

Kenya Operational Updates

October 2022

610,548

Refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya

279,536

Refugees and asylum seekers in Dadaab

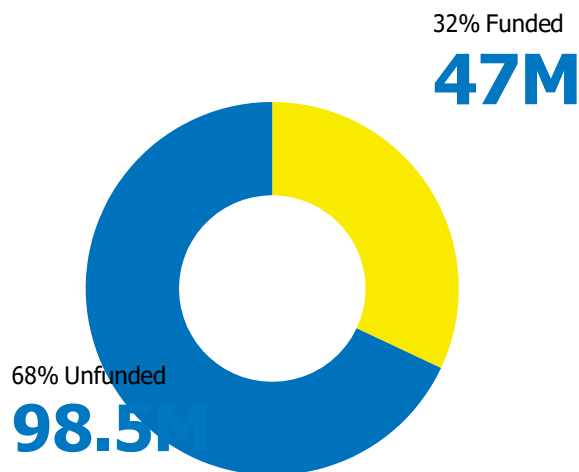
242,128

Refugees and asylum seekers in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement

FUNDING (AS OF 31 August 2022)

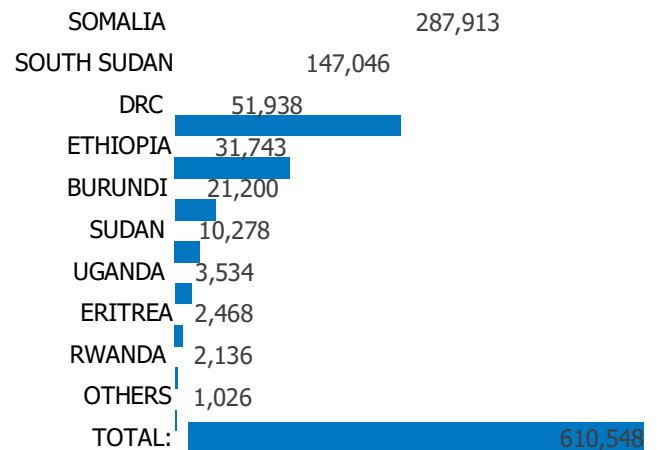
USD 145.5M

Requested for the Kenya Operation



POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 31 August 2022)

Country of origin



1,106

People assisted to return to their place of origin voluntarily between 1 January and 31 August 2022

663

Refugees departed to various resettlement countries between 1 January to 31 August 2022



In Kakuma, UNHCR works with partners to support continued screening and refers children at malnutrition risk to nutrition clinics. ©UNHCR/Pauline Omagwa



PROTECTION – Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- | 1,151 families (3,789) individuals were relocated to Kalobeyei V2/V23 settlement sites.
- | 25 (9m, 16f) persons with disabilities were identified and assessed in both Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei Settlement. Appropriate referrals were made to relevant partners for support while others were wait listed for provision of NFIs and assistive devices.
- | 21 home visits were conducted to persons with specific needs (including older persons at risk, persons with disabilities and those with severe mental illnesses). Support to people with disabilities included:
 - 127 children with disabilities received hygiene materials including diapers and soap.
 - 10 people with disabilities received assistive devices, 3 received mattresses
- | 720 adolescents and youths from Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlement attended mentorship, awareness and life skills sessions
- | Sports for Protection activities during the month included chess and football - 256 girls from Bhar-El-Naam, 245 girls from Angelina Jolie schools and 144 girls from Morneau Shepell School attended online chess training.

Child protection:

- | 31 BIAs were reviewed, and further follow up was recommended. Another five referrals were made to Registration unit for card split/merging, changes of biodata and FDCs.
- | 28 out of 31 tickets flagged to child protection through Fresh Desk platform were resolved, consolidated, and shared with the partner to initiate case management process.
- | One cross border family reunification was done involving a child from Uganda with her family In Kakuma.
- | 1,943 children in alternative care arrangement and those receiving case management services were visited to track their progress and monitor their wellbeing

RST and Complementary Pathways

- | A total of 1,688 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries
- | 32 Individuals departed to Canada through complementary pathways
- | 2 individuals departed through WUSC education scholarships, one was admitted at the Africa Leadership University in Rwanda, one student awarded scholarship at the Dartmouth University and 5 students awarded scholarship to the USA
- | 52 HH of 127 individuals returned voluntarily to Burundi in October, bringing the total of voluntarily repatriation to 1,178 individuals returned to Burundi.
 - The planned remaining convoys in October and November were cancelled due to lack of funds to cover for the airplanes and unconditional cash assistance provided prior to departure.

