

Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 31 MARCH 2019

187,917

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 7 April 2019.

3,977

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered since the beginning of January 2019.

4,312

Individuals assisted to return to their home countries since February 2016.

KEY INDICATORS

6,849

Refugees received cash for Core Relief Items, soap and sanitary towels, through their bank accounts in March 2019.

433

Refugee households in Kalobeyei are currently constructing their own permanent shelters through Cash Based Intervention (CBI).

74.5%

Of newly registered refugees are from South Sudan.

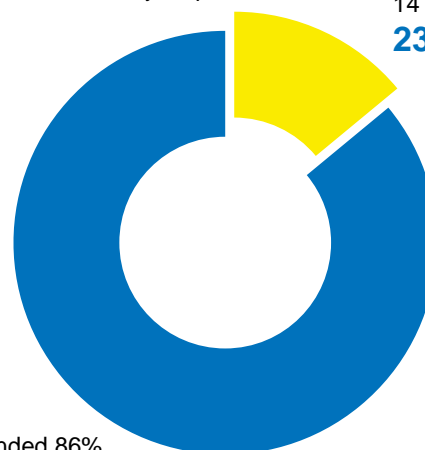
FUNDING (AS OF 2 APRIL 2019)

USD 170.1 M

Requested for the Kenya Operation

Funded
14 %

23.21 M

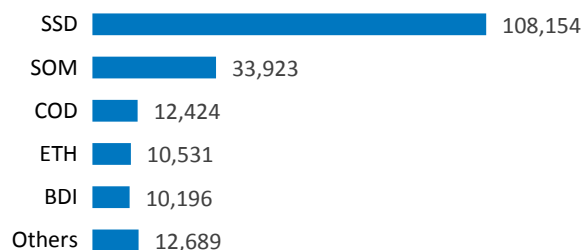


Unfunded 86%
146.89 M



Refugee athletes compete in one of the 'We Run' athletics trial event in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei settlement. Photo: UNHCR/Samuel Otieno

POPULATION OF CONCERN



The above figures show the overall refugee population registered in the UNHCR database as at 7 April 2019. The figure is inclusive of the population of persons of concern hosted in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.

Update on Achievements

Highlights

Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Plan (KISED) launched in Kakuma: The Turkana County Government, UNHCR, and partners came together for the launch of the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISED) in Kakuma on 1 April 2019. The launch was led by the Governor of Turkana County, HE. Josephat Nanok, and the UNHCR Representative to Kenya, Ms. Fathiaa Abdalla and attended by residents of Turkana West Sub County.

KISED Steering Committee meeting: On 1 April 2019, the Kenya National Government, the Turkana County Government and UNHCR co-led the first Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISED) steering committee meeting in Lodwar, Turkana County. https://twitter.com/UNHCR_Kenya/status/1113093603700674561

Guitarist and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Miyavi plays a concert with refugees: UNHCR Goodwill ambassador and Japanese Guitarist Tamasa Ishihara, also known as Miyavi, on Thursday 28 March 2019 played a concert in Kakuma refugee camp together with refugee and host community artistes. This was part of his three-day visit to Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement. https://twitter.com/UNHCR_Kenya/status/1112258047748071424

UNHCR Kakuma Operation successfully updates to Progress Version 4 (V4): The operation has successfully migrated to the new version of Progress V4. A training on the new version of progress has been conducted to all relevant colleagues. Subsequently, all protection innovative tools including KASI and AIM were reconfigured to operate with the new version of Progress V4.

Public Participation on the Refugee Bill and Policy: Public participation discussions with refugee and host community members on the Refugee Bill was carried out in Kakuma and Kalobeyei on 11 – 13 March 2019 in order to get views that will be incorporated in the proposed Refugee Bill and policy. The process led by the Government of Kenya and comprised Taskforce members from Nairobi, including Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK), the International Rescue Committee (IRC).

From the press:

Governor Nanok , UNHCR Launch 50 Billion Integration Program: More than half a million people from Turkana West sub county are expected to benefit from the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Programme(KISDEP) that was officially launched in Kakuma on Monday, 1 April 2019, by Governor Josphat Nanok together with donor representatives led by United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), and Turkana West residents.

<http://www.kenyanews.go.ke/governor-nanok-unhcr-launch-50-billion-integration-program/>

Turkish Bursaspor club supports refugee team in Kenya: Turkish football club Bursaspor, through the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) donates football merchandise to support Kakuma United FC – team comprised of players from seven nationalities including Kenyans.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/turkish-bursaspor-club-supports-refugee-team-in-kenya/1416450>

UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees: Kenya's generosity towards refugees is impressive: A one on one interview with the Deputy High Commissioner, UN Refugee Agency – UNHCR, when she visited Kakuma in March 2019.

<https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/news/ea/Kenyas-generosity-towards-refugees-is-impressive-UNHCR/4552908-5044612-j5hjce/index.html>

Missions

13 – 14 March: Director of Information, United Nations Information Centre – Tokyo, Japan.

13 – March: EU-FRANK Study Tour

27 – 29 March: Guitarist and UN Refugee Agency – UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador, Miyavi Ishihara.

