

Kenya

01 –31 DECEMBER 2019

27,128 refugees and asylum seekers were registered in 2019; **13,241** in urban areas, **13,639** in Kakuma and **248** in Dadaab.

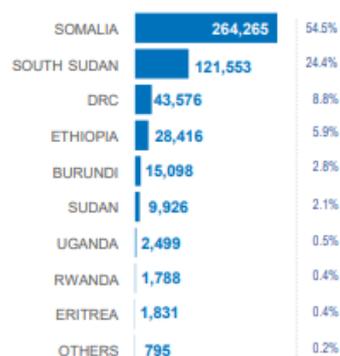
85,067 Somalis have been assisted to return to Somalia under the voluntary repatriation programme since 2014, of these **2,142** in 2019. In addition, **742** Burundians have been assisted to return home since the beginning of 2018.

By end of December 2019, there were **217,151** (44%) refugees in Dadaab, **193,684** (40%) and in Kakuma & Kalobeyei Settlement, **78,912** (16%) in urban areas.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

488,867 refugees and asylum-seekers as of 31 Dec 2019

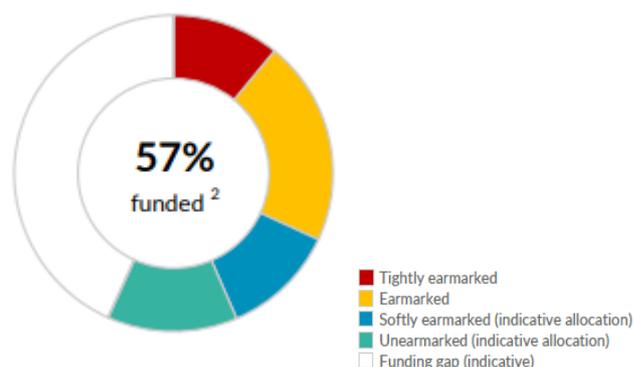
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



FUNDING (AS OF 09 DECEMBER 2019)

USD \$170.1 million

UNHCR requirement for the Kenya operation for 2019



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

266 National Staff

48 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Nairobi

1 Field Offices in Alinjukur

2 Sub Office in Dadaab and Kakuma



A mix of refugee and Kenyan athletes who took part in the 10km senior men's race at a cross country event in Kenya, with their coach, Thomas Mukhwana on the left. © UNHCR/Caroline Opile

Working with Partners

- The Dadaab refugee operations are coordinated by UNHCR Sub-Office Dadaab, which also serves the three camps in Dadaab Sub-County. UNHCR Field Office Alinjogur is part of the larger Dadaab operation and covers Hagadera camp in Fafi Sub-County. Both UNHCR offices cooperate closely with NGOs and other international organizations including WFP, UNICEF and IOM. The main government counterparts are the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Office and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS).
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- UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya, the Turkana County Government through the Office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held including monthly meetings with refugee representatives in the camp.
- UNHCR continues to run a joint protection desk with Kenya Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) at the refugee-processing centre in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi.

Main Activities

Operational Highlights

- UNHCR facilitated a session in December at the Defence College in Karen on the role of UNHCR in Peace Support Operations. The session was attended by 60 military officers from 13 countries.
- UNHCR attended a meeting on Devolution and Migration organised by Kenya Human Rights Commission. Representatives from all the county assemblies attended the meeting and presented their written comments on the draft Migration Policy. Issues relating to refugees, stateless persons and asylum seekers in Kenya were discussed.
- The European Union (EU) Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen, visited Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement to meet with refugees and Kenyans who are benefitting from EU funded projects in Turkana West. She was accompanied by the Head of EU Delegation in Kenya, Ambassador Simon Mordue.
- The Regional Deputy Refugee Coordinator (PRM), Ms. Ketura Brown, officially opened a newly constructed emergency wing at the Kakuma Referral Hospital in Kakuma camp. The US funded emergency wing will benefit both refugees and Kenyans living in Turkana West Sub County.
- Refugee and Kenyan youth living in Turkana west sub-county, on 5 – 7 December 2019, showcased their skills in music, dance, modelling, comedy, and wrestling during the 6th Annual Kakuma Got Talent event themed 'My Talent My Treasure.' The talent search event, organised by UNHCR's partner for Youth Protection and Development the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), is aimed at identifying new talents, nurturing and promoting talents as a sustainable means of livelihoods.
- Nine (9) refugees were among the athletes who competed in the 2nd Athletics Kenya Cross Country series on 14th December 2019. The athletes made their debut in the 6 Kilometres Junior and 10 Kilometre men races in Sotik, Western Kenya.

