

# NHIF & UNHCR PARTNERSHIP

Regional Knowledge Exchange Group Meeting  
on Social Protection & Forced Displacement

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# CONTEXT

- Kenya hosts over **540,000** refugees and asylum-seekers mainly living in the Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps as well as urban areas, including the capital, Nairobi.
- Women and children make up **77%** of the refugees and asylum seekers. Kenya has also identified some 18,500 stateless persons in the country.
- Refugees are allowed to work in Kenya if they have obtained the 'alien ID Card' or use the UNHCR Document of Refugee Status known as the 'Mandate'. However, there are many undocumented refugees working with relatives or in companies, or households without documentation.
- Kenya is a signatory of international treaties on refugees and migrants. However, national laws are prohibitive on refugees accessing SHP especially those without National IDs, Alien IDs or mandates.

# Challenge of including refugees in SHP

1. SHP Laws
  - NHIF (Amendment) Act 2022 requirements for registration
2. Difficulties in **obtaining legal recognition** and personal documents;
3. The complexities, and **delays in the processes** of obtaining asylum, and related legal documents from UNHCR and/or local authorities, and the serious implications of not having them.
4. Urban refugees' **risk being arrested** and **harassed** due to lack of documentation and
5. There's **limited data on urban refugees** which makes it difficult to extend social health protection to them in Kenya.
  - For example, they are not included in national household surveys to determine their socioeconomic status.
  - Assessment of incomes
6. Disease burden within refugee and host communities; lack of sanitation
7. Impact of COVID-19 pandemic; more HHs pushed into poverty are requiring SHP.

# THE PARTNERSHIP

**2014**

**5,200 HHS**

- ✓ Sponsorship managed by National Council for Churches on behalf of UNHCR
- ✓ Signed MOU

