,406

Refugees and asylum seekers living in Kakuma camp

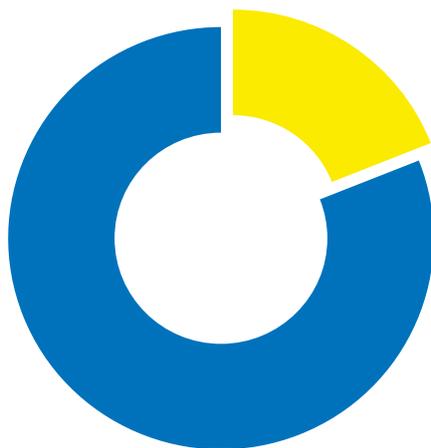
40,694

Refugees and asylum seekers living in Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement

FUNDING (AS OF 31 JANUARY 2021)

USD 145.7 M

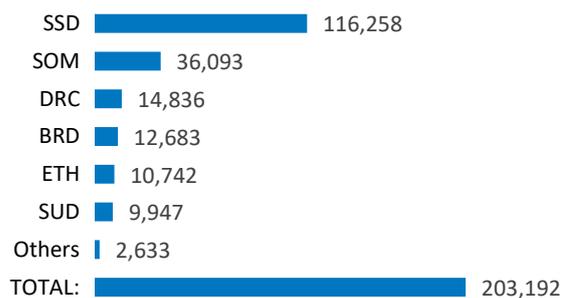
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 81%
118.1 M

POPULATION OF CONCERN (31 JANUARY 2021)

Country of origin



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

KEY INDICATORS

6,609

COVID-19 tests conducted in Kakuma for persons of concern and humanitarian workers as of 31 January 2021.

516

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



A member of the Turkana host community accesses health services at the newly inaugurated Locher Ang'amor clinic in Kakuma 1. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- **School Reopening:** Refugee learners across Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement have safely resumed learning. Grade 4, standard 8 and form four learners resumed on 5 January 2020 while the rest of the learners reported back to school on 11 January 2021.
- On 6 January, the Chief Administrative Secretary for Education, Ms. Mumina Bonaya, undertook a monitoring visit to four Schools in Turkana West Sub County, including two refugee schools. The objective of the visit was to monitor school reopening arrangements in the sub-county.
- **Inauguration of new health facility:** On 18 January 2021, UNHCR, together with IRC, MoH, National, and County Government, inaugurated Locher Angamor Health Facility in Kakuma 1. The new health facility was constructed in partnership with The Big Heart Foundation and will benefit a catchment population of over 32,000 individuals, including the host community.
- 32,003 bank accounts were activated, and ATM cards distributed to 86% of the targeted households in Kakuma camp. This mass enrolment continues for the next two months to allow the remaining 5,546 families to collect their ATM card. UNHCR will make first disbursement of CBI for Core Relief Items in Kakuma in February 2021.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Complementary pathways:** Since the beginning of the year, UNHCR assisted 31 cases of 35 individuals to resettle to third countries through complementary pathways.
- **Registration:** 783 newly arrived refugees and 838 newborns were registered during the month of January 2021. These include new arrivals and newborns who were pending registration in 2020.
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** 43 new Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases were reported during the month. All survivors received support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- Over 170 persons were reached directly at Reception centre in Kalobeyei settlement with GBV information and various service points. Among the information shared include

referral pathways at Kakuma since asylum seekers were expected to be relocated to Kakuma camp.

- **Child Protection:** During the month, 78 child protection concerns were identified and referred to Danish Refugee Council (DRC), UNHCR's Child Protection partner, for follow-up and Best Interest Assessment.
- UNHCR Child Protection unit received 21 Best Interest Assessments from DRC for review, 13 in Kakuma and 8 in Kalobeyei settlement.
- DRC conducted an awareness session targeting children and their caregivers on children rights and need to continue reporting case of abuse, neglect, violence, and exploitation against children.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- 73,327 facemasks distributed to schools in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement to protect learners and teachers from the spread of the corona virus.
- School attendance for learners in Kalobeyei settlement is improving with 90% of learners enrolled in Early Childhood Development Educations (ECDE) and 88.27% of learners in Primary Scholl attending classes within the week.
- In collaboration with Kenya's Teachers Service Commission (TSC) trainers, Finn Church Aid (FCA) conducted intensive training on Competency-Based Curriculum for 26(18M, 8F) teachers across the five primary and 6 ECDEs in Kalobeyei settlement, to build their capacity and integrate changes taking place at the national level.
- The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) distributed 1,076 new learners' desks, supported by Educate A Child (EAC) through UNHCR, to schools within the camp: 910 desks to 5 LWF managed camp schools, 99 to community primary schools and 35 to one community secondary schools within the refugee camp. The new desks will support physical distancing as a protective measure against COVID-19.
- 166 (136 male, 30 female) newly recruited refugee teachers were posted to 21 primary schools in Kakuma refugee camp.
- Primary Education partners, LWF and FCA, conducted Learner Continuity in Basic Education (LCBE) assessments for learners between grade 1-3, 5-7. The activity started on 18 January 2021 and ran to the end of the month.

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.
- Additional 300 teachers required to provide reasonable coverage upon school reopening.

