

# Kenya

## October 2024

### Operational Update



UNHCR High Commissioner Filippo Grandi and International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach cheer alongside sports participants at the Kalobeyei Sports Complex on 26 October. UNHCR/Charity Nzomo

## Key Figures

**812,910** registered refugees and asylum-seekers from over 20 countries.

**296,152** residing in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement and **408,985** in Dadaab Refugee Camp.

**107,773** living in urban areas.

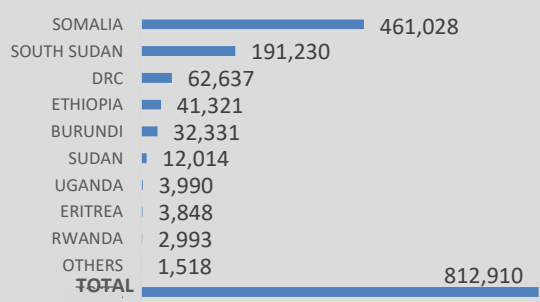
**87 per cent** of refugees living in camps.

**21,885** 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



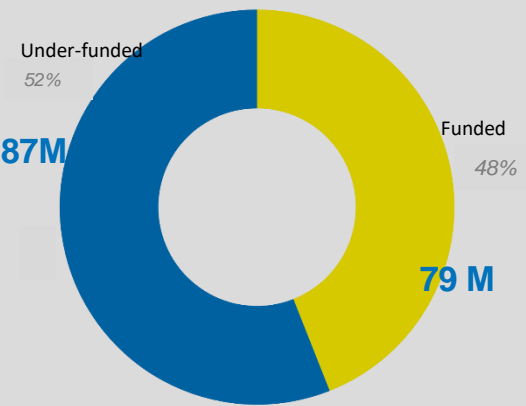
### High-level mission highlights inclusive power of sport

On 25 October, High Commissioner Filippo Grandi and IOC President Thomas Bach met with the President of Kenya, discussing how sport is making a difference to refugee and host communities in Kenya.

The following day, the Principals from IOC and UNHCR visited the Kalobeyei Sports Complex in the Kakuma Municipality to see how sports are healing, uniting, and empowering communities.

The Kalobeyei Sports Complex was constructed with funding from the Olympic Refugee Foundation and UNHCR and now has many facilities. It will eventually be handed over to be managed by the County Government of Turkana.

## Funding



# **KAKUMA CAMP AND KALOBYEI INTEGRATED SETTLEMENT**

UNHCR currently supports **296,152** refugees and asylum-seekers, residing in both Kakuma Camp and the Kalobeyi Integrated Settlement.

## **Protection**

- The Department of Refugee Services registered 1,533 people during the month of October. A total of 3,681 people are awaiting registration in reception centers.
- 1,533 refugees arrived this month, bringing the total number of new arrivals this year to 16,030.
- 19,599 people received core relief items (CRIs), including sanitary pads, kitchen sets, sleeping mats.
- 3,938 newly arrived unaccompanied and separated children were supported in reception centers and 1,600 children supported with family tracing and reunifications. 16,154 children used child friendly spaces.
- 2,727 youth participated in various sports activities this month, and a further 225 youth were engaged in promoting peaceful coexistence, facilitated by 22 Youth Peace Club members.
- 61 new GBV cases were reported and recorded. UNHCR supported with counseling and assessment.
- A Protection from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (PSEA) session was conducted. 38 participants from organizations were trained as trainers, whilst the session also brought together PSEA focal points from the refugee community, RLOs and CBOs. In total, the sessions reached 2,000 students.

## **Education**

- A total of 100,217 students are enrolled in 55 schools supported by UNHCR (40 per cent are girls).
- 6,839 students completed the Kenya Primary School Education Assessments (KPSEA) and 3,262 students in nine refugee schools commenced the KCSE exams, joining over 950,000 candidates nationwide.
- 6,832 students accessed ICT-integrated lessons in October and 563 students received individual counseling and psychosocial support services in schools.

