

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31 May 2021

211,328

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 28 May 2021

5,455

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2021.

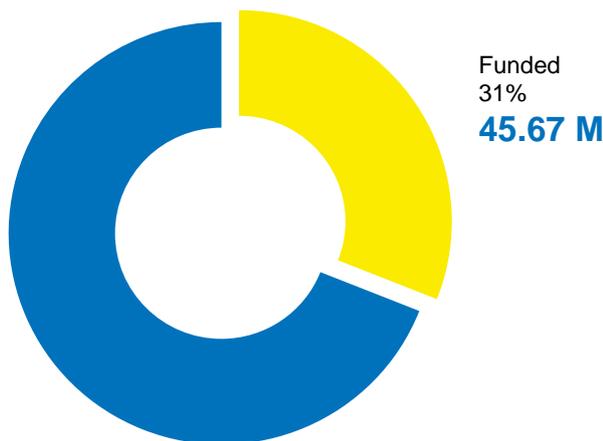
4,547

Newborns registered in 2021

FUNDING (AS OF 25 MAY 2021)

USD 149.6 M

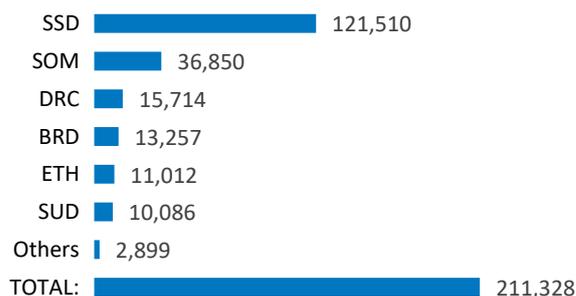
Requested for the Kenya Operation



Unfunded 69%
103.93 M

POPULATION OF CONCERN (28 MAY 2021)

Country of origin



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

COVID-19 FIGURES

1,544

Individuals cumulatively received first dose of Astra Zeneca vaccine in Kakuma

1,032

Refugees vaccinated in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement



Kakuma refugee football teams play a friendly match while donning jerseys they received from UC Sampdoria, Italian professional Football Club. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- UC Sampdoria, an Italian professional football club, donated assorted football kits, including jerseys and socks, to refugee teams in Kakuma camp. The donation will be stationed at sports libraries to make them accessible to various football teams in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. [Click here to watch video.](#)
- In May, UNHCR’s health partner, the African Inland Church – Health Ministries, AIC-HM, introduced dental health services in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. The dental services, accessed by refugees and the host community, reached 146 individuals during the month.
- UNHCR and partners relocated over 1,000 refugees from Kakuma camp to Kalobeyei settlement after floods experienced during the month destroyed their shelters and belongings. Click on the image below for video.



Aerial image of family tents set up at Kalobeyei village 3 for flood affected families relocated from Kakuma refugee camp. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** Since January, UNHCR Kakuma registered **10,002 new arrivals** including **4,547 new-borns**. Most of the new arrivals came from South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
- Registration activities remained suspended during the month.
- **Durable solutions:** 38 cases comprising 194 individuals have cumulatively been submitted to Norway, Germany and Sweden for resettlement consideration in 2021.
- Cumulatively, 36 cases of 95 individuals departed for resettlement to third countries including Australia, United States of America, Finland, Canada, and Sweden in 2021.
- Cumulatively, 70 cases of 284 individuals have been assisted to return to Burundi in 2021 through UNHCR's Voluntary Repatriation programme. Four direct flights out of Kakuma have so far been organized to facilitate the return, with three movements organized in May.
- Cumulatively, in 2021, a total number of 215 cases of 391 individuals have so far been assisted to resettle in third countries through complementary pathways activities.
- **Child Protection:** During the month, 19 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were received and reviewed, and feedback provided to Danish Refugee Council, UNHCR's Child Protection partner, for action.
- Additionally, 19 Best Interest Determination (BIDs) were discussed in two panel sessions held within the month.
- In Kalobeyei settlement, elections were held to elect five Child Friendly Spaces committee members. A total of 25 (19 female) from the three villages of the settlement took part.
- **Youth Protection and Development:** In May, girls' mobilizers reached 652 (518 from Kakuma camp and 134 from Kalobeyei) where various topics including effects of early and forced marriages, coping with covid-19, effects of early pregnancies and menstrual cycle were discussed.
- COVID-19 awareness session, conducted by the youth, reached 864 individuals in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- 12 mentorship forums were conducted for 267 girls, aged 12-18 years, in Kakuma camp, Kalobeyei settlement and immediate host communities. The objective is to protect them against any undesirable behaviour during school holidays.

- Girls peer to peer forums were conducted in May reached a total of 159 girls (122 in Kakuma and 37 in Kalobeyei).
- 70 (17 female) learners attended digital literacy trainings in May. Cumulatively 884(596 male 288 female) learners have been taken through computer digital literacy programme.
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** During the month, protection partners identified 79 new SGBV cases. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.



CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

- To align the CBI payments with the biometric-based proof of life and the verification process for accurate data of the target population, a three-month (May, June, and July) CBI disbursement was processed and disbursed in the month of May.
- During the reporting period, 54 refugees' households of 316 individuals in Kalobeyei villages 1 and 3 who completed construction of family latrines received a total of KES 4,528,800.00 cash for shelter as the third and last instalment for the last stage of shelter construction.
- In May, a total of KES 87,662,556.00 was disbursed to cover a 3-month cost for CRIs (KES 68,056,200.00) and Energy provision (KES 19,606,356.00) for 34,167 (17,608 female headed) households comprising of 155,163 (47% female) individuals in Kakuma refugee camp. The disbursement for CRIs included KES 33,069,600 for 45,930 women within the reproductive age for hygiene and sanitary materials to enhance their dignity and freedom of choice of preferred products.
- Cumulatively in May, KES 99,692,622.00 was disbursed to Persons of Concern in Kakuma and Kalobeyei for various interventions: KES 4,528,800 cash for Shelter, KES 73,851,510 cash for Core Relief Items, and KES 21,312,312 for Energy. All the money distributed through CBI is being spent in the local markets contributing to local economic growth, new business establishments and creating more employment opportunities for both refugees and the host.
- In the month of May, 52 bank accounts at Equity bank were activated for families in Kalobeyei settlement, which will enable them to receive their monthly cash entitlements for CRIs and Energy provision.

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

- In May, there were 354 skilled deliveries conducted in the various health facilities in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- 391 mental health consultations were conducted in the month of May. UNHCR and partners have enhanced access to mental health for refugees in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- UNHCR's health partner, the African Inland Church – Health Ministries AICHM, introduced dental services for persons of concern and host communities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. 146 dental consultations were recorded in May.
- UNHCR health partner, the International Rescue Committee, IRC, launched an Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system at Ammusait General Hospital, and Nationokar dispensary. UNHCR is seeking to scale up the EMR across all health facilities in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement in order to increase efficiency and improve quality of health services offered.
- In May, 14 (non-covid-19) cases were referred from Kakuma for specialized care in Kakuma Mission (9), Lodwar (2), Eldoret (1) and Nairobi (2). These were mainly emergency cases in need of specialized care not available in Kakuma and for diagnostic imaging services such as CT scan to assist in management of various health conditions.
- 71 new COVID-19 infections were identified in May 2021 among persons of concern and humanitarian staff. As of 31 May, 1,006, COVID-19 positive cases had been recorded out of a cumulative sample size of 10,432.
- 1,544 individuals, 1,032 persons of concern and 512 humanitarian staff, had received their first COVID-19 vaccine dose as of 31 May. The vaccination exercise is ongoing with support from the Kenya Ministry of Health (MoH) and follows the MoH set criteria for phase one of COVID-19 vaccination.
- UNHCR organized the second virtual session of 'Ask the Experts' to share information and address questions pertaining to the COVID-19 vaccination. This was attended by 72 individuals from several partner agencies. This session was aimed at increasing awareness and improving vaccine uptake among the targeted population.
- Several information sharing sessions were organized among humanitarian staff and security teams to address concerns related to COVID-19 vaccine. Over 400 individuals were reached in May through the sessions.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is needed to fast track the registration and allocation of shelter for individuals who have completed their quarantine at the reception centres. This will decongest the centres and avert outbreaks or upsurges of diseases of public health importance at the reception centres.

- The 4th wave of COVID-19 infection witnessed in the western region of the country could easily spread to Kakuma and Kalobeyi given the extensive movement of people between the two locations. UNHCR and partners have increased surveillance to avert any upsurge with the camp.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- In May, 273 children with severe malnutrition were admitted into the Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) which targets children with severe malnutrition.
- The Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP), targeting children with moderate malnutrition, reached a total of 875 children across the eight health facilities in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyi settlement.
- Targeted supplementary feeding program reached 15 pregnant and lactating women during the month.
- 28 severely malnourished children were admitted at the stabilization centre in Kakuma 4 during the month. Cure rates were maintained above 90% for both OTP and SFP. Two OVCs continued being supported with breast milk substitutes.
- The 59 support groups (56 mother-to-mother support groups and 3 father-to-father support groups) facilitated 74 meetings, reaching 1,070 beneficiaries. The support group members continued screening and referring malnourished and children at risk of malnutrition to nutrition clinics.
- In May, MIYCN refresher training was conducted for 15 MYICN Assistants and 50 Nutrition Assistants reached through IMAM refresher training.
- The Vitamin A supplementation program (Malezi Bora) commenced in Kalobeyi in May targeting children aged 6 months to 59 months. Nutritional screening using the MUAC approach was done, and children identified as malnourished were enrolled into the supplementary feeding program.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There has been an observed increase in admissions and mortalities at the stabilization centre attributed to the rise in cases of watery diarrhoea, respiratory illnesses and malaria. UNHCR and partners are working together to improve the inter-agency referral time and staffing at the stabilization centre. Nutritional screening activities have been intensified in the camp with use of family MUAC screening for early identification of children at risk of malnutrition. More suggestions are being reviewed and adopted by the nutrition technical working group.
- There is ongoing food rationing with current food basket at 60% of the recommended quantity of 2100Kcal/person/day. This will have a direct effect on

