

# Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 30 April 2021

**210,384**

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 30 April 2021

**5,153**

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2021.

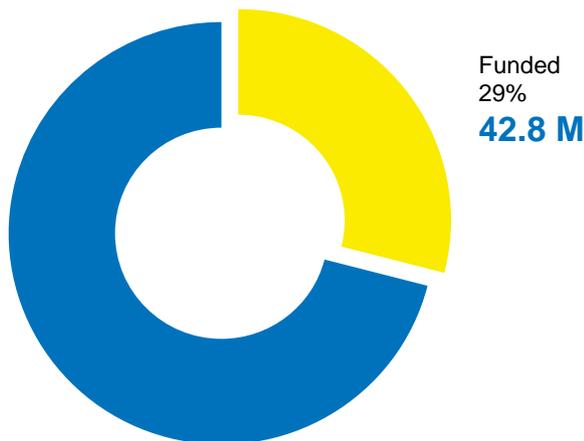
**3,972**

Newborn babies registered in 2021

## FUNDING (AS OF 20 APRIL 2021)

**USD 149.6 M**

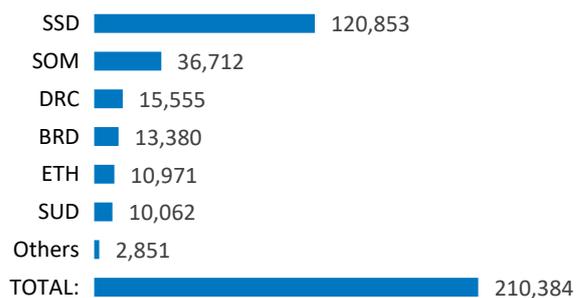
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 79%  
**106.8 M**

## POPULATION OF CONCERN (30 APRIL 2021)

### Country of origin



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

## COVID-19 FIGURES

**1,087**

Individuals received first dose of Astra Zeneca vaccine in Kakuma cumulatively

**9,060**

Cumulative COVID-19 samples collected from POCs and humanitarian workers since May 2020



Refugees in Kakuma recorded stellar performance in Kenya's national examinations. Reech Kuol emerged among the top learners countrywide in the 2020 KCPE national examinations with 408 out of the possible 500 marks. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

# Update on Achievements

## Highlights

In Kakuma, by the end of April 2021, 1,087 individuals meeting the Ministry of Health (MoH) set criteria for the first phase of COVID-19 vaccination had been vaccinated at the Ammusait General Hospital. These include front line humanitarian workers, uniformed staff, and individuals aged 58 years and above.

During the month, the Ministry of Education released the 2020 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education results. Refugees in Kakuma camp registered stellar performance in the national examinations, with the top refugee student scoring 408 out of the possible 500 marks. Only 0.7% of the 1,119,000 who sat for the national exams countrywide scored above 400 marks. Two host community learners in Turkana County scored above 400 marks.

The country continued to record new cases of COVID-19. As of 30 April, Kenya had recorded 159,318 positive cases cumulatively from 1,669,552 tests. In Kakuma, 146 new cases of COVID-19, mostly among Humanitarian staff, were reported in April 2021. These cases were mainly among humanitarian staff working in Kakuma. Cumulatively, Kakuma has had a total of 935 COVID-19 patients from a sample size of 9,060.

On 27 April, UNHCR facilitated the return of 72 Burundian refugees and asylum seekers through UNHCR's Voluntary Repatriation Programme (VolRep).



