



HIGHLIGHTS

16,442

Identified unaccompanied minors

86

Households provided with cash grants since 1st January 2015

1,288,598

NFIs distributed since January

2,931

Shelters distributed since January

Population of Concern

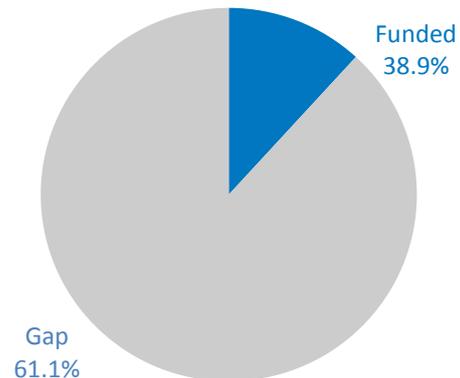
A total of **591,370** people of concern

Funding

USD 251,196,144 requested

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Somalia	420,711
Ethiopia	30,832
Sudan	10,328
DR Congo	23,091
Rwanda	1,605
Eritrea	1,647
Burundi	7,797
South Sudan	93,256
Uganda	1,846
Other	257
Total	591,370



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

353 national staff, 29 NUNVs
63 international staff, 11 IUNVS, 15 Consultants

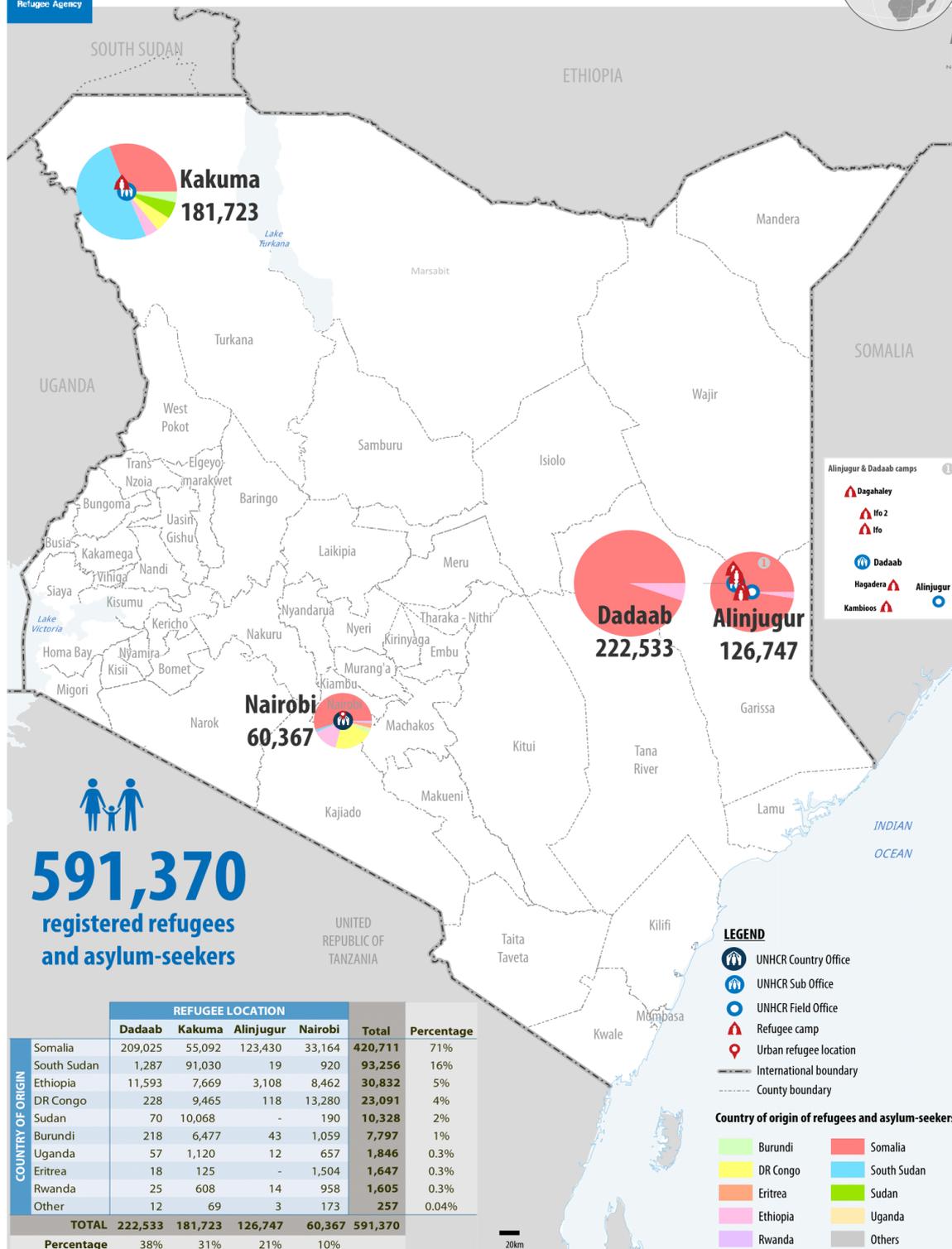
Offices:

4 offices located in:
Nairobi, Kakuma, Dadaab, Alinjugur



KENYA: Registered refugees and asylum-seekers

As of 01 September 2015



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WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- Jointly with the Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA) and Kituo Cha Sheria community outreach and sensitization forums targeting refugee and host communities conducted in other urban areas of Nakuru, Eldoret, Busia, Malaba and Bungoma regions.
- A community environmental awareness campaign attended by over 500 residents, graced by area Member of Parliament, was jointly supported and organised with the County Government of Nairobi and urban based project partners in Eastleigh area.
- UNHCR hosted a mission from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) from 19 to 21 August 2015. The mission was composed of 4 members who constituted a committee formed by the permanent secretary to come up with guidelines on admission of non-Kenyan citizens including refugee children into public schools.
- A team from Clowns without Borders, USA came to Kakuma on 24 August for three weeks (18 days). The NGO has partnered with UNHCR for the first time in Kenya, to bring their initiative to the camp and entertain refugee children through live performances and trainings on circus arts and theatre.
- A team from UN-Refugee Aid - UNHCR's fundraising partner in Germany - and member of an alliance of NGOs dubbed "United for Africa" visited Kakuma from 31 August for 3 days. The team was accompanied by journalists from BILD – the newspaper with the biggest circulation (14million readership) in Germany. The mission came to familiarize themselves with the operation and also to raise awareness on the refugee situation in Africa, specifically in East and Horn of Africa region.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

UNHCR held a monthly security meeting with refugee leaders from all five Dadaab camps on 11th August in Dadaab town. The meeting was also attended by Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA) staff and the local police. Refugee leaders shared various threats that they have been facing as well as some concrete suggestions for improvement. They highlighted, for instance, the need for more support to members of the Community Peace and Protection Teams (CPPTs) so as to enable them to carry out their duties adequately and suggested creation of a hotline. Beyond mere security topics, refugee leaders also addressed other issues such as reduction in the number of teachers and delay in the facilitation of return of refugees eager to go back to Somalia. Responses were provided to their queries.

Protection and Detention Monitoring

- A protection monitoring mission was conducted to Nakuru, Eldoret, Malaba, Busia, and Bungoma counties where police and prison commanders were sensitized on refugee protection and access to asylum for persons of concern. The security authorities stated that most refugees residing in their areas of jurisdiction are undocumented and risk being arrested and charged in court for failure to register.
- Protection team attended legal clinics organized by Kituo cha Sheria on 14th August 2015 at Ongata Rongai and Eastleigh.

Child Protection

- 71 Best Interest Assessment (BIAs) cases received from urban project partners. Three Best Interest Determination (BID) panel sessions held with a total 39 children cases discussed and referred for assistance and / resettlement.
- 25 participants from the Coastal Mombasa County's Area Advisory Committees (AAC) comprising of Government Children Officers, refugees and other local actors, received training on child protection principles.
- Following the launch of the Garissa County Area Advisory Council (AAC) on 26th June, UNHCR in collaboration with Save the Children International (SCI) and Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) provided support in the training of AACs from Garissa, Fafi and Lagdera. Topics included instruments on child protection, harmful cultural practices, foster care, adoption and child participation.

SGBV and Persons with specific needs

- 159 PoCs assisted with accommodation at the NARAP centre, out of which 59 were further supported to travel to Kakuma Camp. Separately 302 individuals, identified during two psychosocial panel sessions, received varied assistance.
- 28 new arrival cases of LGBTI reported by project partner, HIAS, in the month of August. UNHCR is closely collaborating with project partners including; to establish an LGBTI focus working group, enhancement of access to services and development of community based solutions/ strategies that seeks to reduce reliance on financial assistance.
- Protection team participated in a two day workshop convened by UN Women for the UN Gender Working group during which an action plan was developed. UNHCR will participate in the Strategic Result Areas 1.1 involving technical assistance for developing and implementing gender policies and 2.2 involving support for setting up a framework for establishing integrated one stop SGBV response centers.
- UNHCR's partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) is implementing an eight weeks session for women on (EMAP) Engagement of Men in Accountable Practices in Hagadera and Kambioos camps from August until September. The aim of these sessions is to educate women on how to inform their spouses of the challenges they are facing in marital life. This is a tool to change the attitude of men towards women, which in turn is expected to help reduce intimate partner violence.
- In Kakuma 58 cases of SGBV were reported in the month. All cases were SGBV cases were assisted to access specialized services including psychosocial counselling and medical treatment to address immediate needs.