Gender Based Violence (GBV)

- | 24 (23F, 1M) new incidents were reported and received psychosocial support (Domestic Violence 5, Forced Marriage 3, Physical Assault 6, Psychological/ Emotional Abuse 4, Rape 5).
- | 728 (465 men, boys and 263 women, girls) took part in prevention activities including gender clubs, block, and neighbourhood forums, GBV trainings, GBV committees, couple's module and mass awareness.
- | 1 GBV WG meeting conducted to discuss emerging GBV trends, including rise in teenage pregnancies and plans to launch the upcoming 16 Days of Activism.

Legal and Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- | Legal assistance was provided to 207 ongoing court matters where PoCs are facing charges for contravening various provisions of the Penal Code. 36 pled 'guilty' and were sentenced and 154 pled 'not guilty' and have ongoing matters.
- | Legal aid as provided to 307 individuals detained at police stations
- | Flight Corridor Monitoring of major towns and entry points of Lodwar, Kitale, Malaba, Busia, Eldoret, Kehancha, Sirare and Migori indicate there is increased cross border travel by registered refugees, especially

Congolese, Burundian and South Sudanese, who access the territory via the border points and through undesignated crossing points.

- There are increased instances of Burundian asylum seekers facing difficulty accessing the territory due to restrictions from immigration and law enforcement officers at border entry points of Migori and Busia.
- Registered refugees are still traveling in and out of the designated area and out of the territory despite being registered in Kenya, exposing them to threats of arrest and other rights violations.

Dadaab

- The Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) monitors recorded 3,437 (3,216 arrivals, 221 spontaneous returns) individuals having crossed the borders into either Kenya or back to Somalia through the Abdisugow, Diif, Degelema, Dajabula, Damajale, Liboi, Amuma, Kulan, Garissa, Mwingi, El-Wak, Wajir and Mandera border points. They were advised to register their presence with the Department of Refugee Services (DRS) and UNHCR on arrival at the camps as per Section 29 of the Refugees Act, 2021 to avoid being arrested and charged with being unlawfully present in the country. Additionally, new arrivals were informed about the profiling exercise conducted by UNHCR in collaboration with DRS. RCK provided legal advice to persons arrested for immigration offenses and advised them on COVID-19 preventive measures.
- Fifty Ethiopians crossed into the country this month, compared to 43 last month, representing a 16% increase. They all came to seek informal job opportunities.
- The International Day of the Girl Child was commemorated in collaboration with Child Protection partners in Dadaab with an awareness session on the right to education for female students. The students were also sensitized on harmful cultural practices such as Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting and early marriages. They also received dignity kits.
- UNHCR distributed mosquito nets, kitchen sets, blankets and sleeping mats to 19,649 new arrivals with specific needs.

Child Protection

- 33 adolescent mothers in Dagahaley camp attended two psychosocial sessions
- Best interest determination (BID) was conducted for four (4) unaccompanied children.
- Ten children were engaged in "YOU CREATE", a participatory art-based action to address their concerns in the community.
- Thirty-eight children were identified, assessed, and offered appropriate support related to their protection needs across the camps (included separation, neglect, as well as survivors of GBV).

People with specific needs (PSNs)

- Four (4) community outreach workers received bicycles and Kes 2,500 each to facilitate their movements. The workers continued home visits and referred PSNs to appropriate services.
- 798 older persons received psychosocial support, counselling, case assessment and documentation, and referrals to other agencies for support.
- 391 Persons with Disabilities were attended to at the Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre.
- The Quarantine Centre remained operational in October 2022 and received 81 new admissions
- 238 people received psychological first aid at Ifo hospital
- World Mental Health Day celebrations were held with the support of the Kenya Red Cross, partners, and community members at Ifo camp on 10 October
- 854 youth across the camps participated in sports tournaments and youth-led group training surveys.
- 90 youth participated in the monthly youth coordination meetings across the three camps. Among the issues discussed were the shortage of water in the camps and the increasing number of new arrivals who are currently reliant on fellow refugees.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

- 17 POCs and 7 DRC staff took part in a 3-day workshop on capacity development in Ifo to discover means to engage in a structured capacity development process and expectations related to GBV interventions.

