

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31 August 2021

218,380

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 31 August 2021

16,103

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2021, including newborns.

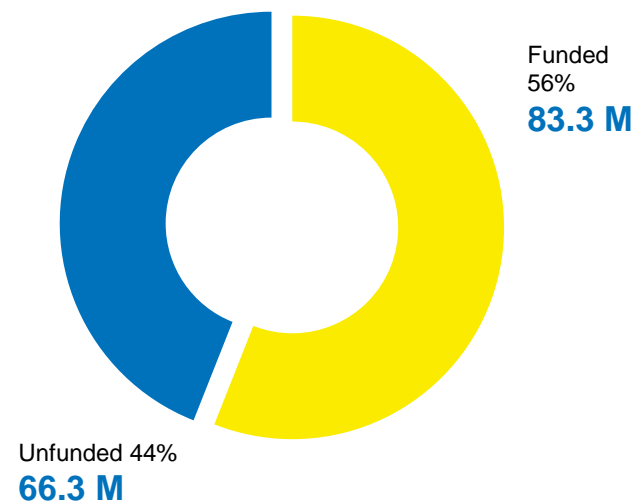
5,604

Newborns registered in 2021

FUNDING (AS OF 24 AUGUST 2021)

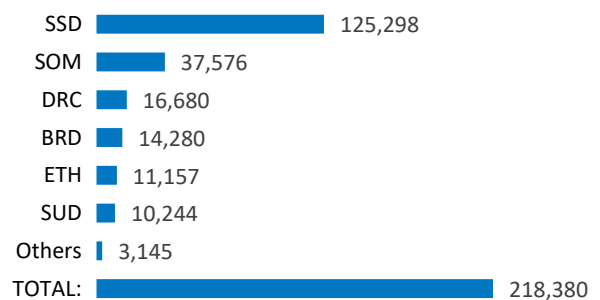
USD 149.6 M

Requested for the Kenya Operation



POPULATION OF CONCERN (31 AUGUST 2021)

Country of origin



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

COVID-19 FIGURES

2,136

Individuals received first dose of Astra Zeneca vaccine in Kakuma

1,327

Individuals received their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine in Kakuma



Reech Kuol Mayen, South Sudanese refugee in Kakuma camp, emerged the best learner in 2021 KCPE examinations. In August, UNHCR transitioned its education scholarship support to direct implementation through Cash-Based Intervention programme. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

Update on Achievements

Highlights

- In August, UNHCR transitioned its Education Scholarship programme to direct implementation through UNHCR's Cash-Based Intervention programme. 136 learners, including 16 learners from the host community were supported through the new approach in August 2021 which sends cash support to parents/guardians' bank account and to learners' virtual accounts.
- UNHCR Head of Sub Office met with the Equity Group Chief Commercial Officer Mr. Polycarp IGATHE, among other high-ranking officials, at the Sub Office Kakuma, where they discussed progress and opportunities in implementing CBI.
- Refugee Olympic Team athletes from Kakuma, upon their return from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, conducted pieces of training and shared their experience with other [young refugee athletes](#) from Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.



The Head of Sub Office joins the Refugee Olympic Team athletes and other young athletes during a training session at the Olympic Stadium in Kalobeyei settlement. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** Since January, UNHCR Kakuma registered **16,103 new arrivals** including **10,499** new arrivals and **5,294 new-borns**. Most of the new arrivals came from South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
- **Child Protection: 38 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs)** were received from UNHCR's Child Protection partner for review during the month. One BID panel was convened to deliberate on 6 cases.
- **23 Best Interest Determination** requests were recorded during the reporting period.
- In August, four child protection case conferences were held for children with heightened risks cases, culminating in the rescue of 1 case of two children.
- Psycho-education sessions were held at the reception centres for children aged 12-17 years. The sessions offered the opportunity to share some of their experiences at the reception Centre and learn how to cope.
- **810 children (315 girls)** were reached through meetings conducted at various primary schools in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. The discussions focused on challenges children faced while at home and their responsibilities in school and at home.
- **Youth Protection and Development:** UNHCR coordinated and facilitated the first virtual training of **16 refugee Chess facilitators**.
- **34** basketball teams from Kakuma and Kalobeyei, comprising 325 (101 female) players, participated in friendly matches to build up to the upcoming regional basketball tournament.
- **231(173 girls Kakuma camp and 58 girls in Kalobeyei settlement)** participated in various sessions of Girls meetings which focused on forced marriage, adolescents, and bad cultural practices.
- **2 Mentorship sessions** on Social and Life Skills were conducted for Simba and Super Star Female Football Teams, comprised of 55 players. The objective of the sessions was to empower them with skills on how to analyze situations affecting them in the community to make informed decisions.
- **164(87 from Kakuma and 77 from Kalobeyei) girls** were reached through mentorship sessions to discuss issues affecting them, including gender violence and sexually transmitted diseases.
- Basic Digital Literacy training was conducted for **137 (115 male and 22 female)** Youths at the Youth Centre.
- **1,529** (915 male 614female) youth participated in various performing art activities, including music, drama, dance, fashion show, oral narrative, and poetry in small

groups within the community in preparation for Kakuma got talent season 8 competition.

- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** In August 2021, UNHCR partner for SGBV services identified **72 (7M, 65F)** new SGBV cases. All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- One case conference was held during the month to deliberate on prolonged cases at the Safe Haven. In the same period, one female survivor of physical assault was admitted to Safe Haven, while one survivor of psychological/emotional abuse was discharged.
- Eighteen group therapy sessions were conducted using the Group Problem Management Plus (GPM+) approach, a psychological intervention used in assisting people who have gone through adversaries.
- Group sessions and occupational therapy continued during the month for the second cohort of 17 South Sudanese women into the Behaviour Modification/Alcohol Abuse Recovery program. Among topics explored during the sessions include: the craving cycle, thought stopping, ways of staying busy, taking care of oneself, acceptance, decision making, and relationship with the Higher Power.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- **4,784 (1588 girls) learners enrolled for form one** in 9 secondary schools, representing a 73% transition from Primary to Secondary school.
- UNHCR's partner for Secondary school education, Windle Kenya, facilitated a CBC curriculum overview training for **156 (70 female) secondary school teachers**. Officers from the Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development (KICD) and the Ministry of Education (MOE) conducted the training.
- 130(45 female) Secondary Education Programme (SEP) form 1 scholarship beneficiaries admitted into National, extra-county, and County schools, including 14 SNE students.
- 1,068 (5 hosts) girls in Kakuma received cash transfers to support their education.
- During the month, Humanity and Inclusion trained 22(8 female) teachers were on MHPSS and Early Identification of children living with disabilities.
- UNHCR partner for Primary school education, Finnish Church Aid, conducted Capacity Building training to 60(31 female) Board of Management on children's right to education and MHPSS.
- 1,136 Girls in primary schools and 732 girls in secondary schools attended remedial classes in Kakuma and Kalobeyei secondary during the month.
- 1,049 (521 female) learners received psychosocial support at their schools in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.

- 50 (22 female) Accelerated Education Programme (AEP) learners from the refugee and host community underwent Functional Assessment at Educational Assessment Resource Centre (EARC). Follow up of 34 learners diagnosed with various impairments with the responsible parents and guardians for further assistance is ongoing.
- 1,310(292 female) youth benefited from a series of training in Digital literacy to equip them with computer proficiency skills towards self-reliance.



CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

- 71 households comprising 460 individuals in Village 3 Neighbourhood 1 and Neighbourhood 4 received a total of KES 6,963,715.00 to convert their temporary shelters to concrete houses and household latrines.
- In August, UNHCR disbursed KES 12,096,900.00 to 7,626 (66% female-headed households) households in Kalobeyei settlement to purchase Core Relief Items (CRIs), soap, and sanitary materials, covering households needs for August and September. Included were 11,940 women within the reproductive age bracket who received additional cash for hygiene and sanitary items.
- Additionally, KES 3,564,792.00 was disbursed to 7,626 households to cover the cost of Energy for August and September.
- UNHCR has transitioned Education scholarship to direct implementation through UNHCR Cash-Based Intervention (CBI). In August, KES 9,261,177 was disbursed to 130 students (16 hosts) joining various secondary schools under the UNHCR Secondary Education scholarship Programme (SEP). Six learners under the M-Pesa Foundation Academy and Butere School Sports Scholarship received KES 101,890.00 through their virtual students' accounts.
- Cumulatively, KES 31,988,474.00 was disbursed to Persons of COncern in August for various interventions: KES 6,963,715.00 cash for Shelter, KES 12,096,900.00 cash for Core Relief Items (in Kalobeyei), and KES 3,564,792.00 for Energy (in Kalobeyei) and KES 9,363,067.00 through Education Scholarships.

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

- In August, 417 skilled deliveries were recorded within the various health facilities compared to 398 in July.
- A total of 541 mental health consultations were made compared to 562 in July 2021.
- 15 (non-covid-19) cases were referred from Kakuma and Kalobeyei health facilities to Lodwar (14) and Eldoret (1). 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 managing various health conditions. Five of the referrals facilitated were from the host community.
- Twenty-nine new cases of COVID-19 were reported in August 2021. Cumulatively, 1,063 COVID-19 positive have been identified from a sample size of 13,852.
- As of 31st August, 3,890 individuals were admitted at the two quarantine facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- 2,136 individuals in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at the AMmusait General Hospital In Kakuma, of whom 1,327 are considered fully vaccinated having received their second COVID-19 dose. Among those who have received the first dose, 742 are humanitarian staff and 1,394 persons of concern, while 531 humanitarian workers and 796 persons of concern are fully vaccinated.
- UNHCR, in collaboration with various implementing partners, participated in two community dialogue sessions on the introduction and rollout of NHIF in Kalobeyei. The sessions brought together about 70 community and religious leaders from the refugee and host communities and representatives of diverse groups such as youth and people living with disabilities.

