



KENYA FACTSHEET

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HIGHLIGHTS

22,798 Identified unaccompanied minors **10** Households provided with cash grants in year 2014 **187,880** NFIs distributed since January

USD 251,196,144 requested

Funding

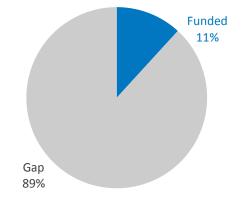
184 Shelters distributed since January

Population of concern

A total of 586,224 people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Somalia	422,591
Ethiopia	30,563
Sudan	10,159
DR Congo	19,026
Rwanda	1,443
Eritrea	1,543
Burundi	6,707
South Sudan	92,317
Uganda	1,667
Other	206
Total	586,224



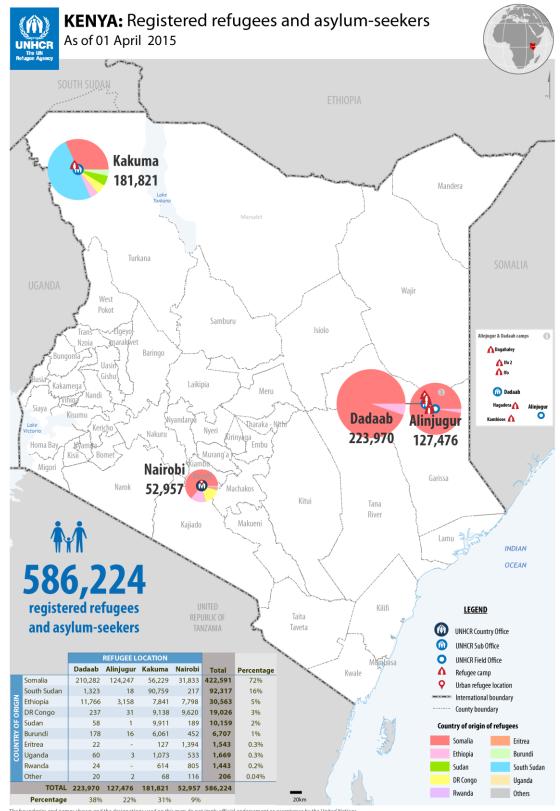
UNHCR Presence

Staff:

353 national staff, 29 NUNVs63 international staff, 11 IUNVS, 15 Consultants

Offices:

4 offices located in: Nairobi, Kakuma, Dadaab, Alinjugur



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WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- Members of the Kenya Parliamentary Human Rights Association (KEPHRA) visited Dadaab refugee camps from 13 to 16 March 2015 to collect views that will help in the review and amendment of the Refugee Act, 2006 and drafting of a National Refugee Policy in the Department of Refugee Affairs' (DRA) led task force. KEPHRA will later table the Amendment Bill for debate in parliament.
- Kakuma has been overstretched by over 56,000 refugees. Extensive consultations are ongoing between UNHCR, DRA, the County Government and the host community on the new land. The Memorandum of Understanding between the parties will be presented to the Governor for Turkana County for endorsement.
- On 19 March 2015, Team and Team International, a South-Korean NGO that is an operational partner in the water sector, handed over a new borehole that they drilled to Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC). The borehole which has an expected yield of 60m₃/hour will assist in improving water supply to residents of Kakuma 4. The Head of the UNHCR sub-office Kakuma applauded Team and Team's efforts and support improve water supply in the camp.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- As at 31 March 2015, Kakuma had received 45,681 asylum seekers from South Sudan and 181,978 refugees had been registered by UNHCR and DRA, with South Sudanese making up 49.9% of the registered population.
- 1,450 individuals were registered and 157 new born babies added to cases in Nairobi as part of the continuous registration activities. 61 new applications were received for new birth registration.
- 185 unregistered refugees were registered by DRA and subsequently registered in UNHCR database, majority of whom being persons of concern relocated from Nairobi to Dadaab. A total of 277 individuals (59 households) were inactivated after they were confirmed to have voluntary returned to Somalia.
- At the end of March, 1,256 new Unaccompanied Minors (UAMS) and 6,924 separated children had arrived in Kakuma since December 2013. Since then, 1,200 UAMs including 834 South Sudanese UAMs and 5,311 separated children have been registered, bringing the cumulative total to 2,777 UAMs and 12,325 separated children.
- A total of 111 Best Interest Assessments of UAM/Separated Children carried out. Of these, 93 were for the newly identified UAMs while 18 were continuous assessments for monitoring purposes. Two BID panels were held in March 2015 where a total of 41 cases were reviewed. 35 cases were approved, while 5 were deferred and one rejected.
- UNHCR in collaboration with Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) intervened and prevented unlawful arrest, detention and prosecution of 32 refugees. The individuals were arrested in the vicinity of Garissa town and charged with unlawful presence outside the designated camp areas. 148 refugees were held in two detention centres in Garissa County.
- Protection and Community Services in Nairobi undertook as joint border monitoring mission to various urban centers in the Rift Valley and Western regions. The team met with police, prisons, immigration, and department of refugee affairs officers who requested training on refugee law and protection to effectively handle asylum seekers and refugee cases.
- The team also noted a directive was issued from Immigration headquarter instructing border officials not to allow entry for asylum seekers from the Great Lakes DRC and Burundi. Such asylum seeker are expected to seek asylum in first countries they enter instead of transiting through to Kenya. UNHCR has raised its concerns over this issue with the Director of Immigration, highlighting the fundamental right to seek asylum as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the refugee conventions.
- On 8 March 2015, International Women Day with the theme "Make It Happen" and was marked in Nairobi, Dadaab and Kakuma to encouraging effective action for advancing and recognizing women strength and achievements.

