

East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes region

REGIONAL LIVELIHOODS WORKING GROUP

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Meeting Location Virtual (WebEx) **Date and time** 03 December 2020 | 09:00 – 10:30

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Agenda

1. Introductions by UNHCR and NRC
2. Presentations by University of Oxford, UN-Habitat and UNHCR
3. General – upcoming themes, AOB, Wrap-up

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Meeting minutes:

Introductions

UNHCR and NRC co-moderated a session which specifically focused Camp-based refugees and livelihoods opportunities.

Overview of presentations

The session brought together different approaches for fostering livelihood opportunities of refugees and asylum-seekers based in refugee camps in the East, Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes region. The presentations have been uploaded to the [Regional Livelihoods Working Group Portal](#).

[University of Oxford – 'Building Refugee Economies: the IKEA Foundation's Livelihoods Programmes in Dollo Ado'](#): Alexander Betts, Professor of Forced Migration and International Affairs, Oxford Department of International Development & Refugee Studies Centre, presented the findings of the [Evaluation of IKEA Foundation's Livelihoods Programmes in Dollo Ado](#). From 2012–2018, the IKEA Foundation invested nearly 100 million USD in UNHCR operations in the five refugee camps of Dollo Ado in the Somali Region of Ethiopia. This is the largest private philanthropic donation that the UN Refugee Agency has ever received. The Refugee Economies Programme at Oxford conducted an evaluation of the multi-year investment to understand how the funding has impacted refugee and host communities in this borderland area. Qualitative and quantitative findings report on the performance of highly visible cooperatives and business groups that have transformed the economic and social landscape of Dollo Ado through projects relating to agriculture, renewable energy, environmental conservation, and the livestock value chain. The evaluation also explored the influence of IKEA Foundation's programmes on broader institutional and policy changes, considering the ways that Ethiopian authorities, UNHCR offices, and other stakeholders have adapted to better support sustainable livelihoods in remote, less-developed, refugee-hosting

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regions. Findings inform a broad set of conclusions and recommendations for stakeholders that are undertaking similar development-oriented programming in challenging humanitarian contexts worldwide.

UN-Habitat – 'Settlement Profiling for Protracted Displacement Contexts in East Africa': Jonathan Weaver, Urban Planning Specialist at UN-Habitat, presented on the UNHCR and UN-Habitat's [Settlement Profiling tool](#), a tool aimed at guiding field personnel in creating cross-sectoral Settlement profiles intended to help inform future urban development plans and policies in displacement affected contexts. The user-friendly Tool guides local authorities and humanitarian-development actors through an iterative process of investigation with the aim of developing a common baseline of information to support coordination and planning, particularly in situations where protracted displacement has occurred. The Tool enables officials, UN Agencies, Donors, NGOs, local authorities and other stakeholders to more effectively prioritize investment opportunities where humanitarian actions are ongoing and provide entry points for more sustainable development trajectories. The profiling process will facilitate informed decision making as part of long-term climate and socially responsive urban and regional infrastructure planning. The Settlement profiles produced as a result of this tool will use a spatial lens to provide a comprehensive overview of the relevant physical, social-economic and policy dynamics that affect a particular settlement, concluding with a selection of development scenarios and broad recommendations of potential ways forward. In particular, the Tool aims to understand a settlement's development potential and the unique characteristics that can be capitalized upon to benefit both refugees and the host communities. Two pilot profiles have been prepared using the tool, one for [Nakivale Settlement in Uganda](#) and one for [Kebribeyah Settlement in Somali Region, Ethiopia](#), with further profiles underway in other locations globally.

