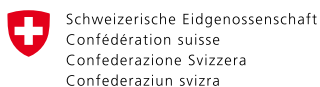


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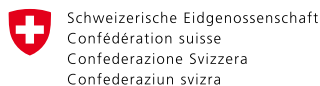


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Introduction

The last half century has seen a rise in global conflict, which has translated to an evergrowing refugee crisis. In Sub-Saharan Africa, the number of refugees grew from 985,145 people in 1970 to 4,472,440 people in 2015. Kenya, which is centrally located in the East and Horn of Africa high conflict zone (bordering two of the top 10 major sources of refugees globally) has enjoyed relatively stable political and economic environment over the decades, and has continued to receive a high number of refugees. As a result, by the end of 2015, Kenya hosted 553,900 refugees making it the 7th largest refugee hosting nation globally, the second largest of any African country after Ethiopia. Refugees in Kenya are hosted in three major settlements, with several thousand unaccounted refugees also estimated to be spread settled throughout the country -

- a. Dadaab refugee complex which has five camps; Dagahaley, Hagadera, Ifo, Ifo 2 and Kambioos;
- b. Kakuma camp; and
- c. Urban refugees in the country's capital Nairobi.

Initially, Kakuma camp was established in 1992 owing to the plight of 30,000 to 40,000 Sudanese boys, who had walked through the desert after forcefully returned to Sudan from Ethiopia. The camp experienced rapid expansion through the 1990s and 1997, owing to a large influx of refugees coming from Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea and

a further influx when the Barawan refugee camp in Mombasa was closed - resulting in the creation of Kakuma II and III. Further conflict in the horn of Africa region through the 1990s and 2000s led to further expansion of Kakuma III and construction of Kakuma IV starting in 2012.

In line with this need, in June 2015, the county government of Turkana allocated 1500 hectares of land to UNHCR and the Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA) in Kalobeyei ward (approximately 15km to the West of Kakuma refugee camp) to act as a new refugee settlement. One of the conditions given by the county government and the citizens of Turkana was that development in the new site would consider a 50:50 investment sharing between the refugees and host communities.

The new settlement, which development has shifted from encamped refugee settlement structures to an integrated planning approach, has been designed to accommodate 60,000 refugees, and members of the host community into a functional settlement, complete with social and physical infrastructure and a diversity of economic opportunities.

UN-Habitat's Role

UN-Habitat is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements development. As outlined in the New Urban Agenda, this encourages governments (both at national and local level) and

other actors to invest in strategies that will harness the potential of sustainable urban development, to address the challenges facing cities such as informal settlements, growing inequalities and environmental degradation, spatial segregation and economic exclusion, as well as the growing challenge of migration.

With today's global challenge of forcibly displaced, the current form of humanitarian aid is neither tailored to the long term situation and needs of refugees and host communities nor that of the local and national governments. This further emphasizes the need for actors to seek to bridge gap between the humanitarian and development sectors.

UN-Habitat is currently the only existing link between Humanitarian and Staged-Development nexus addressing these numerous challenges.

Newsletter

This newsletter collection seeks to showcase UN-Habitat's numerous projects for the Kalobeyei New Settlement project through stages of surveying, planning, and implementation through mid 2015 to the start of 2018.



Youth Photography Workshop: Exploring Urban Livelihoods

Turkana people have been nomads for generations, but over time the benefits of being permanently settled have become more attractive to them, leading to a shift from their traditional nomadic pastoralism to a settled lifestyle.

This transition has led to several challenges to Turkana people's water provision, shelter and self-reliance. Turkana build their own settlements, and derive little or no benefit from hosting refugees. With the support of PWJ, UN-Habitat conducted a workshop to train Turkana Youth in the art

of photography, with the support of the awarded Kenyan photojournalist Julius Mwelu. The UN-Habitat team is leading the students to discover elements of being settled in a town, by exploring typologies of living space and livelihoods, elements of sustainability and self-reliance.

The resulting photographs will be exhibited at TICAD 2016, in Nairobi, Kenya. The exhibition portrays the settled community of Turkana people in Kakuma Town and Kalobeyi Town, three to four generations after their lifestyle shift.

UN-Habitat to Support Planning for Refugees and Host Communities: Towards an Integrated Settlement

UN-Habitat has committed to support and strengthen the integration of refugees and host communities in a properly planned human settlement in Kalobeyei New Site, Turkana County, a project funded by the government of Japan. The aim of the project is to plan a self-reliant settlement which benefits both refugees and host communities, reducing the risk of conflict between the two groups, and increasing their resilience. The initiative is part of a larger scale project directed by UNHCR in Kalobeyei – Kakuma area, where UN-Habitat is leading the infrastructure and planning component.

UN-Habitat is working closely with the County government to increase their spatial planning capacity and devise urban management strategies, to ensure adequate urban planning at the county level, with a particular focus on growing cities. With proper planning and design, the cities and towns in Turkana will become more productive, and be better able to contribute to the economic development of the county.

UN-Habitat Technical Team Visit Kalobeyei New Site

The UN-Habitat Technical Team recently visited the Kalobeyei New Site, accompanied by UNHCR and PWJ. UN-Habitat held technical discussions for coordination with UNHCR and partners for the Kalobeyei New Site. With the support of UNHCR, the UN-Habitat technical team conducted a series of scoping missions in Kalobeyei New Site and Kakuma Refugee Camp.

As part of the project, UN-Habitat's will provide recommendations for development of Kalobeyei area as a sustainable urban center under an integrated urban management framework for the County. This will be done in collaboration with the County government. UN-Habitat hopes to build capacity of local and county leaders and policy makers in urban planning and design, urban legislation, economy, resilience and risk reduction.



UNHCR project team, UN-Habitat technical team and the County Planner Mr. Mark Ewoi Ewesit (representing the Ministry of Lands, Shelter and Urban Development), discussing priorities for the planning component of the Kalobeyei New Site. © UN-Habitat.



Kalobeyei Host Community Settlement Development Group Established

The second community meeting convened in Kalobeyei Town was attended by 40 participants from different ages, social groups and locations within the town's administrative area. The UN-Habitat team led the formation of a Settlement Development Group, with members from different social groups in Kalobeyei Town to ensure a well-balanced representation of gender, age groups, ethnicity, religions, and tribal groups.

Nominations came from the community members during the meeting, and ten members were selected to represent local administration, grassroots organizations,

Community Based Organizations, youth and women's groups, opinion leaders, other types of communal organizations and vulnerable groups in the project.

The Settlement Development group will work with UN-Habitat throughout the planning process, through participatory planning workshops on the integration of refugee and host community in Kalobeyei area. Members will learn about the importance of land use and town planning, and support the project team in research activities, giving spatial planning insights and supporting community mobilization for implementing project activities on the ground.

Spatial Planning for Kalobeyei New Site



Based on UN-Habitat's expertise and experience, a team of experts is currently working on the spatial planning assignment for the Kalobeyei New Site.

Strategies such as resilience, housing, urban economy, transport, water and sanitation and other urban services will add to the spatial planning for an integrated approach to planning for a durable settlement.

The UN-Habitat technical team meets every month to develop comprehensive, integrated planning and support strategies.

The project will supplement the Turkana County Government's efforts to plan a settlement that integrates refugees and host communities while promoting sustainability and building community resilience in the County.

The UN-Habitat planning process aims to develop strategies for Kalobeyei New Site, leading to a paradigm shift in planning for refugees.

The approach centres on involvement of the host community and support for both communities to address physical and social development challenges.

UN-Habitat opens field office in Kakuma, Turkana County

The UN-Habitat office in Kakuma supports livelihood analysis and research on human settlement patterns. The office liaises with local authorities, non-governmental organisations and community leaders for resource mobilisation and knowledge management, and provides a valuable source of information to support the UN-Habitat Design LAB, which is developing the spatial planning and design for Kalobeyei New Settlement.

UN-Habitat is working together with Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), a Kakuma based NGO with experience in working with refugee and host communities. PWJ will support UN-Habitat in organising Settlement Development groups, Stakeholders meetings and conducting a series of participatory meetings for research purposes. The organisation will also deliver capacity development and skill training for host communities and refugees.

UN-Habitat Working with Community Leaders in Kalobeyei Town

UN-Habitat is conducting monthly or bi-monthly meetings with the Kalobeyei Town community, including the Kalobeyei Member of County Assembly, the local representative of the Ministry of lands, Planning and Urban Development, community leaders, elders as well as youth and women representatives.

The meetings are convened to create awareness of the UN-Habitat's plan for a sustainable refugee settlement, to integrate the refugee population with host communities, and to keep the community continuously involved in the project through a participatory process.

Representatives of UN-Habitat and PWJ discussed with the interests, needs and priorities of community members in Kalobeyei Town with the community representatives. The community stressed the need to develop resilient infrastructure, water and sanitation, businesses and provision of employment to the host community in particular women and youth in Kalobeyei Town.

UN-Habitat is preparing to make planning recommendations to the County Government. For Kalobeyei Town to develop, planning will be vital in addressing infrastructure, shelter and water challenges, including resilience to drought and floods. UN-Habitat is exploring solutions that can be implemented together with the community members.

Below: A monthly meeting with community representatives from Kalobeyei Town.
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UN-Habitat Youth Forum on Urban Economy in the Refugee Settlement

UN-Habitat is supporting planning for integrated refugee and host communities. Youth involvement is highly important in increasing capacity and linking opportunities for development from an economic perspective.

Following a quick assessment of urban economy on small businesses in the Kakuma-Kalobeyei area, the UN-Habitat team discussed the need to increase host community capacity in Kalobeyei town, to enable them benefit from opportunities that the New Settlement brings. UN-Habitat is leading the spatial planning component for Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement, through a thoroughly participatory process.

The New Settlement is an important new market, and provides an opportunity for business development for the surrounding community, particularly in Kalobeyei Town. The town has a very weak standing in urban economy practices, with great need to build its capacity and products. However, it has many strengths, such as a large number of potential works and availability of land. The community in Kalobeyei Town must be informed about “how to conceptualize business ideas from emerging economic opportunities with respect to the legal requirements of business ownership” as the key to benefitting from the growing market in Kalobeyei area.

Mr. David Kariuki, an economic and municipal finance expert from UN-Habitat, explained how spatial planning for the Kalobeyei Settlement will maximize the benefits of urbanization and prevent or mitigate negative impacts, helping to create and keep quality local jobs. Kariuki explained, step by step, how youth should analyze the viability of their ideas, develop an action plan, mobilize capital, and assess the market, focusing on demand and availability of goods. This is a progressive forum projected to benefit 30 youths from the host community, potentially contribute to their livelihoods and reduce economic disparities with their counterparts from the refugee community. Mr. Geidon Loitalema Angelei, the delegate from the Ministry of Trade, Industrialization and Enterprise Development (Turkana County) trained the youth on the procedure of starting a business in Kenya, explaining concepts including the focus activity, branding, and the process for obtaining a license for the entrepreneurial activity.

Ms. Philomena Wanyama from the World Food Programme (WFP) outlined the structure of Bamba Chakula Programme developed by WFP to support the integration approach of the host and refugee communities. Within the programme, local enterprises can be registered to trade with the refugees communities, empowering the host community in economic development.

Young people must develop the skills and understanding to pursue and develop innovative solutions for businesses. UN-Habitat, in partnership with Peace Winds Japan, will offer a series of trainings to build local capacity to initiate youth led enterprises which will promote employment in the area.

Turkana County Ministry joins UN-Habitat researchers in Kalobeyei

The UN-Habitat team has undertaken comprehensive analysis of the Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement site and surrounding areas. The team is collecting data, surveying and mapping topography, land use and facilities. Dr. Romanus Opiyo and Dr. Felix Mutua lead the research component, data collection and survey in Kalobeyei, assisted by UN-Habitat project team and a number of research assistants from Nairobi and Kalobeyei.



On Monday 29 August 2016, a delegation from the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development in Lodwar joined UN-Habitat researchers in Kalobeyei to jointly confirm the agreed site boundary. Kalobeyei ward Administrator Mr Fredrick Lokoritapa noted that having a clear boundary between the refugee settlement and the pastures is a very important issue; pasture is a precious asset for the Turkana communities.

The County Government team highlighted the importance of sensitization for the host community regarding developments that the new refugee settlement will drive outside its boundaries. There are concerns about impacts on natural resources in Turkana, such as land, water and grazing pastures. According to Mr. Stephen Njoroge, senior physical planner at the County Government of Turkana, there is a high risk of conflict between communities if the settlement is not properly planned. However, this can be avoided through adequate participatory processes and community involvement.

Mr. Mathew Kyalo, County Government surveyor, noted a small change to the boundaries of the site, which follow the topography rather than the straight lines of the GIS spatial data provided. The surveyor advised that exact boundaries should be marked on the ground, to assure host community members that the settlement will not expand without their consultation and approval.

While most members of the host community welcome development resulting from the refugee settlement, some remain pastoralists with a nomadic lifestyle, posing a challenge to the development of an integrated settlement. UN-Habitat aims to find strategies to encourage development and integration of communities while protecting natural resources, customs and traditions of the Turkana community.

UN-Habitat Holds Host Community Design Workshop

On 2 August 2016, the Settlement Development Group (SDG) of Kalobeyei Town teamed up with UN-Habitat LAB planning experts for a participatory planning workshop in Kenya Refugee Settlement.

The workshop contributes to strengthening the participatory component of spatial planning for Kalobeyei New Site – a new settlement expected to host over 60,000 refugees and host community in Kalobeyei, Turkana County. UN-Habitat is taking the lead on spatial planning of the new site, funded by the Government of Japan.

The SDG from the host community in Kalobeyei Ward was formed by 12 host community representatives from different social classes and vulnerable groups. The members will work with UN-Habitat planners, providing local insights. The group



Left: The UN-Habitat team and members of the Kalobeyei Town host community discuss the plan for the Kalobeyei New Site during the workshop. © UN-Habitat

is identifying the community resource capacity and key priority areas of intervention to support integrated planning which will build resilience and lead to new livelihood opportunities.

Planners from UN-Habitat made simple illustrations to give participants an understanding of planning, and the link between space and resources. From the discussion, it was evident that cultural practices and the proximity of the main transport corridor define every open space.

The workshop shed light on the host community's vision for the development of Kalobeyei Town and surrounding areas, and the integration of the host community with the refugee community in Kalobeyei New Site. The participants identified the distribution of facilities in the town on a small scale sketch-map to help the planners understand the use of space and patterns of settlements. Town connectivity, streets layout, schools, hospitals, play grounds, commercial and administration areas were mapped. This information will significantly support the identification of areas of convergence. In turn, this will assist in the development of key strategies to address any gaps which could hinder integration.

The working group made pertinent recommendations, calling for an inclusive and strategic approach, prioritising specific areas which will foster integration between the refugee and host communities.

The spatial planning of Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement will consider the host community's wish for incentives and development of the Kalobeyei town, thus supporting sustainable livelihood development.

UN-Habitat trains youth in data collection for refugee project

The UN-Habitat team is analysing specific relationships between refugee and host communities, to find areas with potential for integration through spatial planning.

The survey team began by mapping the various actors and stakeholders involved in the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement project. This initial mapping helped the team to familiarize themselves with the new site, the old camp and its hinterland.

Prior to the data collection, the UN-Habitat researchers and project team organized a series of trainings with youth groups in Kakuma and Kalobeyei towns, from both refugee and host communities. Data collection and survey principles were explained. Meanwhile the team was also concurrently involved in a field survey covering the site and its context, to map physiographical features, drainage, and field conditions.

UN-Habitat, with the support of Peace Winds Japan as implementation partner, have mobilized a total number of 40 youths (men and women) to support the research component as assistants. The youth members were introduced to the project and have been trained in basic quantitative research, data collection and surveying. Their work is very important for a comprehensive contextual analysis to be discussed with and validated by all relevant stakeholders for the spatial planning of Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement.

The training included an introduction to the project, a description of the research objectives, and an explanation of the research methodology, emphasising the importance of gathering accurate data. The training session taught participants valuable research skills, different research methodologies, critical thinking and knowledge management.

Youth training in data collection and field research. © UN-Habitat



UN-Habitat Meets New Refugee Community in Design Workshop



The biggest challenge building a community with people of varied cultural backgrounds. Many do not speak a common language, though they have to share most facilities. As discussed during the workshop, this challenge is also an opportunity, as most SDG members would opt for a common language and a basic education on how to use the public facilities in an equitable and respectful manner.

The integration of the host community was also a point of discussion. There is a need for goods and services to be provided by the host community – including firewood, markets and businesses that would serve the refugee community. The SDG members also highlighted the need for transportation, which is an area where the Kalobeyi host community can offer services and support the integration of refugees in Kalobeyi.



On Friday 5 August, the planners from UN-Habitat LAB met with the Settlement Development Group formed around the spatial planning component of the new refugee settlement in Kalobeyi, Turkana County. The workshop aimed to improve the understanding of the spatial arrangement and the livelihood opportunities in the New Refugee Site, exploring the needs and preferences of the refugee communities from the new settlement.

The Settlement Development Group (SDG) in the new refugee settlement includes 12 refugee members, from Burundi, Congo, South Sudan and Somalia - men and women of different ages. UN-Habitat planners conducted a drawing workshop where the SDG members were requested to map

walking routes of 5, 10 and 30 minutes' walk. The members accurately mapped points of interest, and landscape structures such as the streams, roads and different housing areas.

With a strong preoccupation for modification and improvement of houses, the team stressed the need for playgrounds, religious buildings and food markets, but also facilities to support gardening, small businesses and increased opportunities for mobility. Near houses, hygiene and water supply were top priorities, and a preference for larger houses fitted with bathroom facilities was expressed.



In pictures... Life in Kalobeyi and Kakuma, captured by Marcy Lokaal during the youth photography workshop. © UN-Habitat

Training on Livelihoods for Host and Refugee Communities

In Turkana, many people migrate from rural areas to towns and cities, attracted by the benefits these centres offer, such as jobs and easily accessible services. The development of towns is reflected in improvement in infrastructure, service delivery and job opportunities.

The presence of the refugee camps in Turkana has impacted the surrounding towns by speeding up their development, though this is often unplanned. For example, Kakuma Town developed rapidly over the past 20 years due to the presence of many humanitarian organizations established in the town working in Kakuma Refugee Camp. Investors have been attracted to the town and much development has taken place in service delivery and economic activities. Kalobeyei Town is a small urban centre near the New Refugee Settlement, which may experience similarly rapid development. A shared understanding of this process is necessary to in the community and support the expected development.

UN-Habitat organized several sessions with host community members to discuss town development and livelihoods, contributing to a better understanding of the local development context. Youth, women and the Community Settlement Groups have been trained in development processes in separate training sessions. The participatory process enabled them to express their opinions and share their knowledge.

The training was designed to build understanding of the planning process, and outline strategies, policies and implementation in an accessible manner which participants could relate to their surroundings. The Settlement Development Group includes elders, representatives of organized groups, but also representatives of the vulnerable. The group is working with UN-Habitat throughout the planning process, and has an clear understanding of the relevance of town development.

The training focused on the potential for Kalobeyei Town, including the development that has already taken place in past years, such as improved road conditions, which has led to new transportation methods. Facilities such as education and health care have improved, and the economy has developed. The main potential for development of Kalobeyei Town is the local availability of construction materials, and fertile agricultural land that can be irrigated for vegetable production.

The youths' vision for development is inspired by Kenya's big cities, and other major cities in Africa and the world that they have seen in the media or news. General development drivers include infrastructure, public amenities, industrialization, institutions, many organizations, a governance system (mayors or other elected leaders), land and services, transport but also new jobs and sectors such as journalism and the tourism industry.

Local development drivers are ground water supply, roads, infrastructure and transportation, the recent development of permanent buildings, development of the economy through charcoal production, restaurants and businesses such as grinding machines or firewood sellers. The youth identified skills that people have in the community which contribute to development such as dressmaking, shoe-making charcoal-making, driving, brick making and plumbing. An important aspect of the values that drive the development in Kalobeyei was the presence of the new refugee settlement.

UN-Habitat met with 25 women from the host community in Kalobeyei town for this training in town development, and to give them a voice in developmental issues. From their perspective, urbanization and development drivers include education, health facilities, police, businesses and roads with tarmac. Despite these, the women considered people to be the main driver, as with no people there can be no

development. A main concern is women's education and capacity is lacking in their town. Safety was another concern. This indicates a need for built solutions such as public lightning and road improvements, as well as women's empowerment and skill training which would enable them to be employed or open a business, thus contributing to development.

A similar session was conducted with elders from the host community, known for their important decision-making role. The elders shared their perspective on the transformation of Kalobeyei over time, and the integration of refugees and the host community. Discussions focused on the impact of the refugees on the host community and how the host community is adapting to the presence of refugees and the new realities this creates. The presence of refugees will open the area for economic development through trade and possible infrastructural development. However, from the past experience of conflicts in the older camp in Kakuma, host community elders also expect increased insecurity, early marriages, child labor and reduced grazing areas for their animals due to a land shortage. The elders call for an inclusive approach in planning and other development programs, to reduce inequality while promoting social mix, cohesion and cultural preservation.

The host community in Kalobeyei Town acknowledges the opportunities that the new Refugee Settlement brings, such as jobs and a new market. The host community requires support to build their capacity, in order to ensure they benefit from these opportunities. The availability of resources and the existing man-power gives a great advantage to the host community. Education and capacity in various skills is currently lacking, but with thorough planning the settlement will successfully integrate refugee and host communities.

UN-Habitat Rapid Planning Studio Workshop for Turkana County, Kenya



On 22 and 23 September, UN-Habitat organized a two-day workshop on urban planning for technical officers from different Ministries and line departments of County Government of Turkana. The workshop took place in Eldoret Town and contributed to strengthening the technical capacity of county government officers from different sectors. The officers benefitted from knowledge on approaches to local economic development, integrated urban planning, public space and street planning, good urban governance and implementation of plans. The workshop made reference to Kakuma and Lodwar towns to contextualize the practicality of various concepts.

The workshop addressed the importance of integrated urban planning in the county and the link with other the sectors, political leaders, policy makers, planners and the public. The county government was urged to ensure good coordination and management of all the relevant sectors during planning as a prerequisite for sustainable formulation and implementation of plans.

By highlighting approaches for sustainable urban planning, the workshop combined presentations featuring case studies and examples from other cities in the world, with practical exercise to demonstrate the importance of creating efficient spatial structures and urban patterns which allow cities to sustainably grow and address the impeding challenges in urbanization.

UN-Habitat emphasized adequate space for streets, high density, mixed land use, social mix and limited land use specialization, as vital principles of sustainable planning that will help cities to achieve compactness, integration and connectedness. This was practically done through sketch drawing exercises to illustrate existing urban conditions and resources, growth patterns and possible areas of urban extension, and streetscape planning exercises to demonstrate adequate provisions for street design. Given that streets provide space for infrastructure utilities, formal and informal businesses, transportation (motorized and non-motorized) and greenery etc., the participants were trained on how to plan for effective and efficient streets.

The workshop also included extensive discussions on municipal financing and local economic development. The County Government is responsible for managing urban areas, raising revenue to support development projects and provision of services and amenities. To meet these demands, the county will need to create an attractive investment environment, balance revenue enhancement with deficit financing for service delivery and create income generating centers for local communities. The county officers were encouraged to make plans which address local economic development and hence, provide mechanisms for leveraging the potentials for economic development.

Good urban governance and implementation of plans were covered in the last session of the workshop. Aspects of integration, participatory planning and inclusivity, institutional capacity, and monitoring and evaluation of plans took centre stage. It was explained that planning fails at the implementation stage because of inadequate institutional capacity, weak legislative and financing frameworks, inappropriate policies and plan recommendations, poor governance and lack of political goodwill.

Effective implementation of plans should not be seen as a process of public-sector technocrats and the political power holders only, but should incorporate other stakeholders, in an inclusive, responsive and democratic process which promotes accountability.

Participants considered the workshop to be very useful. Through the county chief of finance and economic planning, UN-Habitat was invited to offer long-term support to the county in urban planning and development.

Representatives from Governments of Japan and Kenya Join UN-Habitat Participatory Sessions on Spatial Planning

On 28 - 30 September, two representatives from the Government of Japan and one representative from the Kenyan National Government joined the UN-Habitat participatory planning series in Kalobeyei.

The three day session provided a better understanding of the conditions in the field, and observation of the ongoing planning process in the refugee settlement, through participatory planning and meetings with the women's group and Settlement Development Groups in the refugee and host communities.

The mission included a case-study visit to Lokichiggio, a town forcefully developed through humanitarian support when hosting refugees, and left with little support once the humanitarian work ended and refugees were moved to Kakuma. The Lokichiggio case study and tour was supported by two former employees of a UN agency and NGO who witnessed the rise and fall of the town. In an open discussion with the UN-Habitat team, the guests stressed the necessity of development measures to complement the humanitarian actions in refugee settlements, highlighting the need to improve the capacity of the local community to be self-reliant. The team also visited a housing area of a UN agency that had been taken over by the national government, maintained and expanded to serve as subsidized housing, making use of the facilities put in place during the period where refugees were brought to Lokichiggio.

The participatory workshops are a key component of the UN-Habitat planning process. The UN-Habitat planners conducted three participatory workshops with the refugee and host community Settlement Development Groups (SDGs), and with a women's group in the host community. These workshops built on the series of trainings in livelihoods and town development, and on a participatory mapping session to reveal potential development drivers such as natural resources, assets and local capacity. The women's group was formed by two representatives from each of the six registered

women group in the host community of Kalobeyei. The SDG in the host community is comprised of twelve representatives of different social classes and age groups, as well as representatives of registered CBOs and local authorities.

Each workshop was customized to the audience. The participatory planning sessions with the women's group and the SDG mapped the vision for development at a local scale. Priorities such as waste, water management, public amenities and safety were clearly indicated. A key aspect in strengthening the development is investment in peoples' skills and organizational capacity, to support efforts made for urban development in the area.

The refugee settlement development group is formed by refugees of different ages, and includes men and women from Burundi, Congo, South Sudan, Sudan and Somalia. The workshop aimed to increase understanding of different cultural uses and requirements of spaces, including shelters

and neighborhoods. Given that refugees come from different countries to live together in the camp and settlement, integration within the refugee settlement that must be considered in planning process. Sharing space, resources and facilities with the host community is also very important, as acknowledged by the refugees communities. Integration with the host community impacts not only the natural and economic linkages of resources but also the livelihoods within the Refugee Settlement, underpinning the framework for a peaceful and productive urban environment.

Kenyan and Japanese government representatives visited Kalobeyei Town and Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement, observing the meetings and planning exercises. The visit of these representatives is very important for the validation of project progress, but also for a better understanding on the local conditions, challenges and opportunities for UN-Habitat involvement in the development of Kalobeyei as a planned urban center.





UN-Habitat Stakeholder Meeting for Validation of the Socio-Economic and Mapping Survey

In August-September 2016, a socio-economic research team led by Dr. Romanus Opiyo and Dr. Felix Mutua, conducted a survey and mapping in Kalobeyei, Kakuma and their environs. The outcome of this work will shape the plan for the Kalobeyei New Site and the improvement of Kakuma. It will also provide the county government, UNHCR and development partners with information for planning other development interventions in the area.

UN-Habitat, in partnership with UNHCR, organized a two day stakeholder meeting in Kalobeyei and Kakuma to share the key findings for the mapping and survey.

In the first day of dissemination, the research consultants presented the key findings to members of the host community, representatives of the county assembly and local administration. UN-Habitat experts facilitated a group discussion where the participants were allowed to make contributions to the results of the survey. This was an important part in the participatory process: it promoted effectiveness, equity and transparency while increasing the sense of ownership among the intended beneficiaries.

“We would like to urge all the other partners in the Kalobeyei project to approach UN-Habitat and Peace Winds Japan before doing any project in the host community,” said the area Member of the County Assembly.

On the second day, key stakeholders gathered together, including all organizations and UN agencies working in Kakuma-Kalobeyei area, delegates from the Turkana County Government, representatives from the National Government and representatives of the host community including youth, women, elders and elected officials. The survey consultants presented settlement systems they had identified, and an assessment of the humanitarian and development needs of both the refugees and host communities, including existing housing typologies, and settlement patterns. Key stakeholders and county government officials made recommendations and comments related to the spatial organization of the settlement and human activities in relation to topography, agriculture, hydrology and environment, which will to augment the results and the final survey report.

The UN-Habitat project coordinator and the Head of Sub-Office (UNHCR) reiterated the importance of ensuring that the planning of Kalobeyei Settlement follows a proper process and technical guidance, while acknowledging the humanitarian crisis resulting from the influx of refugees from South Sudan. Salvatore Fundaro, lead UN-Habitat Planner, highlighted that the Kalobeyei New Settlement has numerous opportunities and challenges. The plan will maximize opportunities and address emerging challenges. He added that the plan will also consider the interlinkages with the County Integrated Development Plan for Kakuma.

Simon Lokakwan from the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning and Urban Area Management gave an affirmation of the commitment by the County Government to deliver an integrated Kalobeyei Settlement.



Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Working Group Meets the Governor of Turkana County

On 28 November 2016, the UN-Habitat team, with UNCHR and other partners, presented a progress review of the Kalobeyei Settlement Integrated Development Programme to the Governor of Turkana County Government, H.E Hon. Josephat K. Nanok. The meeting was attended by top-level Turkana County Government officers. The Governor was briefed on the progress made in various thematic areas of the programme, with UN-Habitat presenting the draft Kalobeyei Settlement Advisory Plan. This plan is part of the Spatial Planning and Infrastructure development component, and it is being formulated by UN-Habitat in partnership with UNCHR and the Physical Planning Department of the Turkana County Government.

The presentation highlighted the outcomes of the socio-economic survey done in the wider Kakuma- Kalobeyei areas.

The Kalobeyei MCA emphasized the importance of continuing consultations and the collaborative process, and the need to promote integrated and inclusive development that balances the needs of the host and refugee communities. A similar comment was made by the county government officers, who further stressed alignment of the activities of the project with county processes.

The Governor commended the planning process and emphasized the need for the partners to scale-up efforts to address development challenges, such as water scarcity and inadequate development funds. While Turkana County has become home for thousands of refugees fleeing conflict in neighbouring countries, the Governor noted that the refugee crisis still persists, and alternative approaches must be developed to deal with the that such crises present. The Governor recommended that the Kalobeyei planning exercise be broadened to cover areas surrounding the Kalobeyei New Site. He said that spatial planning is an important tool which has been embraced by the County Government to guide investment in the region, and called for enhanced partnerships in strengthening the county’s spatial planning function.



UN-Habitat's Capacity Development Programme for Integration of Host and Refugee Communities

UN-Habitat is working with the County Ministry of Roads and Entrepreneurship Development on a training programme for women and youth in the host, focusing on how the refugee and host communities can contribute to the development of Kalobeyei.

The training programme, developed by Peace Winds Japan and CORE, was validated by Turkana County Government representatives. This ensures that the training will reflect market needs at local and county levels. The County administration admits there is a lack of qualified contractors, and while there is a youth fund dedicated to youth practitioners, few groups qualify

for access to the funds. County Officers from the Trade and Transport sectors, and sub-county representatives of land, water and the environment, offered their expert support in developing the programme. The proposed skills focus on the road and water sectors, but are also relevant to the environment and land use. As the proposed training will be conducted in Kalobeyei, the establishment of a pilot site is very important. Upon consultation with the relevant County and Sub county officers, UN-Habitat aims to support increasing local technical capacity, and facilitate women and youth to register businesses access public works as competent contractors.



