

COUNTRY FACTS

2005

DRC has been present in Kenya since 2005. We have operations in Dadaab refugee camp, Garissa, Lodwar, Kakuma refugee camp, Kalobeyi integrated settlement, Nairobi and Mandera.

TOTAL POPULATION

47.6M

DISPLACED POPULATION

494,585

Refugees & asylum seekers

162,000

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

PEOPLE SERVED IN 2019

61,759

Refugees, asylum seekers and IDPs

FACTS

53.7%

refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya originate from Somalia

84%

Of the refugees in Kenya reside in Dadaab and Kakuma camps

Displacement situation

Kenya continues to host a large population of nearly 500,000 refugees and asylum seekers. The large majority comes from Somalia (53.7%) and South Sudan (24.7%), followed by DR Congo, Ethiopia and Burundi.

Refugees and asylum seekers mostly reside in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps. As of June 2020, Dadaab had a population of 217,516 registered refugees and asylum seekers, with the overwhelming majority, 209,309 coming from Somalia followed by 7,354 from Ethiopia. A number of refugees who had voluntarily returned to Somalia have been observed coming back to Dadaab but were not able to re-register as refugees. As a consequence, these 'asylum seeker returnees' are almost entirely reliant on the refugee community for support and are unable to access the majority of services. Kakuma refugee camps and Kalobeyi Integrated Settlement are host to 196,645 refugees, predominantly from South Sudan (57%), Somalia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. A population of 80,760 refugees and asylum seekers from across the region resides in Nairobi and other urban areas as of June 2020.

Most refugees engaging in enterprise and employment do so through the informal sector and within set limits, restricting them to their immediate environs in and around refugee camps. Despite this, market actors have enjoyed some flexibility in movement for commercial business. In the second half of 2020, the Refugees Bill 2019 is scheduled to be further debated in parliament following stakeholder and public consultation in October 2019. If passed, the Bill lays some groundwork for implementation of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) Action Plan and expanded parameters for solutions-oriented interventions.

Kenya also counts 162,000 IDPs displaced by conflict and violence. The majority are in a protracted situation after having been displaced by the 2007/2008 post-election violence.

DRC currently works in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps (including Kalobeyi Integrated Settlement), as well as with urban refugees in Nairobi. We also have a cross-border programme working to improve conditions for poor communities in North-Eastern Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia.



How Does DRC Kenya Help?



Protection

In Dadaab refugee camp near the Somali border, DRC is one of UNHCR's strategic partners in implementing protection projects such as Sexual and Gender-Based Violence prevention and response interventions. In Kakuma, which is primarily home to refugees from South Sudan, DRC is among UNHCR's lead partners in protection, running initiatives for vulnerable refugees as well as empowerment projects for women, girls and young people. In Nairobi and environs, DRC works with individuals to provide protection against violence and human rights violations and to support self-reliance efforts. The protection interventions undertaken cut across DRC's emergency and durable solutions platforms.



Livelihoods

As part of ongoing efforts to promote the self-reliance of refugees and surrounding host communities, DRC is implementing livelihoods projects, including academic and vocational scholarships for young students, savings and loan groups, market value-chain development, and small enterprise development. Since 2018, DRC has been part of the cross border project "[Building Opportunities for Resilience in the Horn of Africa \(BORESHA\)](#)" in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia. In April 2020, DRC commenced another multi-agency livelihoods initiative with funding from the EU under the Trust Fund for the Horn of Africa, aimed at enhancing self-reliance for refugees and host communities in Garissa County. DRC's approach seeks to promote the attainment of durable solutions for persons and communities affected by protracted displacement.



Armed violence reduction (AVR)

DRC is present in the northern part of the country (Turkana, Pokot, Mandera, Wajir, Garissa) contributing to conflict management through education, dialogue and mediation within and between communities including those at the borders with Uganda and Somalia. The Security governance aspects of the programme work on building trust between communities and security/government agencies through promoting conflict management structures and building the capacity of state actors. Analyses of conflict drivers are central to this work, including in connection with large-scale energy and infrastructure investments by external actors. DRC engages in AVR with a view to addressing some of the root causes of conflict and displacement.

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DRC in Kenya



DRC in KENYA
has a budget of
8.3
million USD



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National Staff



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Field Offices



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