## **Health**

- 61,854 medical consultations, 1,120 mental health consultations and 601 skilled deliveries were managed during October.
- The Ministry of Health is leading the measles outbreak. Three new cases were recorded this month and there are now 1,351 cases reported and 26 mortalities since the outbreak began in March 2023.
- The Ministry of Health, in collaboration with UNHCR and partners, conducted a five-day polio campaign from 2-6 October, targeting children aged 0-10 years in Turkana County. 99,244 children were immunized.

## **Food Security and Nutrition**

- 237 people were admitted in the Outpatient Therapeutical Program and 728 children were admitted to the Supplementary Feeding Program. 33 pregnant and breastfeeding women also received support.
- The stabilization centre admitted 58 severely malnourished children with medical complications.

## **Shelter**

- Four transitional shelters were built for specific protection referral cases in October.
- 80 family tents were pitched in the Reception Centers to accommodate more new arrivals.

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

- A total of 530.18 metric tons of firewood was received in October and distributed to schools, reception and health centers and child-headed households.
- 74 improved cookstoves were fabricated and distributed to new arrivals.
- 10,705 seedlings were distributed and planted at various homesteads and institutions.

## **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

- 1,260kg of chlorine was used to treat water at the borehole source whilst 50 meters of water pipeline was rehabilitated and 19 generators and two 2 solar panels were maintained.
- One accessible latrine was constructed to support persons with specific needs in Kalobeyi.

## **Livelihoods**

- 11 vocational training graduates were placed in companies, as mechanics, welders, carpenters, and in ICT.
- 179 students were engaged in digital training, with 70 earning an income.
- Women artisans realized KES 41,000 through the sale of handmade products, including beadwork.
- 154 women were facilitated with business linkages support for training, including digital marketing and customer tracking.



# **DADAAB REFUGEE CAMP**

UNHCR currently supports **408,985** 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 5,224 this month.
- A total of 103 individuals sought legal aid on issues such as abductions, child trafficking, GBV, and documentation challenges. Additionally, 66 people received psychosocial counselling, which aims to improve coping strategies and mental health.
- From 20 October, the Civil Registration team processed 3,663 birth and death certificates during its six-week mission in Dadaab, enabling proper documentation for refugees.
- 115 activities using mobile cinemas, caravans, radio and community screenings reached 91,980 people, including 126 persons with disabilities. Key messages addressed healthcare, education, and anti-trafficking.
- UNHCR responded to 134 queries via phone, email, and protection desks.

## **Education**

- A total of 76,085 students are enrolled across 23 primary and 6 secondary schools.
- The KPSEA exams took place this month, with 2,535 students participating.
- 69 school Board of Management members and administrators took part in a Ministry of Education training on leadership, management, and financial skills. The training was funded by PRM.
- A one-day child safeguarding and protection training, facilitated by the ECHO project, equipped 120 participants with skills to identify and respond to signs of abuse and neglect.
- An inspiring leadership session organized by the Vodafone Foundation and UNHCR engaged 72 learners. Refugee athletes who competed in the Paris Olympics and Paralympics shared stories to motivate students.
- Support services for children with disabilities included audiology support for 95 learners and occupational therapy for 98 children.
- Individual counselling helped 202 learners address low self-esteem, stigma, and relationship challenges.

## **Health**

- Measles admissions decreased in Dagahaley camp after a reactive vaccination campaign, with 41 new cases reported compared to 54 in the previous month of September. Controlling the outbreak remains challenging due to insufficient funding for mass immunization in all camps and a shortage of community health workers.
- In Garissa, 54 children received free surgeries during a paediatric surgery camp.

## **Food Security and Nutrition**

- During October, the food basket was reduced to 40%, providing only 570 Kcal per person daily, far below the recommended 2,100 Kcal. This exposes households to food and nutrition insecurity. Cash-based transfers (Bamba Chakula) were distributed at KES 450 per person per month.
- This month, 394,835 people received food through general food distribution.
- Malnutrition programs admitted 1,715 children: 1,096 in the therapeutic supplementary feeding program, 468 in the outpatient therapeutic program, and 151 in stabilization centers.
- Health and nutrition sessions reached 8,053 people in October, building capacity for early malnutrition detection, proper referral, and prevention.