Kalobeyei Host Community Consultation Identifies Site for Pilot Road and Water Works

The refugee and host community Settlement Development Groups were engaged in identifying the best location for piloting road construction using “do-nou” technology and water pan construction techniques in Kalobeyei. After a short presentation of the concept of the training programme, the spatial location of the pilot sites was highlighted as crucial for the future planning and development of Kalobeyei town. The pilot sites not only demonstrate the efficiency of the technologies used, but can be starting points of government funded construction works.

The community members were presented with the skill training programme and a list of youth and women were nominated to take part in the training. Such public events are very important in the host community, as the way of determining which community members are most qualified to be trained to then use their knowledge and experience for the benefit of the community. Under the advisory of the community elders, a list of nominees was provided and the recruitment was done by PWJ.

UN-Habitat and the local administration have convened a public consultation for validation of the identified pilot sites for road construction and water works. After presenting the most suitable options agreed with the Settlement Development Groups, the community voiced the preferred sites through this consultation. Furthermore, an open call for trainees was made and nominations were raised by community leaders.



UN-Habitat Lab Holds Partner Consultations to Develop Draft Plan for Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement



UN-Habitat, FAO and UNHCR discuss the spatial plan. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat planning experts are leading the development of the spatial plan for Kalobeyei Settlement, working closely with UNHCR camp planners and senior planners from the Ministry of Lands, Shelter and Urban development for Turkana County. The Integrated Sustainable Development Plan (ISUDP) for Turkana County is also under development, offering a good opportunity for

the identification of priorities and alignment of humanitarian and sustainable development support in Kalobeyei area. Throughout the planning process, the two UN agencies and the County Government collaborated well, working towards modelling a preliminary concept for an urban area plan for integrated host and refugee communities.

Technical issues are a continuous challenge: the urgent need for a quick humanitarian response is adding pressure to a planning process that needs time to complete the necessary scenario assessment and ensure the plan is supported by the local legislation.

The UN-Habitat Lab is focusing on aligning the humanitarian and development priorities through consultations with organizations and agencies working in the Kakuma-Kalobeyei area, such as FAO, NRC and DRC. Cooperation between UN agencies, international, national and local organizations is very important in the consultative processes in planning for the Kalobeyei New Settlement.



UN-Habitat's Participatory Planning Process

The Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement Development Programme (KISEDPP) is managed by UNHCR, with the support of other agencies in specific thematic areas. UN-Habitat is leading the development of a spatial plan to guide short, medium and long term development goals.

UN-Habitat is working closely with UNHCR and the Turkana County Government through thematic working groups and local community engagement. This process has required preliminary baseline studies and validation workshops with stakeholders and the community to present the key research findings and receive feedback for emergent issues. It also aimed to check the accuracy of information and hear stakeholders' perspectives on identified opportunities and challenges, and how gaps can be addressed in the spatial plan.

Subsequent activities were geared towards building understanding of the spatial plan within the host and refugee communities, through UN-Habitat's community engagement mechanism: Settlement Development Groups. These multi-purpose groups are made up of members of the two communities including women's groups, community leaders, community based organizations, and vulnerable including those with disabilities.

In a bid to promote inclusion and participation, UN-Habitat held consultative meetings with the two groups to support the planning process. They sought to find out community views on land use planning, housing, market orientation, street layouts, trade and other aspects of planning. This was done to ensure that the plan incorporates the diversity of the host community and the many nationalities of the refugees.

The group has also been involved in design workshops, exploring the development vision and its potential achievement through local capacity to input the spatial plan with important information regarding needs, expectations and preferences regarding integration of the host and refugee community from the spatial plan for Kalobeyei Settlement.



Road construction underway
at Kalobeyei New Site.
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UN-Habitat's Urban Economic Branch Inspires Entrepreneurship in Kalobeyei

In the Kakuma-Kalobeyei area, each community has different comparative economic advantages. Coming from diverse backgrounds and living environments, several refugees had been business owners in their home countries. Prior to arriving in Kalobeyei and Kakuma, refugees in the group had been hairdressers, photographers, tailors, restaurateurs, pastors, and

professional musicians. Members of the host community have fewer legal challenges if they wish to establish a business, but advancement has been impacted by lack of familiarity with commercial activities. Traditionally, Turkana people have been pastoralists who provide for their families through subsistence farming.

On 18 and 19 January, experts from UN-Habitat's Urban Economy Branch facilitated several workshops on establishing and maintaining a business. Richard Kimutai, Assistant County Commissioner, and Phillip Alos, Assistant Chief, represented the local government, together with youth representatives. In all discussions on integration, trade has been considered a key to building relationships between refugee and host communities. The project aims to support economic growth while respecting social and cultural values.

In line with UN-Habitat's spatial planning efforts, the session began by exploring the concepts of urbanization in Kalobeyei. This introduction encouraged participants to view the new settlement as an "emerging market," where customers would need many basic products and services. The class brainstormed general products, then specifics demands which could surface as the market grows.



A shop in Kakuma Camp, managed by women.

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Barber shop run by young refugees in Kakuma Camp.
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Vegetable farm run by a youth group in Natiira,
Kalobeyei Ward. © UN-Habitat



A market stall in Kalobeyei Town.
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For the host community, this component was critical in overturning common misunderstandings of urbanization; its effects are often seen in a negative light. Participants then selected feasible business goals in an exercise. The following sessions included practical information on starting and maintaining a business, including risk analysis, capital requirements assessment, and market analysis. Studying the value chain system helped students to understand how to plan operations in line with expected competition, growth, and profitability objectives.

In a session on entrepreneurship and youth training on the road construction and water pan, the representative from the Ministry of Trade and Entrepreneurship Development, Gideon Angelei, provided insight on available financing alternatives for startup capital, including savings, the youth and women development fund, grants and loans from financial institutions, and government-issued tenders. Financial discipline was emphasised as a fundamental requirement in saving up to establish a business. One participant made a strong request for advice on saving money once earned. Personal and

business finance management skills would increase the likelihood of successful new businesses.

Over the coming year, a lead support group will constantly exchange information to monitor and address emerging issues for the businesses. A symposium will be organized to link youth to wider opportunities after assessing their uptake of entrepreneurship. Evaluation of outputs will inform how to integrate connections with other key players in the private sector with a focus on transport, energy, farming, and ICT.

Japanese Embassy Supports Integration of Host and Refugee Communities

UN-Habitat organised a recent three-day mission in Kalobeyei which was attended by a delegation from the embassy of Japan, the Chief Executive officer from Community Road Empowerment (UN-Habitat partner), Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), the Turkana West Sub-County Land administrator and Agricultural officer. Two water and road construction projects in the host community were launched, along with a road construction in Kalobeyei Settlement. Trainees and beneficiaries of the two projects were awarded certificates by Mr. Sakai from the Embassy of Japan, for their participation in the training workshops.

A joint meeting for the UN-Habitat primary working groups from both communities was also convened to explore potential areas of convergence and determined the appropriate strategy for refugee and host community collaboration. The project's participatory approach aims to integrate the community members' ideas in the planning



process, harmonizing differences and supporting the socio-economic advancement of the area.

UN-Habitat's activities also target NGOs in the focus area, addressing the risks of rapid urbanization and the benefits of the three-pronged approach. Visibility of the agency and donors is increasing, helped by new signboards near the activity sites such as the road and water pan construction areas which list UN-Habitat and its key partners: UNHCR, the Government of Japan, and

Peace Winds Japan. The project is coordinated by UN-Habitat's City Planning, Extension and Design Unit (CPEDU). A project website is under construction with articles, photos, videos, and downloadable documents describing the process of the project contributing to the visibility of the project, partners and donors.

Trainees, UN-Habitat and the Government of Japan at the Water Pan site. © UN-Habitat

Japanese ‘Do-Nou’ Road-Building Technology

Do-Nou is a labor intensive Japanese technology, developed by Professor Makoto Kimura for feeder access roads in rural areas. It involves filling 45 cm x 60 cm “gunny bags,” with locally available soil, packing them down with a steel tamper, and then covering with loose gravel which is finally compacted with a roller machine.

Civil engineer, John Kipeon, of Community Road Empowerment (CORE), instructed 25 and 20 youths from the refugee and host communities, respectively, and guided them through the process. This took twelve days for each group. In support of integration, two members of the host community, who completed training first, were employed to work with CORE in overseeing the refugee trainees practical application within the settlement.



Capacity Building and Community Empowerment for Infrastructure Development in Kalobeyei

UN-Habitat has committed to demonstrating sustainable local development through implementation of the spatial plan for Kalobeyei Settlement. Evidence provided by the baseline survey indicates that sustainable models of urbanization must be underpinned by mutually supportive and beneficial linkages between the host and refugee communities, fostering an inclusive development process and continuous co-operation. To this end, several capacity development trainings have been conducted for road construction, horticultural farming

and water works, through the UN-Habitat implementing partners.

The community empowerment initiatives trained a total of 100 women in horticulture, 50 youths in road construction and maintenance, and 20 youths in water works. A high capacity water pan has been constructed with an external water point to be used for farming. Two roads have also been constructed, using the labour-intensive Japanese Do Nou Technology, in Kalobeyei Town and Settlement. The participating

youths have been supported to open two construction companies, while two members of the two groups are given additional training in their respective areas at the Kenya Institute of Highway Builders and Technology. The project has been funded by the Government of Japan. The training workshops involved consultative meetings in Lodwar with county ministers and chief officers for technical guidance, linking the youth and women-led initiatives with county government programs for further support. This will ensure the groups are included in the county development plan.

Presentations on Do Nou Technology and sustainable farming were made by UN-Habitat implementing partner, Community Road Empowerment (CORE), which underscored the contribution of the initiatives to local development. The county representatives supported the initiatives and called for further collaboration with UN-Habitat and other agencies for capacity building and implementation in other projects.



Local youths were trained in Japanese Do Nou (road-building) technology. © UN-Habitat

This activity serves a two-fold purpose: creating jobs and increasing the capacity of Turkana County to develop much-needed infrastructure. Poor roadway systems significantly impact travel time, which decreases availability of products and services in areas where they are greatly needed. Road construction is needed in both the new refugee settlement of Kalobeyei, and the town. UNHCR representatives have expressed interest using the same engineering tech-

nology and hiring trained host and refugee workers as contractors to build roads in the third of three villages within the settlement. Do-Nou technology is envisioned as the conventional method of road construction in Turkana County by 2030.

UN-Habitat's Urban Economy Branch focuses on promoting urban strategies and policies that strengthen the capacity of cities to become drivers of economic

development and creators of wealth and employment. The branch has supported the planning process in Kalobeyei by training youths from the host and refugee communities on the macro and micro economic potential of the area. Ten beneficiaries of the training have started small businesses and other existing entrepreneurs have expanded their operations to the new refugee settlement through World Food Programme retail contracts.



Supporting planning for
**INTEGRATED REFUGEE
& HOST COMMUNITIES**

KALOBYEI NEW SITE
TURKANA COUNTY

UN-Habitat DED visit road construction
site at Kalobeyei Settlement.
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UN-Habitat Deputy Executive Director and UNHCR Country Representative Visit Kalobeyei New Settlement

In February 2017, the UN-Habitat Deputy Executive Director (DED), Dr. Aisa Kacyira, made a visit to a Kakuma and Kalobeyei, accompanied by the UNHCR Country Representative Raouf Mazou and a high-level delegation from UN-Habitat and the County Government, to see the progress that has been made in the implementation of the spatial plan for Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement.

UNHCR and UN-Habitat presented recent developments and the plan for the settlement's future transformation functional into a functional living environment with a vibrant commercial hub. Dr. Kacyira said that through this

project, UN-Habitat will bring together policy and research work to the local context. She echoed the UN Secretary General António Guterres' support for peace in 'emphasising the people-centered peaceful approach of this project. The Turkana County Government was encouraged to take advantage of the technical expertise offered by the UN-Habitat Planning and Design Lab to support them in the planning for integration of the current development in Kalobeyei and Kakuma with the new site. They were also urged to fast track approval of the UN-Habitat Spatial Plan, to expedite the planning process and to help agencies in mobilizing resources for the implementation.



UNHCR Country Representative, Raouf Mazou, reiterated the Turkana County Governor's statement made at the inception of the project. "The new refugee site should not be a replication of Kakuma Refugee Camp, but a settlement which promotes integration. The implementation of the project should ensure a sustainable carrying capacity and avoid damaging the environmental resources available," he said.

The county representatives reported that the governor supports the project, and insisted on integrated delivery of services to equally benefit the host and refugee communities. Since Turkana people have traditionally been pastoralists, the governor also requested support via water provision for their animals and domestic use, especially during the ongoing drought in the county.

UN-Habitat DED, UNHCR Country Representative and Turkana County Planner visit water pan construction site at Kalobeyei Settlement. © UN-Habitat

Later Dr. Kacyira visited the new site to inspect implementation of the UN-Habitat plan. She praised the efforts of the trainees who participated in construction of a road and a high capacity water-pan in the host community and a second road in the new refugee site. These trainees have established youth- and women-led companies water and road construction companies. Dr. Kacyira urged the women to acquire more knowledge and skills, which would enable them participate development not only locally, but also in other parts of the country.

UN-Habitat Urban Economy Branch Mission

On 17th February 2017, UN-Habitat's Urban Economic Branch travelled to Kalobeyei to obtain a first-hand macroeconomic and planning overview of the ongoing Kalobeyei project. The meetings will inform subsequent strategic approaches for planning and sustainable integration of the host community.

The UN-Habitat team met with chief executive officers from Turkana County Government Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industrialization and the Ministry of Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Management. Discussions centred on improving economic development in Kakuma and Kalobeyei, based on the camp and the new refugee site. A key issue was the use of the three kilometre buffer zone around the settlement, and how this could be turned in to commercial and social corridor for sustainable local development and integration of the two communities. The county also expressed need for collaboration in planning and economic aspects.

Other meetings were held with World Food Programme and DRC, to understand their contribution to livelihood development in Kalobeyei New Site and the planned partnerships with other agencies, to deliver cohesive solutions and ensure efficient value chain management and involvement of the private sector. It was observed that, despite the growing population, proposed interventions should consider the geographic, social and economic dynamics of the area. Micro social economic attributes and dynamics of the people in the areas ought to be used to develop different underlying elements of the main plans and the coherence with the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP).



Kalobeyei Town Settlement Development Group; (right) Mission from UN-Habitat Urban Economy Branch to develop an overview of the macroeconomic and planning components of the Kalobeyei project. © UN-Habitat

Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement Development Group

UN-Habitat approaches are deeply participatory, and engage the public participation in all stages of the project, from information mapping and research to participatory planning. Kalobeyei Town is a small town near Kalobeyei Settlement, with several permanent buildings, road and shops. The town is expected to develop similar to Kakuma Town, due to its proximity to the New Site.

In 2016, the UN-Habitat team mobilized a Settlement Development Group from the Kalobeyei Town host community, and a Settlement development group for the refugee community in Kalobeyei New Site.

The Settlement Development Groups are formed from non-aligned leaders: apolitical and uninfluential members of the community. Members represent different social groups, including vulnerable groups such as women, youth, elders and physically challenged people. Throughout the Kalobeyei programme, UN-Habitat has been working with the two groups to compile information which reflects people's living conditions and their livelihoods. The team has gathered insights on needs, desires and cultural aspects that can impact planning and design, taking an integrated approach.

The settlement development groups are key in conducting UN-Habitat participatory processes. After increasing their capacity in planning and durable solutions, the two groups are advise UN-Habitat prior to implementation of any activity, through mapping of risk areas and potential spatial developments, as well as the location of project sites such as roads for construction and feasible zones for water pans.



UN-Habitat Capacity Development Workshop for Turkana County Officials

From May 25th to 26th, UN-Habitat invited ministers, chief officers, directors and experts to discuss the content of the draft plan for Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement, including potential issues and development projects leading up to implementing the settlement development.

Mr. Mark Ewoi Ewesit, Chief Officer from The Ministry of Lands, Shelter and Urban Development, and Mr. Yo Ito, representative from the Government of Japan, opened the workshop. They highlighted the collaborative efforts of UN-Habitat, the County Government and the refugee and host communities, and the importance of urban strategies requesting specific regulations to allow for a comprehensive, integrated and sustainable settlement development. The Spatial Plan is setting a spatial framework for coordinating programmes and projects for the other components/sub-components.

One of the main concerns was the integration of locals into the new settlement, including how to incorporate their livelihoods into the growing economy. Further factors for consideration include greater emphasis on water provision, and provision of infrastructure and sanitation technologies.

The link between Kalobeyei Settlement and the Lodwar-Lokichogio Highway was discussed, as part of a regional potential economic development scheme for future investment projects. In terms of finance, discussions on possible development directions emphasised creating cost estimates that will be used as the entry point for promoting a financially and economically sustainable settlement. Potential partnership policies between the government and private sectors can also enhance and capture development and construction costs, providing a return on investments for both parties.

A session on the Kenyan legislative framework for community land and the current land status of the settlement was also held. It focused on the current tenure of the settlement and possible scenarios, to both protect the interests of the host community and ensure the long term sustainability of the settlement.

The Turkana County Government acknowledged UN-Habitat's expertise in urban planning and design, and expressed their confidence that, once approved, the Spatial Plan will be implemented in line with the County Development Plan. They called for UN-Habitat to support further social cohesion between refugee and host communities in Kalobeyei and neighboring settlements.

Experts from UN-Habitat and key officers from the County Government are working towards achieving sustainable solutions for the settlement. This workshop has created a basis for feasible implementation, governed by the local authority.

UN-Habitat 26th Governing Council, United Nations Office of Nairobi

The 26th session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat took place from the 8 – 12 May, 2017, at the United Nations Offices in Nairobi, Kenya. This session of the Governing Council followed the adoption of the New Urban Agenda during the Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in Quito, Ecuador in October 2016. Participation was open to all Member States, relevant stakeholders and the private sector, as well as organizations of the United Nations system and Intergovernmental Organizations.

This session comprised of plenaries based on 'Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda'. The sub- themes included: 'Towards inclusive, sustainable and adequate housing for a better future', 'Synergies and financing for sustainable urbanization', and 'Integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanization'.

The Kalobeyei Team contributed to the event with an exhibit with information on the Kalobeyei Project, and also helped in the organisation and participation of a series of side-events focused on discussing issues of urban migration and conflict, and developing people-centred settlements.



Renowned Japanese Architect to Design Refugee Shelters

On 2nd July, Shigeru Ban, visited the Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement site in Northern Kenya, as part of a newly-established partnership with UN-Habitat. A celebrated architect, both in his native Japan and worldwide, Mr Ban is known for his innovative work with paper, and has pioneered the use of recycled cardboard tubes to quickly and efficiently house disaster victims.

In partnership with the Voluntary Architects Network, Mr Ban will develop shelter designs for residents of the camp, based on socio-economic needs and data from UN-Habitat. The two organizations will also conduct participatory design workshops with the community, and develop shelter design models.

Signing the agreement on site in Northern Kenya, Ban explained that the most important thing was to ensure that the design was sustainable. "The key thing will be to design and construct shelter where no or little technical supervision is required," he said, "and use materials that are locally available and eco-friendly. It's important that the houses can be easily maintained by inhabitants."

"As well as being locally available, the material would need to withstand harsh climatic conditions," explained project coordinator, Yuka Terada. "The shelter designs have to comply with the national regulations, providing replicable sustainable solutions to shelter."



In 1995, Mr Ban’s innovative paper log cabins housed those who displaced by earthquakes in Kobe, Japan, and in 1999, those in Kaynasli, Turkey. In 2014, Mr Ban received the Pritzker Architecture Prize, the most prestigious prize in modern architecture, in recognition of dedicating his architecture skills and creativity to humanitarian aid. UN-Habitat’s approaches are strongly participatory. County officers and representatives from refugee and host communities will have input in the design process.

Pritzker Architecture Prize recipient and renowned architect Shigeru Ban is known for his humanitarian design efforts. © UN-Habitat

At the same event, speakers from the Government and different agencies present reiterated the importance of reporting all incidents of corruption.

On 16 -18th June, UNHCR and livelihood partners organized a 3-day market-day at Kakuma refugee camp, themed ‘Bidhaa Zetu, Bei Bora’, Swahili for ‘Our products at affordable prices,’ aimed at opening market opportunities for refugees and host community buyers and traders.

To the refugee and the host communities, the world refugee day presented a unique opportunity to showcase their culture and interact through business, dance, modern music, fashion and poetry, with a call to stand together with refugees.

World Refugee Day

In September 2016, global leaders agreed to work towards a Global Compact for refugees in 2018, where all parts of society stand together #WithRefugees, and do their fair share instead of leaving individual states to bear the burden of mass forced displacement. Since then, June 20th has become the day the world commemorates the strength, courage, and perseverance of millions of refugees.

On June 20th, Kenyans marked World Refugee Day at the University of Nairobi Graduation Square. The event was attended by hundreds of refugees, the country’s Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government, senior government officials, UN representatives, diplomats, donors, and the UN Refugee Agency’s partners.

The Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government Hon. Rtd. Major Gen. Joseph Nkaiserry acknowledged Kenya for hosting refugees, while making reference to the day’s theme, #WithRefugees: “This resonates well with the Government’s efforts, as we have continued to protect refugees even in the face of social economic challenges.”

At the event, UN-Habitat joined UNHCR, setting in a booth which showcased the Kalobeyei New Settlement Project, and an accompanying model constructed by Jomo Kenyatta University of Architecture and Technology.

In Kakuma, there were also celebrations, with thousands of refugees and host community gathering to mark the day at Napata Ground, Kakuma Refugee Camp. Music was played as Burundian refugees beat ‘talking drums’ and Congolese men and women performed traditional dances.



Top: celebrations at the University of Nairobi - Kalobeyei project model by students from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. Bottom: World Refugee Day celebrations in Kakuma. © UN-Habitat



SDG Mapping Exercise

On the 15th -16th June, the UN-Habitat Team organized a Mapping Exercise with Host and Refugee Communities. As it is the right of the community to ask for maps from implementing partners an exercise was conducted to educate the representatives on map-reading.

Land-Use categories were introduced and reinstated to improve understanding of the maps. Furthermore, as walking distances are often not well represented on the maps, information on the orientation to the main arterial roads and closest public spaces allowed for a better understanding of manageable walking distances. Feedback from the exercise will improve in mapping strategies, and improve capacity to understand and cater to the needs of the hosts and refugees. As such, small land-use maps will be created and distributed to Settlement Development Groups to show their communities.



SDG Mapping exercise in progress.
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Government of Japan's Supports Water Pan Progress and Do-nou Technology Training

On 20th July, song and dance marked the ceremony where trainees in Japanese 'Do-Nou' technology were issued with certificates at Kalobeyei Settlement in Kenya's Turkana County. First Secretary at the Japan Embassy in Nairobi, Mr. Ito Yo, challenged them to put into practice what they had learnt to earn themselves a living. "The Government of Japan is happy to be part of this noble project. We... wish to congratulate all those who collaborated to deliver this training. We will continue to support you people in your endeavours," he said.

The training, sponsored by the Government of Japan, was a joint effort between UN-Habitat, Peace Winds Japan and Community Road Empowerment (CORE). At the end of the eight day training, four participants (two from the host community and two refugees) were taken for further training at the Kenya Institute of Highways and Building Technology and Kisii Training Centre in Western Kenya, a rare opportunity for them to travel and learn. The outcomes of the training for infrastructure works are as follows:

- 50 people trained in low cost and durable road construction technologies
- 20 people trained in water pan construction using locally available materials
- 530 meters of road constructed using Do-Nou Technology (250 metres in Kalobeyei Town; 280 meters in Kalobeyei New Site)

The road construction was undertaken by participants as part of their practical training. A 10,000 cubic metre dam was also constructed near Kalobeyei Town, to boost water security in the larger area, as part of local community training and technology transfer activities.

Water Pan Opening with the Government of Japan.
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Earlier in the day, Mr. Ito officially opened a water pan in the same area. The pan was also funded by the Government of Japan, and was hailed by area residents as godsend. “We are very grateful for this gift because it will go a long way in addressing some of our problems,” said Mr. Geoffrey Eweet, the team leader for the group that constructed the pan. Apart from providing water for domestic and animal use, the pan will also be used for smallholder agriculture.

Two refugee beneficiaries, Chizungu Muchumbi from DR Congo and Daniel Ongejuk from South Sudan, speaking on behalf of their colleagues from a total of five countries, expressed the wish to get work permits so they could put into practice what they had been taught. “This will also help us to earn a decent living and stop relying on food rations,” said Muchumbi.

A former street boy, Simon Njuguna trained in Do-Nou technology and is now running a successful company. He challenged the graduates to form their own companies and look for tenders from the government.

Map Reading Training for Host Community

At the end of July, UN-Habitat and UNHCR organized a one-day workshop for host community members in Kalobeyei area and Turkana West. The representatives have been engaged in development of the spatial plan for Kalobeyei Settlement, through numerous participatory design workshops. The host community of Turkana West area was represented by a committee known as Community Dialogue and Development Committee (CDDC) and Kalobeyei Town host community was represented by the UN-Habitat Settlement Development Group.

The workshop was to decode the proposed land-use plan for Kalobeyei Settlement developed by UN-Habitat, and identification of all public services, amenities and facilities for the use of the refugees as well as for the host community. Five groups were formed, each being provided with a large land-use map for Kalobeyei settlement. The groups were guided on how to access major facilities in the new settlement using the map legend and the visual representation of the road infrastructure and facilities.

Participants at work during the training.
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Based on the scenarios, complementary initiatives emerged, such as: a waste management facility as a job creation opportunity, public transport within the settlement for improved mobility and shortened walking time, residential development in Kalobeyei Town for non-refugee communities that will want to move in Turkana and benefit from the job market and investment in Kalobeyei.

Finally the two groups were given a platform to share their different roles and their areas of operation, to respond to some misunderstandings surrounding the scope of their work. This was settled amicably and other follow-up meetings were suggested by the CDDC for field visits to get a clear understanding of the planned development, in order to facilitate access to Kalobeyei Settlement facilities by non-refugees.

Street-light Assembly Training for Youth

UN-Habitat recently conducted a community-based stabilization programme, to support sustainable livelihoods development for refugees and host communities. The solar street lights assembly training had two main objectives: improving public space safety and delivering essential technical capacity to host and refugees to assemble and maintain solar street lights. The training was facilitated by Fredrick Ochieng and Jared Momanyi Oreri from UN-Habitat’s Urban Energy Unit, with support from Peace Winds Japan.

The training targeted youths aged between 18 and 35 in Kalobeyei, men and women, from the host and refugee communities. The course included a technical introduction to basic electronics, followed by hands-on training on the assembly of solar street lights which were produced using locally available materials. At the end of the training each participant assembled an affordable, fully functioning solar street light which will be installed at pre-selected sites in public space in Kalobeyei town and inside the New Refugee Settlement. Jared Oreri said that he had enjoyed delivering the course to what proved to be a dedicated group of young people. “The training sessions commenced on time and even when the sessions went beyond the stipulated time, the young people had set aside for other activities, none of them had complained or asked to be allowed to leave,” he said.

Sifa Martha, a participant from the Kalobeyei New Settlement thanked UN-Habitat, UNHCR and Peace Wind Japan for organizing the training, which had enabled her to gain new knowledge and skills. She said that prior to the training she had no real interest in solar street lights and renewable energy technologies, but after the past five days her eyes have been opened on the possibilities of starting a business assembling and distributing street lighting systems. The training had met her needs perfectly.





Sustainable Briquette Production Creates New Livelihood Opportunities for Women

In collaboration with World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF), UN-Habitat launched the Briquette Production Project for refugees and the host community in Kalobeyi, a commitment to address their energy needs through improving access and availability of sustainable fuel.

In the Socio-Economic Survey undertaken by UN-Habitat in Kakuma camp, Kalobeyi New Settlement and neighbouring areas, woodfuel and charcoal were identified as the main sources of cooking fuel. Improving access to clean, sustainable and affordable sources of energy can transform residents' lives.

Through a participatory process, 15 women from the host community were selected in a public meeting in June. The community was clustered into fifteen villages, and the community nominated one woman representative from each village to participate in the preliminary scoping survey.

The survey will determine suitable sites for briquette production units and establish major sources of organic materials for briquette production and drum kilns. The benefits of this project include combating charcoal burning, reducing reliance on wood fuel (which is key in reducing degradation of forest ecosystems), and improving the livelihoods for a substantial number of poor community members in the area.

Survey Reveals Refugee and Hosts' Economic Relationship

The Urban Economy Branch of UN-Habitat is contributing to the Kalobeyei Refugee Camp by strengthening capacity and promoting development of effective urban strategies. The branch will assist both the County Government and implementing organizations in economic profiling, creating and implementing local economic development plans, and understanding operational costs. Moreover, they will devise a roadmap to capitalizing on existing areas of comparative advantage, to achieve short-term local economic development and long-term sustainable economic goals.

The team hopes to gather information which will enable potential interventions to be compared, identifying possible problem areas. These will be matched to the needs of the host and refugee communities in their respective locations.

The research, "Economic Interaction between Kalobeyei Town and Kalobeyei Settlement", is a detailed investigation of businesses in Kalobeyei Town the New Settlement. It is being conducted in three ways:

Semi-structured interviews with town traders who have established shops in the settlement;

1. Conversations with Kalobeyei Town residents about the challenges and opportunities in the new settlement; and
2. Key informant interviews.

Currently, research has focused on Kakuma Town, and will expand to Kalobeyei in the coming weeks.

UN-Habitat and AAR Japan Lead Participatory Design of New Community Centre

UN-Habitat and its implementation partner, AAR Japan, organized a participatory design workshop for a working group composed of refugees and host community representatives for the preliminary designs and the ground floor plan of the new community center in Kalobeyei new settlement.

The project, funded by the Japanese government, will offer access to resources including library and information technology services. It will also provide space for public meetings, trainings for innovation, adult literacy, language, vocational training and cultural/arts exhibitions for the two communities.

The workshop brought to light requirements such as capacity to host a big number of community members for different events, position of the center for efficient accessibility, a comfortable indoor environment (related to the sun exposure), materials used and activities in and outside the center.

During the participatory workshop, the working group from the host community cited challenges that the community may face in accessing the facility due to transport limitations. Since this is an avenue for integrating the two communities, having a form of transport system was seen as an important incentive to encourage participation of the host community in the activities and services that will be offered by the community center.

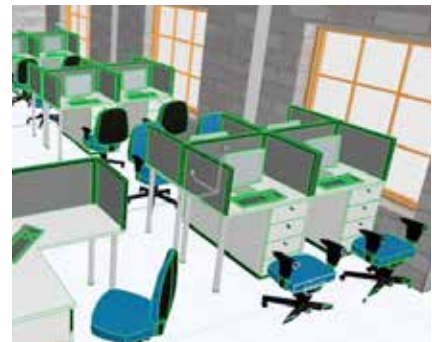
The workshop also provided a platform for refugees to acquaint themselves with the designs and also to give further suggestions on the possible gaps which could have been bypassed during the project inception phase. Following on from this, a workshop was held on September 8th 2017 in order to come to a consensus on the community

centre design and measure the building's footprint on site. Representatives from the refugee and host communities were joined by staff from UN-Habitat, AAR Japan, and a visitor from the Japanese Embassy.