UNHCR – 'Economic Inclusion of Refugees from Kakuma Kalobeyei': Maria Kiani, Senior Development Officer at UNHCR, presented on the [Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Plan](#) the and [Kakuma-Kalobeyei Challenge Fund](#). In 2015, UNHCR and the Government of Kenya agreed to pilot a new approach by developing a settlement promoting the self-reliance of refugees and the host population by enhancing livelihood opportunities and promoting inclusive service delivery. The Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISED) is a 15-year comprehensive multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder initiative that uses an area-based approach and will directly and indirectly benefit the Turkana West population which is comprised of approximately 186,000 refugees and 320,000 host population. The implementation of KISED is co-led by the County Government, and UNHCR, in close collaboration with all partners and with an initial financial support of the European Union complementing other multilateral and bilateral assistance. It follows a three-phase approach with a preparatory stage in 2016-2017 followed by Phase I (2018-2022), Phase II (2023-2027) and Phase III (2028-2030). A steering committee will provide the necessary oversight and guidance on policy matters, while a secretariat will facilitate effective communication amongst all stakeholders. Programmatic and technical discussions will also be coordinated on a quarterly basis through Government-led thematic working groups. The Kakuma-Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (KKCF) is a program of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), implemented with Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund, Turkana County Government, and UNHCR. The five-year program is designed to support private sector investment and unlock the economic potential of refugees and their hosts, in Kenya's Turkana County. The Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund aims to enable better economic integration and self-reliance of displaced populations and their host community. The initiative's overarching objectives are to: Attract new private businesses and social enterprises to the Kakuma-Kalobeyei area, which should lead to better employment opportunities for refugees and the host community, increase access to goods and services, and potentially reduce prices; Provide opportunities to scale-up the operations of private companies and social enterprises already present in the area; Develop and grow refugee and host community-owned businesses and create opportunities for women and youth; and Reduce the time and cost of obtaining specific business permits, licenses, and registrations in Turkana West by streamlining procedures.

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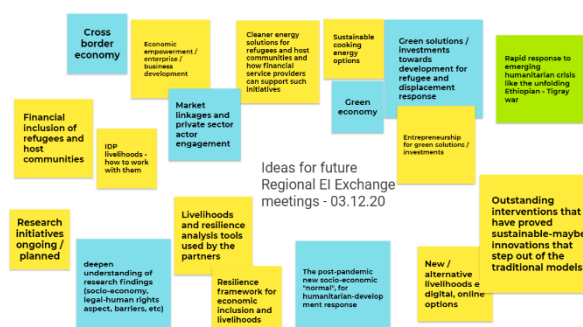
The program targets, by 2024, to have: Facilitated the entry of 10 companies into the Kakuma area; Supported the expansion of five companies already present in the area; Provided grants to 50 local micros, small and medium enterprises and offered capacity building and business model technical support to 70 local micro, small and medium enterprises; and Supported 1,500 jobs and improved access to essential goods and services for 50,000 people.

Useful links: UNHCR-UN-Habitat [Settlement Profiling Tool](#) - The tool can be adapted to the specific needs and topics. It is very flexible and can be tailored according to the context. The tool helps to also connect Local Economic Development efforts in the camps and its surrounding villages/cities. Examples include [Nakivale](#) (Uganda) Profile and [Kebritayah](#) (Ethiopia) Profile.

UN-Habitat program workstream for [Humanitarian-Development Practices](#)

[Kakuma – Kalobeyei Challenge Fund](#) - KKCF's competitive business challenge is being managed by AECF. The competition will support established companies, social enterprises, and local entrepreneurs in implementing commercially viable and sustainable businesses that have the potential to raise incomes, provide goods and services, create jobs and/or improve living standards in both the camp and host community. There are three separate windows – private sector window, social enterprise window, and local enterprise development window. Private sector companies and social enterprises will compete for performance-based grants, which also require co-financing from the companies. The private sector and social enterprise windows was launched on 10 November 2020. For more information on [how to apply](#), please go to www.kkcfke.org/competitions.

[Ideas Jamboard](#) continue to share your ideas and offers for future meetings and any work you would like to share in the Regional Livelihoods Working Group sessions. A few of the ideas shared in the meeting are shown here.



AOB

Members were requested to share proposed themes for upcoming meetings, as well as present key findings, lessons learnt, tools to the group by contacting [Anna](#) (UNHCR) and [Sarah](#) (NRC). Members were encouraged to volunteer in moderating upcoming meetings; as well as share research, publications, highlights, webinars, meetings, etc that they would like uploaded to the [Economic Inclusion Exchange East Africa Portal](#).

Schedule of meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for January 07, 2021.