- Sixty-five target groups from the refugee community were provided with psychosocial support in the Dagahaley and Ifo camps.
- Sixty-nine new arrivals, including four with disabilities, were screened at the Dagahaley GBV profiling desk; two survivors were referred for further support.

Urban

Legal

- **Moyale mission to assess Ethiopian migrants displaced by drought:** UNHCR, IOM and DRS went to assess the situation of Ethiopians displaced by drought to Kenya-Moyale Border from 17 – 21 October. A total of 642 households of 3,782 individuals (1,889 male and 1,893 female) were recorded. 50 people were identified with special needs representing 1.3% of the population.
 - Following the mission, series of meetings have been undertaken with WFP, IOM and County Commissioner's office for possible provision of food to the displaced and their host communities. Other protection and assistance needs identified include safe shelter, clean water, medical support and GBV mitigation related services.
- **Camp relocation:** 91 PoCs were assisted with transport to Kakuma, coordinated by UNHCR, DRS and HIAS.
- **Civil Registration:** UNHCR attended a planning workshop for development of National Civil Registration & Vital Statistics Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028, from 10- 14 October. Participants drawn from CRS, WHO, UNHCR and Ministry of Interior (planning department) took stock of the progress and lessons learnt from the implementation of the 2018 – 2023 strategic plan and agreed on the next steps to engage more stakeholders in the process
- **The Helpline** received a total of 24,184 calls in October, with 23,195 being received during regular service hours. Of these, a total of 17,438 calls were answered, representing 75% of the received calls. The top incoming language queue was Swahili and the top category was Documentation.
 - UNHCR Kenya's Helpline was also represented at the 'Contact Centre workshop' in Istanbul. The Workshop was organized by the Accountability to Affected Persons unit with the intention of understanding how current contact centres operate and what improvements can be made across the organization.
- 240 cases were scheduled for individual protection counselling at General Mathenge.
A total of 71 vulnerability and needs assessments were conducted among persons of concern, with 33 being Persons with Specific Needs.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 92,038 (38% female) learners attending 55 camp-based schools were supported during the reporting period.
- 42 refugee and host community girls participated in the 2022 County Level Kenya Music Festivals (KMF) championships held in Lodwar emerging the best in 15 items presented. The team will now proceed to represent Turkana County at the Rift-Valley regional level competitions to be held in Kitale in September.
- 1,500 pairs of uniforms were distributed to most vulnerable learners in Kakuma and Kalobeyei primary schools, cushioning parents/guardians from the cost of buying uniforms and improving school attendance.
- 6200 textbooks and teacher guides were procured and distributed to 27 primary schools in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. This has enhanced the student-textbook ratios and improved quality of learning in schools.
- 40 (20F) schools Boards of Management were trained on school management.
- In partnership with the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) - Student Refugee Program (SRP), 164 (49F) refugee secondary school graduates from Kakuma and Kalobeyei have been shortlisted for a higher education scholarships opportunity in Canada. Further interviews for final selection are planned for October 2022.

Dadaab

- The average school attendance rate was 85% and 78% for primary and secondary schools, respectively.
- 7,835 assorted Competency Based Curriculum textbooks for PP1 to Grade 6 and primary textbooks for Class 7 and 8 donated by UNHCR were distributed to 22 primary Schools within the camps. The supply helped to reduce the ratio of textbooks to learners to 1:3 hence enhancing quality teaching and learning in the camps.
- 165 (53F) stakeholders were trained on support to Children with Disabilities (CwDs) in and out of schools.
- 310 (121F) learners with disability were identified to be enrolled in cash-based intervention under complementary funding, LWF-ECHO-HI project.
- The education team carried out routine monitoring visits to schools in Ifo and Dagahaley camps with focus on pupil and teacher attendance, management of School Meals Program, progress in the administration of Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) assessment, school hygiene and assessment of the digital learning programmes.
- 20 (8F) teachers at Hagadera were trained on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) to improve learning experience in schools. The training empowered the teachers with skills to identify learners experiencing psychological distress as well as promoting mental health in schools.