- I5 SGBV cases were reported in Kakuma in March 2015. 5 of the cases were rape and 1 was a sexual assault case. The individuals were provided with case management services including psychosocial counseling and one referral to the safe haven.
- I7 cases of SGBV were reported in Ifo 2 camp during the reporting period. Survivors underwent psychosocial counselling and those requiring medical treatment were referred to hospitals. It was noted that Ifo 2 had an increase in cases of domestic violence that has been attributed to unemployment, displacement and drug abuse.
- A total number of 134 ICs were accommodated in the NARAP transit center Kangemi in March. Of these, 117 PoCs majority children were transferred to Kakuma (88) and Dadaab (29). They comprised Congolese (54), South Sudanese (33) Burundians (19) and others.
- From 13 to 16 March a delegation of five parliamentarians of the Kenya Parliamentary Human Rights Caucus undertook a mission to Daadab refugee camp to experience the prevailing refugee reality in the camps. The Delegation held separate meetings with UNHCR team in Daadab, implementing and operational partners, the Department of Refugee Affairs, refugee leaders and representatives of the host community. The visit to Daadab was jointly planned as part of the ongoing review of the Kenyan Refugee Act of 2006 and the drafting of a National Refugee Policy.
- UNHCR and its partner, HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), conducted a four-day Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop for partners and refugee community leaders build their capacity and increase awareness, knowledge and skills on prevention and response of SGBV (Sexual Gender Based Violence).

🛴 Education

- 636 students that sat for Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education in 2014 improved in their performance with 16% eligible to join universities in Kenya, 35% eligible for tertiary education in middle level colleges and 38% are eligible for vocational training. Only 10% of candidates performed poorly.
- The Skype in the Classroom Project supported by UNHCR and Microsoft and implemented by FilmAid International has been initiated. The pilot will focus on 5 primary schools while 10 teachers will be trained on how to use Skype in the classroom. The project will provide a platform for connecting classrooms in Kakuma with global resources and contacts that will enrich education programmes within the camp.
- Effective, May 1, School Meals Programme (SMP) will be implemented in ALL secondary schools in Kakuma camp with funding from UNHCR. About 4,000 secondary school students will benefit from SMP.

