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Key Figures

676,332 registered refugees and asylum seekers from over 20 countries.

275,412 residing in Kakuma Refugee Camp and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement and **302,805** in Dadaab refugee camps.

26,000 refugee children sit the national exams

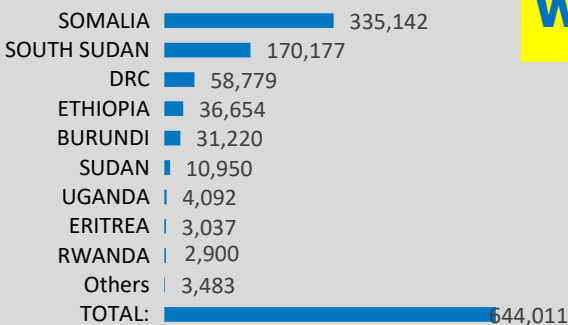
46,026 medical consultations conducted in Kakuma and Kalobeyei clinics this month

2,206 refugees departed through resettlement this year.

42% of financial requirements for UNHCR Kenya received.

The operation is under-funded and continues to seek additional, flexible funds from government donors and private companies and individuals.

Country of Origin



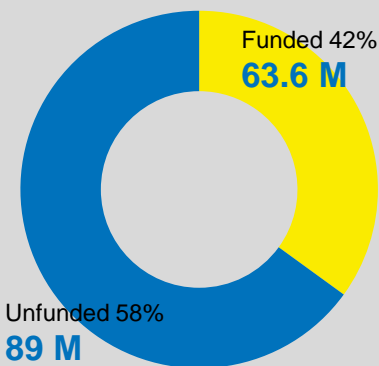
What's going on in Kenya



Latest update on the Shirika Plan

The Government's pioneering and innovative approach which will find long-term solutions for refugees and host communities was featured in a side-event at UNHCR's Executive Committee meeting in Geneva on 10 October. Attended by UNHCR High Commissioner Filippo Grandi and officials from the Government of Kenya, the event showcased this inclusive approach. The Shirika Plan is currently being finalized and will be launched in the coming months.

Funding



KAKUMA CAMP AND KALOBEYEI INTEGRATED SETTLEMENT

UNHCR currently supports **283,797** refugees and asylum-seekers, of whom **275,412** are registered by the Government and residing in both Kakuma Camp and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.

Protection

- 206 families (724 people) arrived this month at reception centres, bringing the total number of new arrivals this year to 32,999 people.
- The number of refugees in reception centres and awaiting registration decreased from 13,889 to 8,385 this month due to a verification exercise. 347 individuals were relocated into the community this month and received core relief items.
- UNHCR reached 26,592 people with life-saving information on peaceful co-existence, good hygiene and legal assistance.
- 221 refugees departed to Australia, Canada the Netherlands and USA on resettlement.



Education – examinations in Kakuma and Dadaab

National examinations started and an unprecedented 26,000 refugee children are sitting the primary and secondary exams.

This is a joint effort between the Ministry of Education, UNHCR and partners to ensure that adequate examination spaces, invigilators and security are available. Heavy rains and flooding have necessitated the use of tents as emergency spaces. Despite the logistical challenges, examinations continued.

Health

- 46,026 consultations were conducted this month.
- UNHCR is supporting the Ministry of Health in responding to a measles outbreak (531 cases).
- There were 582 skilled deliveries at birth conducted by trained healthcare workers.
- 729 mental health consultations managed for various mental health illnesses.

Food security and nutrition

- Malnutrition is acute. So far in 2023, 3,897 children under 5 years old were admitted with severe acute malnutrition to stabilization centres. This month, 429 refugee and 6 national children were admitted into the Outpatient Therapeutical Program (OTP), for care for severe malnutrition.
- The stabilization centre admitted 52 severely malnourished children with medical complications - a 30% increase from last month. Community sensitization is ongoing to prevent malnutrition.

Access to energy and environmental conservation

- This month, more than 550MMT of dead dry wood was distributed to schools, reception centres, child-headed households and to the food distribution centre for communal cooking.
- 11,837 tree seedlings were distributed this month for re-planting.