CASH-BASED INTERVENTION (CBI)

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- USD 559,550 (KES 66,586,320) was distributed to 171,780 individuals (36,778 households) in Kakuma Camps and Kalobeyei Settlements, with 76%, 22%, and 2% cash disbursed for CRIs, Energy, and Voluntary repatriation respectively.
- KES 50,628,630 was disbursed to 171,780 individuals (79,822F) from 36,778 households to procure hygiene items.
- KES 14,547,540 was disbursed to 171,780 individuals (including 79,822 females) from 36,778 households to procure cooking items in Kakuma.
- 79 individuals (including 39 females) from 15 households of 79 individuals in Kakuma and Kalobeyei were assisted with cash for voluntary repatriation to Burundi, as a pre-departure package with the amount totalling USD 11,850.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- 531 skilled deliveries were recorded across the various health facilities during the reporting period.
- 700 mental health consultations took place during the reporting period.
- 8 emergency cases in need of specialized care not available in Kakuma and diagnostic imaging services were referred from Kakuma to Lodwar. Additionally, 152 individuals were referred to Kakuma Mission Hospital for imaging services.
- The cumulative number of COVID-19 cases stood at 1,351 by the end of August. 21,023 samples have been collected and analysed.
- During the reporting period, 27,233 out of a target of 96,539 PoCs, and 941 out of 1,155 targeted humanitarian workers had been fully vaccinated. Additionally, 86 humanitarian workers and 2,209 PoCs had received booster vaccine doses.

Dadaab

- 2 COVID-19 cases were recorded during the reporting period.
- The Dengue fever outbreak in Hagadera camp was successfully declared controlled.
- Cases of acute watery diarrhoea increased by 14%. Hygiene promotion and sensitization of communities continued throughout the period with increased water pumping hours by 3 hours.
- 4,980 women and girls accessed sexual and reproductive health services at the various service points in the camps.
- 38 women were managed for post-abortion care.
- Provision of safe motherhood interventions was achieved through 24-hour mama-taxi referral services, adequate community linkages and provision of comprehensive emergency obstetric and new-born care.
- During the reporting period 4 blood drives were conducted yielding 234 units of blood.
- 69.6% of mothers completed antenatal care and 95% of all deliveries were conducted by skilled personnel. The caesarean section rate was 5.3%.
- 121 persons (8 from host community) living with HIV continued to receive ARTs.
- 68 patients were referred (3 to Nairobi, 65 to Garissa) during the reporting period.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Kakuma

- During the reporting period, 362 admissions (340 refugees and 22 nationals) in the Outpatient Therapeutical Program (OTP) and 1,739 admissions (1708 refugees and 31 nationals) in the Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) for children under five years were recorded.
- 44 malnourished, pregnant and lactating women were admitted into the SFP programme.
- 56 (15 nationals) severely malnourished children were admitted into the Stabilization Centre (SC) with medical complications.
- Six deaths were reported in the SC. Partners are working closely with County Ministry of Health for timely follow-up of referred cases from host community for continuity of care to minimize the risk of death.
- The performance indicators for children under five years with acute malnutrition remained within the recommended SPHERE standards where the recovery rates were >75% for both OTP and SFP.
- Promotion of optimal Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) practices through 70 active support groups continued during the month with 93 sessions facilitated reaching 719 caregivers with key maternal, infant, and young childcare messages.
- 79 children were presented at the facilities as Family MUAC referrals.
- 5 new orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) were supported with breastmilk substitutes in August with home visits to monitor milk preparation and their progress as well as support with nutrition counselling.
- Baby-friendly community initiative (BFCI) training was done in Kalobeyei Village 1 reaching 24 community health workers.

Dadaab

- During the reporting period, management of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and severe acute malnutrition (SAM) was maintained through the stabilization centres.
- During the reporting period, there was a decline by 21% and 20% in admission of SAM and MAM respectively noted across all camps despite a rise in new arrivals.
- 500 caregivers were trained and equipped with MUAC tapes and referral slips.
- The program performance indicators were maintained within recommended sphere standards.



