

# MALAWI

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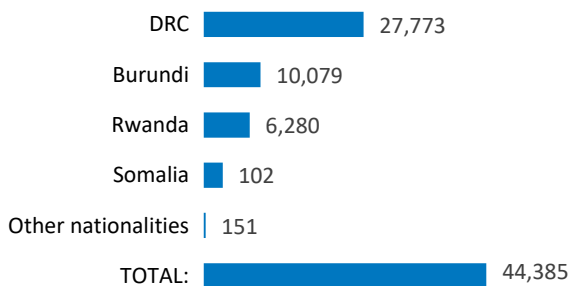
**44,385 refugees and asylum-seekers** reside in Dzaleka refugee camp (as of 31 December 2019) **324** new arrivals and new-born babies were registered in December.

The Government of Malawi through the National Registration Bureau (NRB) announced plans to register and issue ID cards to **refugees and asylum-seekers** in Malawi.

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## POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 31 DECEMBER)

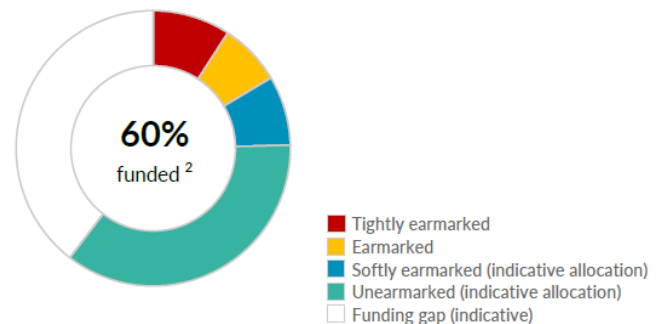
### Country of Origin



## FUNDING (AS OF 31 DECEMBER)

### USD 15.4 Million

requested for UNHCR operation in Malawi



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

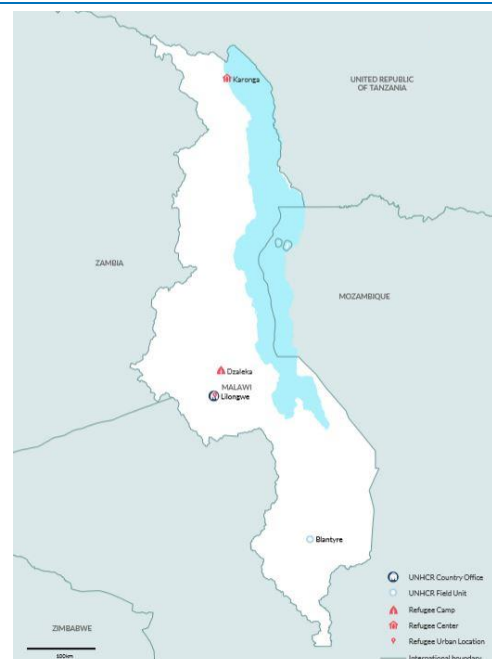
**27** National Staff

**24** International Staff

### Offices:

**1** Country Office in Lilongwe

**1** Field Unit in Karonga



## Working with Partners

- Under the Refugee Coordination Model, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, 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 in Relief and Development (CARD), Welthungerhilfe (WHH). UNHCR also collaborates with other operational partners and 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

- The Government of Malawi gazetted the Notice of Declaration of prima facie refugee status for Congolese refugees. This is foreseen to further decrease the RSD backlog.
- Dzaleka refugee camp has reached absorption capacity with 44,385 people representing; a 300 per cent increase from the original plan for 10,000 people.
- From 16 – 18 December 2019, UNHCR organised a refresher training in Registration in Mzuzu. The training came following the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between UNHCR and Government of Malawi concerning access to ProGres 4 and to ensure smooth transition and reinforcement capacity.
- From 17 to 18 December, Minister of Homeland Security Mr. Nicholas Dausi led a Malawi delegation to a first ever Global Refugee Forum (GRF) which was held at Ministerial level in Geneva, Switzerland.
- In an effort to empower youths from Dzaleka Refugee Camp with various skill; two major events took place in the camp. A Senior Developer from Microsoft and his team were on a mission to Dzaleka where they conducted core programming sessions and soft skills workshop with junior developers at AppFactory which is in the camp.
- With support from UNHCR, Judo Association of Malawi sent Judo for Peace team from Dzaleka to Lusaka to participate in the launching of Sports for All, a Joint Camping and Seminar with their fellow refugees from Meheba Settlement in Zambia.
- In November 2019, the Embassy of Japan in collaboration with UNHCR organised a visibility event in Dzaleka Refugee Camp where the Government of Japan (GoJ) is supporting UNHCR and Government of Malawi with USD 417,000 for the development of facilities at Katubza project site which is an extension of Dzaleka camp. The visibility event was also attended by Minister of Homeland Security.