A review of the Community Centre design process was presented by representatives from both the refugee and host communities. Ms. Betty, from the refugee community, highlighted that the community centre with strengthen links between the two communities, and teach community members new skills in computing.

After the meeting, participants were divided into two groups. One group measured the building footprint of the library and cyber café, the other group laid out the public hall measurements on the site. Community representatives used pegs to mark the corners of the structures.

Mr. Ito, the first secretary of the Embassy of Japan, appreciated the collaboration that was evident in the project. He also said that the project has a lot of impact to the lives of the refugees and the host community and therefore the building should be completed to achieve its objective.



Above right: Laying stones along a string to measure the building footprint on site;
(middle right) Renderings of the Cyber Cafe within the Community Centre
(bottom right) Renderings of the external Community Centre design. © UN-Habitat



Refugees Shed Light on Traditional Building Techniques



On the 3rd of August 2017, the UN-Habitat Field Office held a meeting with five Do-Nou Road Trainees at the DRC Shelter, to gather information on materials and methods of building construction used by refugees. The main areas of interest were types of building materials, their availability and costs; the length of time required to build one structure and the number of workers required.

According to Daniel, a Do-Nou Trainee, women are usually tasked with building the walls of shelters, spreading clay on lower parts of a wall, while men are involved in roofing. Cost was identified as the main factor in deciding the type of structure and materials used, although availability of materials is an important factor in material selection.

Top left: Exploring dried vegetation housing prototypes; (below) Stone, wire and timber housing prototype built previously in Kalobeyei New Settlement.

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Some communities in Kapoeta build three-sided tukuls (huts). These appear to be very narrow when seen from a distance, but are spacious inside. Filipe Monteil - Shigeru Ban's Architectural Focal Point of the project with the Voluntary Architects' network, encouraged participants to gather more information about traditional construction methods. This information can then be used to inform Shigeru Ban's shelter designs. South Sudanese participants were asked to discuss building techniques with their communities and share photos of

traditional buildings. With this information, workers involved in construction of the shelters with Shigeru Ban will be able to develop and advance their knowledge of traditional housing styles. This would create greater job opportunities and improve living standards in future. Additionally, the building and material knowledge skills that workers will pick up will enable them to renovate or modify their homes. As Kalobeyei New Settlement hopes to implement incremental housing design typologies, it becomes essential to allow the people to build for themselves.

UN-Habitat hopes to better integrate refugees and host communities by providing a well-functioning settlement that caters to varied needs effectively.

UN-Habitat Constructs a Transitional Community Centre in Kalobeyei New Settlement

Earlier this year, UN-Habitat and its implementing Partner Peace Winds Japan collaborated with the Danish Refugee Council to construct a transitional Community Centre. The need for the community center stemmed from the growing need in the settlement for space to hold meetings for refugees and the host community.

The project, funded by the Japanese government, is envisaged to offer a congregation point where the two communities can interact in public meetings and trainings on livelihoods, adult literacy, language, vocational training and cultural/arts exhibition.

The Danish Refugee Council has recorded an increased number of users, ranging from 150-200 per day. The center has also been used by UN-Habitat to hold participatory meetings to support the on-going public space programme, briquette production and shelter research workshops.

The facility was previously not accessible when school sessions were carried out, and also with considerations to how most organizations used the classrooms to hold their workshops. It is anticipated that after completion of the second community center in Village 2, it will enhance accessibility and significantly reduce the distance and time the refugees and the host community have to travel from distant villages to access the centre in Village 1.

Future projects are also envisioned to better provide for public and institutional spaces within the settlement to cater to growing needs.



UN-Habitat Deputy Executive Director and UNHCR Country Representative Visit Kalobeyi New Settlement

UN-Habitat organised a workshop on the 8th of November, with members of the Settlement Development Groups in both the refugee and host communities. The aim was to gather feedback on three shelter designs developed by Shigeru Ban and Voluntary Architects Network. The three shelter typologies were discussed by SDG representatives from the Ethiopian, DRC, South Sudanese, Burundian, Ugandan, and Somali communities living in the Kalobeyi area. The building materials used in each typology were explained to SDG members, and possibilities for creating long-term jobs in construction and renovation were outlined. SDG representatives then gave their feedback on the design and functionality of the shelters. This will inform the further development of the shelter typologies, and ensure they are appropriate for residents from different cultural backgrounds.

At this stage, the level of confidence in the three typologies was not high among SDG members, who voiced their opinions about the designs. Concerns were raised about the integrity of the structures in changing weather periods, fire resistance, durability, number and sizes of windows, and physical appearance. All SDG members agreed that they could provide further feedback after shelter prototypes have been constructed. This feedback, given during the design phase, is a vital input into the design of durable shelter solutions in the Kalobeyi New Settlement.

Host and Refugee Communities Training for Upcoming AAR Community Centre Construction

With funding from the Government of Japan, UN-Habitat is seeking to support sustainable livelihood development, aiming to improve services and public facilities for refugee and host communities, to minimize conflict over resources and livelihood opportunities between the two groups.

Having successfully completed the participatory design process, the project team has integrated insights from the communities into a set of technical designs that will be followed for the construction. The three-day

training workshop for 30 participants from the host and the refugee communities, who were trained in basic construction techniques, so that they can participate in the construction of the Community Centre. Owuor, one of the participants, highlighted that, “Being refugees, the project will help us to promote peace, interact with the host community, get more skills and promote our culture”.

The Community Centre will be located in village 2 in Kalobeyei Settlement. The site is

centrally placed to ensure easy access for users from the two communities, and to provide a space for them to meet and work together.

The AAR Community Centre will bring together residents from different nationalities, small groups, and local community to learn, engage in development of services and activities that encourage participation; and in doing so improve social and economic engagement. The project is planned to be completed by February 2018.



Above left: Materials used: Corrugated cardboard, Traditional Mud Wall Building Technique.

Function and observations: This additional shelter was built behind a house, and is a Bar operated by the family. Visitors come from different villages to spend time. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat Investigates Owner-Driven Modifications to UNHCR Shelters

The UN-Habitat team investigated shelter modifications in Kalobeyei town and Kalobeyei New Settlement, with particular focus on adaptations and additions made by occupants. The resulting case studies will inform shelter designs, catering to the needs of various nationalities within the Kalobeyei New Settlement while being sensitive to their unique customs and practices.

During their assessment, the team made several key observations on building modifications made to improve thermal comfort, use of different building materials, and ownership of UNHCR shelters. Some of the key points mentioned include:

- Most external extensions for rest or leisure are built because it is too warm within the shelters in the day due to poor ventilation, and the shelter material’s propensity to trap heat.
- UNHCR Canvas material can be easily damaged. It has been shared by the communities that often, materials from their shelters are cut and stolen.
- Most additional building materials obtained were either extracted from vacant shelters, scavenged, leftover materials from other transactions (food, fuel), or belong to the community members.

Overall, the assessment provided vital insights into the needs of various groups within the Kalobeyei area. These will inform the final designs from Shigeru Ban and the Voluntary Architects Network.

The assessment was done in tandem with shelter assessments conducted with settlement development group (SDG) in Kalobeyei New Settlement, and Host Communities in Kalobeyei Town.



Above left to Right: Materials used:
Dried Vegetation, UNHCR Canvas, Wood.

Function and observations: The extension between two existing shelters serves as a shaded resting place for the family.

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Kalobeyi Youth Workshop Generates Public Space Ideas Using Minecraft



UN-Habitat invited representatives from UNHCR, AAR, WFP, and Government to the final presentation. The eventual construction of pilot projects will demonstrate the added value that investment in public space brings to communities. This will ensure better management of public spaces within Kalobeyi Town and Kalobeyi New Settlement, supporting the transition of the latter from a short-term, emergency site to a long-term, sustainable settlement.

Left: Two participants of the Minecraft Workshop discuss their design.

Below: Design outcomes from the Workshop.

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From the 13th-16th of November, UN-Habitat organized a Public Space Design Workshop for Youth from Kalobeyi New Settlement and the Host Community in Kalobeyi Town. The workshops were held to establish a network of public spaces which will foster the integration of host and refugee communities.

The network will bring humanitarian support through well-planned and managed public spaces, and lead to the formation of public space community management groups to ensure long-term continuity in management and foster a greater sense of community ownership. Participants utilized the “Block by Block” 3D Software tool, a collaboration between creators of Minecraft, Mojang, and UN-Habitat.

UN-Habitat’s Public Space Programme has been supporting the engagement of communities internationally to revitalise neighborhoods through creative and engag-

ing design of public spaces like courtyards, walkable streets and shared facilities.

The workshop began with an introduction by Mitiku Woldenset from the Public Space Programme team, providing examples of well-equipped public spaces and how they served their communities. He highlighted the importance of such spaces, which are neglected in traditional communities or refugee settlements. Participants from the respective communities were divided into smaller groups of two or three, to familiarize themselves with Block by Block software, and then spent the remaining days developing designs which were presented at the end of the workshop. Throughout the process, groups were encouraged to brainstorm challenges that might be faced in the development of these spaces, and potential solutions.





UN-Habitat's Global Public Space Program Project at Kalobeyei New Settlement

The Global Public Space Project is funded by MOJANG through the 'Block by Block' partnership, and implemented by UN-Habitat in Kalobeyei New Settlement and Kalobeyei town. Since the project is linked to the main transportation arteries, host community members will have access to more jobs in the Settlement, and the town itself will be subjected to rapid development due to the proximity to the Refugee Settlement. The selected sites are a meeting point near the main road, and thus directly connectivity with Kalobeyei Settlement.

In December, UN-Habitat and its implementing partner, AAR Japan, did the initial landscaping works, planting trees and erecting swings on the site. Further implementation is expected to take place by May 2018.

Meanwhile, since the residents in the nearby areas were involved in the preparatory consultative meetings, it is expected that the site will be communally managed and

maintained. Consequently, economic activities on the site are increasing by the day and more people, and children are constantly using the swings.

In Public Space 1, located in Kalobeyei Town, the team experienced some challenges in obtaining land for the project. Later, after numerous meetings with the local leaders and the community, UN-Habitat secured a piece of land for the development.

UN-Habitat has also met with the Lutheran World Federation to discuss the possibility of organizing a community public space management committee which will include the groups that will participate in the design, implementation, upgrading and maintenance of public spaces in the settlement. These groups will be formed during project implementation, and will involve refugees and the host community in a bid to promote integration and peaceful co-existence.

Government of Japan Funds Photography Project in Kalobeyei Town

Kalobeyei Youth Photography Group has been established with the support from UN-Habitat through the funding Government of Japan (GoJ). The 10-member host community group was formed in the initial stages of the project inception in 2016, with the key objective of supporting UN-Habitat in doing a rapid visual documentation exercise through photography to unearth the condition of the local economy, waste management, roads, WASH, climate change,

environment and housing. The outcome was inspiring, and their knowledge on these urban issues increased significantly.

During the GoJ mission, the photography group managed to receive support to open a group account with Equity Bank in Kakuma Town. The proceeds received from this initiative will go a long way in empowering the youths as a livelihood source and also in the expansion of their knowledge to better participate in the implementation of the Kalobeyei spatial plan and other civil society activities for the local government.

Supported by UN-Habitat, the group has conducted the first visual documentation

of the settlement one year after establishment, following changes in transportation, shelters, economic growth, public spaces and the natural environment. The visual documentation will serve to better present the process of urban transformation, supporting peaceful coexistence and seizing opportunities from hosting refugees in Turkana County. Moreover, the group will receive complementary editing and printing services in the Community Centre in the refugee settlement. The centre is planned to open to the public in March 2018. It will offer a computer room with unlimited access for both host and the refugees.

UN-Habitat supports Briquette Production in Kalobeyei New Settlement

On 18-21st December 2018, the Government of Japan conducted a mission to Kalobeyei to monitor the UN-Habitat - World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF) Briquette production project. The project is premised on the need for gender mainstreaming in planning and design for Kalobeyei New Settlement, with a focus on providing sustainable cooking energy, contributing to socio-economic development and environmental management in the refugee and host communities. The project is also supported by the Office of International Program, College of Agricultural Sciences, Pennsylvania State University.

The Briquette production project trained 40 women in production of charcoal briquettes. These included easy-to-access materials such as charcoal waste (dust) collected from trading places and charcoal production sites; charcoal fines made from small twigs harvested from the invasive *Propospis spp* (mathenge) and charred using a drum kiln; organic waste from markets and households; animal waste from the slaughter house; and soil.

ICRAF, with the help of the trainees, demonstrated to the donor the process of



briquette production - it involved mixing charcoal dust with water and a binding agent such as soil. The resultant dough is shaped by hand, or molded in wooden or metal press into fist-sized units, which are then air-dried. Dried briquettes were then used to demonstrate the cooking efficiency using energy saving stoves. It was noted that briquettes with more soil burn for longer and produce less heat, while the ones with less soil burn quicker but produce more heat. The representatives will continue to try different combinations of charcoal dust and soil to establish a standard for the most efficient alternative.

Below: Briquette production training underway, supervised by ICRAF.
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At the end of the training, the participants highlighted the importance of the training and the final commercialization of briquette production. They requested the Government of Japan to support them to construct yards and shops for selling the briquettes across the settlement and also in Kalobeyei Town for host community beneficiaries.

Government of Japan Visits New Community Center

In December 2017, the Japanese Government visited the community centre to see the project progress. The project is being implemented by AAR-Japan, UN-Habitat's local implementation partner. In this mission, the AAR Japan's engineer and the UN-Habitat architect explained in detail the approach taken to engage the refugee and host communities during design formulation, contractual processes and implementation. They also described the different ele-

ments of the design which were suggested by the two communities, based on their needs while the settlement is at its current level of development. The community centre will also offer outdoor games. Another organisation is developing a child-friendly space next to the centre. This will provide a joint space for social groups of varied ages.

AAR-Japan and UN-Habitat also made a prototype for a different construction material to augment the Turkana Stone block. They engaged a private company, which specialises in hollow interlocking blocks, to teach construction trainees how to construct the blocks. Nine people from both communities

were trained over two days, after which they were employed to produce a total of 2500 blocks. These blocks are being used to construct a guard and generator house, and a section of the community centre. Adoption of this technology is largely due to its ease of dismantling. The voids in the block create air gaps which act as an insulator against the hot Turkana climate.

The construction of the centre has attracted a lot of interest from the two communities and is being considered as one of the key integration spaces, where host and refugee community members will interact freely in socially productive activities.

UN-Habitat Urban Basic Services Develops Waste Management Strategy for Kakuma and Kalobeyei

On 15th January 2018, UN-Habitat Urban Basic Services Branch initiated a waste generation and characterisation survey in Kalobeyei and Kakuma. The survey took two weeks, and will inform the development of a waste management strategy for Kakuma town and Camp, Kalobeyei Town and the Kalobeyei New Settlement. This will be followed by an implementation plan that will be integrated with the County Spatial Plans and a framework for partnering with other initiatives within the thematic areas.

Interviews were conducted with UNHCR, Norwegian Refugee Council (WASH Implementing partner for UNHCR), GIZ, Turkana County Ministry of Lands and Urban Management, individual households, shop owners, schools, hospitals and the existing informal waste management community based organization known as Usafi group. In each of the locations of study, two socio-economic areas (high and low income) were identified, based on the existing stratification of the settlement and the camp. The stratification was done to obtain reliable waste management data as an all-inclusive resource for a comprehensive, critical and informative evaluation of waste management options in the area.



The survey also considered the spatial linkages to score variety and the amount of waste produced. Other factors of study included the varying social and economic facilities, streets, schools, hospitals and at household level. Liner bags were also supplied to each household for a waste sample. After 24 hours, the waste was collected at for separation and characterization. After the separation in the main land fill site between Kakuma and Kalobeyei, the waste was categorised. It was found to be highly heterogeneous in nature, with variable characteristics depending on its source. The waste included food scraps, yard waste, wood, plastics, papers, metals, leather, rubber and other materials.

Above: Waste sorting in progress, after waste sample was collected from community members. © UN-Habitat

After sorting, the waste was weighed, and the percentage of each waste type was analysed within the overall composition.

The report and the eventual strategy will be further discussed among the relevant partners for WASH in the area. The output is expected to influence the County's Policy for waste management and also guide future plans for waste management in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.



Above left: the report will suggest alternatives to current waste disposal methods - primarily burning.

Above right: the Photography project in Kalobeyi Town. © UN-Habitat

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Below: UN-Habitat Executive Director Ms Maimunah Sharif and Donors visiting Kalobeyei New Settlement, Turkana. © UN-Habitat



UN-Habitat Executive Director Leads Donor Mission to Kalobeyei Settlement, Turkana County

UN-Habitat, together with UNHCR organized a one day donor mission to Kakuma concerning the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement Development Programme. The mission, which was convened by the UN-Habitat Executive Director Ms. Sharif Maimunah, brought together ambassadors and UN-Habitat representatives from several member states - including the main donor, Government of Japan and Sweden, with UNHCR country representatives, Turkana County and the National Government representatives to showcase the project to the donors.

Being the host county, Turkana County and the National government emphasized how the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement Development Programme was designed to promote long term socio-economic integration of the refugees and the host communities. The two levels of Government also expressed their support for the project to ensure that the vision is realized.

In her opening speech, UN-Habitat's Executive Director Ms. Maimunah Sharif reaffirmed her support towards the tripartite agreement for the county government, UN-Habitat and UNHCR for the Kalobeyei integrated Settlement Development Programme.

She further emphasized the role of the agency in promoting the SDGs, namely SDG 11 and The New Urban Agenda especially in post conflict and post-disaster contexts through the 'Peoples Process Approach'.

She said "UN-Habitat has used the people's process in development of the kalobeyei land use plan by allowing the community to be the primary resource in addressing their needs, problems and solutions during the planning process."

Given that the plan has been submitted to the county for approval, she mentioned that its approval will pave the way for enforcing the planning and design guidelines.

The UNHCR Country Representative, Raouf Mazou emphasized how UN-Habitat had brought the long-term development outlook of the project, considering that UNHCR is mainly focused on humanitarian relief work. Mazou additionally reiterated that such partnership is in line with the Turkana county governor's vision for promoting durable solutions, shifting from developing refugee camps to sustainable settlements.

Afterwards, the donor delegation led by UN-Habitat and UNHCR visited Kakuma camp and the Kalobeyei New Settlement to observe different approaches used in planning the two settlements. The visit provided the donors an opportunity to see the general spatial development of the settlement at its current stage.

During the concluding session, the deputy governor Hon. Emuria also confirmed to the donors that the county and the governor are committed to support the project in all stages to ensure that the sustainable and shared vision is achieved.

Below: (left) Urban Planning Training for Turkana County Government in Nairobi. (right) Current stage of Community Centre Construction in Kalobeyei.

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UN-Habitat Coordinates Integrated Urban Planning Training for the Turkana County Government, Kenya

In late February, UN-Habitat held a one-day capacity building training for Participatory Urban Planning for executives from Kenya's Turkana County.

The workshop highlighted the global urbanization context from different countries and specifically for Kenya, covering the following points – its challenges and opportunities, relation to Sustainable Development Goal 11, the New Urban Agenda, relevance to Kenya Vision 2030, the importance of Urban-Rural Linkages, Urban Economy and partnerships, Urban Legislation and Governance.

The training was tailored for the ministries concerned with Urban Planning, Transport and infrastructure, Urban Basic Services, Environmental management, Urban Economy and Finance and Social Planning. During the workshop, county officials identified

unplanned urban growth, urban sprawl challenges and opportunities as important issues that county ministries should collectively address. In addition, UN-Habitat stressed the importance of formulating implementable plans that ensure urban development is well reconciled with environmental, social and cultural considerations.

The Member of Parliament for Turkana West, Daniel Nanok, was present for the training and acted as the representative of the national government. In his address, Nanok mentioned that planners and policy makers "need to make planning policies and spatial plans understandable to law makers from the very beginning, to enable their roles in the ratification of plans and meaningful support to stakeholder engagement in planning processes". Nanok also expressed his unwavering support for the work that UN-Habitat is doing in Turkana, stating that now is indeed an opportune to plan for urbanization for the towns in the county, while also taking into consideration the numerous cultural complexities at current levels of development.

Community Center Construction to expand the platform for Social Spaces

In the beginning of 2018, UN-Habitat in collaboration with AAR-Japan began to construct a community center as a social space to be used by the refugee and host communities. The Community Center, which is in the final phase currently provides an important role in developing spaces for gathering in the settlement and provides the unique opportunity to connect diverse residents.

Eventually, furnishing the rooms will include the installation of GIZ-contributed computer equipment, tables, chairs and books in the library space. The targeted opening date is the third week of April.

With funding from the Government of Japan, this project is expected to promote sustainable livelihoods development complementing the Turkana County Government efforts geared towards improving livelihoods of the host community and refugees in Kalobeyei New Settlement. The new approach aims to respond with improved services and public facilities for the refugees and host communities to reduce conflict in resource accessibility, while also increas-

ing opportunities to achieve skills and to increase the capacity of refugees and host communities to maintain livelihoods.

The community center is part of a larger discussion with field partners about the concept and use of land designated for “social halls” on the Kalobeyei Land-use plan - 16 plots are designated for this purpose, which could include community centres, as well as religious centres.

The design and construction processes also included a people’s process at all stages and linking local skill training and capacity development to implementation.

Below: (Left) Green Toilet System Construction Training by Lixil Corporation. (Right) Green Toilet System Construction Training by Lixil Corporation. © UN-Habitat



UN-Habitat and Lixil Corporation provide Innovative Sanitation Facilities in Kalobeyei New Settlement

This year, UN-Habitat entered into a private partnership with Lixil Corporation with the aim of improving the access to innovative sanitation products and services, which would benefit the lifestyles of refugees and the host community in Kalobeyei settlement, creating a sustainable society. Through this initiative, Lixil is committed to promote “recycle type waterless toilet systems,” tailor-made to meet individual needs and then in larger contexts. This project is also designed to augment the shelter project design in the settlement and preferably replace initial pit latrine systems. The Innovative bio-waste processing facility will share a site with UN-Habitat’s Community Centre and a design proposal has been made to integrate shelter pilot designs with family toilets produced by Lixil.

In March, UN-Habitat and Lixil Corporation conducted one week of trainings on the ‘Green Toilet System’ – a waterless and

sustainable sanitation solution to be piloted at the Kalobeyei new settlement in Turkana County in Kenya. 2 refugees and 2 host community members were sent to Naivasha for training in Lixil technology of collection and processing, which was joined by a the public officer of Turkana West Sub-County.

The Lixil system will improve access to safe toilets in the settlement. It will also enable refugees to become more economically independent by turning waste into fertilizer for use in urban agriculture. Ultimately, the project will promote the development of community-based, sustainable livelihoods and climate-resilient infrastructures in the settlement and within the host community. Lixil Corporation will buy back the fertilizer from the settlement group to be used on their farms in Naivasha, Kenya.

In a period of three weeks after the training, UN-Habitat, together with Lixil Corporation and the trainees managed to construct a pilot sanitation facility which is now integrated with the UN-Habitat Community Centre in Village 2 in the settlement.

The value chain set for the business model will include developing/constructing and distributing the toilet which meets the needs of local people and communities (promoting access), collecting and treating human excreta in environmentally-friendly manner (collection and filtration) and reuse of the treated human wastes for agriculture and energy (recycle).

UN-Habitat and Peace Winds Japan Exhibition about Kalobeyei at the Ninth World Urban Forum

In February, UN-Habitat representatives and Peace Winds Japan attended the ninth World Urban Forum in Kuala Lumpur. At the Forum, they exhibited a booth to showcase the ongoing projects in Kalobeyei New Settlement, past projects, and the trajectory for the future.

The World Urban Forum (WUF) series is a non-legislative technical forum convened by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) held since 2002.

The Forum gathers a wide range of experts from every walk of life. Participants of the Forum include, but are not limited to, national, regional and local governments, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, professionals, research institutions and academies, professionals, private sector, development finance institutions, foundations, media and United Nations organizations and other international agencies.

It is recognized as the foremost global arena for interaction among policymakers, local government leaders, non-governmental organizations and expert practitioners in the field of sustainable urban development and human settlements.

The Forum was a good opportunity to give greater attention to the Kalobeyei project and to share our applicable planning methodologies with interested parties and donors.



Above: Peace Winds Japan Representative, Akemi at the Ninth World Urban Forum Booth in Kuala Lumpur exhibiting Kalobeyei New Settlement Project.
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Below: UN-Habitat Project Coordinator Yuka Terada, with Kakuma Field Office during a visit from UN-Habitat's Executive Director Sharif Maimunah.
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UN-Habitat Kakuma Field Office



In 2016, UN-Habitat officially began their operation in Kalobeyei New Settlement. A project team was deployed in Turkana County to provide an advisory role on planning and urban development, assisting

in the development of a land-use plan and to establish a planning function for UN-Habitat in collaboration with UNHCR and the County Government.

Since then, the team has led the Infrastructure and spatial planning thematic group, continually providing an overarching support to other thematic areas while also improving host, refugee and the county government capacities on urban development in the preparation of the integrated and sustainable settlement.

The team is required to demonstrate sustainable urban development models such as public space, sustainable shelter, integrated waste management systems and social spaces. It also communicates normative outputs of the land-use plan to a wide array of partners in the thematic area.

With the expansion of operation after two years, the team has also grown significantly. Thank you Kakuma office!

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Below: Government of Japan at the Opening Ceremony of the
UN-Habitat Community Center in Kalobeyei New Settlement.
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Government of Japan opens the UN-Habitat Community Center in Kalobeyei New Settlement

14th May - UN-Habitat has supported the integration of refugee and host communities into the Kalobeyei New Settlement since 2016, with the support from the Government of Japan.

Through the developed spatial planning framework, UN-Habitat has initiated planning and construction of numerous infrastructure projects, reflecting the needs of the host and refugee communities. One of them is the construction of a Community Center which aims to provide services to both communities, bringing peaceful coexistence and the creation of opportunities. It hopes that the center will help in fostering their integration, and contribute to the development process for Kalobeyei.

Different bodies of representation have been integral in the design process of the community center - including Youth and Women, who have allowed for their ideas and preferences to be heard through a strong participatory process.

The construction of the Community Center was done in partnership with the Association for Aid and Relief Japan (AAR Japan). Currently, the center consists of three rooms; the hall, the computer lab and the library.

On the 14th of May, the center was officially opened by Mr. Yo Ito, the representative from the Government of Japan, alongside County and National Government officials. There were about 60 participants in total from both communities, including the members who participated in the planning process.

The representative from the Government of Japan expressed he was pleased with the presentation. The next phase will involve the communities establishing a management board which will consist of representatives who participated in planning and construction of the center, as suggested by UN-Habitat.

Both community representatives expressed their happiness towards the community center design and that they are committed to work together in sharing ideas by imparting computer knowledge to those with lesser skills.

They also expressed their wish for other partner agencies to adopt UN-Habitat's participatory approach, which can ensure the smooth running of activities and accelerate integrative efforts.



UN-Habitat Receives IGAD and Development Bank of Germany to Kakuma

23rd April - UN-Habitat, together with UNHCR, Turkana County and the National Government held a mission for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the Development Bank of Germany (KWF) concerning Kalobeyei Refugee settlement in Turkana County.

UN-Habitat, UNHCR and the Secretariat of Refugee Affairs gave initial presentations to provide the delegates with the background of the refugee situations in the area, notably on Kalobeyei New Settlement. The key areas of their presentations focused on the conceptualization of Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement Development programme (KISEDPP), the levels of coordination, the role of the National, County Government and the engagement of the community.

Given that most refugee protracted situations mainly take place in the Horn of Africa, free movement of persons in IGAD Regions has been a key priority for the authority, together with support from partners including KWF. Therefore, IGAD wanted to learn from the new innovations for developing refugee settlement, to see the potential relevant work in other regions within their areas of operations facing similar challenges.

The Development Bank of Germany (KWF), which is working with IGAD in various countries of the region, mentioned that the portfolio of their support to IGAD is broad – it includes the provision of food security, livelihoods, water and drought resilience to name a few. They also mentioned that the lessons they gathered from this mission will be important in guiding their engagement on similar issues with partners.

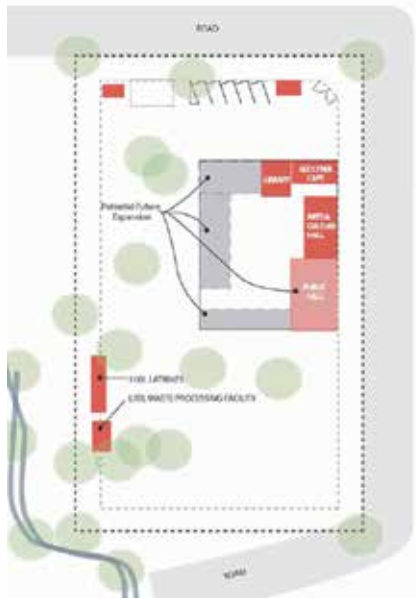
After the initiation, the delegation visited Kalobeyei Town and Kalobeyei New Settlement to meet with community groups and the local leaders who have been working with UN-Habitat and the county government to engage in the planning process and implementation.

Above: (Left) IGAD and KWF visit to Kalobeyei New Settlement - Initiation. (Right) IGAD and KWF visit to Kalobeyei New Settlement - visiting UN-Habitat and Shigeru Ban/ Voluntary Architects Network Shelter Design. © UN-Habitat

The delegates also received the opportunity to visit the shelter prototypes currently developed by UN-Habitat and UNHCR, as well as the Lixil-UN-Habitat's "Green Toilet System" sanitation facility in the settlement.

Below: Neem and Acacia tree growing near Public Transportation Strategy Sites. © UN-Habitat





Above: UN-Habitat - Lixil Green Toilet System at Community Centre. © UN-Habitat

New Faces in the Field Office, and Departing Representative from Government of Japan

In the last several months, two new staff members have joined the field office staff.

Naoyo Kuboshima, from Japan, has a background in management, field work, and private sector, and has been in Kenya for the previous decade.

Risper Talai, from Kenya, has experience in planning and has prior experience with Turkana County government.

The project team also looks forward to meeting the new representative from the Embassy of Japan, as Yo Ito is finishing his Kenya post. Yo Ito represented the Government of Japan, the project's primary donor, since its inception in 2015, and was serving in Kenya for 4 years.

Community Management of the Public Transportation Strategy Begins

15th April – UN-Habitat's effort in initiating a public transport space and management program is underway. In Kalobeyi New Settlement, transportation management strategies and the providence of services are lacking, often resulting in refugee and host community members paying large amounts of money for basic travel within the settlement or to neighbouring towns. In an informal survey taken of 15 Kalobeyi Town youth in September 2017, two women had never been to the Settlement due to the travel costs.

In Kalobeyi Settlement Land Use plan designed by UN-Habitat, three sites along the main road are designated for transportation. As UN-Habitat is committed to including residents of Kalobeyi Town as part of the project, a fourth site is to be located there. If these transit points are activated, it will reduce walking distances by 2.5km in the settlement, and 12km from the town.

After the initial ideation process, a meeting was planned for the community members to establish their own management plans of the completed site - this included residents of the closest communities (Village 1, Neighbourhood 1 and 26), as well as host community members who live within the settlement.