*UNHCR staff helps a family board a plane at Kakuma airstrip. This is the first Voluntary Repatriation flight to Burundi in 2021. 72 individuals were facilitated to return on 27 April 2021. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno*

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** Since January, UNHCR Kakuma registered **5,153 new arrivals** and **3,972 new-born babies**. Most of the new arrivals came from South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
  - **Resettlement (RST):** **14** cases of **59 individuals** were cumulatively submitted for resettlement consideration to Norway in 2021.
  - Cumulatively in 2021, a total of 20 cases comprising of **44 individuals departed for resettlement** to third countries: 4 cases of 16 individuals to Canada, 15 cases of 27 individuals to Sweden and 1 individual to the United States of America (USA).
  - **Complementary pathways:** Since the beginning of the year, 368 individuals have been assisted through UNHCR's complementary pathways.
  - **Child Protection:** During the month, **32 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs)** were received and reviewed, and feedback provided to Danish Refugee Council, UNHCR's Child Protection partner, for action.
  - Door-to-door sensitisation on COVID-19 prevention was conducted in Villages 2 and 3 of Kalobeyi settlement targeting children. Besides, children were educated on how to report child protection concerns and access to child protection services during the pandemic.
  - Several Group Therapy sessions were conducted for expectant and parenting teenagers experiencing marginalisation and stigma. The purpose of the therapy was to have a dialogue and avail opportunities for marginalised expectant and teenage mothers to be educated on life skills, practical coping mechanisms and access to psychosocial support services.
  - Art and therapy sessions continue to be conducted at the reception centres, currently in use as quarantine facilities, to promote the well-being of newly arrived children.
- Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** During the month, protection partners identified **11 new SGBV** cases, including three instances among LGBTI individuals. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.

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

- **2,151 (540 female) candidates**, from the refugee and host community, sat for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) which was concluded in April 2021. 132(18 female) candidates were recorded as absent and did not sit the exam. The KCSE result will be released in May 2021.
- In April, the Kenyan Ministry of Education announced the 2020 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education results. Only **6,643** of the **6,931 (2,523 female)** refugee children registered for the national examinations sat for the exams.
- Only 8,000 learners country-wide, out of 1,119,000 who sat for the exams, scored above 400 marks. The best refugee student scored 408 out of the possible 500 marks making him among the top **0.7%** of learners in the country.

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

- UNHCR disbursed **KES 28,132,830** (22,408,320 Kakuma and 5,724,510 Kalobeyei) monthly allowance for Core Relief Items (CRIs) to **41,913 families' bank accounts** in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement benefiting **193,509 Persons of concern**. A total of **56,785** (45,379 Kakuma, 11,406 Kalobeyei) **women of reproductive age** received cash for the purchase of sanitary materials.
- UNHCR further disbursed **KES 6,451,872** for the monthly allowance for Energy provision to **33,570 Households** through their bank accounts, targeting **153,161 individuals** in Kakuma refugee camp and **KES 1,679,748** paid to **7,343 families** in Kalobeyei Settlement, benefiting 40,348 individuals. There is anecdotal evidence that the quantity and quality of charcoal and firewood supplies from the local community has increased.
- **KES 9,073,800** was disbursed to **136 households** in Kalobeyei villages 2 and 3 who are currently in different stages of construction of concrete shelters, and further 108,500 shillings disbursed for the construction of latrines.
- UNHCR cumulatively disbursed **KES 56,954,250** in April to Persons of Concern in Kakuma and Kalobeyei through financial service providers, including **KES 28,132,830 cash for Core Relief Items** (soap and sanitary items), **KES 8,131,620 for Energy** and **KES 20,689,800 for the construction of shelter and latrines**.  
239 refugee households in Kalobeyei village 1 and 3 received 18,883,300 shillings in April to support the ongoing construction of concrete houses and 1,806,500 shillings for the construction of family latrines.