Registration and Refugees Status Determination (RSD)

- 506 new cases (585 individuals) made fresh asylum claims in Nairobi while a total 191 cases (227 individuals) interviewed at 1st instance and further 3 cases (4 individuals) on appeal. Currently, there is a 3 year and 3 months wait for RSD with the schedule running to November 2018.
- RSD interviews conducted for 196 cases in the Coastal region of Mombasa during which a further 131 cases were identified as requiring registration, data-transfer and MRC renewal support.
- Following a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) session held on the 25th August, 227 cases comprising of 515 individuals (including 144 cases/345 individuals deferred from July) from Kakuma, Dadaab and Nairobi were forwarded; for endorsement, to the Commissioner for Refugees. Consequently a total of 2,123 cases (5,150 individuals); from the three locations, have been considered by the TAC since January 2015 to-date.
- 101 cases (191 individuals) were issued with DRA decision notification letters as support to DRA on generation and issuance of RSD decision notifications for cases continued.
- Following request by the Commissioner of Refugee Affairs, discussions on the progress of the national RSD handover process; in particular RSD backlog, recruitment, training, and construction/rehabilitation of infrastructure was held on the 14th August at the DRA premises.
- RSD Taskforce held its meeting on the 25th August 2015 and discussed; finalization of Letter of Intent/ its signing and the planned Joint evaluation of the RSD transition from UNHCR to DRA on the 14th to 25th September 2015. Discussions on the upcoming renewal of the first Notifications of Recognition issued in August and September 2014 also held.
- An approximate 200 PoCs, mainly from the great Lakes region, counselled on RSD procedures during a community outreach meeting in Nairobi.
- The RSD team participated in a focus group discussion with LGBTI refugees during which the group shared their experience on RSD interview process.
- A total of 997 new arrivals registered during the month August, bringing the total 2015 registrations in Urban operation to 10,796, while 600 cases for MRC renewal and 91 applications for new born received. Among the new arrivals were; 2 Syrians, 4 Iraqis and 4 Yemen nationals.
- 3,168 individuals approached UNHCR Branch Office Nairobi reception desk, during the period 17th August- 28th August, seeking protection support from the various units. Protection delivery, Eligibility, Registration and Resettlement units received the highest number of individuals seeking assistance.
- An increase of cases seeking data transfer from the camps to Nairobi recorded. The ICs were issued with appointment slips to reduce on congestion and the noted ultimate effect of long waiting periods.

Capacity Building

- SGBV training facilitated to 40 UNHCR and partner on protection of men and boys. The aim of the training was to enhance protection mechanisms particularly on prevention and response to GBV against men and boys.
- UNHCR Dadaab trained 25 camp based refugee journalists in refugee rights and UNHCR's protection mandate. The session was part of a two days training on Humanitarian Response Reporting organized by Radio Gargaar on 27th and 28th August. Three local FM radios are broadcasting in the area of Dadaab refugee camps. Working with various media channels, the newly trained refugee journalists will be playing a critical role in sharing information inside the camps and communicating refugees' voices to the wider audience outside Dadaab.
- During the month of August in Kakuma UNHCR facilitated business and entrepreneurship trainings with AAHI and Equity Bank targeting 136 beneficiaries. The topics covered included financial planning and budgeting, saving and business opportunities.
- 111 new arrivals were profiled at the reception center in Kakuma. The identified skills and business interests included tailoring and agribusiness. The profiles would be used by Action Africa Health International (AAHI) in planning targeted livelihood support based on capacities of different groups.