Protection

Protection Delivery

- The Helpline received a total of 3,018 calls in the month of December. This represents a reduction of 27.1% from the previous month. The biggest call driver was Protection (23.76%) followed by Resettlement (20.94%). The most used language was Swahili, followed by Somali and then English.

Education

- DAFI monitoring and orientation of new scholars took place in December. Three universities (Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Moi University and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology- Nakuru Campus) were visited to review their MoUs and they all expressed their willingness to renew the MoUs.
- Two schools, located within one of the camps in Dadaab that were closed by UNHCR and handed over to host government, are now in the process of getting registered as public schools. The schools will become the first schools to be re-opened for use by the host community in Dadaab, transitioning them from refugee schools to public schools. However, more support is needed to ensure that renovations, WASH systems, school furniture and facilities are restored.

Health

- 71,608 children below 5 years received polio vaccine in the month of December 2019. The polio immunization campaign was conducted in collaboration with and under the supervision of the Ministry of Health and reached both refugee and Kenyan children.
- UNHCR and Health partners continued to respond to a cholera outbreak in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement. As of 31 December 2019, 176 cases of cholera had been line-listed, with 134 cases in Kakuma camp, 5 cases from Kakuma town, 21 cases in Kalobeyei settlement and 16 cases from the surrounding host community. All cases were treated and discharged with no reported mortality.

Food Security and Nutrition

- An annual health and nutrition survey was completed in Kakuma in December 2019 with preliminary results showing a GAM 9.6% and SAM of 0.4% compared to 12.1% and 2.3% in 2018.
- Food assistance remains far from meeting Recommended Daily Intake of the population and leads to deteriorating nutrition status especially among young children and women.

Water and Sanitation

- UNHCR and health partners undertook an assessment of the impact of the rains and floods in the refugee camps. It was noted that sanitation and hygiene campaigns should be increased, and families affected by rains, assisted with non-food items.
- 19 boreholes remain operational and are supplying water to the population in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. The average per capita consumption stood at 19.28 litres and 17.55 litres per person per day in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement respectively.
- UNHCR supplied on average of 26 litres of water per person per day per capita from 22 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. Nineteen (19) of these boreholes operate on Solar PV- Diesel hybrid system.

Shelter, NFIs and CBI

- Cumulatively, 1,419 households (7,554 individuals) constructed a total of 2,109 permanent houses in Kalobeyei settlement through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter programme in 2019. A total of KES 328,391,200 distributed in the framework of shelter project during the year.

- In 2019 (Jan-Dec), on average, 6,419 households (32,854 individuals) received the cash assistance through UNHCR's CBI for Core Relief Items and total of KES 97,563,950 was distributed to cover the costs of the various sanitary needs.

Environmental rehabilitation

- UNHCR continues to work with the Garissa County Ministry of Environment on the roadmap on energy, environment, natural resources and agriculture as part of Dadaab Solutions.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- As part of the financial inclusion advocacy, three workshops were conducted in Kakuma, Dadaab and Nairobi during the month of December. Microfinance institutions undertook a 3-day mission to explore the camps and where they met with refugee entrepreneurs.
- In an effort to link refugees with private sector investments, UNHCR in partnership with L'Oreal, a French personal care company, upskilled 65 refugee entrepreneurs through a one-week hairdressing and make-up training in December. The refugee entrepreneurs, now cosmetologists, also received a professional start-up kit courtesy of L'Oreal.
- Turkana County Government raised Kes.3 Million in revenue from over 2500 business in Kakuma in 2019. This represent an increase of Kes.1.1 Million raised in 2018. In 2019, the County Government automated its services to include M-Pesa and online banking.

