

# Kenya

## February 2024

### Operational Update

## Key Figures

**744,747** registered refugees and asylum-seekers from over 20 countries.

**279,452** residing in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement and **364,432** in Dadaab Refugee Camps.

**100,863** living in urban areas.

**86 percent** of refugees living in camps.

**23,137** calls answered on the UNHCR Helpline.

**21 percent** of financial requirements for UNHCR Kenya received.

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

*Yang Yang speaks to a merchant at a market in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Turkana County, Kenya. © UNHCR*

## Country of Origin

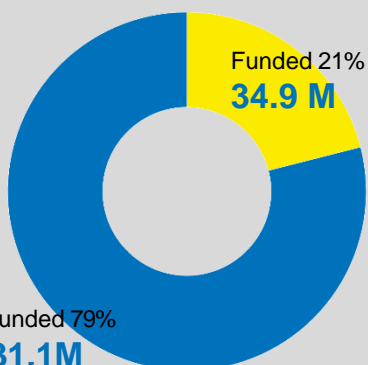
SOMALIA	415,761
SOUTH SUDAN	175,510
DRC	59,392
ETHIOPIA	38,207
BURUNDI	31,912
SUDAN	12,468
UGANDA	3,813
ERITREA	3,495
RWANDA	2,922
OTHERS	1,267
TOTAL	744,747

## What's going on in Kenya



*Yang Yang spends time with Muhidin Ahmed Dahabo, a mother of six on her visit to Kakuma refugee camp ©UNHCR*

## Funding



### Goodwill Ambassador Yang Yang visits refugees in Kakuma

This month, former speed-skater and Chinese Olympic gold medalist Yang Yang spent three days in Kakuma Refugee Camp. This was Yang's first official visit as a Goodwill Ambassador for UNHCR, a role she sees as crucial to raising awareness of the situation facing refugees and displaced people around the world.

While reflecting the trip, she said "I met some incredible people and they have inspired me. The situation here in Kakuma is challenging to say the least. But we must do more to raise their voices and I'm ready to use mine."

# KAKUMA CAMP AND KALOBEYEI INTEGRATED SETTLEMENT

UNHCR currently supports **283,969** refugees and asylum-seekers, residing in both Kakuma Camp and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement. Of this number, **279,452** are registered.

## Protection

- The Department of Refugee Services (DRS) registered 3,217 people, and 4,517 await registration.
- 1,128 new arrivals were relocated into the camp from the reception center.
- 381 unaccompanied and separated children were identified among the new arrivals and provided with assistance while 340 children reunified with relatives. 628 children accessed child friendly spaces, and 200 foster parents received training on positive parenting.

## Education

- 98,882 students are enrolled in refugee schools.
- Five children with disabilities were offered scholarships. Another 36 scholarship opportunities were offered to new students who have returned to school.
- 8,600 learners attended digital literacy sessions in Mathematics, English, Computer Science, and Science technology to enhance ICT integration into the curriculum learning areas.



UNHCR's Deputy High Commissioner Kelly Clements visits the Angelina Jolie Girls Boarding School. @UNHCR/Charity Nzomo

## Food security and nutrition

- 355 children under five years were admitted in the Outpatient Therapeutical Program. 1,164 children and 24 malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding mothers were admitted in the Supplementary Feeding Program.
- The stabilization centre admitted 109 severely malnourished children with medical complications.
- WFP distributed 50 percent of the food basket ration. Further reductions are expected next month.

## Health

- 55,292 consultations were conducted this month. Average consultation per clinician was above 130, higher than the SPHERE recommendation of 50 per day. 898 mental health consultations were managed.
- UNHCR continues to support the Ministry of Health in responding to the ongoing measles outbreak with 1,202 cases reported since March 2023.
- There were 483 skilled deliveries at birth conducted by trained healthcare workers.

## Access to energy and environmental conservation

- 101.27MT of dead dry wood was distributed to schools, 89.7MT to the reception centres and new arrivals as well as 6.56MT to hospitals.
- 4,241 tree seedlings were distributed while 5,300 more were produced for further distribution to conserve the environment.

## Shelter

- Construction of 360 permanent stone houses was completed. 206 temporary shelters were also constructed for refugees with protection vulnerabilities.

## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- 1,134 kg of chlorine was used to treat water at 22 boreholes (19 solarized).
- 1,450 meters of new water pipeline was connected to areas where new arrivals were settled in the Kalobeyei settlement while 55 communal family latrines were constructed.