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

- Health services continued to be offered at all the eight designated facilities in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement, including primary health care services, assessment, and treatment of non-communicable diseases, including mental illnesses, comprehensive motherhood services well as HIV/AIDS prevention care and treatment. A total of **514 mental health consultations** were made in April.
- In Kakuma, **146 new cases of COVID-19**, mostly among Humanitarian staff, were identified in during the period under review. To date, 935 COVID-19 positive patients have been identified from a sample size of 9,060.
- As of 30 April, there were **2,547 individuals** admitted at the two UNHCR supported quarantine facilities in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- COVID-19 vaccination exercise continued at the Ammusait General Hospital and Kakuma Mission Hospital. Thus far, 1,087 individuals meeting the Ministry of Health criteria for the first phase of COVID-19 vaccination received their first dose of AstraZeneca vaccine.
- To enhance awareness and improve COVID-19 vaccine uptake among the targeted population, UNHCR organized a first virtual session of ‘Ask the Experts’ to share information and address questions on COVID-19 vaccination. Individuals from various partner agencies attended the session.
- UNHCR and health partners conducted a five-day sensitization campaign with the community leaders from Kakuma and Kalobeyei to raise awareness and improve uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine among PoCs aged 58 years and above, targeted in the first phase of COVID-19 vaccination.
- During the reporting period, 15 (non-COVID-19) cases were referred for specialized care outside Kakuma: 11 patients to Lodwar, 2 to Eldoret and 2 referred to Nairobi. These were mainly emergency cases in need of specialized care not available in Kakuma and diagnostic imaging services such as CT scan to assist in better managing various health conditions.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

- Misconceptions and safety concerns among humanitarian staff and persons of concern regarding COVID-19 vaccination has resulted in low uptake of COVID-19 vaccine among the individuals targeted in the first phase of the vaccination exercise.
- There is an urgent need to fast-track registration and allocation of shelter to newly arrived refugees to prevent outbreak or upsurge of diseases of public health importance.

There is an urgent need to intensify COVID-19 risk communication and community engagement activities in Kakuma following an observed general complacency to COVID-19 mitigation measures.



## FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

### Achievements and Impact

- The health partners continued to support and run various nutrition programs, including the Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) targeting children with severe malnutrition. The OTP reached 300 children with severe malnutrition in April 2021.
- The Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) targeting children with moderate malnutrition reached 1,028 children in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- The Targeted Supplementary Feeding Program reached 26 expectant and lactating women, while the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program reached 2,719 pregnant and lactating women.
- The Stabilization Centre served 11 severely malnourished children with medical complications with Cure rates maintained above 90% for both OTP and SFP. Four Orphans and Vulnerable children are being supported with breast milk substitutes.
- Health partners continued to provide health education to pregnant and lactating women, and parents of children during the nutrition distribution activities while observing the COVID-19 guidelines. 11,547 beneficiaries of the nutrition programs and caretakers were reached with nutrition messages during the month.
- There were 59 support groups (56 mother to mother support groups and 3 fathers to father support groups) formed to promote maternal and young child nutrition. The support group members continued screening and referring malnourished and children at risk of malnutrition to nutrition clinics.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is ongoing food rationing with current food basket at 60% of the recommended quantity of 2100Kcal/person/day. This is expected to have a direct effect on food security in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Hence, there is a need for increased surveillance to ensure all new cases of malnutrition are detected early and linked to care and follow-up.
- There is a need to upscale communication activities aimed at behaviour change to ensure the person of concern can choose and utilise locally available foods in the market that provide maximum nutrients to them and their children. This can be achieved through community dialogue sessions and activities in schools such as food/agriculture clubs and youth influencers.



