

Urban Refugee Programme, Kenya

1 - 30 November 2019

78,299

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in urban areas as at 31 October 2019

11,210

New arrival refugees and asylum seekers registered since January 2019.

2,218

Individuals in urban areas assisted to return to their home countries since 2014.

KEY INDICATORS

1,200

individuals submitted for resettlement in 2019.

38%

Of asylum seekers and refugees registered in urban area are from Democratic Republic of Congo

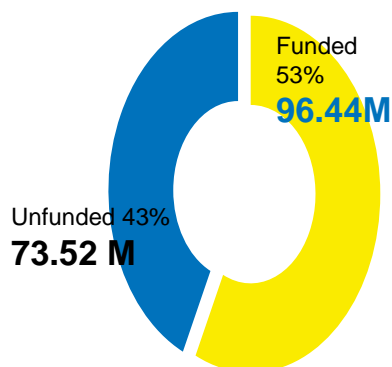
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Number of refugees assisted to voluntarily return to their countries of origin in 2019.

FUNDING (AS OF 09 DECEMBER 2019)

USD 170M

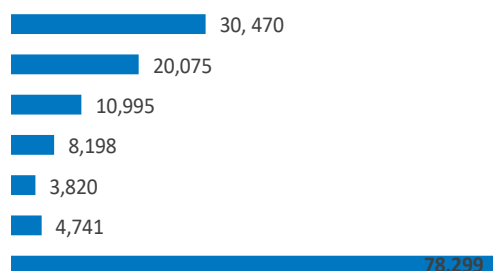
requested for the Somali and South Sudan situation



Gaston Nsazumukiza (second right), a 27 year old refugee Taekwondo athlete stands tall with his bronze medal alongside other Taekwondo champions from Southern Africa region at the 4th Botswana Presidents Cup on 16 November © UNHCR/C.Opile

POPULATION OF CONCERN

Host Countries



HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR conducted a joint mission with the Ethiopian Embassy to Kakuma Refugee camp. The delegation met with Ethiopian refugees who have expressed interest in voluntary repatriation. Plans are underway to facilitate repatriation of 85 Ethiopians from Kakuma camp.
- UNHCR in partnership with the National Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (NGLHRC) and the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) conducted a two-day training for magistrates and judges from the Coastal region. 18 magistrates and two judges were in attendance. The training was on the needs and challenges experienced by LGBTIQ persons – including refugees in accessing justice. The Kenya Magistrates and Judges Association (KMJA) requested a countrywide roll – out of the trainings, and specifically to include judges who sit in higher courts.
- Effective 18 November 2019, KASI Appointment system was rolled out. It has been well received by refugees and preferred to the queuing system because of convenience and certainty. The system experienced teething problems in the first two weeks with less appointments vis-à-vis number of staffs scheduled for protection interviews/counselling.
- Gaston Nsazumukiza, one of the refugee athletes under the Athletics Refugee Project won a bronze medal at the 4th Open Botswana Taekwondo Presidents Cup 2019. The event held on 16 November brought together more than 100 participants from six countries namely: Botswana, Mozambique, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Eswatini (Swaziland), with Gaston being the only participant from Kenya. He has so far won three medals in his three appearances in Taekwondo championships, two bronze and one gold.



PROTECTION

Protection Cluster

Legal Achievements and Impact

- 52 police station visits were made within Nairobi and Mombasa counties as part of the monthly detention monitoring activities conducted jointly by UNHCR and Kituo cha Sheria.
- 830 cases were attended to by the RAS and UNHCR in Shauri Moyo. The protection issues raised by PoCs include insecurity, SGBV, request for exemption by new arrivals (Unaccompanied and Separated Children and individuals with families in Nairobi). Referrals were made to partners for assistance.
- On 28 November UNHCR supported IRC and RAS to train 25 Government Officers in Rongai, Kajiado County. The Chiefs, Police Officers and the Assistant County Commissioners were inducted on Legal Framework on Refugee Protection and UNHCR Mandate. It was noted that there was a close relationship between the refugees and the local administration in Rongai. Refugees are benefitting from government services such as support in applications for work permits and licenses. The officers highlighted the need for timely support to refugees which would lessen the work of the local administration.
- On 28-29 November UNHCR attended the Annual Continental Forum of Election Management Bodies. The theme of the forum was *‘Enhancing Participation of Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees in Elections: Towards More Inclusive Electoral Processes in Africa’*. The overall goal of the forum was to

foster inclusive and sustainable electoral processes in Africa through effective participation of refugees and IDPs.

