

# MALAWI

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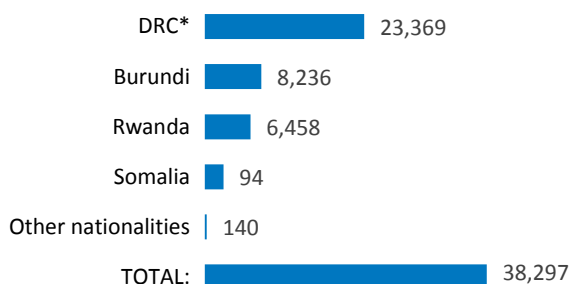
By 31 January 2019, **38,297 refugees and asylum-seekers** were resident in Dzaleka Refugee Camp. **419** new arrivals and new born babies were registered in February 2019.

Mwanza Field Unit was officially closed on 31 December 2018 following the voluntary repatriation of **2,603 asylum-seekers** from Luwani Refugee Camp to Mozambique.

In 2018 a total of **1,069** refugees were resettled to Canada, Australia, Finland, Sweden and USA. **1,250** are expected to be resettled in 2019.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

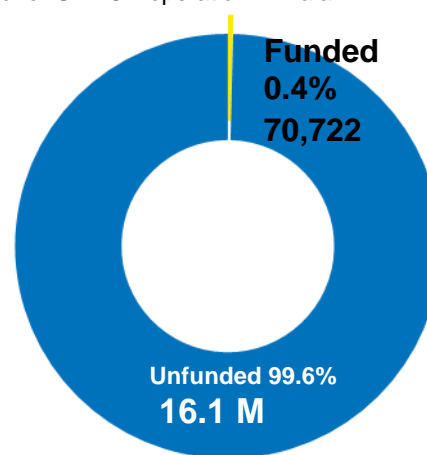
### Country of Origin



## FUNDING (AS OF 28 FEBRUARY)

### USD 16.2 Mi

requested for UNHCR operation in Malawi



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

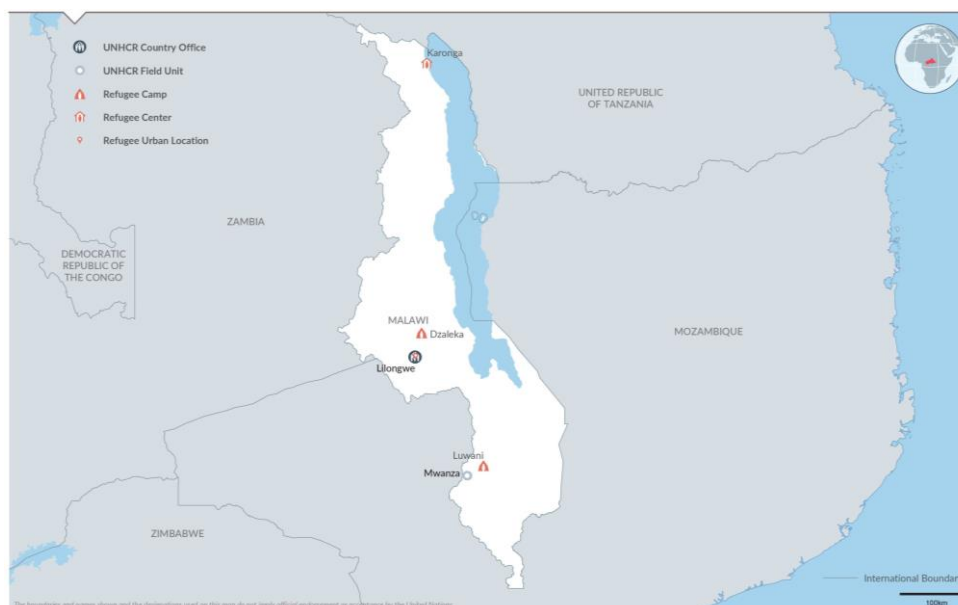
**24** National Staff

**08** International Staff

**13** Affiliated Staff

### Offices:

**01** Country Office in Lilongwe



## Working with Partners

- Under the Refugee Coordination Model, UNHCR coordinates activities with the following partners: Ministry of Homeland Security (MHS); Ministry of Health (MoH); Plan International Malawi (PIM); Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS); Churches Action for Relief and Development (CARD); Welthungerhilfe (WHH), and Norwegian Church Aid (NCA). UNHCR collaborates with other operational partners and the UN agencies, including the World Food Programme (WFP). UNHCR is part of the UN Country Team and the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF).

## Main Activities

### Protection

- MHS is responsible for reception, refugee status determination (RSD) and camp management. Reception conditions and the risk of refoulement, remain a concern.
- RSD backlogs have decreased in the past year with 13,785 persons of concern (PoC) recognised as refugees. More RSD determinations are pending endorsement by the Refugee Committee.
- Congestion in Dzaleka Refugee Camp, initially designed to accommodate approximately 10,000 PoCs, is currently home to 38,297 refugees and asylum-seekers, remains a serious concern.