**HEALTH****Achievements and Impact**

- The general health indicators were maintained within UNHCR standards 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 response to COVID-19 outbreak continued in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei. The cumulative number of confirmed cases by end of January stands at 516, out of a cumulative sample size of 6,609 translating to 7.8% positivity rate since April 2020. However, in the month of January only 34 new cases of COVID-19 were identified with a positivity of 3.8%.
- The Cumulative individuals confirmed to have COVID-19 stand at 351 among the persons concern and 158 among humanitarian workers. Twenty-nine of the humanitarian staff are frontline health care workers.
- Since the first COVID-19 case was identified in Kakuma in May 2020, a total of 6,609 COVID-19 tests have been conducted for persons of concern and humanitarian workers.
- Since the first case was identified in May 2020, Kakuma has recorded ten mortalities, with the most recent death reported on 17 November 2020.
- COVID-19 sample collection has mainly been limited to humanitarian staff with limited testing for persons of concern since the beginning of the year. Only 596 COVID-19 samples have been collected in 2021.
- Laboratory-Based Surveillance: Patients treated at the hospital and meeting SARI and ILI case definition are tested for COVID-19. Thirty-nine cases of asymptomatic cases were identified from 712 tests conducted through the surveillance.

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.
- 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

- 203 children with severe malnutrition benefited through the Outpatient Therapeutic Programm (OTP), and 696 children with moderate malnutrition benefited from the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP).
- Further, 23 severely malnourished children with various medical complications were admitted and treated at the Ammusait General Hospital's stabilisation centre in Kakuma 4.
- Health partners in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement reached 13,791 pregnant and lactating mothers, and caretakers of children with health messages during nutrition distribution sessions.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- Construction of pit latrines in Kakuma 2 Zone 2 Block 1 & 6 supports POC's relocation from the Kakuma reception centre to the community. During the exercise, community members were sensitised on the importance of using and maintaining the latrine clean, hand washing, and Covid-19 transmission and prevention measures.
- UNHCR WASH partners conducted community sensitisation on COVID-19 prevention, sanitation and hygiene, and handwashing at public places and households in Kakuma camp.
- 169 host Community Health Volunteers (CHV) were supported with COVID-19 Kits (facemasks and hand-sanitisers). The CHVs were trained on COVID-19 prevention and transmission and are expected to pass on the knowledge to their community members.
- To promote handwashing as a preventive measure for COVID-19, WASH partners enhanced water supply to schools in Kakuma and Kalobeyei to ensure water is available in all Schools.
- 144 household latrines were constructed for vulnerable families in Kakuma 3 to promote good hygiene and sanitation.

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**

- 240 individuals (83 households), mainly new arrivals, benefitted from the construction of 90 transitional shelters in January 2021 to address their immediate shelter needs.
- In Kalobeyei, 1,440 households are converting their transitional shelters to concrete houses through UNHCR's Cash-Based Intervention (CBI). Once construction is complete, persons of concern in Kalobeyei will have constructed approximately 6,100 concrete houses through CBI.
- Through the International Health Cooperative Organisation (IHCO) funded shelter project, 50 female-headed households identified in village 3 commenced converting their transitional shelters to permanent shelters through CBI.
- UNHCR's shelter, CBI and protection units conducted an assessment of concrete houses in Kalobeyei Village 2.
- UNHCR completed the rehabilitation of a 2.7km stretch of road in Kakuma 1 to enhance access to the camp and services. The repair included drainage improvement.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The poor road network and inadequate drainage facilities remains a gap that needs to be addressed. A comprehensive drainage and road network master plan has been developed.
- Lack of adequate shelter materials affected timely relocation of the refugees from communal areas to the community.
- Poor drainage system and inaccessible road network within the camp remains a challenge in accessing some of the areas, this affects mobility and timely delivery of shelter materials to site.

**CASH-BASED INTERVENTION****Achievements and Impact**

- UNHCR disbursed 9,621,750 shillings unrestricted cash to 7,178 bank accounts belonging to 38,144 persons of concern in Kalobeyei Settlement to cater for Core Relief Items (CRIs), specifically soap, sanitary pads and pants among others.
- The amount included KES 3,792,600 directed to 10,836 women and girls of reproductive age (11-50 years) to purchase sanitary materials (additional soap, sanitary pads, and pants) during the month.

- 61% of the CBI bank account holders in Kakuma camp are women, and 39% are men.
- UNHCR has partnered with two local banks to facilitate the CBI approach: Equity Bank in Kalobeyei Settlement and Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) in Kakuma camp.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Achievements and Impact

- Okapi Green Energy Ltd, a refugee-owned energy company, acquired Tariff approval from Energy & Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) to sell out electricity to businesses and households from their 20 KWp mini-grid in Kakuma 3. As of January 2021, 35 households and 23 businesses were connected to pilot the project.
- UNHCR Sub-Office Kakuma secured a \$3.5 Million COVID-19 Energy Response Fund to explore sustainable energy solutions through renewable energy systems for 13 identified COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Centre's (7 identified in Kakuma and 6 in Kalobeyei Settlement). The renewable energy systems in these facilities will remain operational and will continue to serve the communities post COVID-19.
- A Comprehensive Baseline Assessment for the schools and health facilities and the Load Assessment and Profiling of eight facilities is complete.
- UNHCR and partners have invested in solar technicians' training to raise the capacity for installation of solar infrastructure and their maintenance; hence the local capacity to implement is readily available.

Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with Kenya's Government 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.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya Operation** amounts to **27.6 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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