1 PROTECTION

1.1 Legal Assistance and Legal Remedies
• Kituo Cha Sheria observed criminal proceedings against 40 persons of concern (“PoCs”) that were arrested for camping outside near the office. They were charged with Depositing Refuse on Land Not Approved as a Dumping Site. UNHCR and Kituo separately visited the PoCs at Nairobi West Prison (26 PoCs) and Langata Women’s Prison (3 PoCs) to monitor their situation. Of the 40, 12 of the PoCs were released after pleading guilty to the charges. UNHCR posted bail (KES 5000) bail for 14 of the PoCs that pled not guilty and wanted to go to trial. Bail decisions for 3 PoCs is pending a Children’s Officer Report.

1.2 Protection & Detention Monitoring
• UNHCR and its partner Kituo Cha Sheria continue to monitor the protection situation of persons of concern residing in the urban areas. During the reporting period, interventions were made for 44 persons of concern who had been arrested and charged in various courts for different offences. 14 police stations and four prisons were visited as part of the monthly detention monitoring activities.

1.3 UNHCR Helpline
• The helpline received a total of 6486 calls during the month. Of these, 4278 were answered in the first instance representing 65.95%. The largest call driver was resettlement followed by protection and RSD.

1.4 Child Protection
• Through the month of March, a total of 22 Best Interests’ Assessments (“BIAs”) were conducted (13 for Mombasa and 9 for Nairobi); One BID panel was convened where 21 cases were paneled and approved for resettlement and family reunification.
• A total of 14 social assessments were conducted (8 for Mombasa and 6 for Nairobi).
• A 6-day joint BIA/BID mission (UNHCR/ HIAS) to Mombasa and Marereni was conducted between 11th and 16th March 2019 by the UNHCR Child protection Assistant and HIAS BID Specialist. A total of 22 families were visited. In addition to BIAs and social assessments, monitoring was also done for those cases that were previously identified as in need. In Mombasa, the mission met with the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), Mombasa District Children’s Officer (DCO), Kenya Red Cross Society and Kituo Cha Sheria (KCS) to discuss registration, family tracing, legal representation and other issues affecting refugee children at the coast region.

1.5 Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) & other Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs)
• International Women’s Day was celebrated in Molem in Nairobi. The celebrations were attended by UNHCR, Implementing Agency and Government Representatives. More than 200 Persons of Concern and Kenyans attended the celebration. The celebration created awareness on Prevention, Mitigation and Response to SGBV in line with the theme “Think equal, build smart, innovate for change”.
• New Arrivals relocation to the camp: A total of 86 Persons of Concern were assisted to relocate to the camps. 83 of them were relocated to Kakuma while 3 were relocated to Dadaab.

1.6 Registration
• Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) conducted new registration of 1,281 individuals. Of these, 25% (324) arrived before 2019, 73% (930) arrived in 2019 and 2% (27) new-born (birth). Registration was conducted in Nakuru (18), Mombasa (203) and Nairobi (1,060). The Majority of the new arrivals originated from Burundi (182).
Democratic Republic of the Congo - DRC (514), Eritrea (27), Ethiopia (125), Somalia (340), South-Sudan (47), and other nationalities (46); bringing the total urban population to 75,701 refugees and asylum seekers.

- Nairobi received a request from other UNHCR offices to verify refugee status of eleven (11) refugees who had sought asylum in other countries outside Kenya.
- The e-filing project that began in February 2018 to digitize asylum seekers’ and refugees’ files with Boldata Systems Ltd. Company continues. 118,677 files have been scanned and digitized. Of these, 49,374 were digitally separated and ready to be uploaded in the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) platform. The digitized are from three locations i.e. UNHCR, Kate and RAS (Shauri Moyo).

1.7 Refugees Status Determination (RSD) and Capacity Development

- The Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”) convened on 29 March and considered 784 asylum-seekers. Of these, 2 cases/individuals were recommended for rejection.
- 696 individuals were approved as refugees by the Commissioner for Refugee Affairs during this period.
- 219 RSD interviews were conducted, of which 168 were initial interviews.
- On 22 March, UNHCR conducted an interactive training session with RAS Eligibility staff on printing appointment slips in proGres v4 to ensure standardization of RSD related procedures and documents.