Construction of Type E Pilot Shelter Begins

14th May - Construction of the Pilot Shelter Type E has started in Kalobeyi New Settlement.

Renowned Japanese architect Shigeru Ban and Voluntary Architects Network has been providing UN-Habitat with designs for new pilot shelters. The architect representative from Shigeru Ban's Office, Mr. Philippe Monteil, has been guiding the construction of shelters on a pro bono basis.

Type E is a variation of Type B, which uses treated timber structure of 1m x1m infilled with fired brick. However, since the construction of type B, the Kenyan government has enacted a ban on Kenyan

lumber sourced from public lands. This is to counteract deforestation which has almost doubled in the past five years in Kenya.

Since December last year, designs and structures within the transit space have been adapted and modified to address different needs. For instance, one such example is the popularity of playground equipment being constructed for the children. Through utilizing a trial-and-error process, UN-Habitat is exploring avenues to activate the transportation component of the site, through a boda-boda stage.

One of the initiatives was to plant 300 Neem and Acadia trees. Neems are a hardy foreign species which are able to slowly kill the Prosopis species (a foreign tree known to be a detriment to the local environment). The Acadia are a local species which are also hardy and fruit-bearing. With intensive, twice-daily watering, the Neem and Acadia trees will grow one meter every 3 months, and will be able to continue growing through ground water alone after six to 12 months. Due to project budget, volunteers came forward to carry out daily watering of plants, although the activity has now been turned over to the local site manager.

Eventually, the Public Transportation Strategy hopes to encompass the building of several suitable infrastructural sites, allowing for adequate transportation options which are affordable and well suited to the host and refugee communities. The UN-Habitat is currently investigating some private sector options for matatu services, and an organization of boda drivers.

The fired bricks are produced by members of the host community, although due to sporadic rains, production was delayed. Gilbert, an expert refugee carpenter, and his team who were trained by project architect, Philippe Monteil, are in the process of ensuring the quality of the bricks. They are also working on the doors, windows, louvers, and frame construction. The hardware to of the shelter openings has been a focus of work on all the prototypes, as security is a high priority to beneficiaries.

The latest shelter prototype extends beyond the basic 3mx6m footprint, to provide a shaded open-air space leading to an outdoor kitchen and a sustainable toilet unit. The target completion date for the Type E pilot is early July.



Right: Type E Pilot Shelter Construction - Frame Construction Process. © UN-Habitat

High Capacity Water Pan near Kalobeyei Town Utilized



Left: High Capacity Water Pan near Kalobeyei Town. © UN-Habitat

May – In late 2016, UN-Habitat began the spatial development planning process for Kalobeyei New Settlement, through a series of trainings sponsored by the Government of Japan, Peace Winds Japan and Community Road Empowerment (CORE).

One outcome of the project was a local community training and technology

transfer initiatives, is a 10,000 cubic metre dam constructed near Kalobeyei Town. Infrastructural development projects such as the water pan construction had utilised strong participatory approaches which aim to integrate the community members' ideas in the planning process, supporting the socio-economic advancement of the area.

The high capacity water pan, which was hailed as a "godsend" was opened on 20th July 2017 by the Government of Japan, and has since been used as an external water point for domestic and animal use, and smallholder agricultural projects. Recent improvements are currently being made to the delivery to ensure for faster drainage from the dam to the adjacent hand pump and trough.

The empowerment initiative had trained 20 youths in water works, and will boost water security in the area. It is estimated that half the local host population already uses the water source, and it is expected that the percentage will increase in time.



Government of Japan supports approval of UN-Habitat's Spatial Plan in meeting with Turkana County Assembly

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UN-Habitat and UNHCR met with the Committee of Planning, Finance and Trade together with the Ministry of Lands, Planning and Urban Management from Turkana County in Lodwar to resolve issues concerning the approval of the plan for Kalobeyei Settlement Development Programme (KISED P).

In the meeting, UN-Habitat discussed the Global Overview of Urbanization, forced migrations and refugees. UN-Habitat also presented emerging approaches, based on the new Kalobeyei settlement, to address the refugee crisis and how the county can leverage the approved plan to guide urban development and economic growth in the thematic area.

Due to the recent restructuring of the county assembly committees, UNHabitat reviewed the various stages of the planning process including situational analysis, stakeholder engagement, development of scenarios and the final plan. When reaching a consensus with the content of the plan, it was agreed

that a new meeting should be arranged to visit the site with the committee and the Ministry of Lands. This serves to confirm the boundaries as well as how the plan has been implemented thus far, a precursor to the county assembly adoption of the plan for the assembly.

The deputy speaker, Hon. Michael Ewoi later expressed his gratitude to UN-Habitat for their support in planning with Turkana County and requested for more collaboration beyond Kalobeyei to ensure that other towns in the county will benefit from UN-Habitat's long-standing expertise. Ewoi also stated that the county assembly will ensure the good coordination of the KISED P project to ensure its success. --

Shigeru Ban revisits Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement to monitor UN-Habitat Shelter

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World-renowned architect, Shigeru Ban, visited the Kalobeyei refugee settlement in Turkana County a second time with the purpose of monitoring the UN-Habitat shelter project. The houses currently being constructed are based on the models Ban designed in collaboration with UN-Habitat when developing refugee housing prototypes.

Funded by the Government of Japan, the project includes providing suitable and replicable housing design options for the large-scale housing programme in the settlement.

The lead architect from Shigeru Ban Architects, Philippe Monteil, has been overseeing the construction of the pilot shelter units and executing detail design adjustments. During the mission, Monteil explained the relevant variables of different models and their designs responded to the local context - ranging from habitability, cultural appropriateness, accessibility and affordability.

Furthermore, Lixil Corporation, also presented the Green Toilet System project. Lixil has partnered with UN-Habitat to design and implementation improved toilet systems, customized for the housing prototypes. The project is run within a community-based implementation and maintenance programme.



Ban and the UN-Habitat team also met with the United Nations Humanitarian Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to reflect on the findings of the housing models, looking to select the most appropriate designs for the refugee settlement. Ban clarified that all proposed models address durability and transitoriness, however the brick wooden frame model was chosen as the most suitable. This model best reflects the availability of construction materials, possibility for involvement of host and refugee community members in the construction process as well as overall cost efficiency. UNHCR thanked Ban for contributing his expertise and promised to continue collaborating with UN-Habitat on technical advice moving forward with the housing programme. Ban also promised his own continued assistance to UN-Habitat in providing technical architectural advice regarding the shelters.

UN-Habitat project coordinator, Ms. Yuka Terada, expressed her gratitude to Ban for dedicating his time for this project and the partnership with UN-Habitat, despite being simultaneously involved in several projects worldwide. The subcounty administrator also expressed gratitude for the seamless cooperation with Turkana County Government and reiterated the importance of socioeconomic integration of refugees and the host community.

Above: Shigeru Ban and Kalobeyei Settlement team.
Below Left: Shigeru Ban (left) and Philippe Monteil (right) examine shelter building materials. **Below Right:** Shigeru Ban visits the wooden frame brick shelter model in Kalobeyei settlement.
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Turkana County Assembly Site visit to Kalobeyei Settlement

UN-Habitat, in partnership UNHCR and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) convened a workshop and site visit for the Turkana County Assembly committee of planning, trade and finance to Kalobeyei settlement. This was in line with the UN-Habitat objective to support the Turkana County Government in developing and applying guidelines to align humanitarian infrastructure interventions with the long-term development approach and to build capacity on linkages of county development with Kalobeyei Advisory Development Plan.

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The mission was also in accordance with the request from the county assembly to appraise the current level of implementation and confirm if it conforms to the developed spatial planning, which was presented to the county legislature for ratification.

The mission began with a joint presentation between UN-Habitat and the Ministry of lands, housing, energy and urban management, who are the custodians of the planning and urban development function and the leader in the planning process for Kalobeyei, to highlight the key contents of the spatial plan. Issues concerning the Institutional and legal framework from the international to the Kenyan context employed during the planning process were discussed sufficiently since the law makers were keen to understand the basis of developing such a spatial plan.

NRC also presented on Land, Housing and Property (HLP) rights which are at the core in assisting individuals and groups to access their rights, entitling displaced individuals to a safe home and freedom from eviction. In addition, they discussed the issues of disputes over land tenure that is often at the center of conflicts in refugee hosted

settlements, and which can consequently undermine long-lasting solutions and threaten fragile peace agreements.

On the second day, the site visit was conducted to familiarize the present law makers with the initial boundary for the settlement and to allow them to establish

whether there was any land encroachment in the community land adjacent to the refugee settlement. Eventually, to address land encroachment issues, they requested the establishment of boundary beacons in the settlement, which helps to improve development control measures.

Refugees in Kalobeyei participate in the re-designing of Public Spaces using MineCraft Tool Project



Refugees of different nationalities in Kalobeyei are re-designing more public spaces using Minecraft to inform designers and planners on how to improve, transform spaces into living places in their neighborhoods. The unique part of this Minecraft workshop held in the newly built community center in Kalobeyei is that it was facilitated and run by two refugees for the first time from two different countries (South Sudan; Uganda), who have participated in the first MineCraft workshop held in Kalobeyei. UN-Habitat's public space redesigning and community engagement workshop was run for a week long with the participation of more than 30 refugees of different nationalities - most comprising of youth, women and the disabled. A total of four public spaces have now used

the participatory approach of redesigning public space and integrating refugees with the host community.

In the workshop, participants were taught how to utilize the MineCraft software in a creative way to visualize the potential uses of public spaces in their neighborhoods. The tool allowed them to negotiate their needs with little external interference with their concepts and ideas. This participatory approach is turning around "the I know for you" public space design approaches of professionals to "we know for ourselves" approaches of the community.

Prior to their engagement, participants visited two public space sites and identified the

different challenges and existing problems with the sites as well as acknowledged the different needs and activities to be proposed on the site. The teams identified opportunities in the sites and came up with proposals on how these opportunities can be harnessed for the proper functioning and success of the public space in their settlements.

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Top: MineCraft Training for Public Space redesign with refugees from Kalobeyei. © UN-Habitat



Top left: Groups presenting on issues crucial to their needs and well being, including the most vulnerable groups. © **UN-Habitat**

At the end of the 5 day-workshop the participants presented their designs to a larger audience, with invited guests from the community 1 & 2, AAR Japan, youth representatives from the host community and refugee settlements, UN-Habitat colleagues, experts from other agencies and Government officials among others.

The participants expressed their appreciation towards UN-Habitat for their continuous support in making Kalobeyei settlement a better place and for ensuring participation in all projects being implemented. They were also very happy to have been the first to use the newly installed computers in the cybercafé in the Community Center. Just after the workshop the number of people trained in the use of Minecraft and public space design reached to over 80 people in the refugee settlement and host community.



Top right: Group Presentations by refugees for Public Space Design proposals for Kalobeyei. © **UN-Habitat**

UN-Habitat and Turkana County Government conduct Community Workshop for Final Draft Plan of Kalobeyei Settlement

In the month of September, following the outcomes of the County Assembly site visit to Kalobeyei settlement, the Ministry of Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban Management in collaboration with UN-Habitat, World Food Programme (WFP) and Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), conducted a participatory community meeting held with an attendance of 200

people - office of the Kalobeyei ward member of County Assembly, Kalobeyei Ward Administrator, Assistant County Commissioner-Oropoi Division, Kalobeyei Chief and sub chiefs of the 6 sub locations. This follows the specific request from the Turkana County Assembly committee on Planning, Finance and Trade to collect their views concerning the level of

implementation of the Kalobeyei Advisory Development Plan.

After the discussions, the participants expressed their satisfaction with the draft plan, making the meeting the final participatory activity for the plan formulation.

UN-Habitat and Turkana County Government conduct survey and beaconing of Kalobeyei New Settlement

The next five days after the community participatory meeting (in the article above) constituted the county and said partners successfully conducting a fixed survey and the beaconing of the 1500 hectares of land.

The survey and beaconing exercise resulted in a clearly demarcated site - the 1500 hectares that the host community allocated for the new settlement. This will

in future act as a reference for boundary identification and will help in managing development in line with the settlement plan. Additionally, this exercise was critical in resolving boundary related issues that had emerged due to the unclear demarcation of the site; hence, helping in mitigating against chances of boundary-related conflicts.



Top right: Beaconing process of Kalobeyei Settlement to mark the boundary of the site. © **UN-Habitat**

Participatory meeting for the community center extension

From 2017, several participatory meetings were held after the inception of the community center to give an opportunity to the host and the refugee community to share their priorities for the kind of social spaces to develop in the settlement. The two communities subsequently agreed on a social hall, computer room and a library for the first phase of the project which is now being used by UN agencies to hosts and the refugee communities.

In pursuit of the last year's proposals from the two communities, UN-Habitat and its

core implementing partner, AAR Japan, held a second meeting to agree on the project for the second phase in this fiscal year. The meeting involved representatives from the refugees, host community, community center management committee, local and refugee leaders to recall previous proposal suggestions and preferences.

After the discussion, a cafeteria and music studio were suggested. There was concern by the community that the cafeteria should be used to provide food and beverages during meetings to raise revenue for

the operation and maintenance of the community center. Based on the budgetary ceiling for the project, UN-Habitat and AAR Japan settled on the cafeteria and the designs were developed and shared in the following meetings for the stakeholders, including the two communities for validation.

The preparations for the implementations are underway and the project is expected to be completed by February 2019.

SHERPA Housing Assessment conducted on Shigeru Ban Shelter Typologies in Kalobeyei Settlement

UN-Habitat Housing, and Urban Planning and Design representatives for the Kalobeyei New Settlement Project, visited the Kalobeyei Settlement to conduct a one-day live housing sustainability assessment using the newly released app SHERPA. The assessment was conducted on shelter typologies developed as part of a partnership from July 2017 till now, between the Voluntary Architects Network (VAN), Shigeru Ban and UN-Habitat, where the organisations sought to develop potential shelter designs for residents of the camp based on contextual socio-economic needs and available data from UN-Habitat.

The process over the last year entailed the organizations conducting participatory design workshops with the community, and the resultant development of shelter design typologies within the settlement.

The one-day SHERPA Assessment was conducted as such - after a brief introduction to SHERPA and a short site visit, the four housing prototypes as designed by prominent Japanese architect Shigeru Ban, were assessed in an interactive workshop using the app. Participants for the assessment came from a range of professional backgrounds, including the architect representative from Shigeru Ban, Philippe Monteil, and skilled and non-skilled construction workers who are residents of the settlement.



Top right: SHERPA Housing Assessment process of identifying the challenges and successes of housing prototypes by Shigeru Ban. © UN-Habitat

The SHERPA assessment allowed the participants to consider the social, economic, environmental and cultural dimensions of housing sustainability from a new perspective and facilitated a diverse and rewarding discussion between the experts and end-users, allowing them to exchange technical knowledge and local awareness. Through this bottom-up approach, participants explored the innovative ways which were employed to improve project design, such as using the local plant species, Prosopis, to protect housing from weathering and employing local craft and construction methods to enhance the cultural adequacy of the housing projects.

The SHERPA assessment also allowed participants to detect efficiency issues in a material supply chain which can now

be easily addressed to reduce significant costs, enabling them to consider opportunities for capacity-building and skills training in all components of the project. Throughout the process, Philippe Monteil and builders expressed keen interest to participate in the shelter assessment and the SHERPA assessment representative received feedback on the tool towards improving its application within the context of humanitarian development projects.

A mission report from the assessment of SHERPA will be provided to showcase the results of the four shelter typologies, helping to guide the long-term development of the Kalobeyei Settlement.

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Group Photo with locals,
AAR Japan and UN-Habitat team.
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What does it mean to be settled? Tales of Rural-Urban Linkages in Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement

It has been about two years since the establishment of Kalobeyei New Settlement, which according to the initial vision is supposed to accommodate 60,000 people, consisting of both refugees and the host communities. The Kalobeyei Advisory Development Plan envisions a reality where refugees and host communities will benefit from socio-economic opportunities, while tapping into the potential of sustainable investments and capacity building to enhance their skills to support long-term economic growth.

Currently, relationships and interactions between settlement dwellers and those in the hinterlands have improved significantly. The host community has started to settle around the new settlement, interacting with others who live, work and conduct businesses and trade inside the settlement.



Computer Room well-utilised in the Community center.
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There are certain factors that have promoted the movement of people, goods, services, capital, and information into and out of the settlement. Some people have migrated into the settlement to set up retail shops, restaurants, hair salons and chemists, while others enjoy the proximity and access to basic services such as water, education and healthcare which are available for free. There are also other external factors such as climate variability and environmental problems that have encouraged made some to settle instead at the hinterlands of the settlement. This is mainly due to drought, famine and fear of conflicts which have dwindled opportunities for livelihoods in their previous homes.

The settlement has transformed to become an advantageous exchange point for

wholesalers and consumers from different communities. Agglomeration economies in this settlement also has a higher chance of success during the plan implementation stages, as there are considerations put in place in the development plan that promotes trade in a mixed-use environment, where people are living, including the installment of public spaces and transportation networks.

After speaking with the host community members living in the settlement and outside, UN-Habitat has come to understand that many people in the host community see the presence of refugees as a population dividend, and an opportunity to work together towards a more sustainable urban strategy. "Most of the time, we have to walk long distances to

fetch firewood and to make charcoal, which we exchange with refugees for food. We would like to receive help from the county government to invest in schools, hospitals, water services and loans for business since the current resources are strained", said Eregae Edapal who lives at the periphery of the settlement.

From these narratives, it seems that to bridge the rural-urban divide and to create functional urban spaces in this settlement, the local government carries the responsibility in providing an enabling environment to both private sector and both communities by providing complementary services and primary infrastructural development to augment the humanitarian efforts from various partners.

Kalobeyei Public Space Project for Social Integration, Cultural Games and Environmental Rehabilitation

UN-Habitat, through the support of Block by Block, has implemented one of the four main public spaces in the settlement utilizing strong participation methodologies with the host and the refugee community youths throughout the design and implementation stages. The process was important to inform the planners and architects on key cultural elements to be integrated in the design that can provide for a stronger sense of belonging to the communities.

In many ways, the project demonstrates the benefits of promoting culture in Public Spaces, which acts as a medium to bring people together, providing for space for a self-organizing community and utilized as a shared resource in which inter-community and cultural interactions and experiences can be exchanged. The public space also promotes creativity and culture through place-making which utilizes the different influences and design ideas from different communities.

One of the functions of the newly developed public space is a Turkana Host community game dubbed locally as 'Ajua'. It is also played by South Sudanese and Ugandans who have been great antagonists in cattle rustling before the establishment of the settlement. Players from the host community mentioned that other than



playing for fun, the game helps them to live together in peace with the refugees, as well as enhancing their understanding of numbers and unique ways to count their animals easily amongst other benefits. "This game has helped us to interact with refugees while we wait for available jobs, such as offloading goods in the settlement for business people in the nearby market. As pastoralist, it helps us to easily know how to count our animals", Said James Ekai from the host community.

The public space in this settlement also serves a fundamental role in environmental conservation and sustainability. As part of the project, four hundred trees have been planted in the past year, which has brought about important environmental benefits such as the cooling of air and the provision of adequate shading.

Ongoing shade construction in the Public space.
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Children using the swing stations at the Public space.
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Currently the project is progressing towards completion and UN-Habitat's Urban Energy Unit has installed 15 solar lights in the public space to improve accessibility, safety and security especially at night. During the installation, a group of youths who were previously trained on electronics and the assembling of the solar light participated actively, and will also take up the responsibility subsequently of managing repairs and maintenance of the solar lights in the future.

Kalobeyei Settlement Community Center well utilized by organizations, refugees and host communities

Since September 2018, the UN-Habitat Kalobeyei Community center usage has increased significantly with attendance of more than 150 people per week using the social halls for a wide range of community meetings. From a lengthy conversation with Owar Opiyo, who is the incumbent community center manager, UN-Habitat has learned that almost all organizations working on youths and women empowerment, camp management and livelihood activities have sent requests to use the social hall and the computer room for their trainings. As such, the community center continues to fill a vital niche by keeping people connected while also connecting people from different nationalities and religions.

The computer center within the building is also now fully operational with most internet facility installed. The management of the center was organized through extensive consultations from UN-Habitat and its implementing partner AAR Japan. As per the gathered results from the consultations, the computer center is planning to offer computer driving license trainings, with other partners looking to offer virtual learning and employment opportunities for refugee and the host community. This would be financially sustainable through collecting payment for using the computers, which would be at a favorable fee. The amount would be used to maintain the existing computers and to buy new accessories. This initiative would greatly help the young people from

both refugee and host communities who wish to improve their computer knowledge and skillsets, which could contribute to their education and development of future career endeavors.

The Community Center now serves a vital role in improving the overall standard of living within the settlement, contributing to the promotion of new skillset development, an opportunity creation for representatives who previously felt there was little potential for growth. In the future, the community center can also work towards hosting larger scaled events, activities and trainings, and can be a key congregation area for people who live and visit the neighborhood.

Below Left: Festival performances - Turkana host community dance. **Below Right:** Group Photo with locals, AAR Japan and UN-Habitat team. © UN-Habitat



Briquettes Production provides an alternative energy solution and redresses environmental stress in Kalobeyei Settlement



Testing of briquettes cooking efficiency in Kalobeyei Settlement. © UN-Habitat

Since November 2017, the initiative for alternative energy solutions through the creation of fuel briquettes has been ongoing in Kalobeyei Settlement and within the host community. The objective of the project was to establish the need for cooking energy interventions and build local capacities, concluding in two women-led briquette enterprises. The women-led briquette innovations aim at empowering the host and refugee communities by creating opportunities for communities to become self-sustaining and to reduce total environmental impact within the settlement while catering to growing energy demands.

Through a partnership with the World Agro-forestry Centre (ICRAF), 40 women (20 from the refugee and 20 from the host community) received training on local production of charcoal briquettes from easy to access materials of the following - charcoal dust from production sites in the host community, charcoal fines made from small twigs harvested from the environmentally invasive Prosopis and charred using drum kiln. These materials are also combined with organic waste from markets and households, manure from the slaughter house and soil.

From an initial baseline survey, it was established that charcoal production and the firewood collected mainly by women and children from the host community remains as the primary source of cooking

fuel. The collection of materials is both physically exhausting and time-consuming and in some areas, journeys can take many kilometers to and fro. This is because as tree numbers near settlements are diminishing due to high demand from the population. This is also a key contributor to the climate variability and change, which if not solved may exacerbate further to affect the livelihoods of the communities. Time spent by women, who mostly bear most of the burden of the household, could be redirected more productively, such as in agriculture or paid labor. Cooking with briquettes has been found to be much cheaper than charcoal and firewood as it burns for long and is also more environmentally friendly with reduced total carbon emission. The prices of briquettes are also stable while that of charcoal fluctuates a lot and goes up during the rainy season.

Through the support of the government of Japan, the women are now looking forward towards upscaling the production through commercialization and creating market linkages in the settlement to increase the supply of the product. The project anticipates a high contribution to women empowerment through several socio-economic opportunities, for women and low-income earners, which will in turn support efforts of climate change adaptation and mitigation in the thematic area and beyond.

Government of Japan and GIZ support integration of refugees and host community by opening a business resource center in Kalobeyei New Settlement

On 10th December 2018, UN-Habitat and AAR Japan organized a cultural festival for the opening and promotion of a community business resource center within Kalobeyei New Settlement, Turkana West, Kenya. The business resource center, which is a part of Community Center, was funded by the Government of Japan and GIZ. It contains computers with internet facility and other equipment such as high spec printers, laminators and binding machine.



ICRAF briquette production trainees. © UN-Habitat

The opening and promotion event at the community center was organized to foster integration and peaceful coexistence for the refugees and the host community and attracted more than 1,000 participants from different nationalities, tribes, gender and age groups, with youth as the majority.

In attendance for the festival was also the government of Japan representative Mr. Makino among other UN-Habitat staff and AAR Japan. In his speech, Mr. Makino emphasized the commitment of the Japanese government in ensuring social and economic integration of the two communities and how the community center is key in achieving this goal. The UN-Habitat head of field office also reiterated that the community center is open to the two communities and requested them to inform their families and neighbors about the center to increase the usage and interaction between communities.

The local government representative Chief Patrick Lobeyo assured all the participants that the national and the county government is working hard to ensure that there is security and peace between communities living and working together. He also mentioned that the host community now refers to the refugees as brothers and sisters and not 'refugees', because they have realized that they live with them and share the same resources.

Subsequently, the host community, Lotuko and Anuak tribe from southern Sudan and Burundi traditional dance groups did a stellar performance making the event cheerful and celebrative. It was clear that the communities appreciated their diversity through such events and hopefully this will be enhanced through the community center which now offers a business center, social hall and a library.



Above: Two refugees outside a shelter in Kalobeyei Settlement. Increasing construction of long-term shelters within the settlement and more settled lifestyle.

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Block by Block Foundation visits Kalobeyei New Settlement

5th December 2018 - the Donors for the Public Space Project in Kalobeyei, Block by Block Foundation, visited Kalobeyei Settlement for the first time to access the first public space construction in the settlement. Block by Block Foundation formed by a collaboration between Mojang, Microsoft and UN-Habitat. The Block by Block Foundation empowers communities to turn neglected urban spaces into vibrant places that improve quality of life for all by integrating the computer game Minecraft into public space planning. It is an easy to learn computer construction platform that uses different building tools.

For Kalobeyei's Public Space project, we used the software to design public spaces with the local communities. Youth groups from both refugee and host communities were first trained to use the software. They familiarized themselves

with the site, and built designs of their own public spaces on mock-sites with guidance from UN-Habitat Public Space specialists. The first public space contains a basketball court, colorful shades for resting, community infrastructure such as games, playground facilities for children, monkey bars, a sand pit and bodaboda stage. As part of an environmental rehabilitation incentive, the local community has also planted more than 300 neem trees in the space, such that it can be an oasis of life for the communities in the future. In the future, the public space project plans to construct public minibus stages as a transportation hub, with connections to other public spaces to create a transportation network to improve overall accessibility and mobility, promoting greater integration across the settlement.

On this visit, representatives from Block by Block visited Kalobeyei, where our Public Space specialist captured the timeline of events that had led to the formation of the public spaces, including the strong participatory processes used through working directly with communities to design spaces using Minecraft technologies. A tree planting ceremony was organized to commemorate the event. While wrapping up the visit, Mr. Kyle Farrell, chairperson of Block by Block, shared that the team was happy to see the hard work contributed by the communities, and that Block by Block is contributing to better standards of living in Kalobeyei.

Integration Promotion Festival at Community Center

26 January 2019 - UN-Habitat, together with our implementing partner, Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan), organized a cultural festival at the Kalobeyei Community Center (KCC) to provide a platform for shared activities and strengthen integration amongst different communities. This event is the second of its kind that has been organized, and we expect to organize one more in the future.


The target audience for this second cultural festival was primary school students. Children are often friendly, welcoming and enjoy playing together, acting as role models for peaceful harmonious integration between groups of people who may be of a different race, nationality, religion or status, such as host or refugee community. The turn up for the cultural festival was very positive, with more than 1,000 primary school students participating. Furthermore, a total of six different groups of communities, a combination between host and refugees, performed in their traditional dance and song, reciting poetry, and modelling fashion shows. A key event was a game of musical chairs, where a girl from the host community and a boy from the refugee community competed in the finals. The audience cheered and enjoyed the friendly competition between the two finalists. In the end, they were both awarded as winners, where they shook hands for the fair game and good.

There were more than 1,000 pupils participated and in total 6 groups from host and refugees communities performed their traditional dances and songs, poems, and fashion modeling. In a musical chairs game, girl from host community and refugee boy became the finalists, and audiences enjoyed

how they compete each other. At last, they both became the winner and shook hands for their fair game. In light of the success of the event, KCC Management Committee also made an announcement for advertising upcoming facilities and computer classes. Customers to the cyber café increased by nearly 30%, and the attendance for computer classes were full!

Kick starting Road Rehabilitation Project

In 2017, in partnership with Community Road Empowerment (CORE Kenya), UN-Habitat trained two groups of representatives in road rehabilitation processes utilizing labor intensive technologies and locally available materials. This was conducted with the aim of providing them an opportunity for alternative livelihood potentials, such as in road construction. Each group consisted of a total of 25 people - one group consisted of refugees and the other of host communities, and each consisted of both female and male youth members.


Students group from host community performing in the festival in Kalobeyei, Turkana County. © UN-Habitat.





The leaders (2 from each group), participated in the 3-month long training course which was held at the training institute in Kisii to obtain national certification of the technology. After their return, and as part of an on-the-job training process, each group managed to rehabilitate their community roads. The group of host community members even managed to register a company to be ready to bid for public works tendering. However, while that is encouraging, to be self-sustainable as a group or a company is a long and painstaking process. The community groups struggled with being able to obtain jobs or projects, and soon

after the project were completed, the level of activity was dormant.

Following this observation, UN-Habitat decided to put greater focus on linking the communities to job providers. The proposal was to integrate both groups as one community based organization (CBO), such that they can access feeder road rehabilitation jobs within the settlement which may be provided by NGOs or UN agencies. They would be able to practice the acquired skills and accumulate more experiences. Once mature, they can bid for public and private sectors tenders and compete. To demonstrate their

Below: An audience of more than 1000 were gathered to attend the festival. Community group preparing sand bags used for road rehabilitation. © UN-Habitat

capabilities, we chose one pilot project at one of the most challenging roads for rehabilitation. The project was kick-started on 21st January. So far, government representatives, UNHCR and UNOPS have visited the sites and highlighted that they are impressed with the building methodologies used. Should the group succeed, they may be able to receive more livelihood opportunities as a trainer of other groups within the settlement.

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Musician Sona poses with
drumming troupe of Burundi refugees.
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Refugees and local residents study, play and live together at Kalobeyei Integrated Refugee Settlement

Kalobeyei, Turkana West, Kenya March 2019 - Two months ago, strong winds blew down the flimsy white tent that Perine Nadai and her children had called home since fleeing fighting in South Sudan two years ago. They were left with just the dirt floor and a concrete slab for them all to sleep on.

” “We just need to get our tent back,” said Perine who was breastfeeding her youngest. “We are fine to stay here otherwise although life isn’t easy.”

Kalobeyei Integrated Refugee Settlement was set up two years ago on a barren dusty land a few kilometres from the vast, better known Kakuma Refugee Camp. Kalobeyei Integrated Refugee Settlement, which is managed by the UN refugee agency UNHCR and the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) Kenya, in agreement with the Turkana



Local Turkana women share a laugh over a phone at the Kalobeyei community center, Kakuma. © UN-Habitat

County Government, is currently home to 38000 refugees and will house up to 45000 by 2022 when the first stage of the project ends –including refugees from South Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Burundi among other countries, and people from the host community.

At Kalobeyei Integrated Refugee Settlement, beyond the usual temporary shelters, neighborhood shared latrines, water pumps, food distribution centers and schools, there is a real focus on ensuring that the refugees and the host community from Turkana county come together. Kalobeyei New Settlement was conceived as a new type of solution for refugees where humanitarian emergency and sustainable development efforts work together to ensure better, long-term outcomes for both local populations and refugees.

“I am so impressed by the integration that you can see here,” said Gambian musician and virtuoso Kora player, Sona Jobarteh, who travelled to the camp with UN-Habitat to see the Agency’s work on shelters and public spaces in the camp. “This is something special.”