Shelter

- 208 families in Kalobeyei received the first instalment of cash to convert their shelter into permanent houses. A total of 360 permanent shelters will be constructed with this support.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- This month, UNHCR participated in Global Handwashing Day, including community awareness raising activities on sanitation and hygiene.

DADAAB REFUGEE CAMP

UNHCR currently supports **373,256** refugees and asylum seekers across three refugee camps and the Ifo 2 settlement. Of this number, **302,805** are registered.

Protection

- *A note on registration figures in Dadaab:* Between March 2022 and April 2023, UNHCR conducted a profiling exercise of new arrivals. 135,967 individuals were profiled and registration for this group started in March 2023.
- This month, with technical support from UNHCR, the Department of Refugee Services registered 14,980 refugees, bringing the total number of registered refugees this year is 55,247. 70,451 people are awaiting registration.
- 2,520 refugee ID cards were processed and 148 have been collected by refugees.
- The UNHCR Helpline responded to 235 enquiries and cases were referred to the UNHCR teams or partners. Concerns related to status of resettlement, security concerns, health and medical needs and livelihoods support.

Education

- The 2023 final Kenya national examinations started on 19 October. 6,206 UNHCR-supported refugee students (5,337 in primary school and 869 in secondary) in Dadaab camps are sitting for this year's national examinations and will transit to the next education level.
- 472 examination personnel consisting of centre managers, supervisors, invigilators, and police officers are involved in the examination administration and supervision.

Food Security and Nutrition

- An upward trend in acute malnutrition admissions was recorded with moderate and acute malnutrition at 1,249 and severe acute malnutrition at 474. This is attributed to a similar rise in acute watery diarrhoea affecting children under 5.

Health

- A total of 45,724 consultations were conducted across the various health services.
- There was a 15% increase in acute watery diarrhoea cases, following the start of rainy season.
- A cholera outbreak was confirmed at Hagadera camp (5 cases). UNHCR responded with household disinfection and communicating risks to the community and continues to closely monitor.
- Four polio cases were confirmed raising the total cases to 12. The second round of polio vaccinations targeting 0-15 years was completed, vaccinating 238,447 children.

Shelter

- UNHCR supported 4,191 newly registered refugees to move into the Ifo 2 Settlement with shelter materials.
- The construction of the European Union-funded Dadaab Level IV hospital which is meant to serve the host and refugee communities within the region is ongoing.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- Water quality sampling was conducted this month, with 48 samples collected from households and tested for bacteriological contamination.
- Targeted disinfection for 573 homes and 833 latrines was delivered.
- Households of victims of suspected cholera contraction were visited for sanitary inspection and information was shared on prevent and risk.

URBAN

UNHCR supports a population of **98,115** refugees and asylum seekers who have been authorized by the Government to reside in urban areas.

Protection

- The UNHCR helpline continues to respond to high volume of calls. In October, 24,791 calls were answered. Refugees were provided with relevant information and a 2,190 made appointment requests to different UNHCR units.
- 345 refugees and asylum-seekers attended two focus group discussions conducted by DRS and UNHCR in Nakuru and Mombasa. The purpose was to obtain feedback and to develop the refugee leadership election guidelines following earlier focus groups in Nairobi.
- An outreach activity took place in Kawangware on 27 October as a platform to share information and receive feedback from 189 members of the refugee community. UNHCR responded to issues including registration and documentation, education scholarships and resettlement.



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World Mental Health Day

On 10 October UNHCR participated in a World Mental Health Day event at the Mathari Training and Referral Hospital. The celebration included a community walk, tree planting and inspiring speeches to share the message of reducing the stigma around mental health.

Durable Solutions

- Since January 2023, a total of 3,562 individuals were submitted to different resettlement countries and 2,206 departed to countries including USA (1,310), Australia (316), Germany (239), Canada (127), The Netherlands (115), UK (43), Norway (22), France (15), Iceland (11) and Sweden (8).
- During this month, 57 assessments were conducted and 97 individuals are now ready to return to Burundi but due to financial constraints the repatriation was put on hold until next year.

Complementary pathways

- During the month of October, a total of 5 refugees left for Italy through education pathways (UNICORE) to study at different Italian universities. Watch the video of their warm arrival in Italy [HERE](#).
- Around 196 refugees left for Canada through community private sponsorship.

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