

Kenya

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Refugees collecting UNHCR and WFP food and aid packages from partner staff at Dadaab camp in the beginning of June. © UNHCR/Mohamed Jimale

### Background

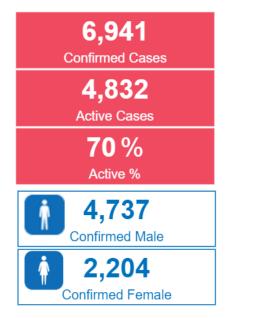
- UNHCR Kenya's External Update provides consolidated and up-to-date information on issues related to the refugee situation in Kenya concerning the COVID-19 Emergency Response.
- As of 31 May, Kenya hosts 494,649 refugees and asylum-seekers in Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps, as well as urban areas (84% live in camps and 16% urban areas). In addition, an estimated 18,500 stateless persons live in the country.

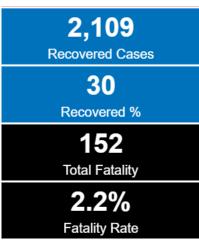
# Update on the COVID-19 Situation

- There are 16 COVID-19 cases among persons of concern in the refugee camps (14 in Dadaab and two in Kakuma).
- Two cases in Dadaab and one in Kakuma have recovered. A 75-year-old individual passed away.
- As part of the testing of essential personnel moving in and out of the camps, 13 UNHCR and partners staff have tested positive on COVID-19. Two staff members in Dadaab have recovered.



National Statistics and cases among persons of concern to UNHCR residing in the refugee camps (as of 2 July 2020):





#### **Refugees and Asylum-seekers**

Total number of affected PoC in the country: **16** Active POC: **12** 

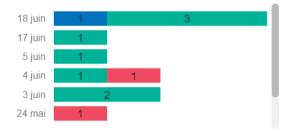
Total number of affected PoC in general ward: 12

Total number of affected PoC in ICU: 0

Total number of PoC recovered: 3

Total number of PoC Fatality: 1

#### Trend by camp/settlement

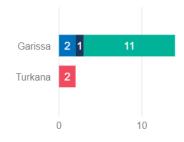


Source: Kenyan Ministry of Health

#### PoC by gender and age



#### At camp/settlement level







UNHCR partner staff distributing soap at Dadaab camp. © UNHCR/ Mohamed Jimale

### Impact on UNHCR Key Areas



#### Urban

- A community monitoring exercise is ongoing to obtain a clearer understanding of the situation of different communities, including access to assistance and healthcare services.
- The UNHCR Helpline is back to functioning 24 hours a day following procurement of additional material, including laptops and data bundles.
- UNHCR has donated masks, gloves, sanitizers and mobile airtime to 35 community leaders in Nairobi to support them in their role as essential links to the refugee communities.
- Over 200 vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers have benefited from fundraising initiatives of refugee-led organisations.
- UNHCR's partner AVSI has supported 200 vocational students with food and rent.

#### Dadaab

- FilmAid continues to distribute child-friendly messages on COVID-19 through community workers, radio and broadcast.
- Vulnerable persons of concern receive food and non-food items through emergency social support and cash vouchers.

#### Kakuma

 UNHCR conducted 17 remote resettlement interviews and continued working on complementary pathways by assisting students in communicating with universities abroad, supporting remote examinations and selection process and helping prepare necessary documentation.





 UNHCR procured 2,000 personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect health workers, of which 900 have been shipped to Dadaab and 1,000 to Kakuma. The remaining 100 were retained in Nairobi to cover emergency needs.

#### Urban

 UNHCR provided foodstuff and household items to five charitable children's institutions hosting refugee and asylum-seeker children, based on the institutions' priority needs.

#### Dadaab

- Distribution of masks to all vulnerable groups and their family members is ongoing.
- On 10 June, UNHCR Kenya received 10,000 reusable face masks for free distribution to the refugees residing in Dadaab refugee camps from the Al-Khair Foundation.

#### Kakuma

- UNHCR's health partners, Kenya Red Cross, International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Africa Inland Church trained 50 community health volunteers, outpatient department incentive workers and safe motherhood promoters on COVID-19 home-based care for asymptomatic cases.
- 23 Farmer Field School facilitators supported 700 households in the Kalobeyei settlement and 166 households in seven nearby host community villages in establishing kitchen gardens to promote food and nutrition security.
- On 11 June, UNHCR completed the relocation of 112 asylum-seekers from the Reception Centre to the community. The Reception Centre can now be solely used as a quarantine facility.



#### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

#### Kakuma

- Community-level COVID-19 sensitisation is ongoing, reaching 1,246 households so far.
- With UNICEF's support, Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Finnish Church Aid (FCA) and Windle International Kenya (WIK) distributed sanitary kits to 500 primary and secondary school students aged 10-18 years in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) also distributed sanitary kits to 712 Accelerated Education Programmes (AEP) students.
- An increased number of health and nutrition services are delivered at community level to avoid unnecessary visits to the hospital (e.g. home visits for patients with chronic illnesses).
- On 5 June, UNHCR donated two new vehicles to the Kenya Police Service in Kakuma, which will enhance its capacity to respond to security emergencies and conduct patrols.

#### Dadaab

- On 4 June, UNHCR distributed the five boxes of soaps donated by *iamtheCODE* initiative to persons with disabilities, sexual and gender-based violence survivors.
- UNHCR donated spare parts to host communities in Dadaab and Fafi Sub Counties to repair broken pumps and increase the community's access to water.





