

Kenya

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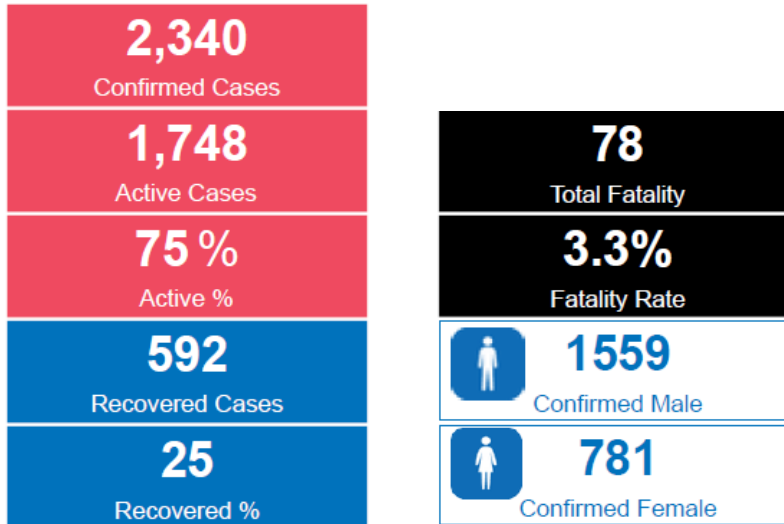
Yassin Hassan, who is a refugee living in Dadaab, is stitching cut pieces together to make face masks for refugees and host community. © UNHCR/ Dennis Munene

Background

- UNHCR Kenya's Biweekly Update provides consolidated and up-to-date information on issues related to the refugee situation in Kenya in relation to 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 in Kenya

- As of 4 June 2020, there are 2,340 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Kenya, of which 592 recovered and 78 deaths. In total, 87,698 persons have been tested in the country.



Source: Kenyan Ministry of Health

- There are nine confirmed COVID-19 cases in the refugee camps, with eight in Dadaab and one in Kakuma who are all stable and asymptomatic.



On 1 June, UNHCR, WFP and partners started distribution of food, soap and relief items to refugees in Dadaab camps, while encouraging social distancing and hand washing. © UNHCR/ Mohamed Jimale

Impact on UNHCR Key Areas



PROTECTION

- **Registration:** The Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) has suspended the registration of new-borns in Kakuma following the identification of a positive COVID-19 case in the camp. The suspension was initially for one week and RAS is considering restarting it from Monday next week.
- In urban areas, RAS has not yet commenced registration of new asylum-seekers. Personal protective equipment (PPE), including masks, gloves and sanitiser materials, have been distributed to RAS to support reopening of the registration facilities.
- **Child Protection:** In Dadaab, awareness campaigns on COVID-19 prevention through physical distancing and personal hygiene were conducted during the last week of May, reaching 519 children across the camps.
- **Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):** In Dadaab, 28 new SGBV cases have been identified in the reporting period; in Kakuma, there have been 26 new cases; in Kalobeyei, six new cases; and nine cases in urban areas. UNHCR, partners and camp-based SGBV Steering Committees have done trainings, community awareness and group therapy sessions, in addition to responding to the needs of SGBV survivors.
- **Protection Monitoring:** A community monitoring exercise is taking place in urban areas to get a clearer understanding of the situation of different communities, including access to assistance and services such as health services. Increasing numbers of refugees and asylum-seekers in urban areas are not able to meet their basic needs and are approaching UNHCR for assistance.
- In Dadaab, a protection monitoring was conducted on 4 June in Dagahaley camp. The food distribution centre was visited where adherence to public health guidelines on physical distancing and mandatory wearing of masks was observed. As most of the population wore home-made or improvised face masks, UNHCR distributed new masks to each of the households.
- **Youth:** In Kakuma, 37 football players from Kakuma United FC men's team and Kakuma Kalobeyei (*KK-Stars*) women's team were enrolled in a tele-mentoring programme coordinated by the *iamtheCODE* initiative, which will run for 12 weeks. The programme is designed to empower youth in their interest areas (football, arts, leadership, music, etc.) and is providing a forum to address the psycho-social well-being of the youth during the pandemic.
- **Resettlement:** In Kakuma, 68 resettlement cases have been interviewed remotely, resulting in the submission of 45 cases (113 individuals). In Nairobi, three cases were interviewed. Arrangements were facilitated by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for the resettlement departure of 11 refugees (3 urgent cases) to the United States on 4 June 2020.
- *The Refugee Helpline*, which has reduced working hours due to movement restrictions and curfew, is back to functioning 24 hours.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- Targeted community testing for COVID-19 has been introduced and will continue based on availability of testing kits and sample collection materials.
- UNHCR's procurement of additional PPE and commodities is ongoing.
- Following the release of imported nutrition commodities from customs, mass screenings will be organised in Dadaab to reach any malnourished children that have been missed due to stock-out of commodities.
- In Nairobi, 40 refugees have been engaged to produce face masks and 440 masks have already been distributed to persons of concern living at the Transit Centre and Safe House run by *Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society* (HIAS). An additional 5,000 masks will be given to community outreach workers.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

- Provisions of additional water and soap for hygiene promotion is ongoing in all camps.
- Water connection and repair works for additional quarantine facilities is in progress.
- Additional jerrycans are being procured to address the gap in response to COVID-19.



