

# Kenya

## August 2024

### Operational Update



South Sudanese refugee and law graduate Ajak Jok stands proudly in his academic robe in Nairobi. After receiving a DAFI scholarship, he studied law and has now begun working for a prominent law firm in Nairobi. UNHCR/Charity Nzomo

## Key Figures

**796,331** registered refugees and asylum-seekers from over 20 countries.

**293,849** residing in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement and **396,490** in Dadaab Refugee Camps.

**105,992** living in urban areas.

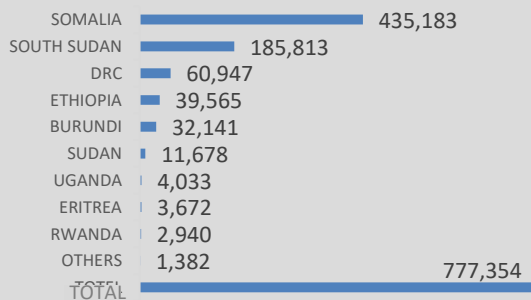
**87 per cent** of refugees living in camps.

**18,108** calls answered on the UNHCR Helpline.

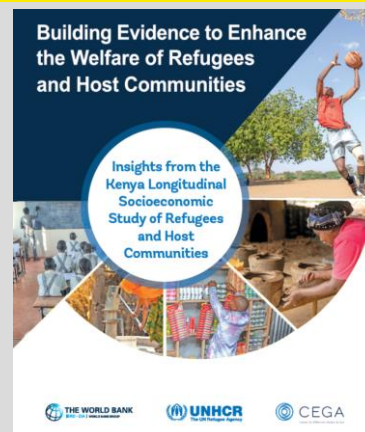
**46 percent** of financial requirements for UNHCR Kenya received.

The operation is under-funded and continues to seek additional, flexible funds from government donors, private companies and individuals.

## Country of Origin



## What's going on in Kenya



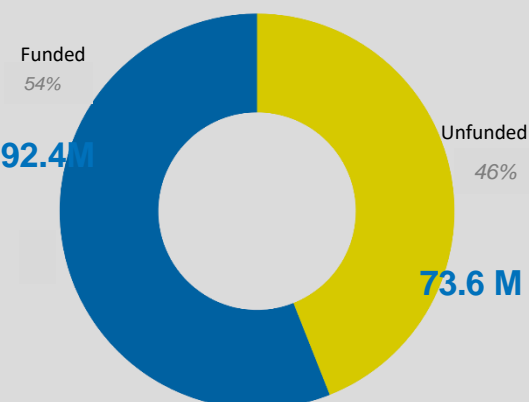
### Launch of Flagship Socioeconomic Report

On 21 August, UNHCR, World Bank and the University of California (UC) Berkeley jointly launched a report which is the first ever study into the socioeconomic conditions of both refugees and host communities across Kenya. It will provide critical insights that will inform policies and programs to improve the welfare of these groups.

The report is the result of a broader Analytical Program on Forced Displacement, a collaboration between UNHCR, World Bank and the Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) from UC Berkeley and funded by the Government of the Netherlands through the PROSPECTS partnership.

Download the report here: <https://bit.ly/3WMbdXe>

## Funding



# **KAKUMA CAMP AND KALOBEYEI INTEGRATED SETTLEMENT**

UNHCR currently supports **293,849** refugees and asylum-seekers, residing in both Kakuma Camp and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.

## **Protection**

- The Department of Refugee Services registered 2,271 people during the month of August. A total of 3,458 people are awaiting registration and 10,557 refugees are currently in reception centers.
- 856 refugees arrived this month, bringing the total number of new arrivals this year to 13,694.
- 3,665 newly arrived unaccompanied and separated children were supported in reception centers and 1,429 children supported with family tracing and reunifications. 12,947 children used child friendly spaces.
- UNHCR partnered with Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) to celebrate International Youth Day. 80 participants received training on resource mobilization, proposal writing and digital communications.
- 2,842 refugees utilized the Kalobeyei Sports Complex this month, in various sporting activities.