- A total of 193 cases were accommodated at the Transit comprising 100 new arrivals and 93 Protection Cases. 92 cases were assisted to relocate to Kakuma while 8 cases were relocated to Dadaab.
- 41 Conventional Travel Documents (CTDs) were issued in the reporting period.

SGBV

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR organized two SGBV coordination meetings during the period, one monthly coordination on SGBV implementation progress and challenges; 16 days of activisms and submissions of the Nairobi County SGBV Management and Contril Bill 2019 by the Nairobi county SGBV coordination office.
- UNHCR, RAS, the Kasarani Assistant County Commissioner (ACC), the chief, the Nairobi county SGBV coordination office, the state department, Nairobi Women representative's office, the refugee and Kenyans living in Kasarani and the SGBV partners participated in this year's commencement of 25 days of gender activism to end violence against women and International day for Elimination of Gender violence. This year's theme was is 'End Gender-Based Violence in the World of Work'. UNHCR and partners had focus group discussions with refugees on gender-based violence.
- UNHCR held a breakfast meeting with the Nairobi county SGBV coordinators from Embakasi East, Dagoreti, Kasarani and Kamukunji sub-counties. The stakeholders at the meeting included County Government and GBV partners working with refugees and Kenyan communities. The theme of the meeting was "Enhanced Partnership and Coordination in SGBV Programming for quality service delivery".

Child protection

Achievements and Impact

- 28 BIAs were conducted in two BID panels were convened during the month. 20 of the cases were approved for resettlement. One child was placed under child headed household. Additionally, 30 sanitary pads were issued to 30 girls in the community.
- 47 cases (25 females and 22 males) were assessed during a five-day joint mission by UNHCR and HIAS in Nakuru. 30 were new cases while 17 cases are under review. 26 cases were approved for financial assistance and other services.
- *Istanbul football club* sponsored by UNHCR through Youth Initiative Fund (YIF) 2019 participated in focus group discussions (FGDs) such as illegal migration to Europe (Tahrib), early marriage and early pregnancies amongst Somali girls, school dropouts, radicalization, arbitrary arrest and detention. The youth highlighted the need for more recreational activities, awareness creation and job opportunities/vocational trainings for youth for meaningful engagement. Meanwhile, Futbol Mas conducted a five-day training on how sports for protection can improve the community.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps.

With the encampment policy still in effect, most unaccompanied and separated minors are registered and issued with camp documents. This has greatly hampered their access to assistance in the urban until they are exempted and issued with urban documents.

People with Special Needs (PSN)

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR and HIAS conducted a joint assessment PSN mission to Mombasa, Malindi and Ngomeni for 18 to 23 November 2019. The purpose of the mission was to conduct social Assessments for, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and Older Persons. During the mission, 91 PSNs were identified, and 6 assessments conducted for vulnerable cases.
- UNHCR, HIAS, RAS and partners held a training with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection. The purpose of the training was share the mandate and role of the Ministry and the fundamentals of refugee protection. Various government departments that include social development, children's services and the

national council for persons with disability were in attendance to discuss registration of refugee community groups, psychosocial support and capacity building.

Identified Needs and Gaps

- A virtual panel was held to assess 6 persons of concern (PoCs), who were later provided with financial assistance. One of the challenges in Mombasa and its environs is lack of partner to help identify issues of vulnerability and specific needs.