the food security in both Kakuma and Kalobeyei. There is hence 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, activities in schools such as food/agriculture clubs and use of youth influencers.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Energy & Environment Unit Updates

- Two feedback meetings on the introduction of CBI for CRIs and Cooking Energy were conducted during the month. The recurring issue echoed by Refugee Leaders in both Kakuma & Kalobeyei was that the amount allocated for CBI for Cooking Energy (KES 42/person/month) was insufficient.
- In May, 311.93 MTs of firewood were received at the firewood storage unit at FWDC 4.
- 176.75MTs of firewood were distributed to institutions in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement: 138.67MTs distributed to schools, 20.62MTs to the Reception Centre and relocation activities, and 17.46MTs to health facilities.
- 211 Maendeleo dual stoves were produced by LOKADO in May 2021 and 70 stoves distributed to relocated POC's and five stoves distributed to old replacement cases.
- 26,400 tree seedlings were produced and propagated cumulatively in all the tree nurseries and 15,964 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 1,015 (616 female) community members from both Refugees and Host Communities.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Expanding existing mini-grids and develop new mini-grids to connect more refugees, institutions and businesses.
- Phase out diesel generators in the long-term and introduce solar energy systems for community & Organizational facilities such as boreholes, field posts, schools, hospitals, and offices.
- Introduction of affordable, reliable, sustainable, cleaner and energy efficient cooking energy solutions (i.e. use of improved cookstoves, Briquettes, LPG, pellets, bioethanol etc.) to lower the energy bill is essential. At the same time, UNHCR requires major funds to increase the CBI for the energy component.

- Extend the land covered by existing greenbelts and establishing new green belts in Kakuma & Kalobeyei. The rehabilitated areas will serve as a buffer zones for the refugee and host community given the current environmental degradation



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- New 5 generators were installed at various boreholes to improve pumping water to reservoirs, and general supply of clean water to residents of Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- A total of 10km new water pipeline was constructed to enhance water supply to Kalobeyei. Additionally, 400m of pipeline was extended to schools to improve water supply and another 1,000m extended in the community.
- Three boreholes funded through the Water Sector Trust Fund (WSTF) and implemented by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) were commissioned leading to enhanced water access to persons of concern in Kakuma 1, 2, 3 and 4.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- 75 Transitional shelters were constructed during the reporting period bringing to a total of 898 shelters constructed in 2021. 331 POCs (representing 63 HH) benefitted from the provision of T-shelters.
- 222 family tents were installed in Kalobeyei for 129 households of 861 individuals affected by floods.
- In Kalobeyei, 67 households are ongoing with the construction of their own concrete shelters through UNHCR's CBI, Cash for Shelter programme.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- In preparation for National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) examinations, Don Bosco, UNHCR's livelihood and VTC partner, registered and booked 56 students for Grade 1 and 123 learners in Grade 2 examinations scheduled for August 2021. Out of the 56 students, 22 are in employment, five in self-employment, and 17 have tenure in various organizations within the operation.
- 25 students, refugees and Kenyans, at the Don Bosco VTC sat for the KASNEB professional examinations comprising of CPA, ATD, CAMS which ran between 17th and 21st May 2021.

- Business Incubation: During the reporting period, vetting of the 133 (96M: 39F) potential incubates was concluded. Thirty-three businesses were found fit for incubation. Among them, 10 (6F:4M) persons of concern and one youth group of 35 (26 female) individuals have received business coaching in idea generation.
- 699(439 female) individuals gained knowledge and skills in Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy & Sales, Marketing, and Distribution. Among them, 699 (339 female) are from the Refugee community, while 43 (30 female) are from the Host community. Cumulatively, 1,345(695 female) have benefitted from Business Development Service (BDS) support.
- 69 (11 female) individuals benefitted from Microsoft Digital Literacy training modules covering Work with Computers; Communicating Online; Creating digital content and participating responsibly online.
- Besides, the International Computer Driving License (ICDL) platform delivered modules in Exploring word; Working with documents; Document Views; Editing text; Formatting text, and Formatting paragraph to 35(10 female) persons of concern.

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.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya Operation** amounts to **45.67 million** US dollars.

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