Livelihoods and Environment

- An initial 25 refugee youths in Nairobi will be enrolled for a three weeks' training on online work facilitated by Sama School (an online work training institution). The training will prepare the 25 refugees, the numbers to be scaled up in 2016, for possible placement into the digital market places.
- 10 refugee group traders supported to exhibit their products during the East African Microfinance Institutions' Summit held in Nairobi on the 17th -19th August 2015. The event which provided refugees with the opportunity to interact with various microfinance institutions, create networks and market linkages, was graced by the Deputy President (DP) who also visited and had a chat with the refugees at the stall.
- In collaboration with the Urban and Dadaab livelihoods partner, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), a market assessment (undertaken by an external consultant) was commissioned during the month of August. The assessment, will analyze market value chains of the identified key economic sectors while identifying most appropriate sectors for refugee business (both product and service industry) promotion. The results of the assessment to greatly inform market based livelihood support programming in Nairobi and Dadaab in 2016 and beyond.
- UNHCR participated in the second edition of the Business for Disaster Management (B4DM) roundtable organized by World Vision and held in Nairobi. The event aimed at; increasing awareness, facilitating information exchange, creating opportunities for humanitarian actors and business to strengthen collaboration in the East African Region, brought together humanitarian actors, beneficiary communities and the private sector actors to discuss business for impact (#business4impact). A platform bringing together a community of all actors for continued engagement was established.

Host Communities Relations

- UNHCR supports the Kenyan community affected by neighbouring refugee camps. Currently, construction projects are carried out for the three villages Welmerer, Borehole Five and Alinjukur. An accommodation block is being built for the staff working at Welmerer Dispensary. Insecurity was a concern for the staff of the dispensary and they wanted to avoid having to travel at night. For the maternity ward of Borehole Five, UNHCR is constructing an office block to ensure that the already existing rooms can be used for service provision to patients. Herders in Alinjukur stated that their water troughs were insufficient for their animals. Hence, UNHCR embarked on building additional water troughs in the area. All three projects are implemented through the local NGO Fafi Integrated Development Organization (FaIDA).

Education

- 35 refugees from Nairobi, Kakuma and Dadaab camps awarded DAFI scholarships, 13 of whom have already been admitted to various universities in Kenya.
- UNHCR jointly with education project partners is collaborating with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MOEST) in developing national guidelines on admission of non-citizens into public learning institutions. During the period under review, joint field visits and data collection exercises were undertaken in refugee host urban areas; Nairobi, Nakuru, Mombasa, and Dadaab and Kakuma camps.
- In the frameworks of 'Borderless Higher Education for Refugees' 367 refugees and members of the host community are being trained as teachers in Primary and Secondary Education. A new cohort of students started their diploma and certificate courses on 1st August; others continued their courses from previous months. In August, ten lecturers from four Kenyan and Canadian universities are teaching the students at Kenyatta University campus in Dadaab. The teacher training program is facilitated by UNHCR's partner Windle Trust Kenya (WTK) and consists of modules in the classroom as well as online-learning courses. So far, 76 students successfully completed a certificate course in Primary Education. All seek to further enhance their skills through online degrees and diploma courses with York University in Canada and Kenyatta University in Kenya.
- Kenya Equity in Education Project (KEEP) held a Gender Responsive Pedagogy Skills and Leadership training for teachers and head teachers from project schools. The head teachers received a three day training and selected classroom teachers underwent five day training in Dadaab town. KEEP's main objectives are to improve enrolment, retention and progression of marginalized girls in both primary and secondary schools in Northern Kenya. KEEP is implemented by the World University Services of Canada (WUSC) and Windle Trust Kenya (WTK), and funded by UK Aid.

Health

- In Dadaab a cholera outbreak was officially declared by the County Ministry of Health. A total of 14 cases have been line listed with one confirmed positive on culture test. The Outbreak Control Team has been activated and preventive measures were scaled up. UNHCR's WASH partners have enhanced sensitization and mass hygiene campaigns to promote awareness on safe water handling and proper handwashing across the five camps. Also, measure to reduce food contamination were discussed with Ministry of Health officials and members of Market Committees.
- Dadaab camps were part of the national Polio campaigns which was conducted from 1st to 5th August and from 29th August to 2nd September. More than 95% children under five were vaccinated across all Dadaab camps. UNHCR's health partners International Rescue Committee (IRC), Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) and Islamic Relief Kenya (IRK) played an important role in the campaign.
- A total of 192 children with different pathologies across the camps and host community were seen by a paediatrician consultant who visited Dadaab from 17th to 21st August within the framework of the reverse referral strategy.
- In Kakuma the general health status of refugees remained stable during the month with mortality indicators remaining within Sphere/UNHCR standards. I.e. Under-5 mortality rate: 0.2/10,000/day and CMR: 0.05/10,000/day. In August, 296 mosquito nets were issued to new arrivals and 142 individuals vaccinated against measles, polio and other essential immunization at the reception center. In Kakuma also International Rescue Committee (IRC) kicked off a mass vaccination against polio on 1st August which ended on 01 September. The campaign targeted children aged 0 – 59 months in the camp (about 20% of the total camp population).

