



Excited students get ready to depart Kakuma refugee camp on ELIMU scholarships, supported by the Government of Kenya.

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Key Figures

714,137 registered refugees and asylum-seekers from over 20 countries.

275,953 residing in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement and

338,224 in Dadaab Refugee Camps.

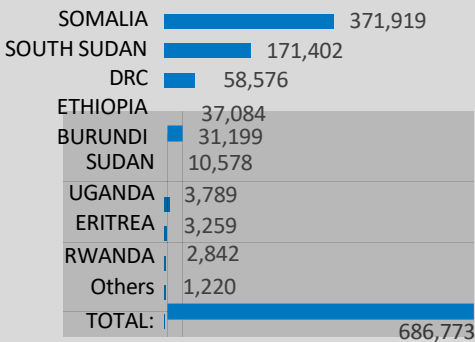
86% of refugees living in camps.

10,080 calls answered on the UNHCR Helpline.

19% 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

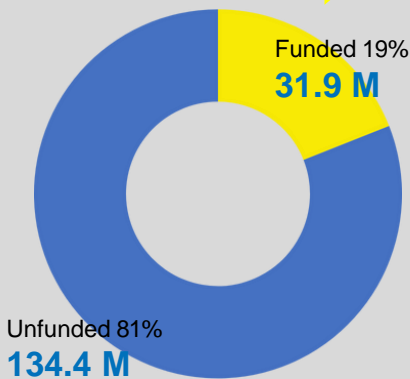


What's going on in Kenya



The Danish delegation from the Novo Nordisk Foundation and the Ambassador of Denmark to Kenya with the UNHCR Kenya Representative, Head of Kakuma Sub-Office and UNHCR Kenya's Senior Public Health Officer, at the UNHCR Sub-office in Kakuma. ©UNHCR

Funding



Refugee inclusion and better health is key to new Danish partnership in Turkana County

This month, UNHCR Kenya welcomed representatives from the Novo Nordisk Foundation and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to Kakuma refugee camp and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.

The new partnership will improve access to healthcare for all, by strengthening health facilities in refugee hosting areas of Kalobeyei.

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KAKUMA CAMP AND KALOBYEI INTEGRATED SETTLEMENT

UNHCR currently supports 275,953 refugees and asylum-seekers, residing in both Kakuma Camp and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.

Protection

- The Department of Refugee Services (DRS) registered 4,491 people, and 2,856 await registration.
- 1,115 new arrivals were relocated into the camp, whilst 8,978 await relocation in reception centres.
- 164 unaccompanied and 258 separated children were identified among the new arrivals and provided with assistance and 203 children reunified with relatives. 287 vulnerable children in reception centres received material support and 2,474 children accessed child friendly spaces.
- 224 departed Kakuma for resettlement.

Education

- Schools re-opened in January and 90,594 students are currently enrolled. Of the 9,500 students that sat the KCPE examinations in October 2023, 5,890 students passed and left for secondary schools.
- 4,512 students were awarded 4-year ELIMU scholarships, supported by the Government of Kenya, and 3,500 departed Kakuma to begin their studies in public schools.

Livelihoods and economic inclusions

UNHCR Kenya welcomed the U.S. Ambassador to Kakuma and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement. The Ambassador visited the Renewvia Energy solar mini-grid providing green energy to 2,500 households, and then met with business owners.



The U.S. Ambassador listens to refugee business leaders in Kakuma. @UNHCR

Food security and nutrition

- 395 children under 5 years were admitted in the Outpatient Therapeutical Program and 1,753 in the Supplementary Feeding Program as well as 57 malnourished pregnant and lactating women.
- The stabilization centre admitted 77 severely malnourished children with medical complications.
- WFP distributed 60% of the food basket rations and is expected to reduce further next month.

Health

- 57,979 consultations were conducted this month. Average consultation per clinician was 120, higher than SPHERE standards. 688 mental health consultations conducted.
- UNHCR supports the Ministry of Health in responding to measles outbreak (1,119 cases since March 2023).
- There were 560 skilled deliveries at birth conducted by trained healthcare workers.
- 14,500 packets of sanitary kits, donated by USCRI, were delivered to schools for 5,000 girls.

Access to energy and environmental conservation

- 66.15MT of dead dry wood was distributed to schools and 72.78MT to the reception centres.
- 4,509 tree seedlings distributed and 10,200 seedlings produced for further distribution.
- The solarisation of the UNHCR compound continues 1,400 solar panels completed.