## **Education**

- A total of 100,217 students are enrolled in 55 schools supported by UNHCR (41 per cent are girls). Schools re-opened on 26 August and low attendance (20 per cent) was noted during the first week.
- 140 teachers were trained on inclusive approaches and best practice for children with and without disabilities.
- Four laboratories in junior schools were completed which will improve the learning environment for science classes.
- 46 refugee students received scholarship opportunities at UMMA University for German language training in Eldoret and Mombasa.

## **Health**

- 84,001 medical consultations, 758 mental health consultations and 484 skilled deliveries were managed during August.
- The Ministry of Health is leading the measles outbreak response. 20 new cases were recorded during this month and there are now 1,344 cases reported since the outbreak began in March 2023.

## **Food Security and Nutrition**

- 231 people were admitted in the Outpatient Therapeutical Program and 820 people were admitted to the Supplementary Feeding Program. A total of 41 pregnant and breastfeeding women also received support.
- The stabilization centre admitted 74 severely malnourished children with medical complications.

## **Access to energy and environmental conservation**

- A total of 609 metric tons of firewood was received in August and distributed to schools, reception centers and child-headed households.
- 142 improved cookstoves were fabricated and 69 distributed to new arrivals.
- 4,454 seedlings were distributed and planted at various homesteads and institutions.

## **Shelter**

- A total of 1,939 transitional shelters have been constructed so far this year (96 per cent of the total planned for 2024).

## **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

- 90 meters of pipeline was installed to connect refugees to water supply and 61 meters of pipeline rehabilitation was completed.
- 1,125kg of chlorine was used in water treatment at the boreholes.

## **Livelihoods**

- 1,992 students sat for National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) exams whilst 29 students are enrolled in professional courses and 674 enrolled in technical courses.
- 179 students are enrolled in online digital training and 65 are now earning an income online.
- Ten graduates were identified for internships with different companies, beginning in September.



# DADAAB REFUGEE CAMP

UNHCR currently supports **396,490** refugees and asylum seekers across three refugee camps and the Ifo 2 settlement.

## Protection

- The Department of Refugee Services, with technical support from UNHCR, registered 1,401 people during the month of August.
- A total of 1,119 refugee ID cards were distributed to refugees and 7,157 await collection.
- 1,380 new food ration cards and 786 'Bamba Chakula' WFP food vouchers were issued.
- A total of 314 birth certificates were distributed, bringing the cumulative total this year to 6,671. A mapping exercise for missing birth certificates began on 2 August.
- FilmAid Kenya carried out 214 communications, community engagement and accountability sessions reaching 28,687 refugees and asylum-seekers, which included 132 persons with disabilities.
- Protection help desks handled 172 cases this month. Issues included resettlement case status, registration issues and requests for additional support.

## Education

- All 23 primary and 6 secondary schools re-opened on 26 August. Initial attendance was low, but gradually increased.
- UNHCR provided 4,000 learner kits, sanitary pads, underpants, soap, tables and chairs. The items aim to increase attendance and improve girls' hygiene.
- 16 refugee youth were selected for the Direct Aid Scholarship at Umma University. 46 students were selected for the Malengo Scholarship and will begin 8 months of German language training in preparation for TVET scholarships in Germany next year.
- The 16th Annual Education and Leadership Congress took place August 18 to 20 with 783 refugee scholars participating. Students were mentored to build self-confidence, resilience, and leadership skills.
- Safeguarding and psychosocial support services were provided in 23 schools and counseling for 60 students. Group counseling sessions for 188 learners and art and play therapy for 118 students were also conducted.
- 226 students participated in Child Rights Club activities, focusing on abuse prevention and empowerment.
- Around 1,700 students will be relocated from the overcrowded Hilaac Primary School to Equator Primary School in Ifo 2.

## Health

- UNHCR-supported health centers offered 47,954 consultations this month. The ratio of patients per clinician is 96.
- A significant reduction in measles admissions was recorded, following a vaccination campaign.
- Mpox preparedness was initiated across the camps.