2 EDUCATION AND SPORTS

- Monitoring was done for secondary schools in Coast and Western region. A total of 56 students were visited. No indiscipline cases were reported and most of the students are putting effort in academics. For those struggling with academics, the class teachers offered education counselling and support. One student from Shimo La Tewa High School in Mombasa had left school and alternative school and foster care arrangements was sought.
- Coordination meeting with Francis Xavier Project was held on 12 March. The focus was review of implantation and tracking targets.
- A meeting with International University of Africa based in Sudan was held on 21 March. The focus was on possible expansion of university scholarship opportunities.
- DAFI project reporting for end of 2018 was concluded following the extension the implementation period.

3 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- International Women’s Day was celebrated on 8 March at a special function in Mowlem attended by UNHCR, RAS, local authorities, partners and over 200 PoCs.
- A training session was held with refugee-led Community Based Organizations (“CBOs”). A mapping of the CBOs was conducted as well as sessions on leadership and integrity. This is in line with the objective to enhance community based protection.
- The psychosocial panel was held, where 44 cases were assessed and recommended for various forms of assistance.
- An outreach session was conducted in Kangemi and attended by over 200 PoCs. Issues included exemptions and access to services.
- UNHCR attended a 2-day workshop to provide UN contributions to the 2017 youth policy framework.
- Participatory assessments were successfully conducted in the Coast region and Nakuru.
- A training for the newly elected leaders in Nakuru was conducted. All the elected leaders participated.

4 LIVELIHOODS
UNHCR participated in the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) conference in Kampala, Uganda on 25 - 28th March. The focus of the conference was to develop a plan of action on jobs, livelihoods and self-reliance for refugees, returnees and host communities in the IGAD region. The participants supported a resolution which committed regional stakeholders to advance policy and provide a legislative framework for livelihoods and self-reliance. Also discussed was the important role of private sector and civil society in the creation of sustainable livelihoods and job opportunities.

UNHCR facilitated an exhibition event for refugee artisans at the Ecobank Headquarters to commemorate International Women’s Day on 8 March. Refugee artisans were able to collectively make sales of KES 21,750.

UNHCR implemented a project supported by JICA, JCUAT and UNHCR on labor based technology. The project imparted marketable skills and knowledge (ToT) on road construction which could be utilized in both Dadaab and Somalia upon return to either self-employ or get employment in infrastructure building leading to self-reliance. This project targeted 7 Somali nationals and 3 Somali Refugees from Dadaab

5 DURABLE SOLUTIONS

5.1 Voluntary repatriation

The Protection Unit facilitated two teleconferences as part of its preparations for the voluntary repatriation of a number of South Sudanese and Ethiopian refugees to their countries of origin. The teleconferences addressed technical aspects of facilitating safe and dignified returns of the persons of concern from Kenya, with planned return intention surveys to be conducted for the target populations in the coming months.

5.2 Resettlement

146 Cases/270 individuals were submitted to Australia, U.S.A and UK for resettlement consideration. Of those, 121 cases/137 individuals were LGBTI or dependants.

6 PROMOTION OF REFUGEE LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

UNHCR provided a talk on UNHCR’s Mandate and the Legal Framework for Refugee Protection to 65 students at Mount Kenya University Parklands Law Campus on 26 March.

7 STATELESSNESS

UNHCR Kenya and Copenhagen, together with the Shona community, the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics and Statistics Norway jointly conducted a pilot exercise to test a survey tool and methodology. The pilot report is underway and is expected to inform the final tool to be used for the main survey.

8 INTEGRITY

Kenya Standard Operating Procedures on Addressing Fraud Committed by Persons of Concern were revised to bring them in line with proGres v4 and were shared with the concerned staff in Kenya Operation and with senior anti-fraud coordinator in HQ.

Fraud Investigations were concluded for five individual fraud cases and a Fraud Assessment Panel meeting was convened on 29 Mar to discuss and to make a decision on these cases.
- Nairobi anti-fraud steering-committee (NAFSC) meeting was convened on 28 March. Fraud Focal persons and reporting mechanism list for partners was updated. NAFSC Terms of Reference were revised. Partners also provided their inputs on Fraud Risk Assessments.