- Radio lessons, which combine pre-recorded KICD (Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development) content and interactive live sessions with teachers, continue in the Kakuma camps, the Kalobeyei settlement and the Dadaab camps, with over 75,000 learners reached so far. UNHCR is procuring 5,000 radios to support this initiative.
- In Kakuma, special needs education teachers from the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) disseminate accessible information in audio formats for students with visual difficulties and in video formats with captions for students with hearing difficulties. So far, they have reached 209 (32% girls) students in the refugee camps and in the host community.

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#### WRD 2020

On 19 June, UNHCR Kenya and RAS celebrated World Refugee Day (WRD) 2020 under the theme "Everyone Can Make A Difference: Every Action Counts". Due to the global pandemic, this year's WRD messaging was broader than previous years and inclusive of all vulnerable people, both refugees and host communities. For the first time, the WRD commemorations in Kenya was done virtually in its entirety through Facebook and local radio stations in Dadaab and Kakuma. The online event was co-hosted by UNHCR High Profile Supporter Pinky Ghelani and UNHCR's Bernard Rono and included speeches and performances from e.g. world renown cellist and UN Messenger of Peace Yo-Yo Ma; the UNHCR Representative in Kenya; the EU Ambassador to Kenya; the Deputy Regional Refugee Coordinator of the US Embassy in Kenya; the Kenyan Commissioner for Refugee Affair; UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador and Afro-soul star Mercy Masika; plus a long list of refugee artists and performers from Dadaab, Kakuma and Nairobi.



Facebook stream of the WRD 2020 Commemoration Event in Kenya

### **Inter-Agency Coordination**

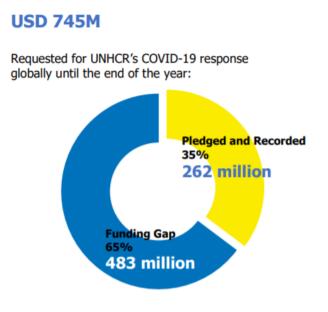
- On 18 June, the International Finance Cooperation (IFC) launched virtually the Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (KKCF). The UNHCR Kenya Representative, the UNHCR Regional Bureau Director, the UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner (Operations), the Governor of Turkana, and the IFC Regional Vice-President, the IFC East Africa Regional Director, the Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF) Chief Executive Officer were among the key participants. The KKCF will help increase private sector engagement in the refugee-hosting areas in Turkana County by creating a competitive business environment, enabling and improving the business environment, and proving direct support to larger companies setting up operations in the Kakuma area.
- UNHCR Kenya participated in a call with the African Union Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons to highlight the impact of COVID-19 on refugees and asylum-seekers. Issues discussed included access to asylum, inclusion in national safety net programmes, non-penalisation for expired documents and clear messaging on COVID-19 to combat xenophobia or stigmatisation.



# **S** Funding Requirements

#### **UNHCR Global Appeal**

- UNHCR is seeking USD 745 million as part of its global appeal to prepare for and prevent outbreaks of COVID-19 among refugees and other displaced populations. This is UNHCR's portion of the revised UN Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP) appealing for USD 6.7 billion for the period April-December 2020. Based on the latest assessments of global needs to curb the impact of the pandemic among forcibly displaced, it is an upward revision of the initial USD 255 million sought in the earlier appeal for UNHCR in the end of March.
- UNHCR's global appeal has so far received 35 per cent (USD 262 million) of the funds needed to assist refugees impacted by COVID-19.



# Unearmarked contributions to UNHCR's 2020 programme:

Sweden 76.4M | Norway 41.4M | Netherlands 36.1M | Denmark 34.6M | | Private donors Spain 33.1M | United Kingdom 31.7M | Germany 25.9M | Private donors Republic of Korea 17.3M | Switzerland 16.4M

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

# Total contributed or pledged to the COVID-19 appeal:

#### **USD 262M**

Including:

United States	\$64.0M
European Union	\$43.0M
Germany	\$39.8M
United Kingdom	\$24.8M
Japan	\$23.9M
Denmark	\$14.6M
United Nations	\$10.0M
Foundation CERF Private donors Canada Ireland Sweden Sony Corporation Finland Austria Education Cannot Wait Qatar Charity Norway USA for UNHCR	\$6.9M \$6.6M \$3.3M \$3.0M \$2.9M \$2.4M \$1.8M \$1.8M \$1.8M \$1.5M \$1.4M \$1.0M

#### UNHCR Kenya Appeal

UNHCR Kenya's budget requirements as part of the revised COVID-19 emergency appeal currently amounts to some USD 11 million to cover the needs of refugees and asylum-seekers, with a focus on Health, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Education and Protection in Dadaab, Kakuma and urban areas.





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# Web and Social media

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- Facebook: <u>UNHCR Kenya</u>
- Twitter: <u>@UNHCR\_Kenya</u>
- Instagram: <u>@unhcrkenya</u>
- UNHCR's global web portal on the COVID-19 Situation: <u>http://reporting.unhcr.org/covid-19</u>
- UNHCR Kenya's reporting tool for COVID-19 cases in the refugee camps: <u>UNHCR Kenya COVID-19 Dashboard</u>
- Web portal on Somali Displacement: <u>http://data.unhcr.org/horn-of-africa/regional.php</u>
- Web portal on South Sudan Displacement: <u>http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/regional.php</u>



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