### Education

- 5,577 refugees and asylum-seekers are enrolled in education programmes in Dzaleka refugee camp of which 300 children are enrolled in pre-school; 4,632 are enrolled in primary school; and 1,285 are enrolled in secondary school. UNHCR's education partner Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) run the schools in the camp. There are also 20 early child development (ECD) centres run by different community-based organizations including JRS, providing educational support to 1,165 children.
- In 2019, 40 students in the camp received scholarships under the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Programme (DAFI) scholarships. Among the recipients include eight female students.

### Health

- The Dzaleka Health Centre assists over 70,000 people; 62 per cent from the host community.
- The 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.
- In November there was a five-day cervical cancer mass screening in Dzaleka refugee camp, a training of health surveillance assistants working in Dzaleka Health Centre and Dowa District Hospital on prevention, intensified case finding and management of Tuberculosis.

- Theatre for a Change locally registered NGO in collaboration with the drama and art groups in Dzaleka presented an interactive theatre performance to sensitize the community on issues of Sexual and Gender Based Violence and available response services in the camp; build young girls self-esteem and confidence to resist negative peer pressure and influence and sensitize the community on the right to sexual reproductive health for young people.
- 500 miles, a prosthetic and orthotic NGO at Kamuzu Central Hospital had an outreach in Dzaleka where 52 individuals with mobility difficulties were treated.

#### Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR works closely with the Government, World Food Programme (WFP) and UNICEF to address the nutrition needs of refugees and asylum-seekers. Up to 90 per cent of refugees in the camp rely on food assistance, as a result of the reservations made by the Government of Malawi in which they cannot seek employment or conduct businesses outside of the camp.
- WFP issued a [press statement](#) on the worsening food situation for about 44,000 refugees and asylum seekers in the camp. With limited funding, half ration will continue until the end of the year.

#### Water and Sanitation

- Dzaleka refugee camp has 38 functional hand pumps and 15 water kiosks, each with four taps per kiosk which supply 397,500 litres of water per day to the camp.
- People of concern receive on average, seven litres of water per person per day while the standard is  $\geq 20$  litres per person per day.
- There are 109 communal toilet stances and 5,500 household toilet stances. With the move from communal to household toilet facilities, there is a gap of over 2,000 household toilet stances to meet the standard ratio of  $\leq 20$  people per latrine.
- In November, geophysical survey and borehole forensics was conducted to conform to water supply programming.

#### Settlement and Shelter

- 320 plots for 320 families of 5.5 people per household are being developed at Katubza project site which is an extension of Dzaleka refugee camp. In addition, ongoing development works like construction of an 8-kilometre road and drain structures are being implemented with labour intensive design principles which allow for creation of income opportunities and capacity building through task work and for future maintenance.

#### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Ninety-six per cent of refugees and asylum seekers in the camp live below the moderate to ultra-poverty line. This is high, in comparison to the national population in Malawi. Due to the encampment policy the majority of refugees and asylum seekers have limited income generating opportunities.
- 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, completed in 2018.
- The livelihood interventions in Dzaleka are of benefit to both the host community and people of concern at 40 and 60 per cent ratios, respectively. This is also promoting peaceful coexistence between refugees and the host community.
- Refugees and asylum seekers continue to benefit from group lending loans, training courses on financial literacy and business skills and tailored services offered by MyBucks Banking Corporation which opened a branch in Dzaleka camp in 2018.

#### Durable Solutions

- UNHCR and the Government of Malawi through the Ministry of Homeland Security conducted a second consultative forum with all relevant stakeholders from 3 to 4 December 2019 where Malawi pledges and the Roadmap for the implementation of the CRRF were reviewed. Minister of Homeland Security committed the Malawi pledges at the Global Refugee Forum in Geneva.

## Financial Information (as of 9 December 2019)

### **EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS I USD**

United States of America 1.3 million | Japan 0.4 million | CERF 0.3 million | Private donors USA 0.3 million | UN Programme on HIV/AIDS 30,000

### **OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS I USD**

United States of America 27.8 million | Private donors Australia 12.6 million | Canada 6.8 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 2.6 million

*\*Due to their earmarking at the region, or to a related situation or theme, the other softly earmarked contributions listed are those which can potentially be used in Southern Africa.*

### **UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS I USD\*\***

Sweden 99.8 million | Private donors Spain 73.8 million | United Kingdom 44.6 million | Norway 44.5 million | Netherlands 43.1 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 37.9 million | Germany 26.7 million | Japan 25.7 | Denmark 24.4 million | Private donors Japan 20.5 million | Private donors Italy 17.5 million | Switzerland 15.1 million | France 14 million | Private donors Sweden 12.3 million | Private donors USA 11.7 million | Ireland 10.2 million | Italy 10 million

*\*\*Contributed without restrictions on its use, unearmarked funding allows UNHCR critical flexibility in how best to reach refugees and other populations of concern who are in the greatest need and at the greatest risk.*

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