

Kenya

1 – 30 April 2021

518,029

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kenya as of 30 April 2021

225,675

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Dadaab as of 30 April 2021.

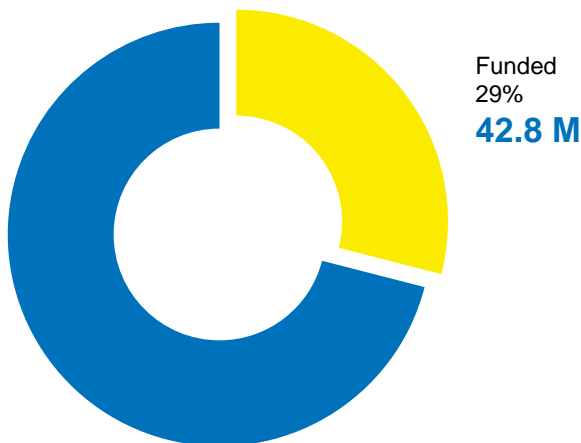
210,384

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

FUNDING (AS OF 20 APRIL 2021)

USD 149.6 M

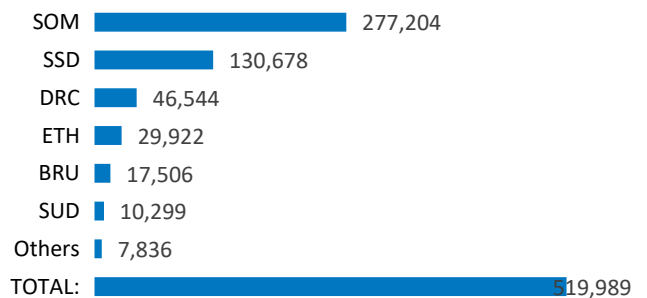
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 71%
106.8 M

POPULATION OF CONCERN (30 APRIL 2021)

Country of origin



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

DEMOGRAPHICS

51.2% Male - 265,262

48.8% Female - 252,767

84% Living in camps

16%
Living in urban areas



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 had been vaccinated in accordance with the Ministry of Health (MoH) set criteria for the first phase of COVID-19 vaccination at the Ammusait General Hospital.
- During the reporting period, Ministry of Education released the 2020 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education results with the top 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.
- 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*



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 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.
- In 2021, 368 individuals have been assisted through UNHCR's complementary pathways.
- During the month, **32 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs)** were received and reviewed, and feedback provided to the protection partner, Danish Refugee Council for action.
- Door-to-door sensitisation on COVID-19 prevention was conducted in Villages 2 and 3 of **Kalobeyei** settlement targeting children. They were also educated on how to report child protection concerns and how to access child protection services during the pandemic.
- 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.
- 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.

Dadaab

- Ration card exchange was conducted for 1,162 persons of concern and updated in ProGres as lost or damaged cards. The team also assigned alternate food collectors to 55 persons of concern.
- The General Food Distribution was conducted from 1 April to 15 April 2021 in **Ifo** while **Hagadera** and **Dagahaley** completed on 16 April 2021. A total number of 45,322 families consisting of 223,234 individuals and 96% of the food token holders received food assistance.
- Psychosocial support to 106 children (50 girls, 56 boys) in the three camps. The needs presented included mental health concerns, psychosocial concerns due to various protection needs and exposure to child labour. In **Ifo**, 33 care givers were engaged in group session on offering basic counselling skills to children of various ages. The individuals were drawn from the safe spaces which include the transit center, safe haven and the Protection area.
- UNHCR provided a three-day mentorship training to 15 female volunteers on girls' mentorship in **Ifo** camp.
- UNHCR's partner LWF conducted a training for 30 caregivers of older persons in **Hagadera** to empower them with knowledge and skills on appropriate care for bedridden older persons. Subsequently, they supported 100 older persons with vegetable seedlings for the multi storey garden farming project in **Hagadera** for their consumption and also as an income generating activity.
- Youths conducted COVID-19 awareness campaigns across the 3 camps as part of activities to curb the spread of the pandemic.

- 46 SGBV cases were reported and attended to across the camps through the GBV partner. All survivors received psychosocial counselling and referrals were made to the police and to hospitals as appropriate for follow up.
- Two dialogue sessions on SGBV and violence reduction were held with 75 men in **Ifo** and **Dagahaley** camps.
- GBV health talks were conducted in **Dagahaley** camp reaching 70 community members.
- 566 (291F, 275M) older persons were attended to during the month of April across the 3 field offices of **Ifo**, **Hagadera** and **Dagahaley** by LWF's social services unit. The 566 persons benefited from services such as assessment and case documentation, psychosocial counselling, home visits and follow ups including referrals to other agencies for health, WASH, rehabilitation, and registration services.
- LWF reached out to 389 (192M, 197F) people living with disabilities In **Hagadera**. They received services at the rehabilitation centre such as assistive devices support, physiotherapy, and occupational therapy services, and homebased therapy and counselling services at block level.
- In **Dagahaley** and **Ifo**, Humanity and Inclusion (H.I) reached out to 1,490 (803m,687f) persons with disability for services such as physiotherapy, occupational, soft tissue manipulation, gait, assistive training, client session, peer to peer, fabrication, and repair of assistive devices.