Durable Solutions

Voluntary Repatriation

- UNHCR conducted a joint mission with the Ethiopian Embassy to Kakuma and Dadaab Refugee camps and met Ethiopian refugees who have expressed interest in voluntary repatriation.
- In December, four repatriation flights were organized from Dadaab, facilitating the travel of 154 individuals comprising of 53 households back to Somalia. Majority (81) individuals returned to Baidoa and 73 to Mogadishu.

Resettlement

- The Kenya operation has cumulatively submitted 4,1160 individuals for resettlement consideration, surpassing the revised target of 4,000 in 2019. The submissions were made mainly to, Australia, Canada, France, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, and USA.
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Dadaab Solutions

- The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) visited Dadaab/Garissa from 2-4 of December 2019 to better understand the needs and possibilities for private sector involvement in the region, for aligning efforts with their work and the County- and Sub-County Level Administration (GISDP).
- A deregistration exercise for Kenyans registered as refugees and vice versa was commenced by the Government of Kenya late last year and once completed, Kenyans registered as refugees will be recognized as such and will enjoy their full rights as citizens, while refugees who have obtained national ID cards will be given the correct status.

Statelessness

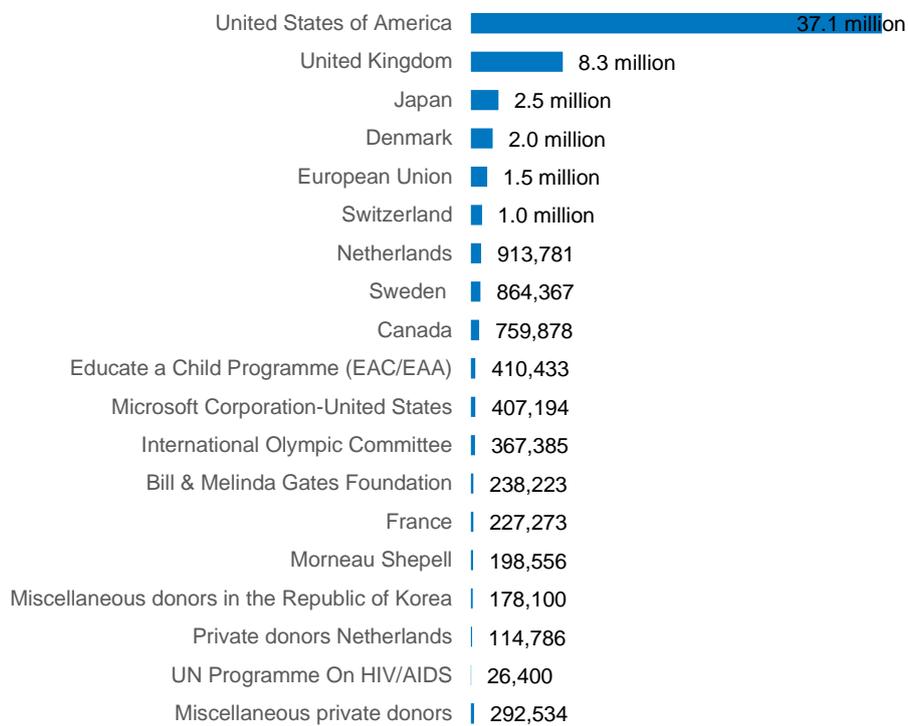
- UNHCR participated in a regional workshop aimed to draw an advocacy strategy to eliminate childhood statelessness. The workshop aimed to create legal awareness on childhood statelessness, its causes as well as solutions to end the phenomenon including through universal birth registration.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 104.3 million**.

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