## ACCESS TO ENERGY

### Energy & Environment Unit Updates

- A total of **585.51 Metric Tonnes (MTs)** of firewood was received at the firewood storage unit at Firewood Distribution Centre 4.
- **64.07MTs** of firewood were distributed in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei settlement: **12MTs to schools, 38.68MTs to the Reception Centres** and during **relocation, 8.90MTs and 8.90MTs to Child headed households** in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement respectively.
- Energy Assessment aimed at exploring sustainable energy solutions for 16 facilities (4 Deputy County Commissioner's Facilities and 12 Police Stations) in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei was completed in April.
- During the month, 37 Maendeleo dual stoves were produced by LOKADO in April 2021.
- **19,200 tree seedlings** were produced and propagated in April cumulatively in all the tree nurseries, and **11,988 tree seedlings** distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts and host community.
- One community awareness meeting on forest conservation and management was conducted, with a target audience of 1,011 community members from both Refugees and Host Communities (688 Female).
- SNV Netherlands onboarded three new partners in clean cooking and lighting; Engie Mobisol and ROKIM deal with solar and clean cooking. The third partner, Sanford Merchants, distributes pellet stoves and pellets.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Inadequate water supply at LOKADO's tree nursery 4 at Kakuma 4 harboring seedling production.
- Establish a green belt between Kalobeyei Village 3 and Kakuma 4 and extend the land covered by existing greenbelts. The rehabilitated area will serve as a buffer zone for the refugee and host community given the current environmental degradation of the unoccupied space.
- Introduce affordable, reliable, sustainable and clean cooking energy solutions i.e., use of improved cookstoves, Briquettes, LPG, pellets, bioethanol etc. for Refugee & Host Communities.



## SHELTER AND NFIS

- **115 transitional shelters** constructed for **148 families** of 507 newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers to address their immediate shelter needs. Cumulatively, **823 transitional shelters have been constructed in 2021.**

- In Kalobeyei, works have commenced for the construction of concrete houses for 67 households through Cash Based Intervention (CBI). UNHCR in partnership with Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) continues to supervise ongoing constructions of concrete shelters and household latrines in Kalobeyei integrated settlement.



### COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- UNHCR's partner for Livelihoods, Action Africa Help International (AAHI), enrolled **309(171 female) start-up** and existing businesses into Business Development Support program to receive training and coaching through an established online system.
- In collaboration with Microsoft for philanthropies, **youth digital literacy** programs reached **271(98 female) persons of concern**, among them two females from the host community. Through the program youth gain knowledge in digital literacy and learn to create online digital content.
- With continued support from UNICEF, **approximately 65 (19 female) individuals** from Kakuma and Kalobeyei gained knowledge on **International Computer Driving License** (ICDL), covering fundamental, intermediate, and advanced training for Microsoft Office Suite.
- During the month, Terms of Reference (TOR) were developed to transition UNHCR's SGBV livelihood response program for 100 survivors into a business entity. The TORs are a long-term strategy to give survivors autonomy to practice acquired business development skills to bid for orders.
- 20 women artisans received mentorship in tailoring, beadwork, and basketry; and were able to replicate 5 product designs shared by [Bawa Hope](#).
- Approximately 196 assorted items, made by refugee and host community women, were sold at the new Fumbua Gift Shop in Kakuma.
- Through the Water Sector Trust Fund project, a total of 50 (15 female) farmers were reached with technical support, knowledge transfer, and skills to manage kitchen gardens.
- Online Government accredited TVET - Technical and Vocational Skills learning commenced on 27 April 2021 for over 1,000 learners in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- UNHCR, collaboratively with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) through partners in the operation, identified 260 individuals for the skills profiling project to connect them to decent jobs both in and outside Kakuma.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Inadequate market linkages to promote and facilitate firm-to-firm connections that would otherwise support local suppliers to trade with refugees and host communities and link to nearby and further markets

- Underdeveloped market infrastructure in Kalobeyei constrains market access for goods and services, affecting pricing, attributed to distance from Kenya's major markets, despite the emergence of complementary cash economies in the ecosystem.
- COVID-19 Business Recovery Funds to stimulate the economy, maintain markets, and support entrepreneurs' cash flow.
- Inadequate water and Energy for domestic, commercial, and agricultural use for refugees and host concerned persons

## 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. Besides, UNHCR co-chairs a monthly Communicating with Communities (CwC) meeting with partners to coordinate communication activities in Kakuma Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement including the dissemination of COVID-19 messages.

## Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya Operation** amounts to **42.8 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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