

# Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31 July 2021

**215,810**

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

**7,368**

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2021.

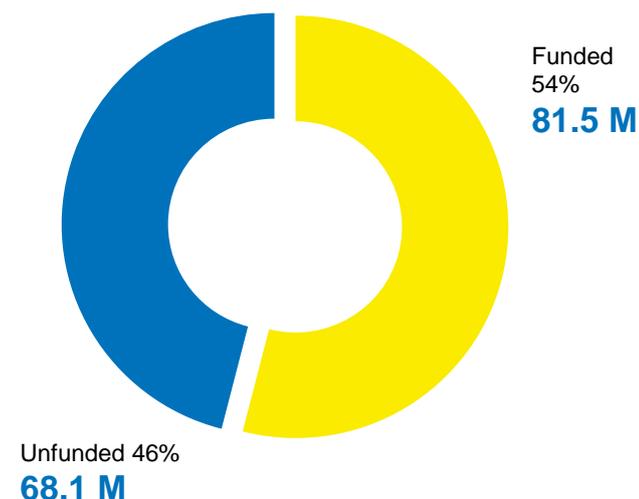
**5,294**

Newborns registered in 2021

## FUNDING (AS OF 27 JULY 2021)

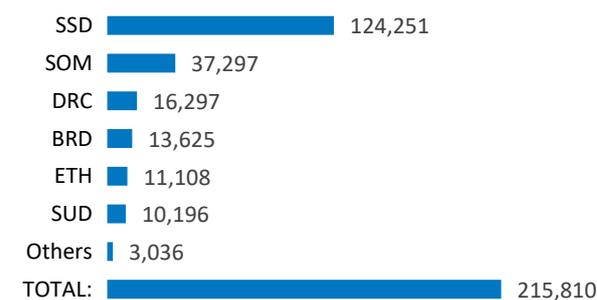
**USD 149.6 M**

Requested for the Kenya Operation



## POPULATION OF CONCERN (31 JULY 2021)

### Country of origin



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

## COVID-19 FIGURES

**1,774**

Individuals received first dose of Astra Zeneca vaccine in Kakuma

**780**

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



A toddler receives a shot of vaccine at the locher Ang'amor health facility in Kakuma camp. The Government of Kenya launched a measles vaccination campaign targeting children aged 9-59 months in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

# Update on Achievements

## Highlights

- KISED P Quarterly Thematic Working Group Meeting on Sustainable Energy Solutions Component was successfully conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at UNHCR Kakuma Sub-Office. In attendance was the CEC, County Lands Administrator (OiC-Energy), the Chief Officer, Ministry of Lands, Energy and Urban Management, County directors for Physical Planning, Survey, Urban Management & Trade as well as energy sector actors in the region including Development organizations, Public & Private sectors. Minutes of the meeting have been prepared and shared with KISED P Secretariat for circulation to partners.
- Cumulatively, 1,774 individuals have been vaccinated at Ammusait General Hospital in Kakuma 4 with the first dose, out of whom 780 have received the second dose and are now considered fully vaccinated. Among those who have received the first dose, 567 are humanitarian staff and 1,207 persons of concern. Of the 780 fully vaccinated individuals, 413 are humanitarian workers and 367 are persons of concern.
- In July, one individual from the host community in Natukobenyo village tested positive for Cholera. UNHCR, together with partners and the Ministry of Health, coordinated a joint response among health and WASH partners to contain the outbreak with only one individual line-listed.

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** Since January, UNHCR Kakuma registered **12,662 new arrivals** including **5,294 new-borns**. Most of the new arrivals came from South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
- **Durable solutions:** In 2021, 238 cases have been submitted for resettlement consideration in third countries.
- Cumulatively, 125 individuals departed for resettlement in third countries in 2021.
- UNHCR, through VolRep, has facilitated the return of 502 individuals (149 households) to Burundi through UNHCR's Voluntary Repatriation Programme (VolRep). 171 individuals were facilitated in July alone.

- **Child Protection:** During the month, 83 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were received, and 72 were reviewed and feedback provided to Danish Refugee Council, UNHCR's Child Protection partner, for action.
- An Inter-Agency Best Interest Determination panel was conducted virtually in which 11 child protection cases were discussed.
- Child Protection partner, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), sensitized business owners in Kakuma and Kalobeyei on laws protecting children against child labour and its effect on the growth and development of children.
- 50 children (37 girls) attended self-awareness sessions at various Child-Friendly Spaces across the camp and settlement.
- 308 girls, aged 11- 17 years, in 5 Schools in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement, were sensitized on Menstrual hygiene management.
- **Youth Protection and Development:** 137 girls, in grades 4 and 8 participated in life-skills sessions in Kakuma camp.
- 278(186 girls in Kakuma camp and 92 girls in Kalobeyei) girls took part in peer-to-peer meetings in which menstrual health management, hygiene, peer influence, teenage pregnancies and how to overcome them among other issues were discussed.
- 216 girls in Kalobeyei and Kakuma participated in a mentorship session and held discussions on gender, self-esteem, self-confidence, GBV, etc.
- 50(12 F) youth participated in the digital literacy sessions offered at Youth Centre 2 in Kakuma refugee camp.
- 1,440(691 female) youth participated in various performing art activities including, music, drama, dance, fashion show, oral narrative, and poetry as part of preparations for the annual Kakuma's Got Talent competition.
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** During the month, protection partners identified 60 new SGBV cases.
- All survivors received psychosocial support and are following a case plan under UNHCR supervision.
- Two group therapy sessions were conducted during the month while utilizing the Group Problem Management Plus (GPM+) approach - a psychological intervention used in assisting people who have gone through adversaries.
- 14(13F, 1M) Gender-Based Violence (GBV) survivors received emergency food and non-food items. Additionally, one survivor of GBV was admitted to the safe haven, and one case conference held during the month
- Group sessions and occupational therapy continued during the month for the second cohort of 17 females, from South Sudan, into the Behaviour Modification/Alcohol Abuse Recovery program. Among topics explored during the sessions include Introduction to the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, early recovery challenges, understanding triggers, and managing them.
- UNHCR and SGBV partner trained 208 security guards from a private security company (G4S) working in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).