At the computer room within the community center in the settlement, designed and constructed in collaboration

by UN-Habitat and AAR Japan, at the host community from the surrounding area and refugees sat together to learn computer skills.

“We work together and learn new skills and relax here,” said Rosaline Kaku who came from South Sudan with her three children.

And at the UN-Habitat and AAR Japan-designed Public Space Playground and basketball court, a seating area designed under a tree attracts local residents and South Sudanese refugees to play a traditional pits and stones game with boards carved out of the concrete.

UN-Habitat says the area was developed in consultation with both local and refugees community, and in collaboration with the County Government.

Sona Jobarteh also looked at the various designs for more durable shelters for residents at Kalobeyei Integrated Refugee Settlement designed by renowned Japanese architect Shigeru Ban and the Voluntary Architects’ Network. The shelter team for the programme had experimented with various designs using local materials and knowledge to create homes that are eco-friendly, require low maintenance and are replicable.



Artist Sona inspects a prototype for a house to benefit host community and refugees in Kakuma. © UN-Habitat

Ten homes based on the final design, two timber frame structure filled with locally made bricks with a sheltered space between, including a green toilet system and cooking area are currently being made on site. The aim is to provide for shelters that are long-lasting and to support UNHCR’s implementation of 8000 shelters in the next five years with durable solutions.

“I would like to live in one of those houses,” said Perina, looking over wistfully at the new homes being constructed.” They have toilets inside, they are safe and the wind will not blow them away.”

United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) Director, Kaoru Nemoto, visits UN-Habitat’s Projects in Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement, Turkana County

The United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) Director, Kaoru Nemoto, visited Kalobeyei Integrated settlement in Turkana county where UN-Habitat has been working with the support of various UN agencies and other humanitarian organizations to develop an urban development strategy, through demonstration of sustainable urbanization projects, and supporting local government planning function since the year 2016.

As the lead organization for information sharing for United Nations in Japan, the director visited the UN-Habitat projects funded by the government of Japan in the settlement. This will help to inform Japan’s projects in the upcoming Tokyo International Conference on African Development 7

(TICAD 7) Conference to be held in Yokohama, Japan. These projects included shelter prototypes designed by the famous Japanese Architect, Shigeru Ban and Voluntary Architects Network, a community center constructed in partnership with AAR Japan, community road empowerment projects using Japanese Do-Nou technology, public space design and construction with AAR Japan and renewable energy projects.

The director could visit the green toilet project which has been incorporated in the shelter prototype designs. The toilet project has been implemented by Lixil Corporation in partnership with UN-Habitat and is expected to provide long-term solutions for sanitation in the project areas. The

director mentioned that, ‘the innovation is very important especially since the youths from the refugee and the host community were trained to make compost for urban agriculture’.

The director also expressed that she was impressed by the habitability of the shelter prototypes. “The ventilation in the houses is very good and the houses are very cool” said Director Nemoto. “The public space project is also very inclusive since it provides different functions for youths of different ages and has uses solar street lights which makes the space safe, accessible and usable in the evening” she added.

UN-Habitat's support in Kalobeyei is currently being implemented through the government's funded project titled "Community-Based Stabilization Programme for Resettlement and Integration of Refugee Communities in Kalobeyei and Kakuma". UN-Habitat has, within the project objectives, been spearheading key activities, continuing to support the implementation of pilot projects within the neighborhoods of Kalobeyei, contributing towards long-term sustainable development within the settlement, while promoting the livelihoods, skills development and planning model catering to the needs of both hosts and refugees.



UNIC Director mission to Kalobeyei New Settlement Public Space site. © UN-Habitat



UNIC Director visits Shigeru Ban's durable shelter pilot construction. © UN-Habitat

Government of Japan funds Labour Intensive Road construction for Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement

In the month of February 2019, UN-Habitat in partnership with its implementing partner Community Road empowerment (CORE) implemented a road construction project in Kalobeyei Integrated Refugee settlement. The project targeted 50 youths from the refugee and the host community to provide hands on training on Do-Nou technology as a method of road rehabilitation using labour intensive methods. The main aim of this project was to promote self-reliance and a sustainable livelihood opportunity for the youth through the establishment of a Community Based Organization (CBO). The activities that were undertaken in this project included training on business skills, road construction procedures and actual Do-Nou application to rehabilitate a section of a road next to the newly constructed UN-Habitat Community Center in the settlement.

The project was implemented in a participatory way through which the road section for the demonstration was selected and subsequently the youths contributed to the design and the implementation of the 216 meter road.



Japanese Do Nou Road construction technology applied to road construction. © UN-Habitat



Japanese Do Nou Road construction team. © UN-Habitat

During the implementation, UN-Habitat involved different stakeholders including the relevant county government officials, local leaders, United Nations Humanitarian Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and World Food Programme (WFP) as a way of marketing the skills of the youths for potential opportunities in the large scale infrastructural development projects for the settlement where youths could be contracted or sub-contracted to engage in various public works construction and maintenance.

The most important achievement in this Government of Japan funded project was the possibility of supporting youths from the two communities with market-driven skills and capabilities to take part in the growth process and development of the local economy, and more so fostering peaceful coexistence among the refugees and the host community by working together.

Toyota Kenya Scoping Mission for Potential Investment in Kalobeyei

In the beginning of February 2019, UN-Habitat organized a feasibility and mapping study mission with Toyota Kenya to Kalobeyei, Turkana, to measure potential interventions by Toyota Kenya to open a workshop in Kalobeyei New Settlement. This is part of UN-Habitat's integrated support towards the creation of local economic enabling environments within the region, to achieve greater self-reliance of refugee and host communities, and attain overall sustainable urbanization.

During the mission, two engineer representatives from Toyota Kenya visited existing workshops in Kalobeyei, and visited the on-going construction of a new workshop zone in Kalobeyei that was developed by UNHCR. After the visit, Toyota Kenya representatives discussed and provided their expertise and knowledge on the way they would organize and manage Toyota workshops, including considerations towards certain environmental aspects. The engineers pointed out the urgent need to set up adequate waste management systems, and especially to tap into up and coming potential industries. They also highlighted existing risks in the current set up, such as difficult working conditions for workers, and the circulation of cars which would need to be well managed within contexts in the field.



Toyota Kenya Scoping visiting car manufacturing warehouse. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat was appreciative of the expertise and experience for the potential collaboration with Toyota Kenya, and will support their investment projects within Kalobeyei New Settlement. Ultimately, this would contribute to providing a big step towards the creation of a sustainable economy within the region, and contribute to greater stabilization of access to livelihoods and opportunities for all communities.



Toyota Kenya Scoping visiting car manufacturing warehouse. © UN-Habitat



Sustainable Practices and Durable Shelter Design by Shigeru Ban exhibited at 1st UN-Habitat Assembly in Nairobi

From the 27th to 31st May, delegations from 127 countries, including four Heads of State and Government, and 49 ministers took part in the first UN-Habitat Assembly at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, home to UN-Habitat's headquarters. Here, with the theme of "Innovation for a Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities," national governments discussed with a ministerial declaration recognizing the unprecedented rate of urbanization "constitutes both a challenge and an opportunity, and calls for the promotion of sustainable patterns of consumption and production" through various methods including smart technologies, sustainable lifestyles and resource efficiency. The assembly also brought together specialized agencies, observer member states of the UN, local authorities, academia, private sector actors and non-state actors including civil society, youth and women group representatives, providing for a productive location for sharing new innovative urban solutions.

Riding on the international publicity and national-level buy in, the UN-Habitat team for Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement and KISEDIP organised for the exhibition of the finalised Type B3 Shelter designed by Shigeru Ban and Voluntary Architects Network for Kalobeyei Settlement. To answer to the need to innovate traditional shelters, which provide inadequate protection for the harsh climate and risks in Turkana, in 2017, UN-Habitat collaborated with Shigeru Ban to build sustainable housing typologies for refugees and hosts in Kalobeyei. Out of the several designs which were piloted, the Type B3 Timber Frame structure, including an innovative Green Toilet System with brick infill was the best reflected practice and was implemented in a pilot neighbourhood of 8 shelters in Kalobeyei.

As part of the 1st Assembly, the Shelter Construction Team constructed a 1:1 scale model of the finalised typology within the office grounds. At the shelter, audiences who attended the conference discovered more about the different programmes and projects which UN-Habitat had developed using sustainable principles and technologies, and learnt more about efforts towards promoting greater sustainable development in refugee settlements and other contexts worldwide. The platform provided not only a realistic experience of the scale of construction, but with the freedom to walk into the shelter space, the audience could envision how the shelter will serve refugees and hosts in Turkana, through details otherwise difficult to interpret from mere photographs or design drawings. The team received comments from all kinds of audiences on the effective use of materials and consideration



put into place for refugees and hosts, which provided Government of Japan supported project publicity for innovative urban solutions to bridge humanitarian-development gaps in refugee response.



Below left: Built on the ongoing collaboration with Shigeru Ban and Voluntary Architects Network for Kalobeyei New Settlement. **Right:** Shelter exhibition interior space demonstration of sustainable practices. © UN-Habitat.

Turkana County Governor launches Kalobeyei Integrated Socio Economic Development Programme (KISED) in Kakuma

Led by the Turkana County Governor, HE. Josephat Nanok, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, and other partners were invited to the launch of the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme's (KISED) Strategic Plan in Kakuma. The strategic plan for KISED provides strategic direction for the inclusion of refugees into the County Development Plans and processes, and acknowledges the new approaches which are required to provide durable solutions for refugees and host communities, through the Global Compact for Refugees (GOR) and the Global Compact for Migration (GOM), captured from the World Humanitarian Summit 2016.

In his speech, Turkana County Governor Nanok mentioned that the 500 million USD for KISED was received in answering to the need of the local government, and development partners to mobilize resources for increased effective service delivery to refugees and hosts alike, as well as for the creation of a conducive environment

to address issues of protracted conflict situations. In addition, there is importance establishing greater infrastructural developments to answer to the needs bridging emergency response and long-term development strategies that demand for more durable and sustainable solutions.

During the launch, the Turkana County Government Nanok further acknowledged UN-Habitat, UNHCR and other partners for the collaborative formulation of the Kalobeyei Settlement Advisory Development Plan, and promised to support the conferment of a Joint Municipality status for Kakuma Town, Kakuma Refugee Camp, and the Kalobeyei Settlement. This was of importance, the Governor had also mentioned, as it showed the existing and continued support and commitment to achieve sustainable urban development as fundamental for the stimulation of local economic development, and the inclusion of refugees in mainstream planning systems of County and National Governments.



Top left: County Governor Nanok speaking during the launch of Strategic Plan for KISED with development partners. **Right:** County Governor launch of Strategic Plan for KISED with development partners. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat Leads KISED P Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Thematic Working Group Meeting in Lodwar

UN-Habitat played the role as technical lead and support to other partners during the first Spatial Planning and Infrastructural Development Thematic Working Group in Lodwar, after the launch of the KISED P Strategic Plan in Kakuma. The Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Thematic Working Group is responsible to provide support for capacity development for Turkana County Government, the development and monitoring of spatial plans, sustainable shelter and infrastructure development strategies, promotion of transport oriented development, and effective land-use systems for the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement and within Turkana West.

In the meeting, UN-Habitat supported the Turkana County Government's Ministry of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Management office, and other partners to discuss the coordination and reporting mechanisms that are needed during the implementation of multiple projects, and ensuring the linkages of planned activities' integration to the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP). The terms of reference for the Thematic Working Group, including budgets, timelines for implementation and more were also discussed and adopted to ensure the effective coordination between partners.

Furthermore, it was stipulated in the KISED P Strategic Plan that a coordinating Secretariat would be present, led by the Turkana County Government, UN agencies, and donors. The Thematic Working Groups would subsequently be led by County Ministries, and UN representatives. At the local levels, heads of the County Ministries will lead the implementation of KISED P.

Bottom left: UN-Habitat as technical lead in Thematic Working Group for Spatial Planning and Infrastructural Development. **Right:** UN-Habitat and agencies supporting Turkana County Government's Ministry of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Management staff. © **UN-Habitat**



Initial meeting for the Preparation of Kalobeyei Settlement Corridor Plan with UN-Habitat and Turkana County

The initial meeting for the preparation of the Kalobeyei Settlement Corridor Plan was held at the County Government, Ministry of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Management office in Lodwar, to discuss the Government of Japan funded project by UN-Habitat for the development of a Corridor Plan close to the Kalobeyei Settlement. The Corridor Plan, located adjacent to the Kenyan LAPSET Corridor connecting Kenya to South Sudan, aims to provide many opportunities for local economic development within the region and promote greater connectivity to towns situated along the corridor, which would include the growing Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.

At the meeting, UN-Habitat shared the concept for the Corridor Plan, and the proposed work plan with the County Government. The modalities of coordination during the planning processes were agreed between both parties. In addition, the County Government mentioned their agenda to do further urban planning for Kalobeyei Town, and requested UN-Habitat's support and collaboration to avoid the duplication of resources. It was further requested by the County Government for UN-Habitat to share available information and technical expertise during the actual

planning process, and to also develop a joint vision for urban development within the larger area, which would take into consideration the functional relationships between the two proposed development plans.

Per the discussions, UN-Habitat and County Government came to an agreement to organize an initial Joint Public Participation Meeting to introduce the proposed projects to local leaders, partner organizations, and the local communities, including refugee and hosts.



The representative of the Ministry of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Management prepared the document on the intention for planning, which was circulated at national and local levels for public validation of the projects prior to its commencement. The County Government further expressed the collaboration as important and crucial

as it provides a platform for the County to benefit from UN-Habitat's longstanding experience in planning and urban development, as well as the best practices that could support the enhancement of the Ministry's planning function and ownership leading to further development.

Top Right: Kalobeyei Settlement Corridor Plan meeting discussing workplan and for the Preparation of Kalobeyei Settlement Corridor Plan with UN-Habitat and Turkana County. © **UN-Habitat**

UN-Habitat supports Cities Alliance scoping mission to Kakuma

Cities Alliance is global partnership supporting cities to deliver sustainable development, managed through a secretariat operating on a Multi-Donor Fund supported by an efficient, flexible grand-making mechanism with global reach. They consist of a membership of different constituencies such as National Governments, Multilateral Institutions, Associations of Local Governments, Non-Governmental Organizations, Private Sector and Foundations and Academia bodies. For the mission in Kenya, and specifically in Turkana, Cities Alliance was exploring opportunities for projects to support the employment of migrants through creation of systems of connectivity for cities and secondary cities, such as Kalobeyei Settlement.



Top Left: UN-Habitat supporting Cities Alliance in meeting with Turkana County Government Ministry of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Management in Lodwar. © **UN-Habitat**

In processes leading up to the mission, and further in Kakuma, UN-Habitat supported Cities Alliance to meet with partners on the ground, such as UNHCR, African Action Help International, Turkana West sub-county Government, Refugee Affairs Secretariat, and UN-Habitat's Settlement Development Group representatives from refugee and host communities. They also received the opportunity to meet with the Turkana County Government Ministry of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Management in Lodwar.

In these meetings, discussions centered around how urban planning can create opportunities for economies of

agglomeration and facilitate connectivity and networking within refugee and the host communities to promote local economic development and employment opportunities. The effects would be felt in main and intermediate towns in Turkana West sub-county. Cities Alliance promoted the importance of self-organised communities and business clusters that create social capital. They emphasized that this could be executed as a pilot project that will promote networking and collaborative governance among different interest groups to reduce costs of business transactions, enhance productivity and efficiency as well as create an enabling environment to stimulate enterprise development.

Some of the comments received included one from UNHCR staff, which found the initiative as a novel idea and expressed their commitment to support the project that would contribute to empowering refugees' economies, skills and opportunities, leading to self-reliance. In the meeting with the County Government, the representatives encouraged Cities Alliance and UN-Habitat to consider also supporting and including different Government Ministries collaboratively to create enabling environments, allowing for the meeting of infrastructural development needs of people, and develop policies to support connectivity of cities and towns for greater economic prosperity.



UN-Habitat Collaborates with FAO in Capacity Building for Members of Turkana County Assembly

UN-Habitat, through funding provided by the Government of Japan for integrated projects and capacity development in Turkana County, organized a 2-Day workshop with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for members of Turkana County Assembly Committee of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Management. The workshop centered on introducing the importance of good practices of urban planning and design, urban economy and finance, urban governance, land management and policy to tackle existing urbanization challenges.

The workshop began with an introduction by FAO, which discussed and shared the history of land rights and urban governance in Kenya. FAO presented how the

laws concerning land have evolved from the periods of colonialization to existing times. Making references to the constitution, FAO built upon sessional papers and legislations on land to discuss private, public and communal land ownership laws, and explained how group ranches and trust lands had changed to become communal land statuses overtime. As the land in Turkana County is largely communal land, the knowledge benefited the committee to the understand the existing challenges and opportunities that emerged as such and how it would affect resultant planning of their cities and towns.

UN-Habitat continued the workshop by introducing global trends of urbanization, such as increasing rural to urban migration, and its resultant impact on the urban planning dimension in Kenya. The sessions on both days involved sharing principles of good planning and design, institutional capacity and partnerships (National government, government parastatals, county government authorities, private sector, informal sector, civil society, local communities) Turkana County can utilize as leverage to promote local economic development in urban areas. The highlights from the discussions captured how planning plays a fundamental role to adequately prepare for and tackle urban challenges which range from urban poverty, resource and financial inequality, inadequate provision of basic services, climatic and environmental issues.

During the workshop, the Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Lolim Willy Nalimo, expressed that the workshop provided an important and strategic platform to share existing knowledge and best practices on land management, and integrated urban planning, with the collaborative aim to support the committee's mandate in the provision of oversight, representation and effective management and making of legislations. The leader of Turkana County Assembly, Hon. Bethwel Kobongin also expressed his support for the workshop, saying "Knowledge is power, and all members should participate keenly in this workshop to understand the processes required for the validation and interrogation of County Spatial Plans for various urban and special areas, which have been submitted for approval."



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The county assembly committee expressed that while the county enjoys enormous availability of natural resources which can be leveraged to promote economic growth, the lack of adequate resources for planning are impediments – "If you look at the county fiscal strategy, planning received the lowest allocation in the budget, and while we have the spatial plans, it is very hard to implement them and therefore we request our partners for their support", said Hon. Hon. Patrick Esukuku Imana, Member of the committee. Yuka Terada from UN-Habitat shared in response, "I am impressed that you have a lot of resources as county, the spatial plans need to be approved as a prerequisite of for urban development. The county assembly and the county executive need to prioritize spatial planning in their budgets as an incentive for the private sector and other development partners to see the commitment of the county government."



Top right: UN-Habitat Planner introducing planning concepts to County Assembly. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat and Turkana County Assembly Members discuss Spatial Plan Approval

UN-Habitat, through the Ministry of Lands, convened a meeting for the Turkana County Assembly committees' members for Land, Housing, Energy and Urban Management, and that for Planning, Trade and Finance to deliberate on the issues pertaining to the spatial plan approval.

As the representative of both committees, the Chairman Hon. Nicholas Ewoi., and the County Chief Officer for Land, Housing, Energy and Urban Management Mr. Julius Lemuya on behalf of the County Government welcomed the members and highlighted the importance of plans preparation and execution. Mr. Lemuya expressed, "From the timelines presented, it is evident that all the due processes for plan preparation were followed, what is lacking being the adoption and approval stages." The County Chief Officer also noted that the Ministry of Lands has prepared and finalized 8 Integrated Strategic Plans for various towns in the County. These plans will need to be adopted by the County assembly for approval, so that they can be used as development control tools to guide urban development for the settlement and towns.

UN-Habitat presented two brief presentations aligned with the objective to strengthen institutional capacity, and to promote participatory planning. The first presentation was on the Kalobeyi Advisory Development Plan where it was outlined the key components of the plan and the various stages of the planning process undertaken - context analysis on systems of towns, connectivity either on local, district or regional level, situational analysis on key thematic and sectoral areas, collaborative and participatory planning methods adopted, stakeholder engagement processes, what informed the planning proposal, scenarios, strategies and the final plan.



The second presentation was made per request of the members of the County assembly and the Chief Officer to highlight relevant issues or contents of a spatial plan. UN-Habitat discussed the role of the County assembly in plan preparation, including factors that determine plan approval such as the proposed strategies, action plans, programs and projects. For instance, in reviewing the plan, it is important to ascertain relevancy, effectiveness of the projects proposed to the local and county economy and should represent the interest of the people. In addition, the committees were briefed on the importance of plan reviews to establish whether the right planning process were adopted. Hon. Elim Epuu observed "there is a need for equal representation in the process to provide opportunities to all individual regardless of their form of disabilities to contribute fully towards the process."

Top right: UN-Habitat Yuka Terada presenting on Kalobeyi Advisory Spatial Plan. © UN-Habitat



Top right: Discussions on the role of Spatial Planning as part of larger county. © UN-Habitat



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At the end of the meeting, the members expressed their gratitude towards UN-Habitat for their efforts in support for spatial planning in the County. Building upon the previous concern for development control in the settlement, it was agreed that the director of physical planning would share the final survey report from the demarcation and beaconing exercise held previously with the County Assembly members for consideration. The Chairman for the County Assembly Committee of Lands advised the Chief Officer to procedurally forward the plan to the County Assembly with the planning justification showing guidance on plan threshold and why the plan should be approved.

UN-Habitat Technical Lead for Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Development Thematic Working Group in second quarterly KISED P Meeting

As part of the multi-agency support for KISED P, the second quarterly KISED P meeting took place in Lodwar at the end of June. During the session, the spatial planning and infrastructural development thematic working group, which UN-Habitat is the technical lead, held a round-table meeting to discuss how to strengthen the institutions' capacity, to promote spatial planning, sustainable shelter and transport development and land use system amongst other considerations.

In this meeting, UN-Habitat continued to strengthen its partnership with the County Government, UNHCR and other partners in promoting KISED P objectives. During the discussion, and utilizing the last quarterly meeting's deliberations as the precursor, UN-Habitat, UNHCR and the County Government reviewed the term of reference and the budget adopted. Resources allocated for activities and projects were identified as a vital cog to drive the KISED P agendas forward and therefore pooling of more resources is inevitable beyond collaboration and expertise support.



Top right: KISED P thematic working group discussions on Spatial Planning. © **UN-Habitat**

UN-Habitat and UNHCR urged the Government to increase its presence in the Sub-County level to ensure effective coordination for project activities and collaboration. In addition, it was agreed that there is a need for comprehensive planning of Kakuma Town to include all the relevant strategies that would promote integration with Kakuma refugee camp and promote efficient provision and utilization of basic services by the government, and other humanitarian and development partners.

Finally, the meeting also prioritized pertinent activities to be carried out in the year. Adoption and approval of Kalobeyei Advisory spatial plan is paramount and therefore the Government was urged to take the lead in ensuring the plan is approved. Other

activities highlighted includes the County Government to carry out a fact-finding mission in Kakuma Town to establish whether the area has reached the threshold required as per the law to be conferred as a municipality, including a boundary assessment to establish the right extent for the municipality and housing strategy for Refugee and Host communities.

In the closing, the Chief Officer, Mr. Joshua Lemuya, who chaired the meeting lauded UN-Habitat and other partners' effort and urged all to embrace teamwork. He promised to support implementation and success of KISED P and pledged that the Government will support and strengthen KISED P forum in all levels, and in particular the sub county level.



UN-Habitat Supports Planning of Host Community Land near Kalobeyei New Settlement and the LAPSSSET Corridor

25th September 2019, Kalobeyei – Last month, UN-Habitat organized a meeting in collaboration with Turkana county government and the local leaders in Turkana west to initiate the planning for the host community land adjacent to Kalobeyei New Settlement. Funded by the Government of Japan, UN-Habitat’s support in the last years to the planning function in Kalobeyei was developed with the anticipation of future growth and expansion in the area. This is as opposed to Kakuma refugee camp, which has grown organically and was unplanned from the beginning. The Kalobeyei New Settlement was developed to respond to the influx of refugees into the over-capacitated Kakuma camp, and to leverage the economic opportunities that would come from the intervention, which includes the construction of the Lodwar-Lokichoggio Highway, part of the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia-Transport (LAPSSSET) Corridor project as part of the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme.

Increasingly over the last decades, forced and voluntary migration of populations into urban areas present a challenge to hosting countries, especially developing countries. Kenya now hosts a near total of 400,000 refugees, with a large number hosted in Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei New Settlement in one of the poorest countries, Turkana County. The main cause for migration of refugees from other countries into Turkana County is mainly due to the man-made crises, such as war, conflict and civil strife. In addition, host communities in the region also increasingly migrate voluntarily in search of livelihoods opportunities, and in response to worsening climate conditions and scarcity of resources. In the absence of good and sustainable urban planning two decades ago, the migration of refugees into Kakuma refugee camp has resulted in the organic development and growth of the camp and neighbouring town. Referring to this experience, unplanned urbanization is also likely to occur near Kalobeyei New Settlement should it not be well planned for.

Answering to that concern, UN-Habitat has been supporting the local government, and humanitarian and development partners in the planning and design of Kalobeyei New Settlement, which lies 25km from Kakuma town, and 5km from Kakuma refugee camp. The settlement now has a growing and vibrant urban economy where both host and refugee community members provide for and purchase a diversity of goods and services. The presence of the settlement has also attracted linear development along the LAPSSSET Corridor which needs to be addressed. In the meeting, stakeholders discussed the scope of the project, and solutions to address the challenges with increasing migration into the county, while also being able to leverage on opportunities

of urbanization for greater local economic development.

In the meeting, the planners from UN-Habitat shared that Kalobeyei New Settlement will likely attract investments and land development opportunities in the adjacent area, saying that “this will require proper planning to prevent a scenario of unplanned urban development as observed in Kakuma.” They also added that “Having supported the County to formulate an Advisory Development Plan for the settlement, the plan will support to advance the planning interventions required in the area. Besides guiding investments, good land use planning and management in the area is required to guide host community integration, conserve

environment and for effective land use management.” Local leaders and participants noted that the planning process will require a multi-level and multi-sectoral coordination, involving government and non-government stakeholders (e.g. local communities, donor agencies, private sector and non-profit organizations).

This inception meeting will be followed by a series of participatory planning workshops with the host and the refugee community, civil society organizations, Local NGOs, private sector and the local government to develop the vision for the adjacent corridor plan. The plan is expected to be completed and submitted to Turkana County Government for approval by February 2020.

Consultative meeting with the Turkana County Legislature to support plan approval processes

22nd July 2019, Kakuma – UN-Habitat was joined by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the County Government Ministry of Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban management in this meeting to support the country assembly to familiarize themselves with the plan proposals for Kalobeyei Advisory Development Plan, and the Kakuma Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan. The meeting also included equipping the Country Assembly committee of lands with the respective basic knowledge on urban planning and strategic leadership skills to support the validation process of the two spatial plans before final approval. This was a second meeting after an initial workshop was conducted in June earlier, to inform the committee of their respective roles in decision making on considerations of urban development, land, urban governance and legislation as well as plan approval.

In this meeting, the County Assembly committee of lands was trained on the best practices and concepts that were utilized in the planning for Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement, and Kakuma town.



Top left: Chief Officer, Ministry of Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban Area Management, Turkana County. © UN-Habitat



Top right: Members of the Turkana County Assembly Committee of Lands. © UN-Habitat

It also incorporated capacity development of tools and approaches that are useful in guiding inclusive and sustainable urban development. UN-Habitat also trained the committee on the opportunities and actions required to implement visions for sustainable urban development, which require foresight, good planning and strategic urban management.



Bottom right: Presentation from UN-Habitat Program Coordinator Yuka Terada. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat support to KISED P Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Thematic Working Group Meetings



Top right: KISED P Thematic Working Group meeting discussions. © UN-Habitat

23rd September 2019, Lodwar - With the integration of the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio Economic Development Programme (KISED P)'s Strategic Plan with the Turkana County Government Integrated Development Plans, and the National Government Development Agenda, the implementation of all refugee programming is now coordinated by the relevant county government ministries. These reforms in management and coordination have been made in acknowledgement to global and national policies, such as The Global Compact for Refugees (GCR), and the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) for Kenya, which aim to address the engagement of global actors through "strengthened cooperation and solidarity with refugees and affected host countries", wherein local and national governments have a role to play in strengthening the

capacity of urban systems to withstand unprecedented pressure. This also includes building the capacity of local governments to better support initiatives that foster durable solutions and integration of refugee and the host community. The meetings for each thematic working group in KISED P are held on a quarterly basis in Turkana County Headquarters in Lodwar. In the new implementation arrangement, UN-Habitat is mainly supporting programs and implementing as the leading organization for the Spatial Planning and Infrastructure thematic working group.

On 23rd September, 2019, UN-Habitat joined the local government and other partners in the third quarterly meeting held in Lodwar. UN-Habitat contributed to the programme through playing the technical lead and advisory role, raising capacity on how to

establish urban governance institutions for Kalobeyei Settlement. Established three years ago, the Kalobeyei Settlement now requires a management board to guide infrastructural development, development control and the enforcement of land-use regulations and guidelines. The stakeholders had agreed to work on the modalities to establish the board and its roles and responsibilities before the next quarterly meeting in December 2019.

UN-Habitat also supported the County, UNHCR and other partners in this thematic working group to develop a joint Monitoring and Evaluation Framework to guide partners in the implementation of project activities planned within KISED P. The stakeholders are also working with the leadership of the Ministry of Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban Areas Management to develop a joint budget for all funded projects in the year 2019/2020 for better coordination during implementation and alignment of all project activities with the County Integrated Development Plans.

UN-Habitat Monitoring and Evaluation of projects implemented in Kalobeyei Settlement



From June to the end of September 2019, UN-Habitat has worked to develop monitoring and evaluation methodologies, research tools and data collection within the settlement as part of the development of a lessons learnt normative report documenting UN-Habitat's experience in working in humanitarian contexts in Kenya. The exercise was designed to assess the performance of all UN-Habitat's Government of Japan funded projects in Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement for the last three years.

Top right: Training Research Assistants before the data collection processes. © UN-Habitat



Top left: UN-Habitat staff interviewing Camp Manager, Refugee Affairs Secretariat. © UN-Habitat

The target population was the host and refugee communities, civil society organizations, private sector, implementing partners, Non-governmental organizations, United Nations Humanitarian Commission for Refugees, the National and the county government of Turkana. The lessons learnt normative report is aimed to be released during the 10th World Urban Forum next year, where humanitarian and development partners can play a part in ongoing discussions in the field.

The results from the evaluation will also contribute to the on-going discussions on cities and migration, and more precisely on how urban development initiatives can be designed and implemented within humanitarian contexts. The report will inform agencies and governments on how to better address the complexity of refugee crises, with considerations placed on sustainable urban development, adequate housing, public space design, integration of refugees and host communities, climate change adaptation and mitigation to name a few.

The data collection was focused on themes of planning and design, housing, governance and institutions, public space, business training, energy, climate change, gender, road and infrastructure development and capacity development. It also included the challenges and opportunities for that can be considered for future programming, including providing recommendations on positive outcomes that can be scaled-up and used best practices in to other similar contexts globally.