## **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

- Refugees received an average of 19.2 litres per person per day from 27 operational boreholes.
- To sustain water access, 129 pipes were repaired along the 276km pipeline.
- 174 latrines were constructed in Ifo 2, funded by Qatar Charity and the repairs to 17 elevated steel water tanks continues.

## **Livelihoods**

- Progress was made on the insect farming initiative, a sustainable farming solution in Dadaab. This included waste quantification and completion of greenhouse substructures.
- The Dadaab Digital Learning Program received the 2024 ICDL Africa Best Project Award for advancing digital literacy among refugee youth.
- UNHCR and DRC facilitated technical and vocational training in tailoring, solar electrical work, plumbing, and spray painting.

## URBAN

There are currently **107,773** refugees and asylum seekers residing in urban areas, with authorization from the Government.

### Protection

- During the month of October, 929 individuals were registered, bringing the total number of registrations in urban areas to 8,359 in 2024.
- UNHCR responded to 21,885 calls via the official Helpline and facilitated 2,978 appointment requests.
- 68 refugees and asylum-seekers were supported to relocate from urban areas to Kakuma refugee camp and 18 supported to relocate to Dadaab.

### Statelessness

- UNHCR released a **policy brief on understanding the impact of obtaining citizenship for formerly stateless populations**, studying the Shona community in Kenya.
- The findings show that 86% of respondents now have access to documentation, whilst there has been a notable increase in accessing bank accounts (from 9 to 35%). Nearly all households now have access to a mobile wallet. Four out of ten Shona households now perceive their household income has increased, and five out of ten households' income has stabilized since gaining citizenship.
- The policy brief was released to coincide with the 10-year anniversary of the #IBelong campaign to eradicate statelessness. Read the brief:

<https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/111718>



Oliver, a member of the Shona community, weaves baskets which she sells at her home in Kinoo. UNHCR/Charity Nzomo

### Livelihoods, Economic Inclusion and Social protection

UNHCR, along with academic partners, presented the study findings from the Kenya Longitudinal Socioeconomic Survey of Refugees and Hosts at a research symposium organized by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) titled "From Evidence to Policy: A Research and Policy Symposium". The panel was convened by IKEA Foundation, IRC's RE:BUiLD programme, and the World Bank. Key discussion topics included: policy barriers on livelihood mainstreaming and the potential of using evidence for policy reform. Watch the presentation here: <https://youtu.be/7p43U18pjFs?t=3056>



Masud Rahman, Economist with UNHCR Kenya, participates in a panel discussion on the use of evidence for policy action at the IRC Research and Policy Symposium on 16 October.

### Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- During October, 485 individuals were scheduled for interviews, 418 assessments were completed, and 273 individual cases were reviewed.
- The number of asylum seekers in the urban areas pending RSD process stands at 41,854.

### Durable Solutions

- Since January 2024, 3,739 refugees have departed for resettlement to USA (2190), Germany (684), Australia (485), Canada (178), UK (119), Norway (69) and the Netherlands among others.
- Since January 2024, a total of 2,692 individuals were submitted (or re-submitted, including newborn babies) to different resettlement countries including Germany, Canada, the Netherlands and the USA.

### Complementary pathways

- In October 2024, 292 refugees have departed Kenya on complementary pathways. 276 with private sponsorship to Canada; 5 refugee students departed to Italy on the UNICORE program; seven with Welcome Corps to the USA and four travelled to Australia sponsored by Global Special Humanitarian.

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### Operational partners:

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### Others (Development partners, UN Agencies)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (German Agency for International Cooperation – GIZ) | SNV Netherlands Development Organisation | International Organization for Migration (IOM) | United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) | The World Bank | United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat) | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) | United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) | UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) | United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) | United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) | United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) | United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) | Equity Bank | Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) | University of Nairobi | Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI)

### Government

Government of Kenya | Turkana County Government | Garissa County Government | Department of Refugee Services (DRS) | Kenya Medical Training College (KMTCC) | National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).

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