

## Urban Refugee Programme, Kenya

1 – 30 April 2021



### Protection

#### Achievements and Impact

- In April 2021, 18 vulnerability assessments were done out of which 8 received individual counselling.
- In order to ensure the communities, monitor and provide community support for Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs), a virtual committee meeting for older persons comprising of 11 participants. (5 men, 6 women) The session focused on the different coping mechanisms that the elderly persons have adapted to during the pandemic and the different available community support structures, bearing in mind the mental health challenges that individuals have faced during this period.
- One virtual committee meeting for persons with disability comprising of 19 participants (10 men, 9 women) was held. The committee meeting was aimed at identifying institutional barriers that persons with disability are faced with and strengthening the capacity of community protection mechanisms.
- UNHCR and partners HIAS and NCCK held an exercise of analysis Persons of Concern (PoCs) with mental health condition in order to understand the conditions of each PoC and together find out short term and long-term solutions in support of them being self-reliant. The analysis started with 10 PoCs who did not have any family or social support which made their situation worse. Recommendations and suggestions were made for follow up by the various organizations and follow up will be made through a follow up meeting.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Remote counselling mainly for persons with mental health becomes a very big challenge because of the mental status of the PoCs.

### SGBV

#### Achievements and Impact

- 13 GBV cases (11 women, 2 men) were reported during the month and cases were followed up.
- The Nairobi Metropolitan services (NMS) begun identifying idle buildings in the city that can be used as safe shelters for GBV survivors and has invited GBV partners together with the shelter network to draft the concept note.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- In-person support group meetings for the survivors are still on hold which limits proper interventions by case workers

### Registration & Documentation

#### Achievements and Impact

- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) registered 260 individuals (including 8 birth registrations), on an emergency basis, and with strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety guidelines, bringing the active urban population stood at 81,970 individuals (54,396 refugees and 27,574 asylum seekers) as of 30 April 2021.
- A total of 290 of age 5 and above were enrolled into BIMS during the reporting period; these include those registered earlier but were not enrolled at the time.
- A total of 238 asylum seekers were issued with 'Asylum Seeker Pass' documents during the reporting period.
- A total of 40 Refugee ID cards were processed in urban areas and two in Nakuru and 38 in Mombasa.
- A total of 106 refugee Identity documents to Persons of concerns in urban areas, 83 in Mombasa and 23 in Nakuru.



### Livelihood

#### Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR coordinated the urban livelihood working group meeting. Following the government issued directives in March to curb rising covid 19 cases, partners continue to monitor livelihoods beneficiaries remotely whilst offering business mentorship and documenting the challenges in businesses brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic.
- UNHCR livelihood unit in collaboration with Generation Kenya are currently conducting a joint mapping exercise of potential employers for the digital

customer service program with an aim of securing trainings and placements for young refugees.

- The Oracle Workforce Development programme was concluded with 6 trainees from Kakuma and Dadaab sitting their exams on Java SE 8 Fundamentals and Java SE 8 Programming.



## **DURABLE SOLUTIONS**

### **Achievements and Impact**

- 20 cases with 63 individuals were submitted to different resettlement countries in April.
- 5 individuals from Nairobi departed on resettlement programmes in April 2021.
- UNHCR coordinated and facilitated remote interviews by Norway from 16th March to 13th April during which 25 cases/107 individuals were remotely interviewed.
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### **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

- The COVID-19 restrictions continue to present significant challenges for resettlement case processing as face-to-face interviews are limited and remote interviewing also presents many challenges. Staff continue to work from home which again limits productivity and access to case materials such as case files.