**2019**

**8,032 HHS**

- ✓ Sponsorship is directly managed by UNHCR
- ✓ Signed MOU

**2020-21**

**8,032 HHS**

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**2022**

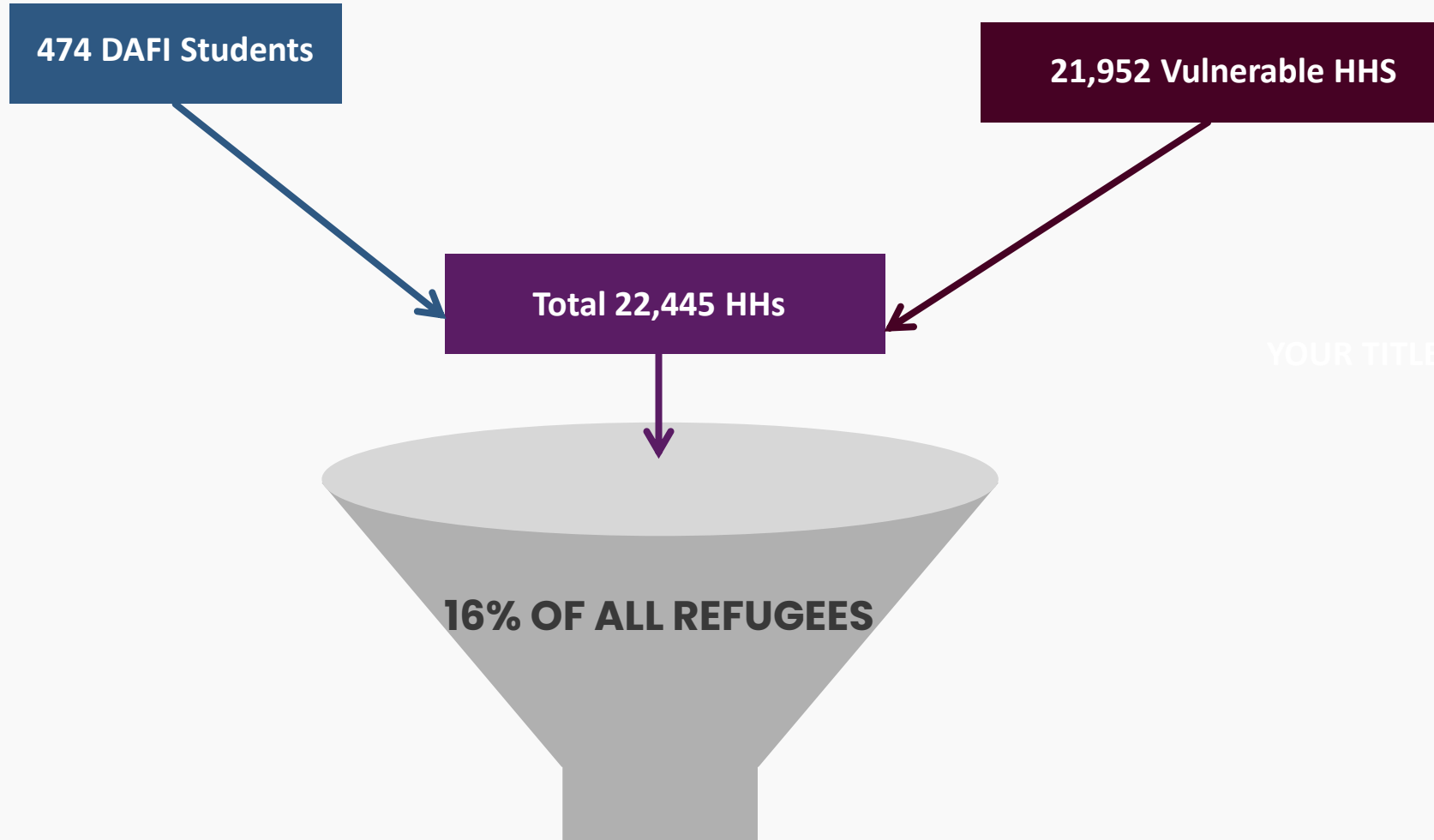
**22,445 HHS**

- ✓ 8,032 vulnerable HHS
- ✓ 493 DAFI students
- ✓ 13,920 Kakuma Refugees
- ✓ Sponsorship is directly managed by UNHCR
- ✓ Signed MOU.

## HOW IT WORKS

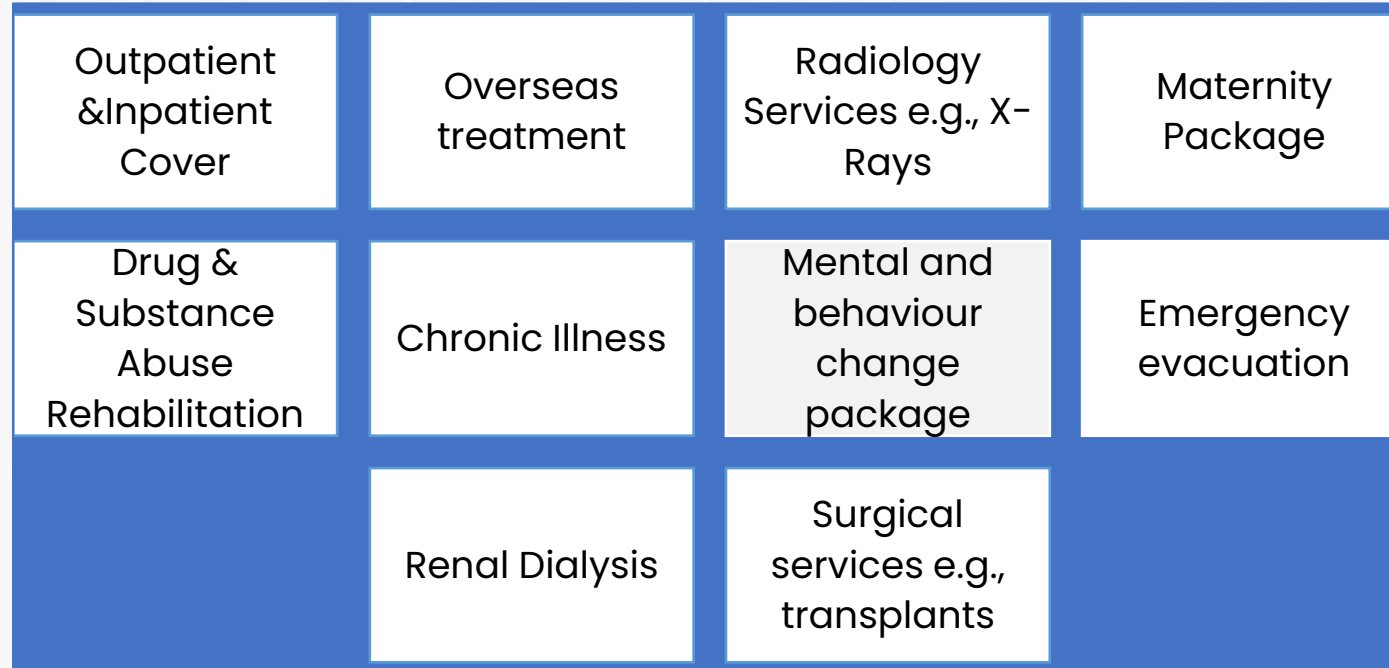
1. NHIF has a **memorandum of understanding** with UNHCR which allows for refugees identified by UNHCR to enrol with NHIF and access same benefits as formal or informal workers.
2. The contribution is paid by UNHCR at a flat rate of **KES 500 or USD \$5 per month or KES 6,000 or USD \$ 60 per annum** per household. This is the same contribution rate paid by informal sector workers.
3. The contribution is paid by UNHCR for targeted poor households in camps or urban settings.
4. Access Health services in over 8,000 contracted facilities.

# COVERAGE

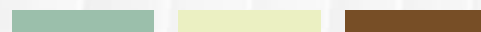




Benefit Package Summary



Outpatient & Inpatient Cover	Overseas treatment	Radiology Services e.g., X-Rays	Maternity Package
Drug & Substance Abuse Rehabilitation	Chronic Illness	Mental and behaviour change package	Emergency evacuation
	Renal Dialysis	Surgical services e.g., transplants	





# NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- NHIF Reforms
  - i. NHIF Act
  - ii. Harmonization and standardization of health benefits
  - iii. Assessment and contracting of HCPs in refugee camps
- Maternity Cash Benefits
  - ILO C102, C183, R202, R191
  - Free Maternity Benefit- already in place (Linda Mama Program)
  - Feasibility study, design, costing and actuarial analysis- Supported by ILO
  - Stakeholder engagements
  - Pilot of benefit



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