FOOD SECURITY AND CORE RELIEF ITEMS

- Food distribution by the World Food Programme (WFP) in Dadaab began on 1 June and will cover June and July. Preventive measures in place include physical distancing.
- In Kakuma, food distribution started on 2 June and will also cover the next two months. It includes food, firewood and non-food items. Strict physical distancing and hygiene measures are being implemented. Households representatives without face masks will be provided with one at the entrance of the food distribution centre.



EDUCATION

- Online training of teachers was conducted in Dadaab by UNHCR's education partner. The training aimed at identifying areas for strengthening and sharing professional experiences. Participants discussed emerging issues and current trends in education, as well as new ideas and best approaches to improve the strategies currently in use for students studying from home.
- In Dadaab, education partners developed and distributed learning materials through community structures. The materials will supplement other modalities already in place, including radio lessons and use of digital means such as text messages, phone calls and WhatsApp groups. They will also broaden participation and access to educational resources, especially for learners without access to radios and internet enabled devices.

- Radio lessons continue in Kakuma, Kalobeyei and Dadaab, with over 75,000 learners reached by the end of last week. Radio broadcasts include both academic and psychosocial components.



PUBLIC INFORMATION/COMMUNICATION

- The sensitisation campaign on COVID-19 continues in both camps. In Kakuma, the campaign includes door-to-door handwashing demonstrations and distribution of soap. In Dadaab, UNHCR has prepared key messages on COVID-19 in different languages, including Somali. They will be broadcasted on the refugee radio stations to combat stigma against COVID-19 patients and their families and to sensitise refugees and their host community on the importance of the measures in place to mitigate the risk of transmission, including the isolation of new arrivals and contacts of confirmed cases.

Inter-Agency Coordination

- UNHCR continues to support planning for the re-opening of schools once it is safe to do so. This has included high-level discussions on the use of digital learning to expand access to learners in hard-to-reach areas, as well as training of teachers, and school governance.
- On 27 May, UNHCR held a meeting with RAS and the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) to discuss enhanced surveillance at the border and establish a quarantine facility at the Kenya-Somalia border. UNHCR discussed with the police the enforcement of strict measures to dissuade border movement during the food distribution that started in the Dadaab camps on 1 June.
- On 27 May, the United Nations Information Centre Nairobi organised a Facebook Live event with the participation of the UNHCR Representative in Kenya, Fathiaa Abdalla; the Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Kenya, Sharon Dimanche; and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Country Director, Medhin Tsehau. The discussion focused on the UN Response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Kenya.



[Facebook Live Recording 27 May: UN Support to COVID-19 Response in Kenya](#)

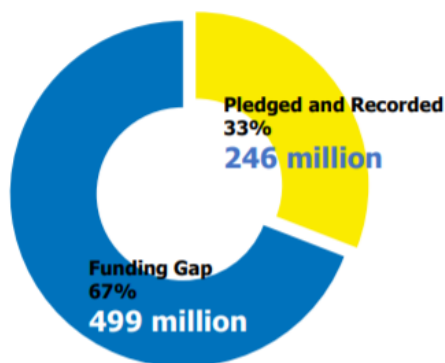
Funding Requirements



- 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 33 per cent of the funds needed to assist refugees impacted by COVID-19.
- 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.
- So far, UNHCR Kenya has received USD 3.2 million with a big percentage of funds going towards procurement of PPE, medicines and other essential supplies. Lifesaving activities in health and WASH are being scaled up through the reprioritisation exercise that is currently ongoing and supported with the bilateral contribution from partners (USD 1.3 million).
- UNHCR Kenya will receive USD 1 million from the WHO-led and coordinated *COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund* through the UN Foundation (UNF) in the United States, earmarked for health-related COVID-19 response activities.

USD 745M

Requested for UNHCR's COVID-19 response globally until the end of the year:



Unearmarked contributions to UNHCR's 2020 programme:

Sweden 76.4M | Norway 41.4M | Netherlands 36.1M | Denmark 34.6M | United Kingdom 31.7M | Private donors Spain 26.6M | Germany 25.9M | Switzerland 16.4M | Private donors Republic of Korea 13.9M

Total contributed or pledged to the COVID-19 appeal:

USD 246M

Including:

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| United States | \$64.0M |
| Germany | \$38.0M |
| European Union | \$32.8M |
| United Kingdom | \$24.8M |
| Japan | \$23.9M |
| Denmark | \$14.6M |
| United Nations Foundation | \$10.0M |
| CERF | \$6.9M |
| Canada | \$6.4M |
| Private donors | \$4.3M |
| Ireland | \$3.3M |
| Sweden | \$3.0M |
| Sony Corporation | \$2.9M |
| Finland | \$2.4M |
| Education Cannot Wait | \$1.8M |
| Qatar Charity | \$1.5M |
| Norway | \$1.4M |
| USA for UNHCR | \$1.0M |



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- UNHCR web portal on the COVID-19 Situation: <http://reporting.unhcr.org/covid-19>
- Web portal on Somali Displacement: <http://data.unhcr.org/horn-of-africa/regional.php>
- Web portal on South Sudan Displacement: <http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/regional.php>



UNHCR and health partner staff have been conducting thermal screening and promoting hygiene measures in the refugee camps in Kenya since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. © UNHCR/Samuel Otieno