**Key Figures**

**Community-based Protection**
- 13,791 pregnant & lactating mothers reached by health partners with healthcare.
- 5292 children benefited from feeding and outpatient therapeutic programs.
- 9,234 individuals benefited from hygiene and sanitation assistance.

**Cash Assistance**
- 10 Million KES cash grant support disbursements to livelihood groups and TVET graduates in Dadaab to boost self-reliance.
- 10 Million USD disbursed through Cash Based Interventions since 2018.

**Registration**
- 577,492 registered refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya.

**Funding**
- 10% of UNHCR’s financial requirements for Kenya received by 31 January 2023.

**Highlights**

- UNHCR donated GeneExpert machines to Kakuma and Dadaab to the relevant county government healthcare facilities to ensure optimum testing of Tuberculosis.
- In Kakuma, a total of 90 transitional shelters were constructed for 240 individuals. In kalobeyi settlement, 1,440 refugee families are converting their transitional shelters into concrete shelters through UNHCR’s Cash Based Interventions for shelter.
- In Kakuma, 166 newly recruited refugee teachers were posted to 21 primary schools.
- The Norwegian Refugee Council livelihood unit authorized Equity Bank to release 50% of the cash grant support to 22 refugee groups to start business workshops in their respective markets to help them start their own businesses.

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**Made in Dadaab**: Part of the livelihood support offered in Dadaab Refugee Complex to refugees, is supporting them to make handmade products that they can sell globally through Made51.

Made51 is a UNHCR supported project and online shop that offers a way for refugees to preserve their cultures and re-establish their livelihoods through participation in the local, and global economy.

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3,000 households in Kakuma and Kalobeyei have access to electricity generated from solar photovoltaic mini grids (devices that convert sunlight into electrical energy). Kalobeyei has a solar power coverage of 30% so far, which benefits refugees and host communities. 350 businesses were connected to solar mini-grids. 42,700 households benefitted from the bimonthly energy grants to cater for their cooking and energy needs.

495 university students were supported to resume face-to-face learning across the country.

387 persons living with disabilities in Dadaab were supported across the camps with a focus on restoring and/or improving lost functional abilities and enhancing their participation in daily living activities.

In 2022, $3.8 million worth of cash assistance was delivered to refugees in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. 47,500 people had access to cash assistance through bank accounts. 66% of bank account holders are female.

The existing camps in Dadaab are overcrowded. UNHCR and partners are offering basic assistance, but more resources are needed.

Resource limitations leads to unaddressed needs and negative coping mechanisms among refugees and asylum seekers. Additional funding for shelter materials and access to land is required to expedite relocations to the community.

The Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) border monitors continued to record, and report on activities along ten border points. A total of 2,514 (2,307 arrivals, 207 spontaneous returns) persons were recorded to have crossed the Kenya-Somali and/or Kenya-Ethiopia borders.

22 pre-primary schools, 26 primary schools and 17 secondary schools in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps and Kalobeyei settlement were re-opened from 4th January, after the COVID-19 lockdowns.

13,791 pregnant and lactating mothers were supported throughout January by our Health partners in Kakuma Camp and Kalobeyi Settlement.
Stories from the field

Serafina always dreamt of opening her own business

"I’m going to open my own business and become a wealthy business woman one day." This is what Serafina kept on thinking about as she was growing up in South Sudan. Building on her dreams, years later, as a refugee living in Kakuma, she applied for a start up business grant to open a vegetable stand at the Kalobeyei market. She became an entrepreneur, and is very happy with her work.

To boost private sector engagement and promote self-reliance of refugees and host communities, UNHCR works with partners to create market spaces and provide grants to entrepreneurs to help them expand their business and stand on their own and become self-reliant.

Funding

In 2023, UNHCR is appealing for $153.4 million to provide protection, assistance, empowerment and solutions to refugees, asylum-seekers, host communities and forcibly displaced persons in Kenya. The best way to support UNHCR is through flexible and unearmarked funding, our most important financial resource. Flexible funding enables UNHCR to allocate funding where they are most needed.

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is grateful for the support in 2023 of:

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