## Livelihoods and economic inclusions

- 2,378 youths enrolled in technical and professional skills development training.
- 110 women received training to improve their traditional artisanal skills in fashion, basketry, and beadwork. This initiative empowers women and fosters economic opportunities.



## DADAAB REFUGEE CAMP

UNHCR currently supports **381,217** refugees and asylum seekers across three refugee camps and the Ifo 2 settlement. Of this number, **364,432** are registered.

### Protection

- As of 29 February 2024, the Dadaab population stood at 381,217 individuals or 76,163 households. Women and Children constitute seventy-nine percent of the Dadaab camps population.
- This month, with technical support from UNHCR, the DRS registered 25,345 refugees, bringing the total registered number this year to 38,773 mostly from the profiled population.
- Ahead of the holy month of Ramadan, Muslim religious and business leaders from Kenya were in Dadaab held talks with Somali refugees and host community members to understand their needs in the camp.



Muslim religious leaders & members from business community visit in Dadaab @UNHCR/ Mohamed Maalim

### Education

- UNHCR is supporting 45,651 students (20,042 girls) studying in 23 primary schools and six secondary schools.
- 878 copies of assorted Grade eight textbooks, Teacher Guides, and Learner Books were distributed to 15 Junior schools to enhance quality teaching and learning.
- UNHCR conducted Mental health and psychosocial services (MHPSS) in 23 primary schools throughout the month. A total of 2,250 school children (1,129 are girls) were reached during the month.

### Food Security and Nutrition

- An overall 20 percent reduction in acute malnutrition cases was recorded. In February, 1,541 admissions of moderate degree of malnutrition (MAM) and 1,194 severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were recorded compared to 1,905 and 1,444 respectively in the previous month.
- 2,000 mothers and caregivers were trained on family mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC), contributing to the screening of 20,191 children under five years for acute malnutrition to improve early case finding.

### Health

- UNHCR supported 11 health centers where 53,5421 consultations were made this month.
- In Dagahaley camp, there was a suspected dengue fever outbreak. Upon rapid testing, a total of 56 cases were line listed. No severe illness or mortalities were reported.

### Shelter

- UNHCR monitored the renovation of nine information and communications technology (ICT) centres in primary and secondary schools in Hagadera, Dagahaley and Ifo refugee camps. The centres are being improved as part of routine infrastructure improvement.

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- A total of 41,384 latrines (40,544 household latrines and 840 old and new communal latrines) were completed in Ifo 2. This is a 54 percent coverage of 76,410 households.

## URBAN

UNHCR supports a population of **100,863** refugees and asylum seekers who have been authorized by the Government to reside in urban areas.

### Protection

- This month UNHCR received 23,137 calls through its Helpline while 3,341 appointments were made.
- On Saturday 3 February, UNHCR mobilized provided to people affected and displaced by a fire explosion in Embakasi, Nairobi.



*UNHCR Kenya, coordinates the delivery of non-food items with local authorities and partners. @UNHCR*

### Health

- 18 new vulnerable households were enrolled into the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) with support from UNHCR. This brings the current total of vulnerable households being supported to 8,428.
- 112 individuals were assisted to access secondary and tertiary care in urban areas through the UNHCR referral system.
- 85 individuals were assisted to access prescription medication not available in public facilities .
- Health teams from UNHCR and the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK) participated in two community outreach activities, where health messages were shared with the community leaders. Emphasis was on importance of self-enrollment into NHIF, and availability of health facilities in urban areas.

### Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- In February 2024, 330 individuals were scheduled for interviews, 308 assessments were completed, and 284 individual cases were reviewed.
- A total of 35,553 asylum-seekers are awaiting the Refugee Status Determination (RSD) in urban areas.

### Education

- This month, 110 new students joined various schools to continue their education. Windle International Kenya, UNHCR's urban partner, organized separate forums for parents of grade one students and children with disabilities as well as with new high school scholarship beneficiaries and their parents.

### Statelessness

- On 20 February UNHCR, Haki Centre and the Government of Kenya had a community engagement in Nyumba Mbovu, Kwale County with 20 representatives from the Rundi community to discuss progress of the ongoing development of the community register and challenges encountered in data collection.
- On 21 and 22 February, the Department of Immigration issued 22 citizenship certificates to the Makonde people who had not collected their certificates. 167 certificates are pending issuance.

### Durable Solutions

- Since January 2024, resettlement departures for Kenya operation stands at 729 persons.
- Since January 2024, a total of 436 individuals were submitted or re-submitted (including newborn babies) to Germany and the USA).

### Complementary pathways

- This month, 67 refugees left for Canada through private sponsorship.



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