Urban areas

- In the reporting period, 18 vulnerability assessments were done out of which 8 received individual counselling.
- To ensure the communities monitor and provide community support for PSNs, a virtual committee meeting for older persons comprising of 11 participants (5 men, 6 women) was held.
- One virtual committee meeting for persons with disability aimed at identifying institutional barriers that persons with disability are faced with, comprising of 19 participants (10 men, 9 women) was held.
- 13 GBV cases (11 women, 2 men) were reported during the month and cases were followed up.



EDUCATION AND LIVELIHOOD

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- **2,151 (540 female) candidates**, from the refugee and host community, sat for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) 2021. 132(18 female) candidates 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%** learners in the country.

Dadaab

- KCSE national examinations were successfully completed on 21 April 2021 with 95% completion rate for 1,555 registered candidates across 6 Secondary schools in **Dadaab**. 85 learners absconded the national examinations.
- The 2020/21 KCPE results were released on 15 April 2021 nationally and an overall slight improvement in mean score for 22 primary schools was realized from 212.30 marks in 2019 to 230.48 marks in 2020/21. The best student in **Dadaab** UNHCR refugee camps primary schools was from Upendo primary in Hagadera camp who scored 378 marks out of 500 overall, followed by a female candidate from Iftin Primary, **Hagadera** camp with 375 marks and 3rd in position scored 363 marks from Iftin primary school, Hagadera.
- Training of 107 teaching and non-teaching staff (23F, 84M) from 22 primary schools in **Dadaab** on school safety and hygiene practices in relation to COVID-19 strengthen the fight against the spread of COVID-19.
- LWF trained 46 teachers on the use of audio-visual literary resources development to support online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic period. The one-day, camp-based training was delivered to participants from 22 primary schools in all the three camps.
- Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) trainings at the DRC Vocational training centres continued in all the 3 camps, with average weekly attendance of 72% out of 139 youth enrolment. The training helps the students identify their skills and the match them with appropriate jobs in the market.



CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 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

Kakuma

- 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.
- 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 and partners organized a first virtual session of 'Ask the Experts' to share information and address questions on COVID-19 vaccination.
- 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.

Dadaab

- Overall health of the population remained stable with mortality rates within the recommended standards at crude mortality rate (CMR) of 0.07/1000 population/month (recommended is < 1.5) and under 5 mortality rate of 0.3/1000 population/month (recommended is < 0.75)

- Access to essential health care was provided through 3 hospitals and 6 health posts with 32,888 consultations conducted at 73 consultations/clinician/day. This is above the recommended standard of 50.
- A 12.4.% increase in acute watery diarrhoea noted due to the rains mainly in the northern camps. The overall caseload for acute respiratory illnesses reduced with a slight rise in **Dagahaley** camp. Hygiene promotion and sensitization of communities continued throughout the period with increased water pumping hours.
- MIYCN (Maternal Infant and Young Children Nutrition) activities implemented include mother to mother support groups meetings and linkages, community dialogue, family bazaars. As a result, 857 babies were put on the breast within the first hour and 11 new admissions for breast milk substitute raising the total number of children under 6 months in the program to 27.
- Access to optimal reproductive health and HIV services continues to be provided. During the reporting period, 62,13 women and girls accessed sexual and reproductive health services at the various points in the camps and 64 were managed for post abortion care. Provision of safe motherhood interventions was achieved through 24-hour *mama taxi* referral services, adequate community linkages and provision of comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care. Referral mechanism was established benefitting 3 emergency obstetric cases requiring specialized care in **Garissa**. 77% of mothers completed antenatal care and 97% of the 998 deliveries were conducted by skilled personnel. The caesarean section rate is 5.7%.
- A network of 251 community health volunteers and 6 supervisors support health education, risk communication and community engagement, surveillance, community level screening and contact tracing efforts. During the reporting period, 53,602 household visits were conducted.
- The mental health clinics provided comprehensive integrated services to patients with existing mental health conditions in addition to psychosocial support. A total of 1,174 consultations were conducted. Psychosocial support was also offered by different partners to those in quarantine and isolation.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Misconceptions and safety concerns among humanitarian staff and persons of concern regarding COVID-19 vaccination in **Kakuma** 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 intensify COVID-19 risk communication and community engagement activities in Kakuma following an observed general complacency to COVID-19 mitigation measures.
- Inadequate blood and blood products especially affecting maternal health outcomes. Post-partum haemorrhage is responsible for over 90% of maternal mortalities in the camps in Dadaab.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 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

- In **Dadaab**, there has been lack of nutrition survey since 2018, hence accurate picture of the nutrition status not known.
- 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.
- In **Kakuma**, 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.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 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.
- **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).

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Establish a green belt between Kalobeyei Village 3 and Kakuma 4 and extend the land covered by existing greenbelts to 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.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- **115 transitional shelters** constructed for **148 families** of 507 newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers. 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

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- UNHCR's partner for Livelihoods, Action Africa Help International (AAHI), enrolled **309 including 171 women participants for 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 including 98 women** (two women from host community).

- With continued support from UNICEF, **approximately 65 individuals including 19 women** 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](#).
- Through the Water Sector Trust Fund project, a total of 50 farmers including 15 women 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.

Urban areas

- 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 in Nairobi with 6 trainees from **Kakuma** and **Dadaab** sitting their exams on Java SE 8 Fundamentals and Java SE 8 Programming.

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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
- COVID-19 Business Recovery Funds to stimulate the economy, maintain markets, and support entrepreneurs' cash flow.

Working in partnership

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

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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