- **Legal Aid/Assistance:** In July, 20 persons of concern accessed legal assistance on child protection, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), and insecurity.
- The legal team conducted 52 police station visits reaching 59(16f 43m) clients across Kakuma, Kalobeyei, and the western flight corridor.
- 15 persons of concern received legal representation in court and at the police stations mainly on matters involving unlawful presence in Kenya, residing outside the designated area, and defilement
- From 12 to 14 July 2021, UNHCR (legal) participated in a training on Alternative Family Care Guidelines conducted by the Department of Children Services Turkana County to align the guidelines and their adoption in the refugee context.
- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) sat in July, from which 380 Individual Refugee Status Determination (RSD) cases were presented to the Commissioner of Refugee Affairs for consideration.



## EDUCATION

### Achievements and Impact

- In July, UNHCR and Education partners facilitated the registration of 2,530 (545 female) and 7,001(2,544 female) for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education and Kenya Certificate of Primary Education national examination respectively.
- Education partners in coordination with WASH partners trained 54(23 female) BOMs (Board of Management) on the Ministry of Education COVID-19 guidelines for schools.
- 10,000 learner's school kits, grade 5 CBC learners' textbooks and over 1,805 teachers' guides distributed to schools in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- Primary Education partners the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and Fin Church Aid (FCA) examined Learner Continuity in Basic Education (LCBE) assessments for children in grades 1 to 3.
- 1,802(476 female) youths received Digital literacy trainings in the month of July, the trainings are meant to equip youths with computer proficiency skills towards self-reliance.



## CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

### Achievements and Impact

- In July, 113 households in Kalobeyei settlement, village 3, converted their temporary shelters to concrete houses through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter CBI

project. A total of 186 concrete houses were completed, and 113 family latrines constructed under the CBI programme.

- KES 181,500.00 was disbursed to 33 Information and Communications Technology (ICT) coaches for facilitating a 2-week training on digital Literacy through UNHCR's Cash for Work programme.
- In 2021, KES 138 million meant for Shelter, Core Relief Items (CRIs), Energy, and cash for work was distributed to persons of concern in Kalobeyei settlement, and KES 173M for CRIs and Energy disbursed to persons of concern in Kakuma.
- Since the inception of CBI in 2018, UNHCR has disbursed over US\$ 12 million into the local economy through cash assistance. 60% of this cash was for shelter, 30% was core relief items (soap, pants, and sanitary pads), 5% was latrines and 4% for energy.
- In July, UNHCR Head of Sub office met with the Chief Executive Officer and the Managing Director of Kenya Commercial Bank. The bank is one of the two financial partners in Kakuma facilitating the implementation of UNHCR's Cash-Based Intervention programme in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.



## HEALTH

### Achievements and Impact

- 398 skilled deliveries were conducted within the various health facilities in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement compared to 388 in June.
- In July, the number of mental health consultations conducted increased significantly from 412 in June to 562 in July.
- 14 (non-COVID-19) patients were referred from health facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei to Lodwar (8), Eldoret (4), and Nairobi (2). 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. Three (3) of the referrals facilitated were from the host community.
- 15 new cases of COVID-19 were recorded in July 2021. Cumulatively, Kakuma has recorded 1,034 COVID-19 positive cases from 12,719 samples collected since May 2020.
- As of 31st July, there were 3,343 individuals admitted to the two quarantine facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- A government-led ten-day measles campaign kicked off from 26th June 2021 to 5th July 2021, targeting children aged 9-59 months in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.

