Kenya August 2023 Operational Update #8

Key Figures

- **644,011** registered refugees and asylum seekers from over 20 countries.
- **28,973** refugees and asylum seekers arrived in Kakuma and **35,232** new arrivals registered in Dadaab, this year.
- **164,000** refugee learners enrolled in schools.
- **48,620** medical consultations conducted in Dadaab refugee camp clinics this month.
- **1,363** refugees departed through resettlement this year.
- **35%** of financial requirements for UNHCR Kenya received.

The operation is under-funded and continues to rely on strong and flexible support from government donors and private companies and individuals.

Country of Origin

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What’s going on in Kenya

Shirika Plan: UN Joint co-creation workshop

UNHCR attended a co-creation workshop with Government and UN partners to begin drafting a joint programme, to act as a guide through the implementation of the Shirika Plan. This is a pioneering approach by the Government of Kenya, that will transform refugee camps into integrated settlements and benefit 640,000 refugees and communities hosting them.
UNHCR currently supports 282,008 refugees and asylum seekers residing in both Kakuma Camp and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.

Protection
- 1,048 refugees arrived this month at reception centres. The total number of newly arrived refugees in 2023 is 28,973 people.
- 9,089 refugees and asylum seekers are in reception centres, awaiting registration. This month, 666 were successfully relocated into the community and received core relief items.
- In response to a surge in malaria cases, UNHCR provided mosquito nets to 20,065 people.
- UNHCR is supporting the 6,499 unaccompanied children with protection activities.
- 799 Refugee ID cards were processed and distributed and 544 ID applications submitted.

Education
- Over 94,000 children are attending camp-based schools.
- UNHCR supported 1,550 secondary school refugee scholars to participate in a Regional Education and Leadership Congress at the Big Heart Foundation Girls School.
- UNHCR supported training of 21 refugee teachers on basic Braille and Kenya Sign Language.
- Over-crowding and insufficient learning materials remains a big challenge.

Health
- UNHCR is supporting the Ministry of Health in responding to a measles outbreak (483 cases).
- There were 617 skilled deliveries at birth conducted by trained healthcare workers.
- A total of 943 mental health consultations were conducted for various mental health illnesses.
- The current ratio of patients per clinician per day is 79, far above UNHCR and WHO standards.

Food security and nutrition
- Malnutrition in Kakuma and Kalobeyei is acute. In 2023, 3,897 children under the age of five were admitted with severe acute malnutrition to stabilization centers, 30% are new arrivals.

Access to energy and environmental conservation
- This month, a total of 24.01MT of dead dry wood was distributed to schools, 73.64MT to reception centres and 31.95MT to child-headed households.
- To promote energy saving, 120 improved cookstoves (using less firewood) were distributed.
- 7,976 seedlings were distributed this month for re-planting.

Shelter
- UNHCR and Peace Winds Japan constructed 61 new transitional shelters for new arrivals, bringing the total to 2,599 shelters since the start of the year.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- There are 21 boreholes, generators, pumps, and solar systems that provide water to the camp population each month. The average supply is 16.78 litres per person per day (less than the SPHERE standard of 20 litres).
- To improve access to water and minimize water trucking, 360m pipeline extension to Kalobeyei Reception Centre was laid.
- 61 family-shared latrines were constructed for the new arrivals settled at Kalobeyei settlement.
DADAAB REFUGEE CAMP
UNHCR currently supports 364,401 refugees and asylum seekers across three refugee camps and the Ifo 2 settlement. Dadaab continues to receive new arrivals from Somalia, the majority (64%) fleeing due to drought and 24% due to insecurity.

Protection
• Between March 2022 and April 2023, UNHCR conducted a profiling exercise of new arrivals. 135,967 individuals were profiled and in March 2023, registration of this group commenced. By end-August, 35,232 refugees were registered by DRS and 102,175 are awaiting registration.
• Registration of new arrivals was suspended on 7 August after a network outage at the Department of Refugee Services (DRS). Internet is required to check biometrics against a national database. For this reason, there are no newly registered refugees this month.
• 2,263 refugee identity cards were distributed and 7,878 pending collection.
• The Civil Registrar came on mission this month and processed 5,000 birth certificates.
• A total of 3,364 people recorded crossing the Kenya-Somali or Kenya-Ethiopia border.

Education
• 41,197 students (18,944 female) continued to access education this month. 100 children with disabilities were supported with transport to and from schools.
• 22 teachers attended training on Braille and Kenya Sign Language, promoting inclusive learning.

Health
• A total of 48,620 consultations were conducted at an average of 88 consultations per clinician per day. This is an increase from the previous month.
• Four new polio cases were confirmed, raising the number to 8. Whilst mass polio vaccination was conducted reaching 118,656 children under the age of 5.
• Referral mechanisms continue and 47 patients referred to Garissa County Hospital this month.

Food security and nutrition
• A decrease in acute malnutrition was recorded again this month, attributed to intensified efforts of partners.

Shelter
• No shelters are currently being constructed. 3,963 newly registered refugees were supported with tarpaulins and rope as part of shelter support.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
• UNHCR, together with CARE, provided WASH services to the refugee population via a pipeline network of 236km, and relayed to 812 tap stands.
• On average, the daily per person water allocation is 19.8 litres.
URBAN

UNHCR supports a population of **96,989** refugees and asylum seekers who have been authorized by the Government to reside in urban areas, though there is an unknown number of others who have relocated from the camps without authorization.

Protection
- UNHCR and the Department of Refugee Services (DRS) continued to provide counseling sessions and follow-ups to refugees based in urban locations. Addressing issues like insecurity, gender-based violence (GBV), economic hardship, and limited livelihood opportunities.
- In August, the UNHCR helpline forwarded 2,859 appointment requests to different UNHCR units.
- This month, 14 refugees and asylum seekers were supported to relocate from Nairobi to Kakuma.

Refugee Status Determination (RSD)
- The RSD eligibility panel meeting was held this month with a total of 1,158 individuals presented from Kakuma and Nairobi.
- A total of 165 individuals were interviewed this month, whilst 207 assessments were completed. The number of asylum seekers in the urban area for whom the RSD process needs to start stands at 33,817.

Statelessness
- Haki Centre supported the Civil Registration Services and National Registration Bureau to distribute birth certificates and Kenyan IDs to the Pemba community, a further step in eradicating statelessness in the country.

Complementary pathways
- UNHCR partner, RefugePoint, launched their new labour mobility programme to Canada this month, with vocational opportunities e.g. chefs; construction and labourers; carpenters; front desk clerks.
- 10 Refugees in Kenya have been selected for a UNICORE scholarship for university studies in Italy and UNHCR has started the Convention Travel Document (CTD) process with the Government of Kenya.

Durable Solutions
- Since January 2023, a total of 3,202 individuals were submitted to different resettlement countries and 1,363 individuals have departed to countries including USA, France, Germany, Iceland, Canada, Australia, Norway, Sweden, UK, and the Netherlands.
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