

Kenya September 2024 Operational Update



A new chapter begins for Burundian refugees returning home from Kakuma. UNHCR supports voluntary repatriation and in 2024, 946 refugees have been repatriated to Burundi. UNHCR/Eric Bakuli

Key Figures

804,594 registered refugees and asylum-seekers from over 20 countries.

295,617 residing in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement and **402,191** in Dadaab Refugee Camp.

106,786 living in urban areas.

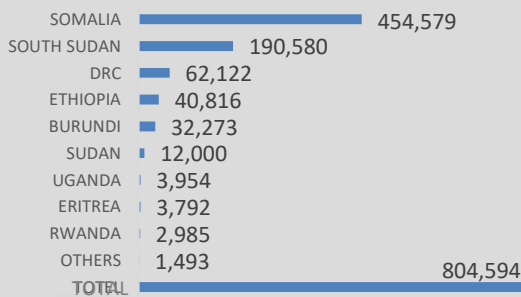
87 per cent of refugees living in camps.

21,063 calls answered on the UNHCR Helpline.

48 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

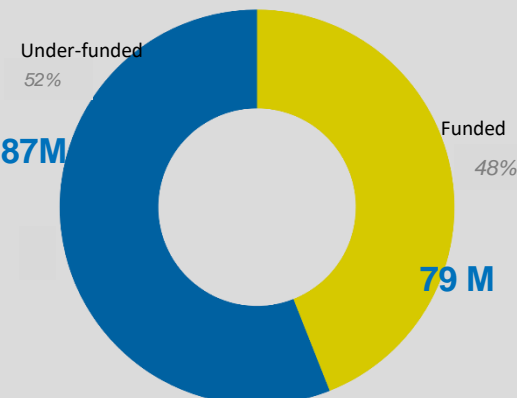


High-level German mission witnesses impact of socio-economic inclusion in Kakuma

From 3-5 September, UNHCR hosted a delegation from the German Foreign Office (FFO) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Parliamentary State Secretary Niels Annen and Pit Köhler, Head of Division at the FFO joined the mission.

The delegation met with the Governor of Turkana and visited Lift Kenya Limited in Kakuma, a solar grid in Kalobeyei and met with financial service providers and refugee entrepreneurs. The visit focused on the impact of socio-economic inclusion of refugees in Kenya.

Funding



KAKUMA CAMP AND KALOBYEI INTEGRATED SETTLEMENT

UNHCR currently supports **295,617** refugees and asylum-seekers, residing in both Kakuma Camp and the Kalobeyi Integrated Settlement.

Protection

- The Department of Refugee Services registered 1,991 people during the month of September. A total of 3,617 people are awaiting registration and 10,951 refugees are currently in reception centers.
- 1,391 refugees arrived this month, bringing the total number of new arrivals this year to 19,379.
- 3,803 newly arrived unaccompanied and separated children were supported in reception centers and 1,488 children supported with family tracing and reunifications. 14,542 children used child friendly spaces.
- The Kakuma Chess club competed at the Jumuiya Ya Afrika Mashariki Chess Tournament in Nairobi on 21 and 22 September. The Club was awarded “Best Club Performance” with four top five positions.
- 110 contestants participated in the 2024 Kakuma Got Talent event this month.
- 202 households (712 people) received core relief items, including sanitary pads, kitchen sets, sleeping mats, blankets, female underwear and mosquito nets.
- UNHCR and partners organized a public peacebuilding sessions reaching 1,786 refugees.
- 134 refugees received legal aid assistance and 14 received legal representation.

Education

- A total of 100,217 students are enrolled in 55 schools supported by UNHCR (40 per cent are girls).
- 1,500 learning kits were distributed to 1,500 learners in grades 1-3 in schools in Kalobeyi.

Health

- 87,387 medical consultations, 1,096 mental health consultations and 580 skilled deliveries were managed during September.
- The Ministry of Health is leading the measles outbreak affecting refugees and host communities. Four new cases were recorded during this month and there are now 1,348 cases reported and 26 mortalities since the outbreak began in March 2023.
- The Ministry of Health organized a one-day virtual training for healthcare workers on Mpox surveillance and management.

Food Security and Nutrition

- 290 people were admitted in the Outpatient Therapeutical Program and 723 children were admitted to the Supplementary Feeding Program. 37 pregnant and breastfeeding women also received support.
- The stabilization centre admitted 94 severely malnourished children with medical complications.

Shelter

- A total of 1,942 transitional shelters have been constructed so far this year (97 per cent of the total planned for 2024).

Access to energy and environmental conservation

- A total of 688 metric tons of firewood was received in September and distributed to schools, reception centers and child-headed households.
- 135 improved cookstoves were fabricated and 25 distributed to new arrivals.
- 4,446 seedlings were distributed and planted at various homesteads and institutions.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- 11 disability-friendly latrines were constructed this month.
- 1,260kg of chlorine was used to treat water at the borehole source.
- The average amount of water received is 15 liters per person, per day. This is below sphere standards of 20 liters.

Livelihoods

- 1,540 students continued their studies beyond secondary school. 25 students were enrolled in professional accounting and management courses and 244 students enrolled in training in carpentry, electrical and motor vehicle mechanics.
- 179 students underwent digital skills training.
- Three student groups have passed the vetting process and are ready to receive funding for start-up businesses in October.