Food Security and Nutrition

- On 17th August UNHCR, in collaboration with its health and nutrition partners and with support from World Food Programme (WFP) commenced training the teams that will conduct the annual nutrition survey.
- World Breastfeeding Week was celebrated in Hagadera, Kambioos, Ifo 2 and Ifo camps from 1st to 7th August. Main activities organized by IRC, KRCS and IRK included community dialogues, cooking demonstrations and road shows. Awareness raising focused on exclusive breastfeeding as well as maternal, infant and young child nutrition.

Water and Sanitation

- In August in Dadaab the water supply in all five camps was reported to be normal. The daily water production in August from 29 operation boreholes was 10,254,657 liters, with about 8,287,764 liters supplied to a refugee population of 349,280 in the five Dadaab camps. This translated to an average daily per capita water allocation of 23.5 liters.
- In Kakuma as at end of August, the latrine to user ratio was 1:14 for both family shared and household latrines. Coverage stood at 34.91% for both family shared and household latrine categories and 15.3% coverage for household latrines only. Average water distribution in K4 was 17.2 l/p/d.

Shelter and NFIs

- In Dadaab during the month of August UNHCR and shelter partners distributed material for 231 shelters in Ifo 2 camp and verified 145 shelters materials out of the 363 shelters to be constructed in Hagadera camp. In 2015, UNHCR and partners are constructing 1,787 Temporary Shelter – commonly known as T-Shelters. This kind of shelter is in line with the Kenyan government’s instructions to avoid permanent structures. The T-Shelter program in camps focuses on vulnerable camp residents. In addition, 750 beneficiaries in need of shelter support received plastic sheets in Kambioos camp on 13th and 14th August. They had been identified by refugee leaders, UNHCR and protection partners.

Durable Solutions

- 720 (including 40 in the coastal region of Mombasa) individuals seen during the weekly resettlement counselling sessions whereas 304 cases (including 45 in Mombasa) submitted for resettlement consideration from Nairobi, Kakuma and Dadaab to Canada, Sweden, The United Kingdom and the United States.
- The Resettlement Theme Group held a training for 26 newly recruited NGO refugee workers in Nairobi and a further 9 actors in Mombasa; with topics covering Registration, RSD, Resettlement Categories and Priorities, HRIT, protection/security assessments, resettlement case identification, referral pathways, and anti-fraud.
- During the period, UNHCR Branch Office Nairobi received delegations from resettlement countries of; Australia, and the USA.

Return and Reintegration

- UNHCR staff in Nairobi received training on manning of voluntary repatriation integrated help desk which will be set up in Nairobi. The integrated return help desk will be used in counselling Somali refugees on country of origin information and safe areas of voluntary return.

- On 5th August, the first voluntary return flight to Mogadishu left Dadaab camps. This was after the Tripartite Commission, formed by UNHCR and the Governments of Kenya and Somalia, met on 29th July and agreed to scale up assistance to Somali refugees in Kenya wishing to return home. Return by air is exceptional and will be discontinued as soon as conditions enable road movements to Mogadishu. It was noted that an increasing number of refugees were seeking to register for voluntary return at the Return Help Desks. This may be attributed to opening the entire Somalia for return and to the introduction of the flights to Mogadishu.
- In total, 3,634 Somali refugees returned home since 8th December 2014, when UNHCR started supporting voluntary return of Somali refugees in Kenya. In August, 459 returnees were assisted with return support package and arrived safely in their respective destinations.

Stateless population

- UNHCR and the Kibra (an area hosting Nubians who are at risk of statelessness) Member of Parliament attended a course on Statelessness at the Tilburg University in the Netherlands. Working in groups, participants discussed; preventing and reducing statelessness, how to 'sell' statelessness to governments, donors and the general public. Participants developed follow-up actions in support of the 10 year campaign to eradicate statelessness.
- UNHCR participated in a community awareness raising forum, attended by women and youth community leaders, chiefs and teachers in the Coastal area of Lunga Lunga, Kwale County. UNHCR also visited Watamu clinic where an NGO known as Haki Centre has been creating awareness to mothers on the requirements for birth registration; which has resulted to increase on birth registrations.
- UNHCR attended a paralegal training workshop organized by Haki Center in the Coast Region from the 26th to 28th August 2015 and made a presentation on statelessness and the Global Campaign to eradicate statelessness.

Resettlement

- During the month of August, a total of 72 cases comprising of 258 individuals underwent resettlement case composition interviews. 28 cases comprising of 70 individuals were interviewed for resettlement processing and possible onward submission to resettlement countries. 110 new born babies were added on to cases already submitted for resettlement. A total of 97 individuals departed Dadaab for onward resettlement to United Kingdom, United States of America, Australia, Canada and Sweden

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