Top right: Research Assistants familiarizing with KoboCollect, an app from Play store. © UN-Habitat



UN-Habitat's 'Peoples Process' Approach for planning and design of Public Spaces in Kalobeyei Settlement, Turkana County

Planned in 2016, Kalobeyei Settlement in Turkana County now hosts about 36,025 refugees and asylum seekers. Most of the urban infrastructural development within the settlement thus far has been focused on housing, water, sanitation, healthcare and education as priority areas to provide equal access to resources and protection for both refugees and hosts communities. While Public Spaces play a key role in defining the quality of life in urban areas, Public Space investments within the settlement are still few.

This year, UN-Habitat partnered with Peace Winds Japan and GIZ Kenya to support the development of a Public Space project in village two of Kalobeyei Settlement, at a site that overlooks the main road called Kenyatta Avenue. The free to access Public Space is adjacent to other land-use zones, which include residential, commercial and other public utilities and can potentially play a key role in promoting greater social mix, cultural exchanges and greater social cohesion in an urban fabric that encourages diversity and integration.

On the 4th of November, a workshop was organized in continuation of a participatory planning process for community visioning exercise through data collection and design. The workshop was attended by many community members of different ages, gender background, with a third of them being children. The workshop process involved the collection of data from the community, which included mapping existing living environments, and translating this information for the design process of the Public Spaces. The workshop also included a map reading exercise at the neighborhood level, to understand the various land uses in the vicinity to help the community visualize accessibility and flexibility in function of Public Spaces to cater to different and evolving needs, building the potential of the space to accommodate multiple activities.

After the site visit and map reading exercises, participants were divided into six groups, composing of different individuals. A separate group was created for children to sketch and develop initial community concepts and scenarios for the Public Space. The groups later presented their proposals before the community. This allowed the participants to critique each proposed concept based on inclusivity, safety and resilience and sustainability. In his group's presentation, Emmanuel Hassan, a refugee, said that their design includes "a learning center where people can pick up different skills, regardless of age, gender, and whatsoever," and added that "there is an Arts & Crafts center where people could create cultural costumes, or different cultural ornaments."



Top left: A Hands-on approach utilised as part of the Public Space Design Processes.
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From the outcomes of the sketching exercise, the children proposed a wide variety of ideas which included swimming pools, football fields, playgrounds, as well as various kinds of green spaces. While some of them were shy to speak before the community, a welcoming atmosphere encouraged them to present their proposals. This event has been a major step towards mainstreaming children and vulnerable groups voices and aspirations in planning and design process as active users and advocates of Public Spaces.

Top right: Children group as part of Public Space Design Process ensuring integration of their concerns and feedback.
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Bottom: Group Photo of participating groups as part of the Public Space Design Workshop.
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Urban profiling for Lessons Learnt in Kalobeyei Settlement, Turkana West

During the month of October, UN-Habitat continued the monitoring and evaluation exercise for all the projects implemented in the Kalobeyei Settlement under the strategic plan of the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISEDPP). This exercise is focused on producing a report to capture the lessons learnt from projects implemented between the years 2016 – 2019, within the preparatory stages and beginning of Phase 1 period of KISEDPP. The results of this evaluation will play a big role in informing the urban development interventions in the settlement and the region, as well as in providing best practices to global contexts on the role of participatory planning and design and implementation of such plans in another humanitarian context.

Most of the work conducted by the field office in October and November has been focused on data analysis and reporting, as well as urban profiling for the spatial development in the settlement and the hinterlands. Urban profiling is an effective way of developing a shared understanding of the complexity of urban development in the



settlement through looking at different interconnected systems, such as sectors and key actors involved in various programmes in the settlement. Ultimately, the lessons learnt report aims to create a shared understanding of the current situation to build the foundation for more contextualized, coordinated, complementary and holistic urban development responses.

The report for the lessons learnt will aim to share the uniqueness of the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Programme

Top right: Urban and sectoral profiling processes as part of data collection for lessons learnt report.
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(KISEDPP) and the way the County Government of Turkana has brought together UN agencies and other partners to think differently on how to integrate refugees and the host community in an urban environment. The report is expected to be shared during the first quarter of the next year, in 2020.

Establishing Joint Work Programme for planning of Kalobeyei Town and a Corridor Plan in Turkana West

With the continued support from the Government of Japan, UN-Habitat has been working with Turkana County Government for the last three years, with a focus on strengthening the country's spatial planning function in the preparation of the Advisory Development Plan, and subsequent technical and advisory support for planning of other settlements and towns in the county.

In November 2019, the County Government of Turkana's Ministry of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Areas Management has been preparing for the planning of Kalobeyei Town, which is 9km away from the Kalobeyei Settlement. Additionally, in anticipation for potential urban sprawl at the periphery of Kalobeyei Settlement, the country is collaborating with UN-Habitat to prepare a spatial plan of the potential growth area along the southern part of the

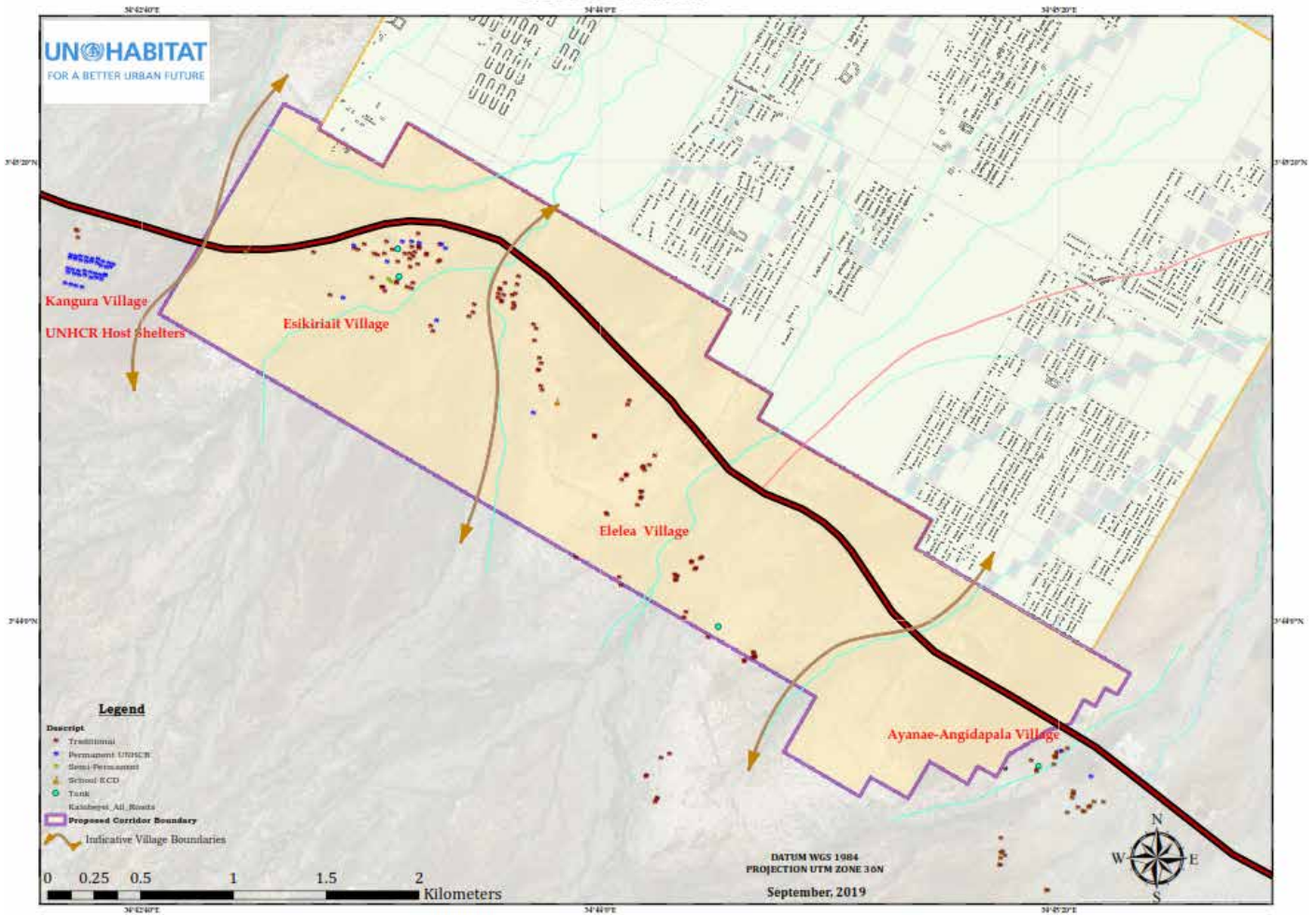
settlement, adjacent to the main transportation corridor connecting Lodwar, Kakuma and Lokichoggio. The area is considered a strategic location as well for the establishment of an economic enterprise zone to support local economic development due to its advantage for geographical location of market facilities near Kalobeyei Settlement, Kakuma Town and Kakuma Camp.

The country developed a joint work plan with the support of UN-Habitat to guide the participatory spatial planning processes for the projects. The Spatial Plans for Kalobeyei Town and Kalobeyei Settlement will be eventually integrated within the plan for Kakuma Town, and Kakuma Camp, to form a joint municipality status for the region. These initiatives are geared towards supporting Turkana County's urban development processes and plans. This is mainly

due to the uniqueness of urbanization in Turkana West, which is mainly driven by both forced and voluntary migration. While urbanization is still at a nascent level, the influx of refugees and their resettlement near Kakuma and Kalobeyei Town remains a catalyst for urbanization as refugee settlements have been identified as key economic centers and market places.

On the other hand, the host community members are also migrating to towns and urban areas given the increasing number of educated youths who are currently seeking job opportunities in urban areas and settlements. Additionally, increased drought due to climate change is also resulting in climate-related migration patterns into towns as the pastoralists look for alternative livelihoods in the urban areas.

SITE LOCATION



UN-Habitat organizes photography training for Youth from Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement and Kalobeyei Town in Turkana West Sub-County

UN-Habitat organized a week-long photography and videography training with youth from Kalobeyei Settlement and Kalobeyei Town. The training began on Monday, 25th November, focusing on teaching principles of photography and videography, and on how to document day to day life, used to map urban development issues in refugee and host community settlements in Kalobeyei.



Bottom right: Photography and videography workshop processes with participants.
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This was the second workshop following a first iteration conducted in 2016, when the Kalobeyei Settlement was first established and undergoing planning for. The purpose of the workshop then was to map existing infrastructures and social economic activities in the settlement at the time, to engage youth on better understanding issues of planning and urban development, and particularly to support them in taking their role in participating in the larger development agenda in this thematic area.

The second workshop was clustered into themes, namely urban basic services, urban economy, climate change in environment, urban agriculture, housing, mobility and gender mainstreaming. All the youth participants were present in the field visits in the two settlements such as to document these themes within their communities. On the last day of the workshop, the photos taken by the participants during their individual field projects, were showcased in an exhibition which was attended by a larger group from the refugee and the host community.

Top right: Photography and videography workshop processes with participants, mapping areas of focus.
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Turkana County, Ministry of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Areas Management Conducts Topographic Survey of the Proposed Planning Site in Kalobeyei and Kalobeyei Town

Following months of preparations with leaders and community engagement, the Ministry of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Areas Management Lands of Turkana County Government in conjunction with UN-Habitat undertook a Topographic Survey of both the Proposed Corridor planning site and Kalobeyei Town Centre.

The exercise was carried out in cognizance of the community interest and the need to prepare the site for planning purposes. Speaking in a community forum at Kalobeyei Primary School, Kalobeyei Centre, a day before the exercise commenced, Director of Physical Planning, Mr.

Munialo, reiterated the County Government's commitment to support spatial planning within the locality, to improve the well-being of the people living in the area. He further assured the community that "the County Government will carry out the exercise in line with the stipulated guideline and that the County Government desire is to facilitate emergence of organized settlement with functional uses that will promote the local economy in the area." In so doing, he urged the community particularly those living within the planning sites, to support the exercise and take greater ownership of it.

The Topographical Survey was carried out by surveyors from the Ministry on 8th December to 13th December 2019. Launching the exercise, the Director of Physical Planning and the Sub County Land Administrator Mr. Kisike, lauded the support of UN-Habitat in ensuring the exercise's success. The survey was intended to generate the relevant topographical information and data to ensure sustainable development of the areas, particularly for the area adjacent to Kalobeyei Settlement, which has been earmarked as the potential Economic Enterprise Zone due to its strategic location and proximity to market forces and accessibility to the major A1 Road. Kalobeyei Town Centre will also grow as a result of increased accessibility, enhanced goods and service mobility. Hence, the survey will play a great role in participatory planning process.

The ground survey sought to provide the initial base maps that will be used for analysis, land use and infrastructural development proposals.

The survey process involved the establishment of ground control points and picking ground positions and spot heights using 3 GNSS Receiver (RTK DGPS) and handheld GPS to identify significant elevation changes occurring within the limits of survey. This included accurate positioning of existing salient features such as visible gully locally known as lagers and any other man-made or natural features.



Top right: Surveyor Staking out Spot Heights.
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After the survey, both teams from the Ministry and UN-Habitat discussed various challenges encountered during the exercise and agreed that a survey report will be prepared to reflect all the outcomes of the exercise for future reference.

Bottom right: Survey Team establishing the 1st Ground Control Point.
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UN-Habitat Convened a Community meeting in Support of Participatory Planning Process in Kalobeyei Town

Friday, 6th December 2019, Kalobeyei Town - Public participation in any plan preparation process is critical. In order to promote effective community participation in plan preparation processes, UN-Habitat in collaboration with the County Government of Turkana, Ministry of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Areas Management Lands organised a one day community forum to discuss planning issues, and to introduce the County Government plan to carry out an advisory plan for the corridor area in Kalobeyei Centre. Through the support of the Government of Japan, UN-Habitat will provide technical and advisory support for planning.

In the meeting, which was attended by over 300 community members, various community leaders expressed their goodwill towards the process. The process will be geared towards preparation of a spatial plan that will guide and control growth in the area adjacent to Kalobeyei Settlement. The area has been earmarked as a potential economic enterprise zone and will leverage on emerging advantages such as the construction of the A1 road and the proposed LAPSSET Corridor.

Speaking during the forum, the Community Leaders urged the residents to embrace good planning and to support the

County Government to promote coordinated growth and equitable distribution of resources through planning. Mr. Zacharia Etukon, the Ward Administrator, leading the meeting, explained to the community members on the importance of planning, particularly in areas of Kalobeyei Town and its vicinity. His remarks were further echoed by Mr. Yussuf J Salat who was sitting in for the Deputy County Commissioner Turkana West; who commended the efforts of the County Government and UN-Habitat towards spatial intervention that are people-centred.



Top left: Community Meeting participants discussing Participatory Planning Process in Kalobeyei Town.
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Addressing the forum, Community Opinion Leader Mr. Kapoko highlighted several challenges facing the communities that includes the lack of adequate schools and health facilities, poor water reticulation system, lack of organised waste management system among others issues and urged the County Government to specifically consider ways to promote service delivery within the areas.

Bottom right: Community Opinion Leaders speaking to participants and the Director of Physical Planning.
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Responding to the emerging issues, Director of Physical Planning Mr. Munialo emphasised on the need of the Community-led process, whereby the residents will be in the frontline to promote proper planning. “We cannot do planning without you people, without the people the plan will not happen.”

The leaders also echoed the sentiments and retorted that, inclusive planning approach to spatial intervention is paramount in the area and that Communities form an integral part. There was community consensus that efforts should be directed towards promotion of coordinated growth and in prevention of the formation of informal clusters in the areas which have potential for growth.



UN-Habitat and GIZ Collaborate to support the Local Community on Sports and Public Space Management

Over the last years, community members have been the core users of many existing public facilities within the Kalobeyei settlement, which are often managed and maintained by international and local agencies. To promote a shift towards greater self-reliance in the management of facilities of the community, UN-Habitat and GIZ have partnered to support and empower local community leadership to oversee and manage the use of the Public Space which is being developed by UN-Habitat, through Peace Wind Japan as an Implementing partner, and GIZ’s Sports for Development Programme.

UN-Habitat and GIZ organised a meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding between the Community members, who consisted of both host and refugee communities. The members were informed on the need for a community committee in management of public facilities, and were taken through the various components of the MoU. The committee will be responsible for developing and implementing strategies that will promote adequate usage of the facility, including the preparation of a usage schedule, and to ensure the facility caters to all groups including children, youth and women among others.

Emphasizing on the importance of sports in fostering peaceful co-existence, Frankline Oluoko, Junior M&E Advisor; Sport for development in Africa, informed the members that GIZ in partnership with UN-Habitat will support the establishment of the community committee and will equip and provide relevant sporting facilities to be use by all members of the community. He urged the committee to work dynamically with other sport organizations within the larger Turkana west to promote togetherness through sports. Additionally, UN-Habitat will ensure the public space as implemented will enhance socialization and interaction, promote safe spaces for all people irrespective of

Top right: UN-Habitat Urban Planner, Wilson, explaining the management of Village 2's Public Space and how it impacts KSCC.
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their age or gender, is culturally sensitive, and that the facility will promote socio-economic well-being of the people which is imperative in ensuring integration.

Further to enable the success of an all-inclusive public space, UN-Habitat will constantly promote the welfare of the community committee through training and resources mobilization to ensure the facility is accessible and is operated in a sustainable way.



UN-Habitat and AAR Japan conduct business training for the Kalobeyei Community Centre Management Committee



As a final phase of the community centre project in Kalobeyei, UN-Habitat and its implementing Partner, AAR Japan conducted a business skills training to enhance the self-reliance and sustainability of the management of the Kalobeyei Community Centre for its committee management team.

The training covered seven business skills areas, which included business ideation, financial management, inventory management and record keeping, business strength analysis (SWOT analysis), management and leadership, and group dynamics.

The training was separated into two phases, and additionally group challenges facing the Kalobeyei Settlement Community Centre were also discussed.

The training was successful in providing business skills to the host and the refugee community participants, on the selected topics. Moreover, several other deliverables during the training included the development of business ideas, problem mapping processes, enterprise resource requirement mapping and drawing out an action plan for the year 2020.

Top right: KSCC Management Committee undergoing business training to build up skillsets in managing the community centre.
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With the road map drawn out for the Kalobeyei Settlement Community Centre, the members have been implementing the lessons learnt in the operation and maintenance of the community centre, as well as providing services to both the refugee and the host community. They will however need external guidance to continue to do so effectively, which over time can be relinquished for self-sustainability of the management.

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Participants of the Corridor Infrastructure
Planning Private Sector Workshop.
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Kalobeyei Corridor Infrastructure Planning Private Sector Workshop, in Turkana County, Kenya

Kalobeyei, Kenya, 3rd March 2020– UN-Habitat, in collaboration with Turkana County Government, recently hosted the Kalobeyei Corridor Infrastructure Planning Private Sector Workshop in Kakuma, Turkana County, Kenya.

The workshop was unique in that it gathered together a spectrum of stakeholders including representatives from UN-Habitat, UNHCR, the Kenya National Government, host and refugee communities, NGOs, private sector and development partners. The objective of the workshop was to explore and gather perspectives on the role of spatial planning in promoting local economic development in Kakuma-Kalobeyei, a region known for hosting a large population of refugees from East Africa for the past decades.

The workshop covered a range of focal areas which included the KISED (Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-economic Development Plan), the LAPSET Corridor project, land governance in Turkana county, opportunities for enterprise development in Kakuma and approaches to strengthening the humanitarian and development nexus in Turkana West. A combination of presentations, plenary discussions and planning exercises were carried out, from which several key issues emerged. One key issue was related to the unique, mutually-beneficial relationship between refugees and host community in Kakuma-Kalobeyei. A take-away from discussions on this issue was that there was a need to leverage this unique context to enhance local economic development, including attracting external investments and properly circulating funds from organisations such as the WFP.



Top right: CECM Esther Lokwei Lokiyo presenting during the Private Sector Workshop.
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Another recurring theme was the role of pastoralism in urbanization, with questions raised over how urbanization in Kakuma-Kalobeyei will be accommodating the pastoralist practices of the host community and whether adequate recognition is being given to the value of livestock. In the same vein and in ensuring that urbanization is

reflective of enduring cultural practices, there was discussion around the issue of communal land and how it could potentially be leased to protect pastoralist practices.

This workshop was a platform for stakeholders to express and understand a variety of perspectives on the key issues arising from the urbanization of Kakuma-Kalobeyei.



Top right: Presentation on LAPSSET Corridor during the Private Sector Workshop.
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Following this workshop, UN-Habitat will be working closely with all stakeholders to ensure the continuation of the mutually-beneficial spatial and economic development of Kakuma-Kalobeyei, including close collaborations from key donors and partners such as the Government of Japan and Cities Alliance.

“We hope, together with the private sectors, other partners, and the local community, we are able to come up with solutions, to innovate, and to look at best practices that are able to provide the environment necessary for economic growth,” said **Abraham Ekai Losinyen, Chief Officer of Finance, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Turkana County Government.**

UN-Habitat conducts Kalobeyei Village 2’s Public Space Exhibition and Validation Workshop with partners



Back in October 2019, UN-Habitat, in collaboration with PWJ and GIZ, began a series of participatory design workshops with the community to develop a design for the public space in Village 2. The main objective was to encourage participation of the community by giving them an opportunity to design the space itself.

The design process was carried out in the spirit participation and co-creation. It was critical that the workshops were designed in a manner that allowed the community to better understand the design process and its principles. One example would be translating technical shop and construction

drawings into 3D drawings such that the community can better visualise designs. From these participatory workshops, community members proposed designs in 2D and 3D formats, and the proposals were integrated into the final design. A validation workshop was then necessary to follow up with the process and approve the design.

The same spirit of participation and co-creation was extended to the validation workshop, whereby the final design was presented to the community in a participatory manner. To achieve this, prior to the validation workshop, an exhibition of the participatory process was held in Kalobeyei



Top left: Community members visiting the Public Space Participatory Process Exhibition before the validation workshop. **Top right:** UN-Habitat and GIZ hosting a validation workshop for Village 2 Public Space.
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Settlement Community Centre (KSCC) for 6 days, from 24th – 29th February 2020. The exhibition focused on translating technical drawings into 3D graphics that are readable by the community, and presented the products of each participatory workshop, allowing the community to understand the participatory process and how their designs evolved and were incorporated into the final designs.

Top right: Engineer from RAS offers insights to the community-led design in the Public Space validation workshop. © UN-Habitat

After the exhibition, the validation workshop provided a recap of the participatory process and its outputs, explaining how the designs evolved through the process. Beyond being guided through the integrated design, participants were also introduced to the challenges faced by the team, including difficulty in design integration. Other concerns that were raised through the activities included how talents will be developed through the public space, and the way in which women will be able to use the women's shelter.

UN-Habitat and GIZ noted that the public space was designed to be open and accessible to the community. This accessibility will be coupled with Sports for Development's (S4D) capacity building programme, where coaches are identified to be trained



to support sports players in the public space. A combination of hard and soft component support will help interested players to develop their skills in the long-term. UN-Habitat further explained that over the next weeks when construction is mid-way, community members will be invited to participate and co-create - women from the community will be better able to work

with the organisations to develop the space further into something more suitable for their use. The satisfaction of the community in the participatory process can be seen in one of the participant's comments, where he said, "This project should go ahead - tomorrow I will be leaving but the other refugees will come here and will enjoy it."

Commencement of construction of Kalobeyi Settlement Public Space in Village 2



Kalobeyi, Kenya, 9th March 2020– After several weeks of public participation and participatory design through workshops involving the host and refugee communities, it was finally time to break the ground and start the construction process of the Public Space in Village 2. Construction workers participating in the implementation through Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) included both men and women from Kalobeyi settlement, and the host community members.

Like in previous successful community projects, involving both communities in

the construction was essential. This was done in an inclusive manner that involved gender and cultural diversity, encouraging integration as well as fostering a sense of ownership and belonging. This was expected to contribute to the overall capacity of the community, promoting self-reliance and a peaceful co-existence. Mr. Obang the security guard at the public space, and a resident of Village 2, said he was excited that this project was being implemented in Village 2. "Village 1's public space is very far for us, given that we cannot afford boda-boda to take us there," he also added.

Top right: Planting of tree saplings before construction of Village 2's Public Space. © UN-Habitat

The exercise began with a beaconing process - transferring of coordinate points from 3D drawings, to hand held GPS to identify the points on the ground. The various zones were segregated by pegs, each carrying a different set of functions for different users, served by footpaths and green zones.

Top right: UN-Habitat and PWJ begin demarcation works for Kalobeyei Village 2's Public Space.
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By the end of the first week of implementation, approximately 600 trees had been planted on the green zones and along the pedestrian and cycling paths with the hope that they will one day grow and provide the intended ambience at the site, and shading to the paths. This was also conducted in light of the upcoming rains, which UN-Habitat and PWJ were concerned of and hence prioritised the activity. The footpaths provide linkages not only to different zones in the public space, but also to the neighbourhoods and the infrastructure adjacent to the Public space. The paths were set out using kerbstones, made from local stones, that were laid on a stripped trench by use of concrete. These will later be painted in different colour shades to depict the diversity of the community.

Concurrent to laying the kerbstone was the construction of the water tank platform and sitting benches. The public space will be supplied with clean water from the Kalobeyei water line, to be used for drinking and handwashing by the users. To attain the needed height and pressure, the plastic tank was placed on a 1m high masonry base laid on a reinforced concrete strip foundation. Permanent benches were constructed under existing trees and they were going to double up as sitting places as well as the famous local gameboard *Peiyarei*. They were made of masonry on a strip foundation and finished by plastering.



With the Covid-19 situation in the country, the construction of Kalobeyei Public Space 2 may take longer to than earlier planned, as the Country and Humanitarian organisations shift to a crisis management protocol. How the team implements the project during crisis will be determined by how resilient and adaptable the plan and design is. In such times, temporary measures should focus on improving access to these precious community spaces as they can be

quite helpful in implementing emergency services and evacuation related procedures. Bringing open spaces, green zones and parks into the core of our communities should be forefront in planning and implementation.

Bottom right: Temporary demarcation of plots using stones, in Village 2's Public Space construction.
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UN-Habitat Organizes a Public Participatory Planning Process in Kalobeyei for Economic Enterprise Zones

Kalobeyei, Kenya, February 2020– UN-Habitat, together with the local leadership, organized a one day planning session to initiate the public participatory visioning exercise towards establishment and development of the Area along the A1 Road, which has been designated as potential Economic Enterprise Zones (EEZ). The community members living within Kalobeyei centre, areas of Esikiriait, Kangura and Elelea Villages, and from the Settlement Development Groups (SDGs) participated in the session.

The session was aimed at introducing the principles of good planning, namely - High density, Mixed land use, Social mix, Land use specialization among others, to the community, including the processes of visioning towards a desired future. The community were further taken through all the initial stages of planning and UN-Habitat as the lead organizer explained in detailed the importance of each stage. The session followed several meetings which had been formally held between the community, the

local leaders, the County and National Government official to introduce the planning for the area. Because of these discussions, a consensus was reached with the community to plan the area.

In the meeting, the community were requested to highlight their expectations, with members from UN-Habitat explaining how to carry out a plan visualization exercise in response.



Top left: UN-Habitat presentation on the details of the Corridor Planning EEZ zones.
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Top left: The Secretary of Kalobeyei MCA explaining the importance of urban planning and the supportive role of the community.
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Top left: UN-Habitat Planner presenting the current studies made for the Corridor Planning to SDGs and Community Leaders.
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The participants were also trained on how to identify challenges affecting their day to day life, and what would exacerbate them. Some of the challenges included the lack of adequate physical and social infrastructure, social strain on the existing natural resources, lack of capacity from the Government to provide for its population in terms of services delivery, among others. The community further outlined various opportunities within the planning area and its vicinity that would

be explored and optimized, coupled by existing development limitations that would derail or hinder success of their desired future.

During the exercise, UN-Habitat also guided the participants on how to devise mechanisms to cope with the existing challenges through understanding actual conditions and the utilization of emerging opportunities which are critical for planning proposals,

as well as their vital role in ensuring the importance of this planning process. These demonstrations and open discussions were meant to enable the participants build proper and practical development scenarios towards plan formulation of the area.

Bottom right: Corridor Planning Meeting Participants - SDGs and Community Leaders.
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UN-Habitat showcasing the Kalobeyei Programme at the 10th World Urban Forum with partners



Abu Dhabi, UAE, 8th -13th February 2020– The Tenth World Urban Forum (WUF 10) was organised in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. It attracted over 13,000 attendees taking part in more than 540 official events, focused on the theme of “Cities of Opportunities: Connecting Culture and Innovation,” and called for united action to ensure a better future for cities and towns. The outcome, known as the Abu Dhabi Declared Actions, includes commitments from international organizations, national, local and regional governments, the private sector, civil society, academia and others for the next two years and beyond to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agreed by world leaders in 2015.

UN-Habitat and partners’ programming in Kalobeyei Settlement, as part of the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISED), and the partnership with Turkana County Government and other organisations were presented in numerous ways at the World Urban Forum this year. One example was

how the UN-Habitat Kalobeyei programme’s recent work from the last year with implementation partners from respective Japanese companies were presented at the Government of Japan booth at the Abu Dhabi Exhibition Centre. Flyers for related events involving the Kalobeyei programme were also distributed widely.

The UN-Habitat team also co-organised a side event with UNHCR during WUF 10, titled “Using integrated planning to foster inclusive communities: how refugee and host community integration can strengthen communities and inform global sustainable development agendas.” The side event invited speakers from Turkana County Government, Block by Block Foundation, UN-Habitat and UNHCR to provide the example of KISED to a global audience, and was used as an example to reiterate the importance of urban planning as a tool to foster social inclusion, to maximize the benefits of urban diversity in refugee settlements contexts, and the importance to promote self-reliance of refugees and host populations.

Top right: UN-Habitat and UNHCR organised side event on Social Inclusion and Planning at WUF 10. © UN-Habitat

Some of the key discussions included the importance to produce a conducive environment for investments to promote sustainable and inclusive urbanisation, and to improve basic socio-economic infrastructures that can respond to environmental challenges and service delivery. Collaborations with non-traditional partners, such as private sector, financial institutions and other stakeholders, were also emphasized to allow greater opportunities for investments. The team at UN-Habitat received questions and feedback from participants and seized the opportunity to learn from other projects and programmes at the international event, while continuing our work with various donors, including the Government of Japan, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation through Cities Alliance, and EU Trust Fund for Africa, and with other partners and stakeholders on the ground.

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Research assistants from the local community
engaging refugee community leaders.

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UN-Habitat on bridging humanitarian-development gap in COVID-19 response in Kakuma-Kalobeyei, Turkana County

Kalobeyei, Kenya, 10 July 2020 – In an effort to shield refugees and host communities in Kakuma-Kalobeyei in Kenya’s Turkana County against the effects of COVID-19, preventative and preparedness actions are already being taken by UN-Habitat and partners with the following key considerations:

- 1. Access to healthcare and safe practices:** While both refugees and host communities are provided access to healthcare facilities in both Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement, adaptation of service delivery sites to reduce chances of transmission and the sensitisation of communities on COVID-19 safe practices, such as hand washing and social distancing, should be implemented to encourage safe and informed access to healthcare.
- 2. Safe and informed access to necessities and livelihoods:** Refugees and host communities often lack food security and food-based safety nets. Continued access to income is crucial to sustain their livelihoods. It is therefore important that communities continue to access marketplaces and resource distribution centres such as food aid and water, in a safe and informed manner.
- 3. Community mobility and movement:** In Kakuma-Kalobeyei, refugees and hosts live amongst and move between settlements. The nomadic nature of the local pastoralist communities also contributes to the dynamic circulation patterns of people in the region. To prevent the potential of rapid transmission of COVID-19 between people, greater awareness building and knowledge surrounding the spread of the virus should be implemented.