Health

- The Fistula Foundation visited Dadaab on 16 March and identified patients that would benefit from surgical care. The experts saw 25 patients, ten of which were booked for surgery at Jamaa Hospital in Nairobi where the foundation supports Fistula Repair Program. Causes for fistula can be obstructed labor and a delay in seeking medical attention.
- UNHCR office in Kakuma facilitated AMREF (African Medical and Research Foundation) outreach mission that comprised of a physician and surgeon. The physician reviewed 132 patients with medical conditions while the surgeon performed 28 surgeries and provided 52 consultations and treatment for various surgical conditions.
- Another mission comprised of a psychiatrist and ophthalmologist reviewed 144 patients with mental health conditions while the ophthalmologist performed 23 cataract surgeries and provided 120 consultations and treatment for various eye conditions. 24 staff involved in treatment of psychiatric disorders were trained.
- The Kijabe Hospital medical team screened persons with disabilities in need of correctional surgery in Dadaab. 191 individuals were screened while 44 of these are in need of surgery. However, only 18 children with club foot and cleft lips will benefit from surgery due to budget constraints.
- A surgical cataract camp was held from 9 to 14 March. Patients from all the five camps in Dadaab were screened, while 260 of those screen benefited from surgical care.

Food Security and Nutrition

- The Word Food Programme (WFP)'s fresh fruit voucher project targeting pregnant and nursing mothers in Dadaab came to an end. Due to its positive impact on livelihood opportunities for refugees and host community, WFP plans to substitute part of the cereals of the general food distribution with vouchers in October 2015.
- WFP has introduced a new food basket to the School Meals Programme (SMP) in Kakuma. The meal, which is a blend of sorghum-maize porridge, has been funded by the Bill Gates Foundation.
- 81 newly arrived children aged 6-59 months were screened for malnutrition at the reception centre. Among these, 5 had acute malnutrition, 14 had severe acute malnutrition and 5 had moderate acute malnutrition. The proportion of children with GAM (global acute malnutrition) was 20 % and SAM (severe acute malnutrition) was 15.8%

Water and Sanitation

- The total amount of water supplied to residents in Kakuma 4 translated to per capita water distribution of 17 liters per person per day.
- The latrine to user ratio in Kakuma 4 stands at 1:15 for both family shared and household latrines. Coverage currently stands at 33.9% for both family shared and household latrine categories and 14.2% coverage for household latrines only.

Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR targets to provide shelter to 8,241 households in 2015 within Kakuma camp. This will reduce the baseline gap of 42% at the beginning of the year to 15% at the end of it. However, it is anticipated that the gap may increase as long as the operation continues to receive new arrivals from South Sudan. 64% of the planed shelters will target new arrivals while 6% 8% persons will be for persons with specific needs (PWSN).
- The Kakuma shelter project will be implemented by four partners; NCCK (Nairobi Council of Churches of Kenya) with funding from UNHCR for 91% of the shelters, Good Neighbors International from South Korea contributing 5%, Peace Winds Japan contributing 4% and NRC (Norwegian Refugee Council) contributing about 1% in the shelter project

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Youth groups in Kakuma submitted 5 proposals to the UNHCR's Global Youth Initiative Fund 2015. A total of 92 proposals were submitted to the Initiative with Kakuma youth emerging among the top eight. The winning proposal focused on promoting peaceful coexistence among refugees and host communities through community theatre. The group will receive 1 Million Kenya Shillings (about 12,000 USD) through UNHCR to implement their activities. The other four proposals will be supported by UNHCR, UNICEF, DRC (Danish Refugees Council) and LWF (Lutheran World Federation) with USD 3,500 each.

Durable Solutions

Repatriation

 2,048 individuals (442 households) voluntarily returned to Somalia between the beginning of the return pilot project in December 2014 and 31 March 2015. The majority returned to Kismayo.

Resettlement

- 256 cases/ 618 individuals were submitted for resettlement consideration to Australia, the US, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, New Zealand and the UK from the three locations in Kenya. At total of 862 individuals were seen at the resettlement counseling desk.
- On 9 March the Assistant Representative Protection and Senior Resettlement Officer (SRO) met with a large delegation of the Episcopal Migration Ministries, who receive and assist resettled refugees in the United States. The

visitors were provided with information about the general protection climate for refugees in Kenya as well as with a briefing on resettlement targets, achievements and challenges.

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