## Food Security and Nutrition

- The food basket was reinstated to 58 per cent as of August (it was cut to 40 per cent in June due to WFP reductions). The Bamba Chakula cash-based transfers was distributed at Ksh 795 per person.
- A total of 378,433 people received food from the general distribution.
- 1,660 malnourished children were admitted to various feeding programs.
- World Breast Feeding Week 1-7 August aimed at promoting and supporting breastfeeding.
- Health and nutrition education sessions reached 10,863 refugees.

## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- All 28 boreholes were fully operational, bringing refugees an average of 17.9 liters per person per day, less than the recommended 20 liters per person per day.
- Construction of 40,544 household latrines and 840 communal latrines was completed in Ifo2.
- There are 76 hygiene promoters spread across the camps which does not meet the needs. The current ratio of hygiene promoter to person is 1:5,035 which is far above the UNHCR standard of 1:1,000.



*19 year old Abdirizak Mohamed is a passionate refugee photographer who was trained by FilmAid. He now uses his camera to earn an income in Dadaab @UNHCR/ Mohamed Maalim*

## URBAN

There are currently **105,992** refugees and asylum seekers residing in urban areas, with authorization from the Government.

### Protection

- This month, 733 refugees were registered, bringing the total number of registrations to 6,747 this year.
- UNHCR responded to 18,018 calls via the official Helpline and facilitated 3,048 appointment requests.
- 43 refugees and asylum-seekers were supported to relocate from urban areas to Kakuma refugee camp.
- On 28 August, UNHCR held discussion sessions with 45 refugee men in Eastleigh, Nairobi, on GBV prevention, mitigation and response.
- UNHCR participated in the Nairobi City County Government SGBV bi-annual stakeholders forum, to improve service delivery, strengthening legal frameworks and improving response and support for GBV survivors.
- An information sharing for LGBTIQ+ refugees was held on 27 August at HIAS.
- UNHCR, DRS, partners and other stakeholders conducted a workshop with 53 Refugee Led Organizations (RLOs) in Nairobi. The aim was to strengthen coordination and partnership.
- 75 assessments conducted for persons with specific needs, to ensure they can access support and services.
- On 15 August, UNHCR attended the opening of a child friendly space in Kabiria, Nairobi.



A new child friendly space, run by HIAS, is officially opened on 15 August. @HIAS

### Community engagement

- Two joint community-based protection forums were conducted by UNHCR, DRS and partners at Njiru and Ruiru, sharing information to refugees on services and support offered by partners and hearing concerns.
- UNHCR celebrated International Youth Day on 14 August with partners HIAS, RefugePoint, the Foundation for Health and social Economic Development Africa (HESED) in a community forum at Kayole, Nairobi. Youth received information about sexual and reproductive health and counselled on health services.
- UNHCR attended a graduation ceremony with RLO Youth Voices Community. 24 refugee and host community members completed Business and Entrepreneurship Skills Training and Business Mentorship programs.

### Social protection

- UNHCR, in collaboration with DRS, ILO, DRC, IRC, and the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), began discussions on the registration of refugees in Nairobi into the NSSF “Haba Haba” program (launched in 2019, “Haba Haba” enables people in the informal sector to contribute to social security savings). UNHCR also completed plans to support the Kenyan government's National Social Protection Secretariat in undertaking data collection and registration of refugee households in Mombasa County into the Enhanced Single Registry (ESR). This is a social registry that will include refugees into existing social protection programmes.

### Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- During the month of August, 426 individuals were scheduled for interviews, 417 assessments were completed, and 466 individual cases were reviewed.
- The number of asylum seekers in the urban areas pending RSD process stands at 41,146.

### Durable Solutions

- Since January 2024, 572 refugees have departed for resettlement to Australia, Canada, Germany, Netherlands and USA.
- Since January 2024, a total of 835 individuals were submitted or re-submitted to different resettlement countries including Germany, Canada, Netherlands and the USA.

### Complementary pathways

- In August 2024, a total of 46 refugee students departed to Canada with World University Service of Canada.

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### Government

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