# Kenya May 2024 Operational Update



# **Key Figures**

na, from South Sudan, finds out she has secured a place on the 2024 Refugee npic Team and will compete in the 800m event at the Paris Olympics. ICR/Charity Nzomo

774,370 registered refugees and asylum-seekers from over 20 countries. 288,206 residing in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement and 382,658 in Dadaab Refugee Camps.

103,506 living in urban areas.

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

**23,435** calls answered on the UNHCR Helpline.

**25 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.

# **Country of Origin**

SOMALIA	434,490
SOUTH SUDAN	184,110
DRC	60,594
ETHIOPIA	39,254
BURUNDI	32,417
SUDAN	11,574
UGANDA	3,978
ERITREA	3,634
RWANDA	2,932
OTHERS	1,387
TOTEL	774,370

# What's going on in Kenya



Members of the delegation during the launch of the Alliance for Inclusive Refugee Response in Kenya on 27 May 2024.  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$  UNHCR/Charity Nzomo

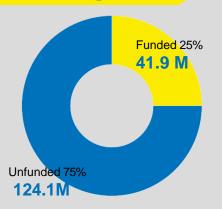
# New Danish partnership brings hope for refugees and host communities in Turkana County

The Danish Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy Dan Jørgensen and representatives from Novo Nordisk Foundation, Grundfos Foundation and Lego Foundation, joined UNHCR, in Kakuma to launch a new collaboration with the Kenyan authorities, representing a major step towards refugee inclusion.

Under the Alliance, UNHCR will continue to ensure inclusion of refugees in national health and education services, as well as strengthened service delivery of health and education in Kakuma –

https://www.unhcr.org/ke/25401-new-danish-partnership-brings-hopefor-refugees-and-host-communities-in-turkana-county-kenya.html

# **Funding**



# KAKUMA CAMP AND KALOBEYEI INTEGRATED SETTLEMENT

UNHCR currently supports **288,206** refugees and asylum-seekers, residing in both Kakuma Camp and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.

### **Protection**

- The Department of Refugee Services registered 3,082 people this month.
- 702 birth certificates were issued to asylum seekers and refugees.
- The youth protection team distributed sportswear to football teams, donated by Palace, a private sector partner.
- 188 unaccompanied children arrived at the reception centres and were supported with case management and assessments to understand protection needs.
- 4,004 children attended child-to-child activities at the child-friendly spaces at reception centres.
- UNHCR supported 24 survivors of gender-based violence this month.

# Education

- Schools re-opened this month after heavy rainfall delayed the commencement of the second term. A total of 100,217 students enrolled in 55 schools supported by UNHCR.
- During a visit by the Ministry of Education, 58 teachers were trained to enhance their capacity.
- 5,250 learners received learning kits, 5,481 textbooks were distributed, and 224 desks supplied to schools.
- 239 education support staff were trained by the National Counsellors on 'mental health and overall well-being at the workplace'.



Heavy rains impacted Kakuma and Kalobeyei, with 22 families being relocated after their shelters were damaged. UNHCR coordinated with partners to support those most in need. @UNHCR/Eric Bakuli

# Health

- 69,106 consultations were conducted in May, and the average consultation per clinician was 195.
- 894 mental health consultations and 573 skilled deliveries were managed.
- The Ministry of Health is leading the response to the measles outbreak, which has had 1,267 cases reported since May 2023. 24 mortalities have been recorded within the Turkana West Sub-County.

### **Food Security and Nutrition**

- 545 people were admitted in the Outpatient Therapeutical Program. A total of 1,354 children under-five and 34 malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding women were admitted in the Supplementary Feeding Program.
- The stabilization centre admitted 173 severely malnourished children with medical complications.

### **Cash based interventions**

• UNHCR disbursed USD 499,117 in cash to 36,568 households for voluntary repatriation, hygiene, energy, mental health and psychosocial support.

# Access to energy and environmental conservation

- A total of 315 metric tonnes of firewood was received at Firewood Center 4 and distributed.
- 10,881 tree seedlings were distributed to homesteads, institutions, and organizations to promote afforestation and environmental conservation.
- 303 improved cookstoves were distributed to refugees and 437 improved cookstoves were fabricated.
- Operation and maintenance of 42 solarized facilities continues.

### Shelter

• In May, 71 shelters were constructed. Ten flood-affected shelters were also repaired.

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- UNHCR manages 22 boreholes, of which 19 are solarized.
- 280 meters of pipeline extension was completed this month.
- 75 family-shared latrines were constructed for new arrivals.

# **Durable Solutions**

• 69 refugees departed for complementary pathways this month.

# **DADAAB REFUGEE CAMP**

UNHCR currently supports **382,658** refugees and asylum seekers across three refugee camps and the Ifo 2 settlement.