4. Engagement of the host community and community groups: Due to the unique and mutually dependent relationships between host and refugee communities in Kakuma-Kalobeyi, the engagement of both communities in any COVID-19 response is crucial. The engagement should extend as well to numerous other communities - pastoralist communities in the region face unique vulnerabilities as they are often less integrated into the urban structure, which can reduce their access to healthcare and information on COVID-19.



UN-Habitat has several active humanitarian interventions within the country, one of which is the long-term collaboration with Turkana County Government and UN-HCR, as part of the Kalobeyi Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISED P). UN-Habitat supports KISED P in the piloting of a sustainable settlement for both hosts and refugees over the last years.

In the recently published *COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan*, the Secretary General of the United Nations António Guterres said, “the world faces a global health crisis unlike any in the 75-year history of the United Nations”. As developed countries with extensive healthcare systems and resources struggle to respond and contain the spread of the novel virus, grave concerns rise over the potential impact of COVID-19 in less developed countries, more so on vulnerable populations all over the

world. These include displaced populations, refugees and hosts that depend heavily on humanitarian operations.

International humanitarian and health organisations have released guidance and recommendations to support mitigate the impact of COVID-19. The World Health Organization published a *Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan to COVID-19* outlining health practise guidelines that emphasize on the importance of multi-sectoral partnerships. The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) on the other hand released the *Interim Guidance Scaling-up COVID-19 Outbreak Readiness and Response Operations in Humanitarian Situations*. Moreover, various UN agencies are adapting existing activities into the new reality, factoring the pandemic into their programming.

Top right: UN-Habitat Kakuma Field Office assessing ground conditions and interviewing residents in the area.
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UN-Habitat will continue to complement initial response measures led by national and local governments, humanitarian organisations and partners’ efforts through our expertise in spatial urban function, and strategies for mobility and circulation. Interventions in Kalobeyi and Kakuma are been funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) through Cities Alliance, the EU Trust Fund for Africa, and the Government of Japan. UN-Habitat will continue to work with these partners to build on our existing work in the humanitarian-development nexus, which involves bridging short-term emergency work to long-term development efforts.

Scaling COVID-19 preparedness, recovery, and long-term planning for Kakuma-Kalobeyi

Kalobeyi, Kenya 10 July 2020 - UN-Habitat has been supporting the Kalobeyi Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISED P) through coordination with Turkana County Government, and UN-HCR for the last half a decade. Funded by the Government of Japan, the Swiss agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) through Cities Alliance, and the EU Trust Fund for Africa, UN-Habitat’s interventions in the region has continued to grow significantly, leveraging on the agency’s expertise in spatial planning, housing and infrastructure provision, and urban development.

UN-Habitat has been supporting the ongoing UN Country Team and Government of Kenya efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. Taking advantage of UN-Habitat’s expertise in promoting spatial urban function and strategies for mobility and circulation, a preliminary assessment was conducted to identify gaps and target initial response measures. The assessment established points-of-entry for advisory and technical support to COVID-19 measures in Kakuma and Kalobeyi across three phases: Preparedness and Response planning (PRP), Recovery planning and long term planning.

Preparedness and Response planning took place in the early stages of COVID-19 responses and focused on boosting the capacity of Kakuma-Kalobeyi to respond to potential COVID-19 cases. Strategies were identified to reduce and prevent community transmission. Part of this effort includes developing a **Study on repurposing existing facilities in Kakuma-Kalobeyi** into temporary healthcare facilities to boost the response capacity on the ground. Schools were selected as facilities to be repurposed, with WHO standards applied to the settlement contexts.



Top right: UN-Habitat on a site visit to visit and review proposed alternative temporary healthcare facilities.
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UN-Habitat will continue to support UNHCR and partners to complement the efforts by the Healthcare, Water Sanitation and Hygiene and Protection and KISED P sectors who are leading the COVID-19 response in Kakuma-Kalobeyei.

Recovery planning involves identifying and addressing healthcare needs of heavily impacted sectors and communities, should transmission of COVID-19 reach Kakuma-Kalobeyei. It has been critically noted that the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 are “expected to be substantial” in large informal economies such as Kakuma-Kalobeyei.

Therefore, it is fundamental to develop strategies to mitigate the impacts on the livelihoods and economy of Kakuma-Kalobeyei. UN-Habitat is currently developing an **Assessment on the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19** in Kakuma-Kalobeyei, analysing both the impacts of the transmission and measures taken on communities. This will enable the team to identify areas of vulnerability, target our responses to support both host and refugee communities to continue their livelihoods, and access to services and necessities such as water and food supply chains.

Finally, the long-term planning outlines strategies to improve the settlements’ capacity for future crises response. UN-Habitat believes that it is critical to integrate components of planning for the long run from the onset, allowing preparedness and response initiatives to incrementally develop into longer-term measures. UN-Habitat is working on a broader resilience preparation for Kakuma-Kalobeyei through the utilisation of **Spatial Profiling** as a tool, which can rapidly identify areas of risk and vulnerability through linking geo-spatial data analysis and socio-economic data. This will help target area-based responses by field teams working on an emergency strategy.

Moving forward, UN-Habitat will continue to review these strategies with partners, including National and County governments, humanitarian and development organisations and partners to develop a holistic and comprehensive strategy and set of measures for the Kakuma-Kalobeyei response.



Top left: Site visit to one of the schools selected for re-purposing as a temporary healthcare facility.
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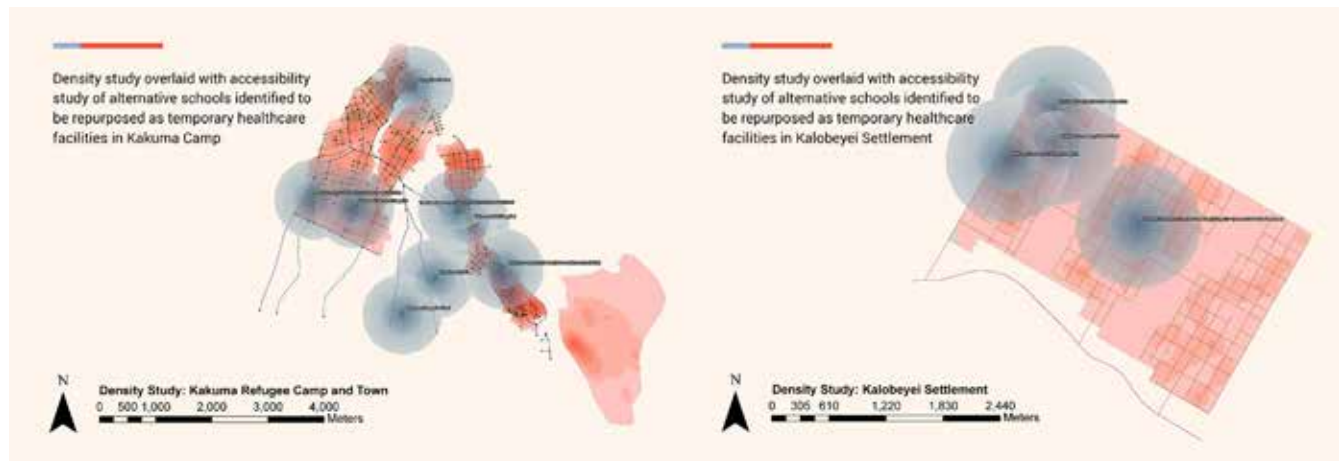
COVID-19 preparedness and response planning: UN-Habitat’s technical advisory to UNHCR

Kalobeyei, Kenya, 10 July 2020- UN-Habitat continues to support various sectors in UNHCR Kakuma Offices on COVID-19 preparedness and response measures in Kalobeyei Settlement and Kakuma Refugee Camp. UN-Habitat conducted a study on repurposing existing facilities in Kakuma-Kalobeyei in an effort to boost ward bed capacities.

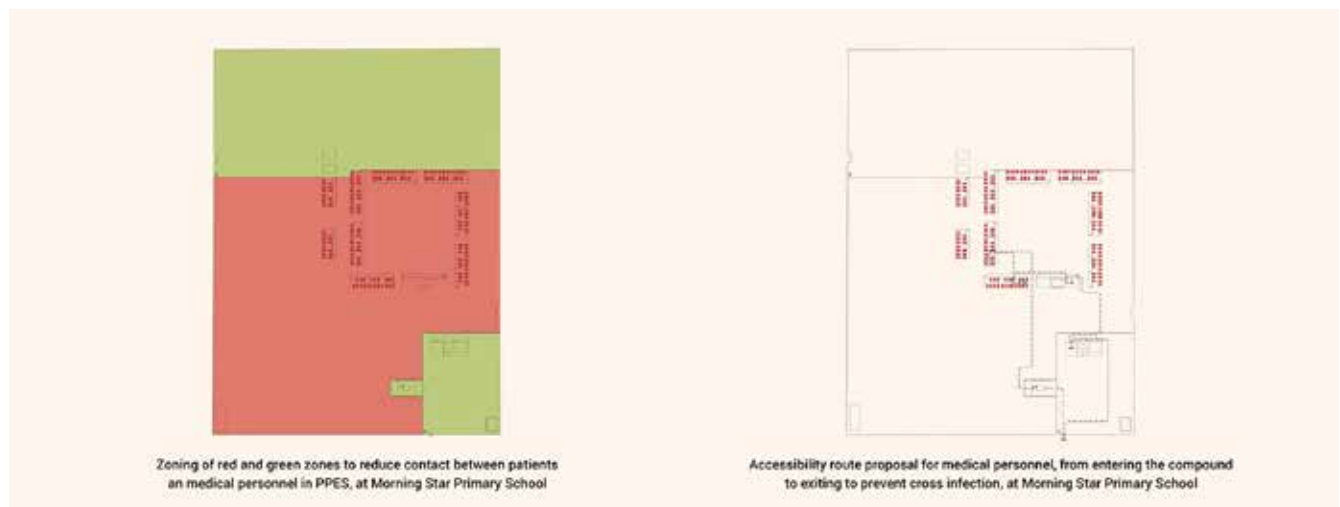
UNHCR identified schools as suitable to be repurposed as temporary healthcare facil-

ities. Together with UNHCR and Partners, UN-Habitat conducted several site visits to schools in both Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement to verify the adequacy of capacity and equipment to accommodate patients. UN-Habitat provided additional support through technical advisory in two approaches: 1. An analysis of the accessibility of the facilities on the settlement scale and, 2. Spatial planning advisory on re-purposing the schools into a temporary healthcare facility.

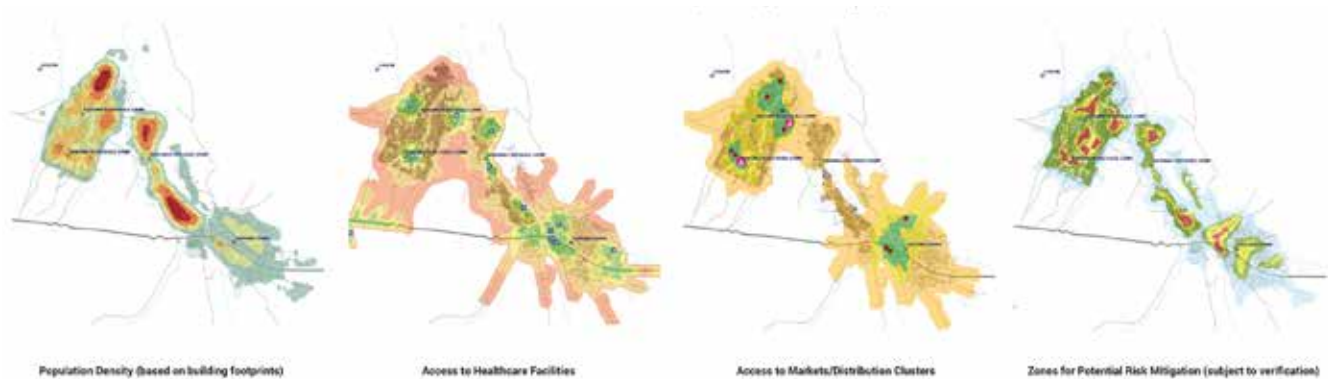
UN-Habitat conducted an analysis on the selected schools to be repurposed in Kakuma-Kalobeyei to determine the accessibility of the schools to both the host and refugee communities. The spatial analysis considered the density of the population, road network morphologies, and vulnerable areas to identify gaps in the selection of the facilities to provide accessible COVID-19 response.



In addition, UN-Habitat provided support in the re-purposing of the schools from non-medical facilities into temporary healthcare facilities. The technical advisory includes synthesising various documents such as WHO’s *Practical manual on Severe Acute Respiratory Infections Treatment Centres*. The technical advisory explores how the schools can be remodelled with additions and alterations, as per WHO’s standards and guidelines, to accommodate both suspected and confirmed COVID-19 patients. The advisory also analyses the flow of medical personnel, non-medical personnel (such as cooks), and patients; and proposes means to allow the groups to continue accessing the temporary healthcare facilities without risk of cross-transmission between each group.



UN-Habitat will continue to support the preparedness and response planning for COVID-19, including integration of age, gender and diversity considerations into the spatial analysis and plans to provide a more comprehensive socio-economic planning in view of the potential impact of COVID-19 and its measures on both the host and refugee communities. UN-Habitat is also currently working on templates for a fast outbreak investigation under response planning, to aid UNHCR and Partners to quickly identify potential sources of transmission and allow containment of the outbreak to prevent further spread in the dense settlements.



Strengthening settlement resilience through spatial profiling in Kakuma-Kalobeyei

Kalobeyei, Kenya, 10 July 2020 - As the already scarce resources in Turkana County become increasingly strained, pressure mounts on national and local governments to serve a dual purpose in response - to support partners and communities to cope with this response and to fundamentally build-in improved systemic resilience to shocks. UN-Habitat focuses on supporting refugees and their hosting communities, with the aim to improve access to basic service infrastructure, shelter and socio-economic opportunities through spatial planning and infrastructure development interventions in Kakuma and Kalobeyei in Turkana County.

UN-Habitat's ongoing spatial profiling work in Turkana takes an urban systemic lens and leverages grassroots community networks to target humanitarian preparedness planning, to inform the a) recovery and long-term planning phases; and b) improve infrastructure investments to enable robust pathways to self-reliance and sustainable development for the wider community.

A baseline of information was developed through re-contextualizing spatial profiling methodologies developed in partnership with UNHCR and piloted in Uganda and Ethiopia. This data will inform targeted and coordinated interventions to contain the pandemic spread and guide directed support to vulnerable groups. This significantly reduces transaction costs for partners and improve coordination to inform both the humanitarian response, as well as support in developing evidenced based spatial strategies linked to longer term legacy scenarios.

During this phase, the methodology identifies risk hotspots through a process of spatial data analysis. These includes overlaying maps of access routes, areas with high population and facilities that draw crowds such as distribution centres, water points, marketplaces. In these areas, physical distancing and other mitigation measures should be put in place to limit the potential risk of spreading infection. Running in tandem is analysis to identify the pockets of vulnerable populations who are located far from services or face access barriers and may need support interventions to ensure adequate provision of services.

The findings support to identify immediate support needs and reveals weaknesses in infrastructure and systemic gaps which can inform medium/long term interventions. The vantage of this approach is that it allows for the incorporation of wider development considerations as it focuses on strengthening settlement resilience by identifying potential opportunities to address gaps in infrastructure and enable access to wider socio-economic opportunities, improved service provision and employment.

Through working with both host and refugee populations and by bringing a holistic lens to the response, UN-Habitat is uniquely placed to tap into both large-scale data to run spatial analyses as well as community-based field teams to ground strategic perspectives with grass roots realities- Habitat's work in Turkana County is expressly aligned with both the UN's *Global Humanitarian Response Plan* and the *Framework for the Immediate Socio-Economic Response to COVID-19*, which supports local capacities in working towards the attainment of the SDGs.

Virtual workshop on Kalobeyei infrastructure corridor development plan

Kalobeyei, Kenya, 10 July 2020 - UN-Habitat, with the leadership of the Turkana County Government, organized a virtual workshop on Kalobeyei Infrastructure Corridor Development Planning project.

The workshop aimed to share the results of the initial topographical survey and land use proposals for the corridor, and discuss various topics such as the corridor institutional framework, enterprise development, business competitiveness, and commodity and value chain analysis for Turkana West, which is key to the local economic development strategy.

It brought together National and County Government representatives, UNHCR, World Food Programme (WFP), Food and Agriculture Organization, Refugee Affairs Secretariat, GIZ, AAHI and other local private sector actors within the thematic area. These partners were previously involved in discussions on the physical planning process that ensures that the corridor planning follows the proper physical process, which is critical in building a sustainable foundation and guidance for the key stakeholders and other thematic groups working to achieve the long-term development goals envisaged in the CIDP, the KISEDIP strategic plan, as well as the regional urban development strategy for the County Government.

The Turkana County Ministry of Lands Chief Officer articulated the County Government's plan to achieve municipality status for Kakuma and Kalobeyei. Being a municipality, Kalobeyei Corridor and EEZ is expected to be an economic hub that can create economic opportunities and employment for both refugees and the host community. This position was reiterated by the UNHCR Head of Sub-Office, Ignazio Matteini, who supported the plan to have refugees and asylum seekers included in the planned municipality.

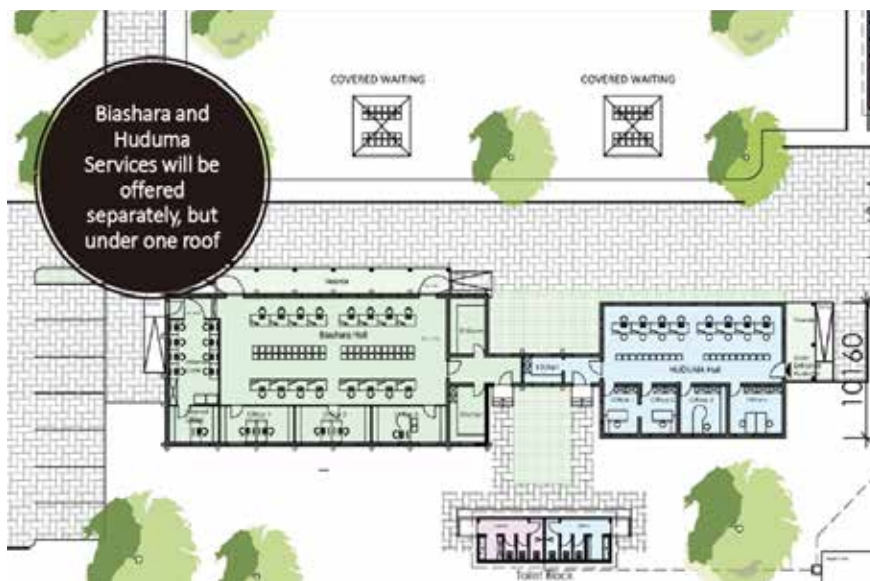
The State Department for Housing and Urban Development stressed on the importance of a coordinated response in addressing urban development challenges and the unique opportunities in the area with hosts and refugees. The Ministries' authority responsible for the LAPSET corridor development added that the overall goal is to have well-controlled development along the LAPSET Corridor.

Implementation Method of the Kalobeyei Infrastructure Development Corridor Slide by UN-Habitat



UN-Habitat made a presentation on the urban planning context in Kenya and Turkana County, including the policy and regulatory framework relevant for corridor planning. A presentation on the land use proposals for the corridor development was also made for the special economic zone, outlining key legal considerations and the institutional framework needed for the operationalization.

IFC spoke on their four-year program that targets the private sector and aims improve the business environment in Turkana County through enhancing the ease of doing business. The overall goal of the project is to strengthen Kenya's competitiveness and job creation potential by attracting both local and international investors to the County, improving service delivery and maximizing revenue collection.



Top Right: Biashara and Huduma Services
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Additionally, the Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (KKCF) and the Business, Gender and Youth Fund of the Turkana County Government will support private companies through streamlining of issuances of single business permits, establishment of an investment portal, and reduced investment barriers in the County through.

The planning of the corridor also requires an in-depth analysis of the commodity and value chains in Turkana County and across various systems of cities along the LAPSET Corridor. WFP's highlighted that food security should be a key component in corridor development. A new value chain analysis report by the agency identified the key products in Turkana - Goat, Cow, Poultry

Meat, Sorghum, Millet; albeit without proper value chain management structures and policy guidance for value addition, capital and market access. The key emphasis from the agency was on the importance of creating enough opportunities in the Kalobeyei Corridor for inclusive participation in improving the local economy.

IFC/WBG Project Scope and Expectations

Part of IFC/WBG Project Scope

The following components and their individual deliverables to be successfully implemented

1. **Unified Single Business Permit System,**
2. **Investment Promotion Portal System,**
 - Support the implementation of the County Investment Handbook
3. **Reforms Communication, Publicity and Awareness Campaigns**
4. **Capacity Strengthening and enhancement,**
 - Public-Private Dialogue,
 - Development of reform champions,
 - Results Measurement,
 - Reforms Communication
5. **Sub-National Doing Business Survey - County Investment Climate benchmarking**

Expectations

1. Unified Business Permit
2. Reduced cost of doing business (Private Sector Savings)
3. Availability, comprehensive and single source of information (Licensing, Investment)
4. Offer opportunity for service by internet cafes
5. Improved service delivery, traceability and compliance to regulations
6. Increased productivity and governance
7. Improve communication between traders, investors and TCG
8. Far outreach and improve visibility and drive more investments into the County

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Map of Kakuma Camp 1: Shelters (Green), residences
of infected and suspected patients (Red and Blue),
and their route of travel in the last 14 days.

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UN-Habitat conducts Outbreak Investigation Technical Advisory to further support COVID-19 Preparedness and Response

Since the declaration of COVID-19 as a pandemic by the World Health Organization on 11th March 2020, UN-Habitat has been actively supporting UNHCR and partners on the Preparedness and Response to COVID-19 in Kakuma-Kalobeyi, Turkana County, Kenya. Following the technical advisory conducted on the re-purposing of schools into temporary healthcare facilities, UN-Habitat began to look at other spatial methods, and from late May, embarked on a second technical advisory through conducting outbreak investigations, to further utilise the role of spatial methods in preparedness and response.

The outbreak investigations aim to support contact tracing of infected patients, their households and contacts. This will be conducted using the existing address system, and GIS-built geolocation studies of patients to provide an overview of the situation in Kakuma-Kalobeyi. This study aims to achieve three outputs - (1) Identification of potential clusters, (2) Identification of risk factors leading to formation of clusters, and (3) identification of potential pathways of transmission. The methodology for the process is adapted from John Snow's Cholera Study by Smith et al. in their paper, "Spatial methods for infectious disease outbreak investigations: systematic literature review".

UN-Habitat and IOM partake in IDP Community Site Visit

18th June 2020 – In June, IOM approached UN-Habitat to form a potential collaboration to address and work towards improving the quality of life for the internally displaced persons' (IDP) community east of Kakuma Town. The IDP community had settled in the area following their return from other parts of Kenya, where they had fled to during the tensions of the 2007 general elections. Currently, there are about 3,050 individuals, estimated at about 600 households, living in the 166 hectares of land provided by the County Government.

IOM has been actively implementing COVID-19 preparedness initiatives in the community, which include the installation of handwashing stations and training of community members on safer practices. They learned about the challenges faced by the community, one of which includes the lack of access to water. IOM was interested to work with UN-Habitat and receive technical input and expertise in planning to support the development of sustainable interventions for the community.

On 18th June, UN-Habitat conducted a joint site visit with IOM and were accompanied by the chairperson and elders of the community, and a local chief in charge of the area. During the site visit, UN-Habitat was guided through the settlement, and was introduced to their public facilities and challenges faced by the community. Following the site visit, UN-Habitat developed a preliminary study on the current situation of the IDP community, noting that the community is currently situated within the planned boundaries of the Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan (ISUDP) for Kakuma Town.

This presents an opportunity for existing interventions to align with planned development which can ensure greater sustainability of interventions, and encourages the utilisation resources from various partners to support the County Government's efforts in developing the region.

Moving forward, UN-Habitat and IOM will combine efforts to further the endeavour through new opportunities with partners and funding to address the needs of the IDP Community.



Top right: Voronoi mapping of public facilities in Kakuma Refugee Camp, overlaid with location of infected and suspected patients. © UN-Habitat

A detailed step-by-step outcome document will be developed, and it will incorporate spatial data (i.e. GIS, Maps etc.), to show the following areas and stages:

- Stage 1:** Real time Geolocation of infected cases
- Stage 2:** Defining clusters
- Stage 3:** Hypothesising spread risk factors based on cluster definitions
- Stage 4:** Communication and containment of outbreaks

Moving forward, UN-Habitat is working to realise these operations on the ground. As a first step, existing data will be analysed to develop preliminary mapping, to determine its application before other stages. UN-Habitat aims to develop a working methodology through the outbreak investigations, to support UNHCR and partners to rapidly develop an overview of the situation to provide the foundation for evidence-based and informed decision making in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Bottom right: UN-Habitat and IOM in discussions with the chairperson and elders of the IDP Community on the challenges faced within the settlement. © UN-Habitat

Bottom right: One of the key water sources located next to the IDP Community's Community Centre. © UN-Habitat



UN-Habitat’s ongoing work on Technical Assistance for the Regeneration of Ifo 2 and Kambioos in Daadab, Garissa County

July 2020 – UN-Habitat has been carrying out cross-sectoral spatial analysis for Garissa County, Kenya, to support the formulation of a spatial plan as part of ongoing work to support the County Government’s urban planning capacity. The work has also been focused on the planning of the two closed camps in Dadaab Refugee Complex – Ifo 2, and Kambioos, to repurpose the area for inclusive community use. This falls under a component of UN-Habitat’s Camp Regeneration efforts in Dadaab, and is aligned to the Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Thematic Working Group as part of the Garissa Integrated Socio-Economic Development Program (GISEDPP) led by UNHCR.

The Dadaab camps of Dagahaley, Hagadera, and Ifo were constructed between 1991 and 1991. In 2011, due to the severe drought in Somalia which resulted in a large

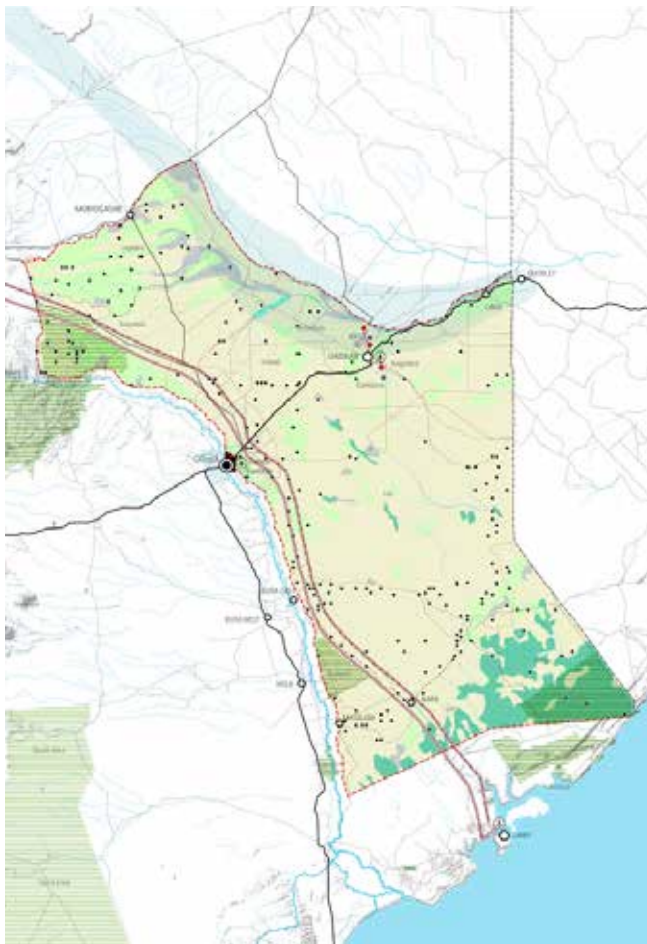
population influx, two new refugee camps, Kambioos and Ifo 2 were opened. Following the voluntary repatriation of over 80,000 Somali refugees since 2013, Kambioos and Ifo 2 refugee camps were closed (31st March 2017, and 31st May 2018, respectively). Since then, UNHCR has undertaken a camp consolidation plan. Whilst both Kambioos and Ifo 2 camps had a design threshold of 165,000 people, during the height of the influx, they sheltered 21,000 and 75,000 refugees respectively, offering potential for re-development.

In June 2019, UNHCR Dadaab handed over the existing infrastructures assets within both camps to the Garissa County Government for repurposing for public use. The main objective of the project is to ensure better management and protection of refugees and host communities by

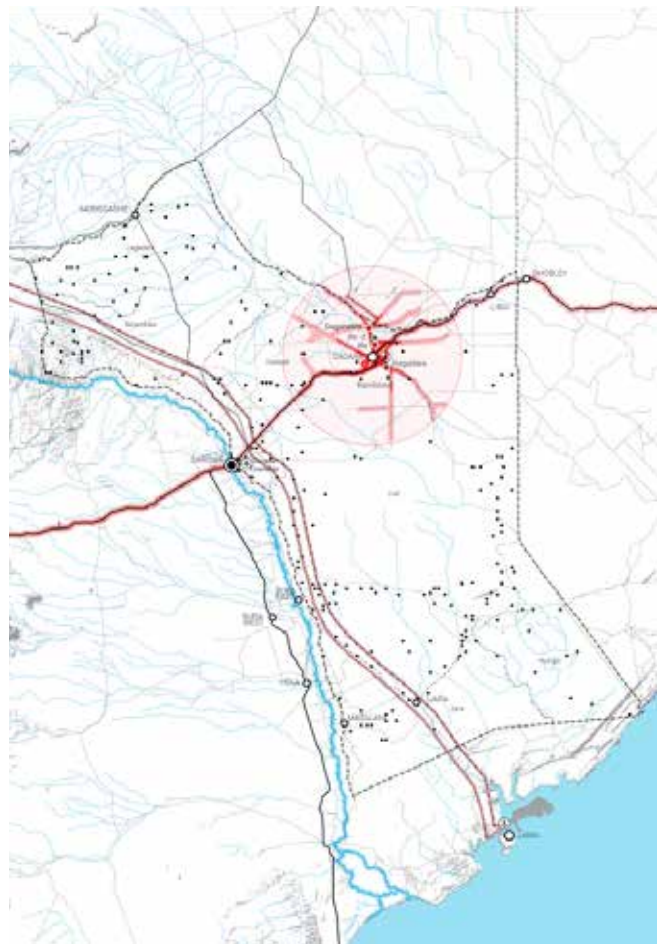
enhancing local government capacity to roll-out CRRF approaches that will contribute to transforming the humanitarian model of assistance towards development-oriented solutions that also enhance and build greater self-reliance of refugees and host communities. This would also support the wider sustainable urban development of Garissa County.