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 Kalobeyei 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**

- 289 children with severe malnutrition were admitted into the Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) program in August 2021 compared to 285 in July.
- 917 children with moderate malnutrition in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement were reached through the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP).
- 28 pregnant and lactating women benefited from the targeted supplementary feeding program (TSFP) during the month.
- The Stabilization Centre admitted 17 severely malnourished children, during which cure rates were maintained above 90% for both OTP and SFP. Two Orphans and Vulnerable (OVC) continued to be supported with breast milk substitutes.
- The partners continued to provide health education to the pregnant and lactating women and parents of children during the nutrition distribution sessions while observing the COVID-19 guidelines.
- 10,930 pregnant and lactating women and parents of children were reached with health education and nutrition messages in August during nutrition distribution exercises.
- The 59 support groups (56 mother-to-mother support groups and three father-to-father support groups) continued to facilitate meetings which reached 936 beneficiaries, 33 of them attending for the first time. The support group members continued screening and referring malnourished and children at risk of malnutrition to nutrition clinics. Out of the 52 Family MUAC referrals made, 15 were enrolled to OTP, 26 to SFP and 11 children did not meet the admission criteria to the nutrition programs.
- Six cooking demonstrations were conducted in several OTP sites reaching 231 caregivers.
One radio talk show was aired focusing on breastfeeding in the context of COVID-19 during World Breastfeeding Week.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Given the increase in admissions and mortalities at the stabilization centre observed in June, UNHCR and partners continued to work together to improve the inter-agency referral time and staffing at the stabilization centre. Nutritional screening activities remained intensified in the camp using family MUAC screening to identify children at risk of malnutrition. The nutrition technical working group continues to monitor the situation.
- The ongoing food rationing with the current food basket at 60% of the recommended quantity of 2100Kcal/person/day continues to affect the food security in 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.

- UNHCR and partners have continued 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. There is a need for increased community dialogue sessions, activities in schools such as food/agriculture clubs and youth influencers. Some of these activities are affected by COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings. There has been a delay in the supply and delivery of nutritional supplies for the OTP program, which affects activities in the nutritional programs among the three implementing health partners.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Energy & Environment Unit Updates

- In August, 181.65 metric tons (MT) of firewood was distributed to various institutions in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as follows; 120.68MT to schools, 30.55MT to reception centres, and 30.42MT to Child-Headed Households.
- The Environmental Impact Assessment for the extension of the Kalobeyei Minigrid to Villages 2 and 3, by approximately 7km of Medium Voltage (11KV) and about 60km of Low Voltage (3 phase and single phase), and UNHCR's Solar Plant commenced.
- SNV Netherlands finalized repairs of 100L rocket cookstoves in seven pilot social institutions. Post-cooking tests will be carried out to evaluate the impact of the repairs.
- Private sector companies (Solaria Kenya and Solibrium Solar Kenya) carried out a series of market activations for solar lighting and the productive use of solar and solar home systems in Kakuma Camp, Town, and Kalobeyei Settlement.
- Usafi Green finalized the construction and commissioning of a Stove Production Unit (SPU) in Kakuma Town. The SPU has employed 9 hosts and 5 refugee artisans and can produce 300 energy-saving stoves (60% energy saving) in a week.
- Installation of machines and training of 11 artisans (6 hosts and 5 refugees) at the FAO briquetting plant was concluded. The Plant can produce 4 tonnes (4,000kgs) of briquettes in a day.
- 127 Maendeleo dual stoves were produced in August 2021; 117 of the stoves were distributed to newly arrived refugees, and 10 Stoves were distributed to worn-out replacement cases.
- 19,300 tree seedlings were produced and propagated in August cumulatively in all the tree nurseries, and 7,838 of the tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts, and host community for planting.

- A total of 917 (615 female) individuals were reached on forest conservation and management awareness.

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 significant funds to increase the CBI for the energy component.
- Extend the land covered by existing greenbelts and establishing new green belts in Kakuma & Kalobeyei. Given the current environmental degradation, the rehabilitated areas will serve as buffer zones for the refugee and host community.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- 269 Transitional shelters were constructed during the reporting period to accommodate 591 (170 families) newly arrived refugee households. Cumulatively, 1,580 shelters have been constructed since the beginning of the year.
- In Kalobeyei, 240 households are currently converting their temporary shelters to concrete houses through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter programme (CBI).

Identified Needs/Challenges and Remaining Gaps

- Lack of adequate shelter materials affected timely relocation of the refugees from communal areas to the community.
- Slow delivery of materials by the suppliers affected the rate of achieving the deliverables in the Transitional shelter constructions for new arrivals.
- 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.



WATER AND SANITATION

- NTR



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- 196 vocational skills trainees (female and 160 male) were registered for NITA Grade III examination scheduled for December 2021.
- 4,000 pieces of UNIQLO handmade bracelets were shipped to Hong Kong. 120 women artisans from the refugee and host communities are engaged under UNHCR's MADE51 project to produce the bracelets for the international markets.
- In August, 35 entrepreneurs received loans valued a Kes. 1.25Mi from AEC Kenya. Of the 700 loans circulating in the economy, reported delinquency was 5.6%, with repayment of 94.4%.
- 105(3 female) individuals gained knowledge in Digital Literacy and Hour of code. Additionally, 176(19 female) individuals gained knowledge on ICDL-Computer.

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 **83.3 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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