DADAAB REFUGEE CAMP

UNHCR currently supports **402,191** 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 4,792 people during the month of September.
- A total of 1,273 refugee ID cards were distributed to refugees and 6,274 await collection.
- 2,083 new food ration cards and 1,342 'Bamba Chakula' WFP food vouchers were issued.
- A total of 121 birth certificates were distributed, bringing the cumulative total this year to 6,792.
- UNHCR and partners conducted four sensitization forums, attended by 436 refugees, to inform the community about the upcoming Differentiated Assistance Assessment.
- 139 outreach activities reached 35,731 people on topics like mental health, disease prevention and human trafficking.
- 240 older persons received support including rehabilitation, hygiene kits and assistive devices and 597 persons with disabilities were supported with rehabilitative services and assistive devices.

Education

- A total of 76,085 students are enrolled across 23 primary and 6 secondary schools.
- To support quality teaching, all 23 primary schools received educational materials for the third term.
- 16 teachers participated in training on information, communications and technology.
- 635 secondary school girls received hygiene kits with sanitary pads, to ensure attendance is maintained.
- DAFI interviews took place with 337 candidates shortlisted – reflecting a commitment to opportunities.
- 80 learners received counselling for psychological distress whilst 281 participated in peer-to-peer sessions, promoting coping strategies through life skills development.

Health

- 44,312 medical consultations and 1,854 mental health consultations and 483 skilled deliveries were managed during September. The ratio of patients per clinician is 88.
- 36 measles cases were reported and measures remain in place, including: disease surveillance, health education sessions, tracing, case finding, intensified immunization outreach.
- Mpox preparedness was initiated across the camps.

Food Security and Nutrition

- The food basket was reinstated to 60 per cent as of September (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, per month.
- A total of 388,065 people received food from the general distribution.
- 1,538 malnourished children were admitted to various feeding programs.
- Health and nutrition education sessions reached 8,496 refugees.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- All 28 boreholes were fully operational, bringing refugees an average of 19.3 liters per person per day, an increase from previous months.
- Construction of 40,754 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.

Livelihoods

- Livelihood partners participated in the Differentiated Assistance Assessment across the Dadaab camps—a new model led by WFP, UNHCR, and DRS aimed at targeting assistance for refugees.
- On 12 September, UNHCR joined DRS, Garissa County Government departments, Refugee Consortium Kenya, refugees, and host community for a panel discussion on integration, entrepreneurship, and market access.
- The Market-Driven Technical Skills Training program progressed, with 84 students registered for NITA certification, the National Industrial Training Authority. This nationally recognized certification will help them in further employment.
- 40 members of the refugee and host community were identified for training in an insect farming project, the first of its kind in Dadaab. Partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted assessments of Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) to connect them with financial institutions.

URBAN

There are currently **106,786** refugees and asylum seekers residing in urban areas, with authorization from the Government.

Protection

- This month, 683 refugees were registered, bringing the total number of registrations to 7,430 this year.
- UNHCR responded to 21,063 calls via the official Helpline and facilitated 3,504 appointment requests.
- 34 refugees and asylum-seekers were supported to relocate from urban areas to Kakuma refugee camp.
- Two information sharing sessions for LGBTIQ+ refugees and asylum-seekers were organized this month. The sessions covered issues like security, resettlement and access to health services and employment.
- 77 assessments were conducted for persons with specific needs, including the elderly, persons with disabilities and LGBTIQ+ refugees to assess their protection needs for appropriate support.
- 27 persons with specific needs were offered psychosocial support to enhance their resilience and coping mechanisms.
- UNHCR, DRS and partners conducted a Participatory Assessment exercise in 12 locations around Nairobi on 25 and 26 September. Refugees shared specific protection risks they face, underlying causes and to hear their proposed solutions. The information will inform programming in 2025.
- UNHCR, DRS and HIAS conducted a training for Nairobi City Council Government officers and Kiambu County local administrators on refugee protection, registration and documentation, RSD process, role of justice system in protection refugee in Kenya, and Alternative Dispute Resolution among other topics. The trainings intend to enhance refugee community engagement and participation in host community matters.

Livelihoods, Economic Inclusion and Social protection

- UNHCR initiated a mapping process of Refugee Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Partnerships and activities, assessing current interventions and enhancing sector partnerships and coordination. This process will feed into a strategy for the sector.
- To facilitate the inclusion of refugees into the national social protection systems, the State Department of Social Protection led by the Social Protection Secretariat, facilitated refugee registration into the Enhanced Single Registry (ESR). A total of 892 households (2,435 people) were listed. The process also collected livelihoods and economic inclusion data for 643 persons of working age in the registered households.
- During the Participatory Assessment, detailed above, community discussions revealed that poor access to legal documentation by refugees remains a major barrier to their efforts to achieve self-reliance.



“NHIF has really helped me. My second born got sick after she was born and I was able to get her treatment.” Nyamajana Solangie is a refugee from the Congo and mother of three children. National Health Insurance Fund cover ensures her family have access to medical care when they need it.
UNHCR/Charity Nzomo

Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- During the month of September, 520 individuals were scheduled for interviews, 472 assessments were completed, and 448 individual cases were reviewed.
- The number of asylum seekers in the urban areas pending RSD process stands at 41,346.

Durable Solutions

- Since January 2024, 3,401 refugees have departed for resettlement to USA (1,868), Germany (684), Australia (485), Canada (166), UK (115), Norway and the Netherlands among others.
- Since January 2024, a total of 2,429 individuals were submitted (or re-submitted, including newborn babies) to different resettlement countries including Germany, Canada, the Netherlands and the USA.

Complementary pathways

- In September 2024, one refugee student departed to Italy on the UNICORE program. Seven more will be departing in October 2024.

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