A refugee woman collects core relief items during a distribution by UNHCR, supporting flood-affected families in Dadaab. @UNHCR/ Mohamed Maalim

#### Protection

- UNHCR, in collaboration with the *Communicating with Communities* partners and community members, conducted 84 campaigns reaching 57,793 refugees (321 refugees are persons with disabilities). The topics covered included health, protection, floods, hygiene, biometric registration and disease outbreak prevention. Film screenings, radio listening groups, bulk SMS and mobile information caravan services were used in multiple languages to reach the target groups.
- 56 new arrivals supported with legal assistance on the asylum process were referred to the attention of DRS for registration and RSD processing.
- 83 individual counselling sessions were supported in May. Key issues raised included medical needs, resettlement status, protection and security issues.
- 20 forums were conducted on Gender Based Violence (GBV) mitigation, prevention and response information. Flood protection messages were also issued.

## **Education**

- UNHCR is supporting 45,077 students studying in 23 primary schools and six secondary schools.
- In the first weeks of May, 8 schools in Ifo, Ifo 2 and Dagahaley offered temporary shelter to 345 families who were severely affected by flooding.
- Supported by UNHCR, Monygadow (implementing partner) held a graduation ceremony for 45 newly arrived refugee women who completed a 12-week "Women Rise" training. This is part of UNHCR's efforts to empower vulnerable women and those at risk of GBV.
- The Ministry of Education organized a four-day management training in Dadaab. The training was aimed at providing head and deputy head teachers, Board of Management and Area Education Officers in schools with additional expertise.

#### **Food Security and Nutrition**

- An increase in acute malnutrition was reported, particularly as diarrhea and respiratory cases have increased, and is related to the flooding.
- There were 2,026 moderate acute malnutrition admissions, compared to 971 in April, and 1,372 severe acute malnutrition admissions, compared to 504 the previous month. The sharp rise in cases is again connected to under-five infections, related to flooding.
- During the reporting period, WFP reduced the food basket to 40 per cent of the requirement and suspended the Bamba Chakula program, which will further contribute to household food insecurity.

#### Health

- UNHCR-supported health centers offered 57,964 consultations this month, a considerable increase compared to 40,680 consultations during the month of April. The ratio of patients per clinician is 103.
- The measles outbreak confirmed in March continued in May with 146 admissions. This raised the total number to 593. UNHCR is responding by communicating on risk with communities, contact tracing and immunization.
- Due to flooding, acute water diarrhea increased by 52 per cent from the previous month. No cholera was confirmed.

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- A total of 28 boreholes were fully operational, bringing refugees an average of 15.8 litres per person per day, less than the recommended 20 litres per person per day.
- A total of 40,544 household latrines and 840 old and new communal latrines completed in Ifo 2.

# **URBAN**

UNHCR supports a population of **103,506** refugees and asylum seekers who have been authorized by the Government to reside in urban areas.

# Protection

- UNHCR responded to 23,435 calls via the official Helpline, and facilitated 1,053 appointment requests
- On 28-29 May, UNHCR organized training for Helpline agents.
- On 25 May, UNHCR and partners conducted a joint capacitybuilding training in the Kiganjo Police Training College. This will increase collaboration amongst stakeholders in supporting GBV survivors.
- 24 refugees and asylum-seekers were supported to relocate from urban areas to the refugee camps.
- 53 vulnerability and needs assessments were conducted for persons with disabilities and UNHCR offered psychosocial support.
- UNHCR participated in validating the new Ministry of Health Guidelines for children survivors of violence.
- UNHCR community protection teams conducted assessments for refugees affected by recent flooding in and around Nairobi.

## **Community engagement**

- UNHCR and HIAS organized two LGBTIQ+ information sharing events at Choka (9 May) and Eastleigh (16 May), giving refugees a platform to share protection challenges.
- UNHCR and HIAS also organized sensitization meetings for LGBTIQ+ paralegals and security committees this month.
- 17 gender-based violence (GBV) assessments were conducted to identify specific needs and assistance.
- Public participation and community forums were conducted in Nairobi to share the refugee election Guidelines with the community and validate their locations of residence as part of the election process.
- UNHCR facilitated a representative from Youth Voices Community, a refugee-led organization, to
  participate in a peacebuilding workshop organized by the International Organization for Peace Building
  to share refugee insights, challenges and recommendations on what peacebuilding and sustaining
  peace look like in practice.
- Along with mental health partners, UNHCR organized a mental health awareness-raising forum, as part of the May Mental Health month.

### Registration

• UNHCR continues to provide technical support to DRS for the registration of refugees in urban locations.

# **Refugee Status Determination (RSD)**

- During the period, 381 individuals were scheduled for interviews, 358 assessments were completed, and 257 individual cases were reviewed.
- There are 39,382 urban asylum seekers awaiting the start of the RSD process.

# **Durable Solutions**

• Since January 2024, 1,942 refugees have departed for resettlement.

# **Complementary pathways**

• In May 2024, a total of 59 refugees departed to Canada, New Zealand and Australia through complementary pathways.



On 30 May, UNHCR and HIAS conducted a refresher training on GBV case management, to improve front-line response. @UNHCR

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