Shelter

- Benches and sheds for the sports complex in Kalobeyei were installed and 12 temporary shelters constructed for refugees with protection vulnerabilities.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- 756 kg of chlorine was used to treat water at 22 boreholes (19 are solarized), whilst indoor residual spraying for vector control and environmental hygiene benefited 8,000 refugees.

DADAAB REFUGEE CAMP

UNHCR currently supports **378,259** refugees and asylum seekers across three refugee camps and the Ifo 2 settlement. Of this number, **338,224** 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 DRS registered 13,568 refugees, bringing the total registered number this year to 13,568, mostly from the profiled population.
- 7,252 refugees were supported with core relief items including sleeping mats, kitchen sets, buckets, plastic sheeting and soap.
- A total of 1,617 asylum-seekers were recorded to have crossed the Kenya-Somalia and Kenya-Ethiopia borders this month.

Education

- UNHCR is supporting 23 primary and 6 secondary schools in Dadaab supporting 45,077 students (19,807 are girls).
- 914 refugee KCPE candidates were successfully placed under the Government of Kenya's Elimu scholarship programme for secondary education.
- 22 primary schools were registered as refugee public schools and issued with registration certificates issued by the Ministry of Education.
- 878 copies of assorted grade 8 textbooks, Teacher Guides, and learner books were distributed to 15 Junior Secondary Schools to enhance the quality of teaching and learning.

Food Security and Nutrition

- There was an overall 20% reduction in acute malnutrition cases recorded with 1,541 admissions of moderate acute malnutrition and 1,194 severe acute malnutrition compared to 1,905 and 1,444 respectively in the previous period and since the surge in the previous month.
- 2,000 mothers and caregivers were trained on family mid-upper arm circumference, contributing to screening of 20,191 children under 5 years for acute malnutrition to improve early case finding.

Health

- UNHCR supported 11 health centers and there were 1,622 consultations in January.
- There was a total of 690 skilled deliveries.
- Polio outbreak response continued with an immunization campaign conducted 27-31 January reaching 247,515 children under 15 years in the camps. No cholera or measles outbreak was confirmed during the period under review.

Shelter

- UNHCR demarcated 48 household plots for Eritrean refugees relocated from Wajir and were later settled in Ifo2.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- 168 latrine slabs and 372 wooden poles were distributed to vulnerable households to support construction of own latrines by refugees.

URBAN

UNHCR supports a population of **99,960** refugees and asylum seekers who have been authorized by the Government to reside in urban areas.

Protection

- This month 10,080 calls to the UNHCR Helpline were answered and 1,379 appointments made.
- 13 vulnerable children were supported by a Best Interest Procedure, enabling UNHCR to identify protection concerns and provide assistance.
- 25 individuals with specific needs, including disabilities, received support, including medical, psychosocial, and financial assistance.
- UNHCR continues to support survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). 19 assessments were conducted to identify needs and possible assistance.
- 50 solar bulbs were donated by Nairobi Nights for Diwali campaign, aiding refugee-led organizations and children's homes in Nairobi without electricity.



Solar bulbs are handed over to refugees in Nairobi. @UNHCR

Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- In January 2024, 245 people were scheduled for interviews, 263 assessments were completed and 265 individual cases were reviewed.
- A total of 37,615 asylum-seekers in the urban areas are awaiting the RSD process to begin.

Education

- 110 new students joined schools through the Urban Education programme scholarship. 45 learners joined secondary schools, 55 primary schools and 10 learners with disabilities joined special needs schools in urban areas.
- UNHCR is supporting 328 learners to attend schools in urban areas in 2024 with 218 continuing and 110 new learners.

Health

- 21 new vulnerable households were enrolled in the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) in January. So far, a total of 8,242 households have been supported by UNHCR to enroll in the NHIF, which facilitates access to public health facilities without any out-of-pocket payments.
- 260 people living in Nairobi who are not enrolled in NHIF were assisted to access secondary and tertiary care through UNHCR's referral system. In addition, 10 cases in need of lifesaving care were referred from Kakuma or Dadaab to Nairobi where they were able to access tertiary care.
- 98 people were assisted to obtain prescribed medications that were not available in public health facilities.

Durable Solutions

- In January 2024, 403 people departed for resettlement to other countries.
- This month, a total of 103 individuals were submitted (or re-submitted and including newborn babies) to different resettlement countries (Germany and the USA).
- 56 Burundians were assisted to return home from Kakuma this month as part of voluntary repatriation.

Complementary pathways

- 25 refugees left for Canada through the Canadian private sponsorship program this month.



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