Registration

Achievements and Impact

- Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) conducted new registration for **720** (298 Female, 422 Male) individuals. 22% (156) arrived before 2019, 68% (489) arrived in 2019 and 10% (75) were new-born registration. 49 reside in Nakuru, 19 in Mombasa and 652 in Nairobi. Majority of the new arrivals originated from Burundi (109), Democratic Republic of the Congo (222), Eritrea (17), Ethiopia (105), Rwanda (7), Somalia (173), South-Sudan (47) and other nationalities (40); bringing the total urban population to **78,299** refugees and asylum seekers.
- Verification of refugees in urban areas commenced on 19 November in Nakuru and 29 November in Mombasa. Persons not verified during this period will be required to visit RAS office where the activity is still ongoing. In Nakuru, 2,379 PoCs were verified while 211 were issued with movement passes to be verified in Kakuma camp. In Mombasa, 325 PoCs were verified.
- Installation, testing and configurations of two Live Capture Units (LCU) was done by Technique Alliance Group Limited in collaboration with National Registration Bureau at the Refugee Affairs Secretariat offices in Shauri Moyo. Test enrolment was done manually, and data relayed to NRB database for production processing. Sample alien cards were successfully produced on the same day successfully.
- Three asylum seeker verification requests were received; one from UNHCR office in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia and two from France.
- 41 Spontaneous departure cases to Uganda were recorded while 57 cases require adjudication. Ownership of 2 cases was reassigned in Mombasa and 5 individuals' data was transferred to Kakuma.
- 144,362 files have so far been scanned in the ongoing digitization that is being conducted by BOLDATA Systems Limited Company. The company gave a demonstration of their scanning processes to 15 UNHCR staff that work directly with refugees.

Refugee Status Determination

- 78 interviews were conducted; 55 were initial interviews and 23 were complementary interviews. 11 asylum seekers invited for interview did not show. In addition, 86 cases were reviewed.
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) adjudicated refugee cases. 520 individuals were recommended for recognition and 5 individuals were recommended for rejection.
- UNHCR and RAS will jointly set up two teams to tackle pending RSD cases registered before February 2017.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

1,343 cases (1,879 individuals) are pending interviews; 347 cases (513 individuals) are pending assessment and 1,515 cases (2,300 individuals) are pending review. Additionally, 22,246 individuals in the urban areas have no access to RSD.

Statelessness

- UNHCR trained the Taskforce on the identification and registration of stateless persons. Apart from awareness on statelessness and its impact, the training also tackled existing gaps preventing registration of stateless persons.
- County Commissioners from Mombasa, Kilifi, Lamu, Tana River, Taita Taveta and Kwale county joined the Civil Society Organizations, and leaders of the known stateless and at-risk communities at the sensitization sessions.

- The forum was aimed at highlighting the difficulties faced by stateless persons in obtaining identity documents, informing the Government of the origins of these communities as well as the exclusion faced including the lack of access to Government services.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- Two refugees who are supported learners sat for national primary examinations in 2019. Athieng Rhoda Garang from Mama Ngina primary school in Nakuru had the highest score of 388 marks.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

- Bilateral meetings were held with telecom operators and banks (including Islamic) to discuss access to sim card and bank accounts and to enable corporates to understand the context as part of advocacy on refugee's inclusion.
- Two refugees have been graduated from Digital marketing trainings.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Voluntary Repatriation

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR facilitated the voluntary repatriation of a family of 6 individuals to Bujumbura, Burundi. The safe arrival of the PoCs was confirmed by colleagues in country of origin.

Resettlement

Achievements and Impact

- 31 cases/131 individuals were submitted to Australia and the US. In total, 515 cases/1200 individuals have so far been submitted in 2019. UNHCR has met its internal target of 1,200 submissions. The Kenya operation has submitted 1,192 cases/4,116 individuals, surpassing the revised target of 4,000 in 2019.

Risk Management

Achievements and Impact

- Trainings for newly recruited Registration Verification team in Mombasa was provided on Integrity matters such as Fraud & Corruption Prevention and Detection, CoC, Misconduct and PSEA.

Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya** operation amount to **US\$ 96.44 million**

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