### Education

- A total of 5,678 refugees and asylum-seekers are enrolled in education programmes at various levels. Some 272 pre-school children represent an enrolment rate of 8.4 percent of children between the ages three to five. A total of 4,211 children represent 40 per cent of the overall enrolment figure at the level of primary school while 567 students makes up 18 per cent enrolment at secondary school. Through the Naweza Girl Empowerment Initiative, seven girls are beneficiaries of the Naweza Secondary School Scholarship Programme and six more benefits from the Naweza Tertiary Scholarship Programmes. A total of 629 youth are enrolled in various post-secondary and higher education programmes (certificates, diploma & degree) provided by Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) and Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL).
- In 2018, Malawi implemented the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Programme (DAFI) scholarships for the first time. Six refugee students are beneficiaries of the programme. The number of scholarships is expected to be increased in 2019.
- The Connectivity for Refugees Project which was opened as the first AppFactory in Dzaleka in June 2017 through Microsoft's 4Afrika Initiative. 28 students has been enrolled in the second intake in September 2018 and the class will conclude in July 2019. The intake of the pioneer class had 21 students and ran between June 2017 and May 2018.

### Health

- The Dzaleka Health Centre currently assists over 70,000 persons. 62 per cent of these people are from the host community. Dzaleka Health Centre provides adult and paediatric outpatient services, HIV counselling and testing (HCT), anti-retroviral therapy clinic, laboratory services, community management of acute malnutrition, immunization, family planning, ante-natal, delivery and post-natal services.
- Dzaleka Health Centre hosts an Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP).

### Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR works closely with the Government, WFP and UNICEF to address the nutrition needs of refugees and asylum-seekers. Food assistance provided by WFP is currently critical. WFP and UNHCR is currently appealing for USD 2.9 million to feed the 38,000 POCs in Dzaleka Refugee Camp between April and December 2019. Up to 90% of refugees rely on food assistance, much due to reservations made by the Government of Malawi in which POCs cannot seek employment or conduct businesses outside of the camp.

### Water and Sanitation

- Dzaleka has 34 functional hand pumps and 15 water kiosks each with four taps, which supply 345,000 litres of water for approximately 38,000 refugees and asylum-seekers.. PoCs receive on average, nine litres of water per person per day (standard is  $\geq 20$  litres per person per day). Currently, 38,000 refugees have 89 communal toilet stances and 5,500 household toilet stances which serves seven people per latrine (standard ratio  $\leq 20$  people per latrine).

### Shelter and Core Relief Items

- Shelter is in short supply and refugees and asylum-seekers are in need of basic domestic items including core relief items such as mosquito nets, blankets, kitchen sets, mats soap, sanitary pads, clothes, , briquettes and solar lamps.

### Access to Energy

- UNHCR and its partners support energy conservation practices in and around the camp through the provision of energy saving stoves.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Due to the encampment policy the majority of PoCs have limited income generating opportunities in Dzaleka. Current livelihood activities include high value crop production using rain-fed agriculture. Due to erratic rain patterns, UNHCR has funded the development of a solar powered irrigation scheme through a livelihoods partner, CARD which was completed in 2018. Other livelihoods activities include business enterprises (milk processing, restaurant improvements, feed making, meat processing, vegetable processing, and tomato processing-jam), livestock production (dairy

production, piggery, layers-for eggs and meat, broilers for meat and quails for eggs and meat). Poultry, piggery and goats rearing initiatives that began in 2016 continue to yield positive results for beneficiaries through improved incomes and food security.

- In April 2018, New Finance Bank opened its branch of service in Dzaleka Refugee Camp. The banks offer services such as saving accounts, group lending, ATM access, forex services, training courses on financial literacy and business skills and tailored services according to the needs of the person of concern to the residents of the camp. The initiative is driven in partnership between New Finance Bank, Ministry of Homeland Security, and UNHCR Malawi.

### Durable Solutions

- As local integration and voluntary repatriation are not feasible for most refugees in Malawi, resettlement continues to be the most viable durable solution. UNHCR continues to appeal to the Government of Malawi to fast track the implementation of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) which will pave the way for a settlement model that would allow refugees to share resources also available to and with the host community.

## Financial Information

UNHCR is grateful for the USD 30,000 received from UN Programme on HIV/AIDS

### UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Sweden 90.4 million | Denmark 54.9 million | Norway 44.5 million | Netherlands 37.5 million | United Kingdom 31.7 million | Germany 27.3 million | Switzerland 15.1 million | Algeria | Austria | Belgium | Canada | Estonia | Indonesia | Monaco | Montenegro | Peru | Qatar | Republic of Korea | Russian Federation | Saudi Arabia | Serbia | Singapore | Slovakia | Sri Lanka | Thailand | United Arab Emirates | Uruguay | Private donors

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