ACCESS TO ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- Solar modules installation was completed at 2 Don Bosco facilities, 8 schools and 3 health facilities in Kakuma 3 & 4 Camps & Kalobeyei Settlement.
- Solar modules installation was completed at 11 schools in Kakuma 1 & 2 Camps.
- Electrical wiring works was completed at Tarach Pre-School.
- 77.364 Metric tonnes (MTs) of firewood (*prosopis juliflora* – an invasive species of wood) was received at firewood distribution centre 4 for storage.
- 97.88 MTs of firewood were distributed to learning institutions, reception centres, new arrivals, Child headed households and to vulnerable families in Kakuma Camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
- 415 hybrid dual-purpose cookstoves were produced and distributed in the month of August.
- 24,849 tree seedlings were propagated in August cumulatively in all the six tree nurseries, with 26,040 seedlings being distributed across Kakuma refugee camp, Kalobeyei settlement, and the host community.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- During the reporting period, 60 new transitional shelters were constructed for new arrivals.
- 222 POCs (39 HHs) benefitted from the provision of T-shelters during the reporting period.
- Construction works for the 32 permanent ISSB shelters in Ex-Dadaab transit centre ongoing with the interlocking blocks with most at roofing and finishes stages.
- Construction of 2 bus stations in Kalobeyei is in progress.
- Renovation works targeting 3 secondary schools of Ladies Girls' Secondary, Kalobeyei and Tarach mixed secondary schools for host community is in progress.
- During the reporting period, the construction of the 7km bituminous road in Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement continued.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- During the reporting period, 386 communal latrines were utilized for relocation of new arrivals from the reception centre to the community.
- Construction of two blocks of latrines and installation of 30,000 liters capacity water tank are ongoing.
- Construction of 10 additional temporary communal latrines at Kalobeyei reception centre, Rub Hall site was completed during the reporting period, and is used by PoCs.
- Construction of drainage system at the extension site of Kalobeyei reception centre is completed.
- 100,000 litres are trucked weekly to support host community neighbouring villages around Kalobeyei settlement.
- Solarization and equipping Borehole 17 at Kamunyep area is completed. Ongoing pipeline connection and extension works will minimize water challenges currently being experienced in Kalobeyei.

Dadaab

- On average, the daily water production in August from 22 operational boreholes was 10,181m³, out of which 6,552m³ was allocated to the refugee population in the three refugee camps.

- During the reporting period, 39,931 household latrines and 250 communal latrines against 58, 562 households, translating to coverage of 68.6%. 90 sanitation cleaners supported the cleaning of solid waste in the camps.
- During the reporting period, 42 hygiene promoters (HP) were engaged by WASH Partner, PWJ, in carrying out hygiene promotion campaigns in Hagadera camp, while 84 were engaged by CARE in Ifo and Dagahaley camps.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Achievement and Impact

Kakuma

- During the reporting period, nine CBOs were engaged to provide digital literacy training to 1,020 clients in the Prospects Opportunity Fund.
- During the reporting period, 320 learners were registered for NITA examinations scheduled for December 2022. Both practical and theory learning are ongoing.

Dadaab

- 60 football coaches from the junior teams (20 per camp) were trained in sports management and leadership and supported by youth with appropriate skills and experience.
- 90 (M) youths (30 in each camp) were directly involved in camp cleaning campaigns as a build-up activity for International Youth Day.
- Back to school awareness campaign in Hagadera camp was conducted by the 5 (4M, 1F) youth leaders.
- 17 football teams (16 teams of over 18 years and above, and 1 team under 17) were constituted to participate in football tournaments within the camp.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Achievement and Impact

Dadaab

- 50 cases of 143 individuals were pre-screened by the Resettlement Support Centre (RSC).
- 25 pending cases from previous missions on deferrals, baby-add-ons, biometrics etc. were verified.
- Needs assessment interviews were conducted for 13 cases of 56 individuals.
- As of 31 August, a total of 288 refugees departed to resettlement countries; 248 refugees departed for Canada and 40 to the USA. This includes 256 Somali refugees, 22 South Sudanese, 6 Ethiopians and 4 Burundians.
- 42 cases under WUSC-SRP consideration had their refugee/resettlement status verified and the same shared with the education team for further processing.
- 28 households (44 individuals) were facilitated to return to Somalia under the VolRep program during the reporting period.

Urban

- 2,387 individuals were submitted (or re-submitted) to different resettlement countries since January 2022 (all locations), out of which 732 individuals were submitted by BO Nairobi (538 to the USA; 184 to Norway; 5 to Germany and 5 to the 'unallocated quota').
- Since January 2022, resettlement departures for Kenya operation stands at 936 individuals: Canada (452), USA (364), Norway (37), Germany (28), Australia (13), France (12); The Netherlands (5); UK (3); Sweden

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- Case status verification requests and responses to various enquiries were provided to RefugePoint, US Congressional Office, the AHC, the UK, Australia and other partners and RST countries upon request.
- RST Helpline activities continued during the reporting period with about 10 PoCs who had made inquiries receiving a follow-up email/counselling.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Kenya Operation amount to 47 million US dollars. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the Kenya operation and those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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