27- March: UNV Executive Director

27 – 28 March: International Olympics Committee

27- 28 March: Director of the Department of Children's Services (DCS)

27 March: Deputy and Assistant Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) mission

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** 3,977 newly arrived refugees registered since the beginning of January 2019, of whom 2,963 (74.5%) are refugees from South Sudan.
 - Verification exercise together with RAS in Eldoret region started on 20 March, including the pre-assessment of basic services in Eldoret, Bungamo and Kitale like Education, Documentation and legal services.
 - **Resettlement:** 46 cases comprising of 188 individuals submitted for resettlement consideration in Canada, Sweden and United Kingdom. Additionally, 91 individuals departed for resettlement in 2019.
 - 8 cases of 34 individuals facilitated for resettlement through complementary pathways in 2019. Complementary pathways include family reunification, private sponsorships, educational scholarships and labour mobility.
 - **Child Protection:** 73 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) conducted with 34 in Kakuma camp and 39 in Kalobeyei settlement.
 - 14 Best Interest Determination (BIDs) conducted with 13 in Kakuma camp and 1 in Kalobeyei settlement.
 - 147 child protection concerns received in March 2019 with 86 received in Kakuma camp and 61 in Kalobeyei settlement.
 - **Youth:** 1,876 refugees and host community participated in athletics trial competitions under the 'WeRun' project with the hope of competing in 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. 161 winners in various races advanced to the next level.
 - Vodafone Foundation donated football gear and smartphone devices to refugee and host community players in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.
 - **In Kalobeyei Protection,** UNHCR Protection team jointly with LWF conducted a quick impact assessment of the Youth Outreach Volunteers Project in view to assess their contribution to peaceful resolution of conflicts in the community and thereby increase of the social cohesion, including with host community.
 - On 29th of March, jointly with RAS, UNHCR Protection and Field launched the **2019 Election Calendar** in Kalobeyei settlement including the announcement to the population and call for applications to the Election Committee, which the community-based structure in charge of overseeing election process.
 - **Legal Assistance:** Legal assistance provided for 214 persons of concern with 168 POCs in Kakuma and 46 POCs in Kalobeyei settlement.
- Flight corridor Monitoring:** UNHCR and its legal partner, the Refugee Consortium of Kenya, conducted flight corridor monitoring mission on 31 March – 6 April 2019 reaching up to: Kitale, Bungoma, Malaba, Busia, Kisumu, Migori, Isebania, Kisii and Eldoret towns.

Detention monitoring: 23 visits conducted in 2019 through which 94 clients received assistance.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Specialized services to persons living with disability and mental health challenges are limited and the number of cases in need of assistance increased without having any adequate services and referral mechanisms.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- 193 (54 female) refugee teachers recruited and posted in 21 primary schools, 13 Early Childhood Development (ECDs), and 12 Accelerated Learning Programme centers in Kakuma refugee camp.
- UNHCR protection team trained 48 focal teachers for protection on handling child protection concerns in schools.
- 35 girls from Angelina Jollie, morneau Shepell and Our Lady's girls' schools participated in a creative art workshop under hands-on project, INS-Vodafone programme.
- Three non-INS secondary schools (Somali Bantu, Kalobeyei Settlement and Vision) received 23 tablets each that will aid in digitization of content. Solar power systems were installed in the three schools.
- 42 tablets issued to school management and class teachers in various secondary schools in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement with the aim of improving school data and information management.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Inadequate facilities (classrooms, toilets, desks, WASH and play facilities) leading to school congestion and inability to enrol out-of-school children.
- An insufficient number of teachers including a low number of female teachers, limited training opportunities, and low remuneration and motivation, which affects education quality.

**SHELTER AND CBI****Achievements and Impact**

- Discussions to identify host community households that will benefit from the shelter programme in line with the vision of KISED P are ongoing with the County Government of Turkana.
- 177 transitional shelters constructed for 708 newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers in Kakuma refugee camp.
- Cumulatively, 2,212 households in Kalobeyei settlement live in permanent shelters including those constructed through UNHCR's Cash (CBI) for Shelter Project.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need for the construction of adequate permanent homes for the over 7,000 families who are currently living in temporary shelters in Kalobeyei settlement.

**ACCESS TO ENERGY****Achievements and Impact**

- **1841 MTs** of firewood distributed to the general camp population in Kakuma and Kalobeyei, 112.08MTs distributed to the vulnerable groups, 191.76 MTs to camp schools, 62.48 MTs to the new arrivals and 10MTs to Nadapal Transit Centre and to the Reception Centre.
- **12,300** tree seedlings produced in March, and **7,294** tree seedlings distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts and host community.
- **2** sessions of community environmental awareness and conservation session were held in March reaching out to 807 males and 365 females.
- The Kalobeyei Mini grid construction process has begun, by pegging of the Kalobeyei settlement distribution line and with pole hole digging and erection.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Households continue to rely predominantly on firewood, charcoal, paraffin and basic solar lanterns for their cooking and lighting needs respectively, with firewood being the main source of energy.
- The availability of affordable and reliable electricity has the potential to stimulate economic growth that will have beneficial spill-over effects that could potentially increase individual revenue hence a higher disposable income.

Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), Turkana County Government, the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held including meetings with refugee representatives in the camp and settlement.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya** operation amount to **US\$ 23.21 million**

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