### 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

- 285 children with severe malnutrition were admitted into the Outpatient Therapeutic Program in July 2021 compared to 438 in June.
- The Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP), which targets children with moderate malnutrition, reached 940 children across the health facilities in Kakuma Refugee Camps and Kalobeyei settlement, which is a reduction compared to 1,111 in June.
- 940 children with moderate malnutrition were reached through the Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement, compared to 1,111 in June.
- The targeted supplementary feeding program (TSFP) reached 33 pregnant and lactating women, while the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program (BSFP) reached 1,897 pregnant and lactating women.
- The Stabilization Centre admitted 19 severely malnourished children. Cure rates were maintained above 90% for both OTP and SFP. Eight Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) continued to be supported with breast milk substitutes.
- 14,974 pregnant and lactating women and parents of children were reached with nutrition messages during nutrition distribution activities in July.
- The 59 support groups (56 mother-to-mother support groups and three father-to-father support groups) continued to facilitate meetings which reached 957 beneficiaries, 94 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 54 Family MUAC referrals, 12 enrolled to OTP, 27 to SFP, and 15 children did not meet the admission criteria to the nutrition programs.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- An observed increase in admissions and mortalities at the stabilization centre is attributed to the rise in watery diarrhoea, respiratory illnesses, and malaria cases. 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 using family MUAC screening to identify children at risk of malnutrition. More suggestions are being reviewed and adopted by the nutrition technical working group.

- The ongoing food rationing, with the current food basket at 60% of the recommended quantity of 2100Kcal/person/day, will have a direct effect on food security in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Hence, there need for increased surveillance to ensure all new cases of malnutrition are detected early and linked to care and follow-up.
- There is 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

### Energy & Environment Unit Updates

- 80.92 MT's of firewood were distributed to Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei settlement in July. 42.44 MT's of the firewood was distributed to Primary & Secondary Schools, while a total of 38.48MT's of firewood was issued to the Reception Center and new arrivals in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- 242 Maendeleo dual stoves were produced in July 2021, and 204 stoves were distributed to new arrivals. 90 Stoves were distributed to old replacement cases.
- 24,800 tree seedlings were produced & propagated in July cumulatively in all the tree nurseries, and 14,399 of the tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts, and host community for planting.
- In July, 480 individuals were reached through forest conservation and management awareness (Male:210 & Female:270).
- SNV Netherlands commenced a Controlled Cooking Test (CCT) pilot at seven social institutions in Kakuma to test the impact of repair/replacement of 100L rocket cookstoves in the Institutions.
- SNV onboarded Solibrium Solar Kenya, a private sector partner in clean lighting, specifically on productive use of solar, to promote more technologies & increase product choices in the market.
- The briquetting machine for T
- The Food and Agriculture Organisation installed a briquette machine for its briquette production pilot project, Training of operators is ongoing.

### 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

- UNHCR, through the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK), embarked on securing flood zones in Kakuma camp with the delivery of 7,140 tonnes of boulders spread along the bank of the lagga (riverbank) near Don Bosco Vocational Training Centre, in Kakuma 1.
- In July, UNHCR, through shelter partner the NCCK, constructed 269 Transitional shelters for 1,007 individuals (219 families). Cumulatively, 1,298 transitional shelters have been constructed since the beginning of the year.



#### WATER AND SANITATION

- As of 31 July July, the per capita consumption was recorded at 20.64 liters and 21.35 liters per person per day in Kakuma and Kalobeyei, respectively.
- A new 10Km water pipeline has been connected to two newly solarized boreholes to enhance the water supply in the Kalobeyei settlement. Japan Platform funded the installation through UNHCR's partner Peace Winds Japan.
- Three new boreholes were drilled and equipped with solar pumping systems and four 108m<sup>3</sup> elevated steel tanks installed in Kalobeyei settlement through funding from the Water Sector Trust Fund (WSTF).
- All the 45 elevated steel tanks in Kakuma and Kalobeyei have been equipped with real-time water monitoring systems.
- Currently, latrine coverage stands at 42% in Kakuma and 78% in Kalobeyei. High latrine coverage in Kalobeyei is attributed to UNHCR's implementation of Cash-Based Intervention to construct family latrines.

- 104 out of 108 neighbourhoods in Kalobeyei settlement have been certified Open Defecation Free (ODF).



### COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- A mock internal examination was conducted for eight technical courses in preparation for the upcoming August 2021 grade (ii & i )National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) exams.
- 1,315 (413 females) individuals were enrolled for courses in English literacy, Agriculture, Secretarial, computer, certificate in accounting management and skills, accountants technician diploma, credit management, and certified public accountants. Of the population, 50 are youth from the host community, 20 are individuals with various disabilities, and 18 are employed, with the rest being 2020 secondary school graduates.
- 2 Vocational Training graduates received 'MAKIGA' brick-making machines as a startup kit to support self-reliance. The device will enable them to produce high-quality bricks for sale.
- Eleven business ideas were selected for incubation during the reporting period from retail, manufacturing-plastic recycling and agribusiness.
- UNIQLO placed a 4,000 contemporary bracelets order with the refugee and host community women in the MADE51 programme in Kalobeyei settlement. Thus far, 2,400 bracelets have been shipped to Hong Kong, out of 3,300 delivered to Bawa Hope for quality control.
- 401(113 female) persons of concern gained knowledge in Digital Literacy through the Microsoft Digital Literacy training modules, which cover Work with Computers, Communicating Online, Creating digital content, and participating responsibly online. Besides, the ICDL platform delivered modules in Exploring word; Working with documents; Document Views; Editing text; Formatting text, and Formatting paragraph to 78(12 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 **81.5 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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