UNHCR with partner Peace Winds Japan constructed 500 new transitional shelters for 1,525 new arrivals in Kakuma.

In Kenya, as of 24 March 2023, 3,400 Pemba People from the Statless population were registered in Kwale and Kilifi counties.

368 resettlement departures have been registered from Kenya to different countries since January 2023.

There are 1,304 refugee led businesses. 666 refugee entrepreneurs in Kakuma and Kalobeyei acquired annual single business permits.

ABest friends Angelique and Nyamahi are Congolese refugees living in Kenya. They attended the 2023 International Women's Day celebration on 8 March, hosted by UNHCR and partners in Kitengela, Jon the outskirts of Nairobi.

“Having this document makes me very happy. It means my children can go to school.”

Masika, a 36-year-old mother. Pemba community receives a birth certificate for her daughter Nuhu after Kenyan authorities ended their statlessness and consider them Kenyan citizens now.
**March 2023**
**Operational Update #3**

**Solve**

- **252,066 individulas** were provided with safe clean water in *Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlements* through operating and maintaining 21 boreholes and associated water supply systems.

- **57.74 metric tons (MT) of dry wood** was distributed to learning institutions; **86.29 MT** to the reception centres and new arrivals; and **51.30MT** to child headed households. **5MT** were distributed to hospitals in *Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlements*.

**Empower**

- **5,340 students** were supported with fees for the registration for the Kenya Certificate of Primary and Secondary Education in *Dadaab*. This will enable them to continue their studies and go on to college.

**Respond**

- **19 classrooms** were constructed in schools in *Kakuma and Kalobeyei*.

- In the month of **March in Dadaab**, the Civil Registrar processed **2,029 birth certificates**.

**Gaps & challenges**

- **Lack of funding** is a major reason for lack of response in certain sectors. Flexible funding is needed so we can deliver to those in need whenever and wherever funding is needed.

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Fatuma is 52 years-old and mother to 9 children. Living in Kakuma, Fatuma buys her vegetables from the Chori farm, where both refugees and members of the community have vegetable stalls.

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Empower

- **88 severely malnourished children with medical complications** were admitted to the stabilisation centre in *Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlements*.

- In *Dadaab*, a total of **110 people** received Psychological First Aid. The first aid addresses basic needs and reduces psychological distress by providing a caring comforting presence, and education on common stress reactions. It empowers the individual by supporting strengths and encouraging existing coping skills.

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“I am very happy that this day is finally here. I am happy to be Kenyan.”

59-year old Hamadi Juma, after getting his details taken at the Pemba registration exercise. This was done ahead of the Pemba recognition ceremony where they shall be recognised as Kenyans.

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See video
“I want to be an accountant”

"In the future, I want to be an accountant. I am so good in math. I have always taken an interest in seeing other people doing accounting passionately."

Ayen Malith, a 19-year-old student from South Sudan.

She is a student at Morneau Shepell Girls Secondary School.

The school opened in January, and there are now 170 girls with more hope for the future than they could have dreamed of when they fled their homes and arrived in the Kakuma refugee camp, most with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. The Morneau Shepell Secondary School for Girls is now a beacon of hope for the refugees.

Stories from the field

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