The expected outputs include the following:

- a. Provision of technical support to county governments to ensure sustainable development-oriented solutions for refugees and host communities in Kenya
- b. Participatory spatial planning processes supported in displacement affected urban areas



Land use in Garissa County. © UN-Habitat



Garissa County Access Analysis. © UN-Habitat



Although the project has been affected by the COVID-19 situation in Kenya, with the National Government's movement restrictions, the team has effectively adapted to working on various online communications platforms to host meetings with stakeholders. Currently, the team is at the data collection and stakeholder engagement stages. In addition, utilising Open Source Data, Remote sensing, and analysing various data sources, the team is carrying out their analysis on the following:

- Land-use mapping
- Natural hazard mapping
- Accessibility analysis
- Existing infrastructure coverage analysis

The team has also managed to visit Garissa County Government and engage with the various stakeholders prior to the lockdown. The lead partner has been identified as the Ministry of Lands of Garissa County, and further stakeholder engagement through online and platforms will include the other departments - Lands and Physical

Planning Department; Roads and Public Works Department; Education and Sports Department; Water, Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Department; Health and Sanitation Services Department; and the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Department.

The first draft of the Spatial Profile Report will be shared with stakeholders in the final quarter of 2020 for review, validation and initiation of the next steps toward the preparation of the plans.



UN-Habitat and UNHCR launch a Settlement Profiling Tool to support infrastructure prioritization for the displaced

After working closely together on coordinating infrastructure investments in the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, UN-Habitat and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) have since developed their Settlement Profiling Tool launched this week, to support field personnel in various displacement contexts with coordination and planning.

This week marks the third anniversary of the influx of hundreds of thousands of Rohingya refugees from Myanmar into Cox's Bazar district where over 860,000 remain in multiple camps.

In 2018, the two organizations began a process of settlement profiling to support a more coordinated approach to infrastructure investments and other key service facilities. The resulting Settlement Profiling Tool uses geo-spatial analysis, simple illustration and mapping out of information in government development policies, strategies and other humanitarian and development actor plans to help ensure wider access and understanding.

The user-friendly Tool guides local authorities and humanitarian-development professionals such as UN Agencies, donors and NGOs through an iterative process of investigation with the aim of developing a common baseline of information. The project donor was UNHCR.

Top right: Collecting community inputs on challenges and opportunities facing access to public service infrastructure in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. © UN-Habitat



According to Yuka Terada who leads the Planning for Humanitarian and Development Practice in UN-Habitat, “this tool can be utilized to enhance the efficiency of humanitarian activities and bridge the gap towards development oriented progress.”

The Tool aims to enable stakeholders to prioritize investment opportunities and make informed decisions for refugee and host communities and provide entry points for more sustainable development trajectories. The Settlement Profiles produced as a result of this Tool use an urban planning lens to provide a comprehensive overview of the relevant physical, social-economic and policy dynamics affecting a particular settlement, provide a selection of development scenarios and recommendations of potential ways forward.

This Tool has been piloted in Nakivale, Uganda and Kebribeyah, Ethiopia. Kebribeyah in particular has hosted refugees for over 28 years, is the oldest refugee settlement in the Somali Regional State and has a history of trade links between the Horn of Africa and the Middle East.

It presents unique opportunities to strengthen cohesion between refugees and host communities and address ongoing challenges facing the settlement and region which include protracted instability of Somalia, rapid urbanization of the district and the poor living conditions and infrastructure in the refugee settlement.

The Mayor of Kebribeyah and his team are using the Settlement Profile to support further planning initiatives in the city, including the potential replanning of the refugee settlement area to allow for improved and more equitable water service provision, road access and housing upgrading. In Nakivale, the profile is being used to support the ongoing development of the district physical development plan.

Stakeholder Workshop for Spatial Assessment and Planning on the Decommissioned Refugee Settlements in Garissa County



Top right: The stakeholder workshop included participants attending in-person in Garissa Town as well as virtually. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat, in collaboration with the County Government of Garissa, recently hosted the first semi-virtual Stakeholder Engagement Workshop as part of the Advisory Strategy for the Regeneration of Ifo 2 and

Kambioos refugee settlements. Attendees included members of Garissa County Assembly Lands Committee, Dadaab and Fafi Sub-Counties, UNHCR and UN-Habitat.

As the first phase of developing the Advisory Strategy for the Regeneration of Ifo 2 and Kambioos, a project funded by the European Union Trust Fund, UN-Habitat has been carrying out a comprehensive spatial assessment of the two camps within the sub-county, county and national contexts. The assessment is helping to inform a profile of the area which both describes and analyses the camps through an urban planning lens with the aim of establishing an evidence base that will be used to develop future interventions and guide future investment.

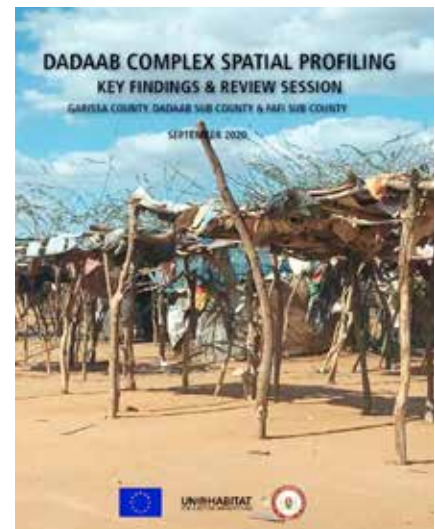
The purpose of the workshop was to present the findings of the spatial assessment that UN-Habitat has developed so far and to receive feedback from the stakeholders. Additionally, a preliminary planning session was carried out to consider the opportunities and challenges that the decommissioned sites present which stimulated lively discussion and constructive action points for further exploration as the planning process gathers momentum. Garissa County Executive Member for Trade, Tourism and Enterprise Development Mr. Adow Kalil Jubat called on participants to contribute tangible ideas in order to create a sustainable development plan that will benefit local communities.

The morning session of the workshop comprised presentations by UN-Habitat on the key messages taken from the spatial assessments, followed by feedback and discussion. In the afternoon session, participants broke off into groups to prepare SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analyses of Ifo 2 and Kambioos camps.

While various threats and weaknesses were identified for both camps, there was great emphasis on the opportunities the camps presented. These opportunities spanned a wide range of themes including the agricultural potential of existing green belts and orchards, the educational potential of Ifo 2's underutilized school facilities, the climatic opportunities of harvesting rainwater and solar energy and the economic opportunities of encouraging new small businesses and industries such as bee-keeping in Ifo 2 and bottling of borehole water in Kambioos.

The workshop concluded with discussion of the take-aways and next steps of the project, with emphasis on additional stakeholder engagement which will be undertaken with the support of Garissa County and UNHCR.

The stakeholder workshop was an especially vital component of the project, particularly as COVID-19 has placed limitations upon-the-ground data gathering and fieldwork that was initially planned for this project. In response to travel limitations, UN-Habitat has been remotely developing and digitizing new spatial data which, in addition to contributing to the Ifo 2 and Kambioos spatial profile development, will have the



Top right: Screenshot of the workshop presentation and online participants. © UN-Habitat

added benefit of providing Garissa County and development agencies with a more extensive database of spatial information in the future. This is due to be developed and validated as part of the field survey due to kick off imminently.

UN-Habitat and Turkana County Government meeting moots development in Kenya's Turkana County

UN-Habitat has been collaborating with the Turkana County Government in various planning processes especially around the Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement areas.

As part of the collaboration, UN-Habitat and Turkana County Government recently hosted a two-day semi-virtual workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to receive feedback and facilitate discussions with Turkana County officials on the potential land-use proposals based on the existing situational analysis as well as proposals provided by the community, private sector, National and County Government Ministries and agencies from previous multi-level and multi-sector meetings. This plan would also support the County Government in having the plans needed for the conferment of the proposed Kakuma-Kalobeyei Municipality.

Day one of the workshop began with an overview of urban development in Turkana County followed by UN-Habitat's presentation of the Spatial Profiling of Kakuma and Kalobeyei. The Spatial Profile is a multi-sectoral assessment of Kakuma and Kalobeyei, collating and creating spatial data to help inform decision making, specifically regarding the location of the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Municipality. Discussions of the Spatial Profiling was guided by a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis of Kakuma and Kalobeyei, with the aim of clarifying, verifying and identifying gaps in the research that has been conducted so far. This analysis was able to confirm some of the major findings of the profile while also adding new perspectives to topics such as the tourism potential of Kakuma-Kalobeyei, changing political dynamics, the green energy potential of Turkana County and environmental conservation.

Day two of the workshop was focused around presentations of the Socio-economic Survey, the Business, Local Economic Development Survey and the Kalobeyei Corridor Development Plan by UN-Habitat. Each presentation was followed by a question and answer session to understand the perspectives of the local authorities. Topics that arose from these discussions included the institutional arrangements to support the local economy, environmental management of the invasive species *Prosopis juliflora*, value chains such as retail and commercial charcoal and timber production and climate change. It also included proposals for potential industrial investments like the meat production and processing plants as well as logistics and transport planning which is key in stimulating local businesses and promoting flow of goods, services, capital and people in north-western Kenya part of the LAPSET corridor.



During the workshop Chief Officer of Turkana County Government Ministry of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Areas Management, Joshua Lemuya, highlighted that “the planning of the Kalobeyei Infrastructure corridor and the spatial profiling work will significantly contribute to the process of attaining the proposed municipality status for Kakuma and Kalobeyei”.

The Director in charge of Physical Planning from Turkana County Government Ministry

of Lands, Housing, Energy and Urban Areas Management, Davies Munialo, added that “the next phase of the planning process of the Kalobeyei corridor plan will focus on completing the development of the final land use proposals and probably have the plan submitted to the County Government before the end of the year 2020”.

The workshop concluded with discussions of ways forward, including the arranging of follow-up bilaterals with Turkana County De-

Top right: Marketplace in Kakuma Refugee Camp.
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partments for further detailing of data and agreement for another multi-sectoral workshop to be organised soon. Semi-virtual and multi-sectoral workshops such as these have become essential due to restrictions of personnel movement that are expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

UN-Habitat Carries Out Maintenance Activities at the Public Space in Village One

In 2018, UN-Habitat, in collaboration with Block by Block and AAR Japan, designed and implemented a Public Space in Kalobeyei Settlement Village 1. This development utilised a strong participatory approach, and provided a safe space for children, women, youth and men to engage and interact through the use of various facilities i.e. game boards, swings and a basketball court. However, due to continuous use over time, and harsh weather conditions in Turkana, the quality of the facilities deteriorated, requiring urgent maintenance.

UN-Habitat carried out planned maintenance work through engaging and collaborating with the users of the facility. Engagement sessions were held with the aim to understand how the community of users would want to improve the public space and what facilities were a priority. This was also the first time the office conducted community engagement sessions during the Covid-19 pandemic. Measures were taken to ensure compliance with the national government guidelines on social distancing and handwashing. Moreover,

each engagement session was limited to a maximum of participation by 10 community members.

The feedback generated from the engagement sessions showed that priority was given to the following areas - 1. Repair of the broken swings, 2. Repair of the water tank and 3. Clearing overgrown bushes on the site. It was noted during the engagement sessions that the boda boda shed was rarely used, given that the market in the area was not yet in operation. Consequently, it was decided to create additional



game boards there to enhance functionality of the shed. To promote safe usage of swings and monkey bars, and to prevent injury of users who are mainly children, it was agreed that the area should be levelled and sand be used to create a softer ground. Other interventions would include opening the pathways within the Public Space, repairs of the storehouse, and construction of a tap stand to promote good handwashing practices.

The maintenance activities commended on 17th August - activities were broken down to smaller tasks and ensured that only one task was carried out within a given physical radius. The workforce for each activity was

also reduced. Despite these measures increasing the time taken to implement the activities, it ensured the conformance to Covid-19 regulations put in place by the National Government and UNHCR. During the ongoing restoration, UN-Habitat field office in collaboration with Peace Winds Japan, also took the opportunity to carry out minor works at the Public Space in Village 2. Concrete beacons were placed to demarcate various zones within the Public Space, which showed the boundary for the sports facilities to be implemented by GIZ. Overgrown bushes were also cleared from the site, and water trucking also provided water to over 500 trees that had been planted earlier in the year.

Top right: Young men enjoying a game at the repaired game board station in the Public Space at Kalobeyi Settlement, Village 1. © UN-Habitat

The first phase of the maintenance work for the Public Space in Village 1 ended on 25th September, and the immediate effect of these improvements resulted in an increased number of people visiting and using the space - "Now, the children will not have to fight over the use of the swings as has been the case in the last months," said Naroo Lotukoi who works as a guard at the public space in village one.



UN-Habitat and Turkana County Government conduct research on Local Economic Development

Well-managed urbanization is critical to achieving socio-economic development in the Turkana West region. This is equally recognized as a key component of the Kalobeyi Integrated Socio Economic Development programmes (KISEDIP) and the overall County Integrated Development Plan (2018-2022). Turkana County hosts several kinds of settlements - urban, rural and temporary (nomadic pastoralists). While urbanization is still at a nascent level, the County has undergone a demographic transition in urban areas due to increased rural-urban migration, refugee presence, devolution, and growing economic opportunities along the transport corridors and urban centers in Lodwar and Lokichar - since the discovery of oil and gas reserves in the Lokichar Basin.

In Turkana West and the Northwestern part of Kenya, there have been few attempts by various primary and secondary towns locally and regionally to collaborate - to plan and build networks, and to encourage an ease of doing businesses e.g. reducing business transaction costs, and creating business enabling environments for micro-enterprises. While there are opportunities to boost employment and investments in Kakuma and the region, there is a strong need to initiate and develop a strategy to support these goals.

To address this gap, UN-Habitat and the Turkana County Government, with support from Cities Alliance and the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), are currently conducting research on local economic development trends and situations to analyze the pathways and opportunities for the local governments, private sector actors and SMEs along the Northwestern Corridor. The research will additionally include suggestions towards establishing communities of interest for viable industrial associations, and the planning of an economic hub near Kalobeyei Settlement and the A1 Corridor.



Top right: Brief technical meeting by consulting team and LRAs. © UN-Habitat

The research work was started in September 2020, and while there were challenges owing to the Covid-19 pandemic which affected project activities, several areas of work had continued without delay - data collection, processing and analysis, and formulation of the final report. The validation of the research results from the situational analysis report will be conducted in January 2021, and will include multi-level and multi stakeholder engagement processes both at the local and regional scales. The report will eventually inform the physical planning process of the Kalobeyei Infrastructure Development Corridor Plan and its overarching programme which aims to support enterprise development, local job creation, as well as support regional trade through the adjacent National Highway and the LAPSET Corridor.

UN-Habitat to develop recommendations for Participatory Approaches in the “New Normal”

Life



Space



Buildings



UN-Habitat has responded to the demand by several national and local governments for support towards Covid-19 pandemic responses internationally. Over the last few months, the UN-Habitat Kakuma Field Office has supported UN partners and government in joint responses in the Kakuma-Kalobeyei region, Turkana County, Kenya. UN-Habitat is developing recommendations for Participatory Approaches in the “New Normal,” which will seek to identify strategies and efforts that have supported UN-Habitat’s contributions to programmes in Kakuma-Kalobeyei since 2016, and the adaptations that have been put in place in response to the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.

The report acknowledges the effects of the pandemic which have contributed to an exacerbation of existing inequalities, and have created new groups of vulnerable populations; existing tensions between host and refugee communities are also heightened in dire socio-economic situations. In response to the evolving situation and the socio-economic impact of Covid-19 on Kakuma-Kalobeyei, there is a continued need and importance to adapt existing approaches and engagement methods in the “New Normal” – using iterative processes that are participative, inclusionary, and innovative.

Top right: UN-Habitat People Centered Planning Diagram. © UN-Habitat

Most of UN-Habitat’s participatory activities in Kakuma-Kalobeyei have been reliant on in-person engagements, which were challenging during the Covid-19 pandemic due to the need for physical distancing. In addition, several participatory activities required an extended period of engagement with a large group of participants.

In response to those challenges, moving forward, it is therefore important to create smaller groups that have equal representation from different communities in the area. This could be further disaggregated by gender and age to ensure participation and feedback from all.

In addition, there are opportunities to provide an open, two-way virtual/ media platform that allows both host and refugee communities to provide feedback to and contribute to the planning process. In Kakuma-Kalobeyi, it would be helpful to employ a mixture of different media platforms including social media, communication apps and radio talk shows.

These platforms also provide UN-Habitat an opportunity for effective and consistent engagement with communities throughout the planning process.

UN-Habitat is currently working to publish the report in early 2020, to guide activities in Kakuma-Kalobeyi from 2021.

UN-Habitat and Cities Alliance organise “Forced Migration in Cities” Webinars



Top right: Flyer for UTC Session 01 - Forced Migration in Cities. © UN-Habitat

In October and November, UN-Habitat and Cities Alliance organised the first two out of three webinars on bridging the gap between humanitarian and development efforts in refugees hosting contexts. The webinars are a series of three events on forced migration in cities co-hosted by the two organizations, under the UN-Habitat World Urban Campaign, Urban Thinkers Campus (UTC) model, across October to December 2020.

The first event, which was organized in October, presented a close-up on Latin America, featuring representatives from UN-Habitat, Cities Alliance, local authorities representing São Paulo (Brazil), Cucuta, Colombia, and Cuenca, Ecuador as well as the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). Migration and displacement are at historic levels in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), resulting in pressure on land, housing, and services.

The COVID-19 pandemic is adding an additional layer of complexity, with closed borders across the region, increased demand in health services and declining economies.

Speakers agreed that migration can be a positive force for cities and an economic, cultural and social asset. Partnerships and dialogue between different government levels, sectors and stakeholders (including civil society and private sector) are critical, and so is the need to look beyond migration as a humanitarian issue. While cities have in many contexts taken the lead during the recent crisis, for including migrants in service provision, food distribution and housing/ shelter solutions, cities need inclusive policy environments, tools and frameworks to integrate their migrant populations. Anaclaudia Rossbach, Cities Alliance Regional Adviser for LAC, said that for cities to integrate migrants successfully, they need a national legal framework – “*National laws need to recognize the rights of migrants to access social services, education services, economic opportunities, and housing. This is the main bottleneck we have in most of the countries in the Global South.*”

The second event which was organised in November focused on refugees and settlements, featured representatives from UN-Habitat, Cities Alliance, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), AVSI Uganda, and the Government of Turkana County in Kenya. Today, 60% of refugees live in urban areas, and not in camps. This situation requires a greater connection between humanitarian and development efforts to meet both the short- and long-term needs of refugees and host communities in urban areas.



Top right: Flyer for UTC Session 02 - Refugees and Settlements. © UN-Habitat

Several case studies and examples from country led programmes were presented in the session.

An example from Kakuma-Kalobeyi, Turkana County, Kenya was presented by Yuka Terada of UN-Habitat. She emphasized how humanitarian aid can be leveraged to promote local development. In line with UN-Habitat’s advisory support to Kalobeyi Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISEDPP), she noted that projects needed to look at refugee contexts more holistically and create space and opportunities for the future of both hosts and refugees – “*Technical expertise on urban planning and implementation, normative documentation, and capacity building programs, improve the lives of refugees, prevent further crises, and prepare the local host communities for the future.*”

The last webinar of the series will be organized in December, and will be focused on addressing Internal Displaced Persons (IDPs).

UNHCR and UN-Habitat co-moderate “refugees and asylum-seekers in urban areas” session



Within the framework of UNHCR and NRC’s monthly East and Horn of African Regional Economic Inclusion Group, UNHCR and UN-Habitat co-moderated a session which specifically focused on challenges and opportunities for refugees, asylum-seekers, migrants and displaced persons in urban areas. Globally, more than 60 percent of refugees and 80 percent of internally displaced people reside in urban areas, even though numbers in the East African region vary, due to a lesser level of urbanization in the region in general.

The session started with an introduction by the co-host, UNHCR’s Senior Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Officer in the Regional Bureau for East, the Horn and the Great Lakes, Ms Anna Gaunt, presenting the official numbers of refugees and asylum seekers in urban areas in the region. Stephanie Loose from UN-Habitat then highlighted UN-Habitat’s mandate and general approaches for supporting people in vulnerable situations in urban areas UN-Habitat’s mandate and general approaches for supporting people in vulnerable situations in urban areas. Being the UN agency aiming to advance sustainable urbanization as a driver of development and peace to improve living conditions for all, UN-Habitat underlined its area-based, multi-stakeholder and multi-level governance approaches, and highlighted inclusive participatory processes as one means for

enabling the social and economic inclusion of refugees into urban societies and its aim to improve urban systems, that benefit both host and refugee/displaced communities.

Those approaches have been applied in different urban contexts in the East African region, and UN-Habitat’s Somalia team, represented by Mr Matthew Flynn, then presented how they are translated in urban displacement contexts, starting with a multi-sectoral, spatial data analysis of the urban areas (“urban profiling”) to inclusion of local actors, including government authorities, civil society and private sectors and beneficiaries in participatory planning processes for agreeing on priorities for actions. Spatial planning led to better access to basic and urban services and helped to improve urban environments.

Lack of adequate housing was identified which then led to the development of large housing project, which, due to its rental schemes, will also lead to increased, long-term increase in local revenue which can be used for further investments in the areas.

Mr Flynn also shortly introduced the recently launched “Settlement profiling tool[1]”, a joint tool developed by UN-Habitat and UNHCR, which will be presented in the Regional Economic Inclusion group in December.

“Reducing vulnerabilities of migrants, displaced and refugees residing in urban areas needs cross-sectoral coordination. Specifically in urban contexts, there needs to be an urban-system and integrated approach, to make sure that interventions benefit people in vulnerable situations communities from both host and refugee communities”, he said.

The second part of the session started with a presentation by AGORA, an initiative that promotes efficient, inclusive and integrated local planning, aid response and service delivery in areas affected by crisis. Ms Louise Thaller from AGORA introduced an urban assessment of Kampala, Uganda. AGORA advocates for multi-sector recovery needs and localizes response planning and aid delivery beyond sector specific approaches and stands up for technical support for local actors that lead to tangible results and foster collaboration between exogenous aid actors, local stakeholders and public authorities. The Kampala Urban Assessment (2018) showcased the relationships between needs, area of residence and displacement status – highlighting the interdependence of those factors and underlining that in many cases, not the legal status, but gender had more impact on vulnerability.

Top right: Market in Kakuma- increasing local economic inclusion. © UN-Habitat/Julius Mwelu

The session was concluded by a presentation on UNHCR's initiatives for fostering market access for products produced by refugees, MADE51 and Bawa Hope. MADE51 is an innovative, market-based model that promotes economic inclusion of refugees in global value chains. In the MADE51 model, UNHCR identifies refugees with artisanal skills, helps refugees create strong artisan groups and connects these groups to experienced local social enterprise partners. MADE51 is also a tangible way to demonstrate solidarity with refugees while helping refugees earn valuable income while Bawa Hope is a Fair-Trade company which works with marginalized handicraft artisans in Kenya.

The session brought together different approaches for fostering economic inclusion of migrants, refugees and displaced persons in urban areas, and highlighting that urban displacement needs tailored, multi-sectoral approaches that include local actors and respond to specific local contexts as well as creating enabling environments for refugees and displaced to become self-reliant and live dignified lives.



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**KALOBYEI NEW SITE
TURKANA COUNTY**

A child playing in front of the pilot
shelter. © UN-Habitat



“Turkana Houses” Publication captures Shigeru Ban and UN-Habitat’s Collaboration to design refugee houses in Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

In June 2015, Kalobeyei New Settlement was established in Turkana County, Kenya. UN-Habitat was tasked with designing an Advisory Development Plan for the settlement, to accommodate 60,000 people – both refugees and host community members. Between 2017 to 2019, a collaboration between UN-Habitat and the renowned Japanese Architect, [Shigeru Ban](#), and his NGO the Voluntary Architects Network (VAN), was formed to design sustainable shelter typologies for refugee and host members in the settlement.

A celebrated architect, both in his native country Japan and worldwide, Mr Ban was awarded the Pritzker Architecture Prize, understood to be the Nobel prize of architecture, in 2014. He is known for his innovative work with paper and has pioneered the use of recycled cardboard tubes to quickly and efficiently house disaster victims. By August 2019, 14 houses had been constructed in Kalobeyei Settlement, after testing seven housing types in the Settlement.

Today, UN-Habitat and Shigeru Ban Architects are excited to share the release of the book, **Turkana Houses** - The first part of the book is a journal by Philippe Monteil, Shigeru Ban's partner for the mission. It describes successes and failures with building pilot houses, and the influence of the context in the process. The second part is his visual interpretation of that process, a detailed Manual which explains in a sequence of steps, how to build the final housing prototype. In summary, the book tells the story of an encounter between an architect, refugees and Turkana people, brought together through the act of building.

UN-Habitat and partners continue to acknowledge the need for a more sustainable developmental approach to refugee crises, knowing that on average many displaced persons spend more than a decade living as refugees in temporary shelters. UN-Habitat will continue to support the paradigm shift towards the integration of refugee and host communities in combined programming, and the development of sustainable and long-term solutions to ensure that the most vulnerable populations are promoted and protected.

- The link to the "Turkana Houses" book can be found here: <https://unhabitat.org/turkana-houses>
- The link to UN-Habitat's Humanitarian-Development work stream and additional resources can be found here: <https://unhabitat.org/programme/planning-for-humanitarian-development-practice-connecting-normative-to-operations>

UN-Habitat Conducts Socio-Economic Surveys in Turkana West, Kenya



Top left: UN-Habitat conducts socio-economic surveys. © UN-Habitat

Since 2015, UN-Habitat has been providing technical support to refugee-assistance programming in Turkana West, Kenya. Initially, the agency spearheaded the formulation of a spatial development plan for the new Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement, under the framework of the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISEDPP). Subsequent resources have been directed towards supporting the development of this **new settlement** and the wider local area- Turkana West. Turkana West is the most populated sub-county in Turkana County, given the international role it has played since 1990s in promoting human security and peace, by hosting thousands of forced migrants i.e. refugees in Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlements. This displaced population currently co-exist with the host community, forming the largest clustered settlement area in the county.

During October and November 2020, UN-Habitat in collaboration with the County Government of Turkana, undertook socio-economic surveys in Turkana West sub-county, Kenya. These surveys are part of the agency's on-going projects in 'Humanitarian-Development Nexus' work. The projects in Turkana County are currently funded by Cities Alliance, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and European Union Emergency Trust Fund (EUTF).

The projects aim to:

- Promote socio-economic development of Turkana West through recommending interventions for enhanced connectivity and integration along Kenya-South Sudan corridor and the North Rift region of region, including an advisory plan proposal for the Kalobeyei Corridor Development Area.

- Propose a spatial strategy to advice on the regeneration Kakuma refugee camp and integrated development of the camp and Kakuma town, and
- Support towards implementation of the Kalobeyei New Integrated Settlement Plan under KISEDPP.

The surveys were structured into two main sub-themes:

1. Socio-economic conditions that focused on households, and
2. Businesses and Local Economic Development that analysed businesses and the area's local economic development factors of: infrastructure and services, resources and capacity, policies and governance, challenges and opportunities etc. The rapid spatial profiling of settlements collected data on the spatial development character of Kakuma-Kalobeyei area and the main public markets in the area. In doing so, a mixed method research was implemented which entails a combination of quantitative and qualitative techniques and rapid settlement profiling that entail Geographic Information Systems (GIS) applications.

Fieldwork was conducted in the main settlement centres and towns (refugee and host community populations), across the sub-county wards: Kakuma, Kalobeyei, Letea, Lopur, Songot and Lokichoggio. This was extended to the major urban centres of the North Rift Region Economic Bloc (NOREB) i.e. Eldoret, Kitale and Lodwar,

and incorporated national government agencies, specifically the LAPSET Corridor Development Authority (LCDA) and the Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA).

The project will conduct data analysis and compile findings, which will then be used to engage stakeholders in Validation and Disseminations sessions. Thereafter, the

findings will be used to inform proposals of the on-going collaborative planning work, and implementation of the various project activities in Turkana West. Thereafter, the outputs will be developed as knowledge products (technical report publications, research briefings and policy briefs).

UN-Habitat and Turkana County hold workshop to look at the future for Kenya's Kakuma and Kalobeyei Refugee Camps and Host Communities

UN-Habitat and the Turkana County Government hosted a workshop looking at various surveys focused on Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement in north western Kenya.

The Kakuma-Kalobeyei Assessment, Survey and Corridor Planning Workshop included representatives from Turkana County Government, Cities Alliance, International Financial Corporation, Swiss Contact, Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Refugee Affairs Secretariat, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and Action Africa Help International.

At the workshop, UN-Habitat presented the findings of the Socio-Economic Survey which showed that host community suffered more from the effects of COVID-19 such as loss of income, low business revenue and price rises than refugees who continue to be supported by humanitarian organizations. It also found the host community saw the refugees as damaging the environment but appreciated the improved health care and education facilities resulting from their presence.



The Business and Local Economic Development Survey and Market Profile focused on types of businesses, products and value chain and ease of doing business.

Top right: Participants attending the workshop both in-person and online. © UN-Habitat

Bottom left: Children playing in Kalobeyei Settlement. © UN-Habitat

The Market Profile presentation looked at the economic geography of Turkana-West Sub-county highlighting the characteristics of each market cluster, types of products sold, accessibility and connectivity.



The discussions covered revenue enhancement, access to capital, the importance of livestock farming, and the opportunities for tourism provided by Lotikipi National Reserve.

Issues emerging from the surveys included the lack of skills, poor connectivity and accessibility to supply chains, insecurity, overdependence on humanitarian aid, poor public participation in development initiatives, environmental risks and lack of market integration.

Participants also discussed future development scenarios for Kakuma-Kalobeyei identifying areas to be strengthened and protected including host and refugee community integration, economic development, environmental sustainability and environmental growth.

The findings of the surveys and feedback from the future development scenarios discussion will help the visioning and regeneration strategy for Kakuma-Kalobeyei that UN-Habitat is undertaking.

Pius Ewoton, Chairman of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Turkana County concluded the meeting by saying ‘Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chapter in Turkana County is looking forward to more collaboration with UN-Habitat to promote private sector initiatives in Turkana West’. Joseph Egiron, Turkana County Director for Urban Areas Management, also expressed the County’s commitment to the conferment of Kakuma-Kalobeyei Municipality, which is currently underway.

Kakuma-Kalobeyei Community Workshop on Socio-Economic and Local Economic Development Surveys

As part of the Kalobeyei Corridor Planning project, UN-Habitat and Turkana West sub county leaders organized a community meeting to present information collected from the Socio Economic and Local Economic Development Surveys. The meeting was attended by local leaders in Turkana West sub county, and host and refugee communities from Kakuma, Kalobeyei and Lokichoggio.

The meeting started with an introduction from the County ward administrator for Kalobeyei, who welcomed the participants and thanked UN-Habitat for convening the meeting to allow the community to provide their feedback on the research that was conducted to inform the planning of Kalobeyei Corridor.

Romanus Opiyo, a UN-Habitat consultant, began by sharing the socio-economic results of the survey, focusing on demographics, access to education, healthcare services, water and sanitation, livelihood activities as well as housing conditions. The study shows that there is an emerging trend of disparity in access to key basic socio-economic support systems such as health, education and water as shown in previous studies, which may lead to tension and conflict between host and refugee communities, hence threatening the sustainability of Turkana West economic development.



The consultant discussed the findings of the local economic development survey which were more focused on businesses and local industries, and issues related to the various economic sectors of the area. Overall, the study results highlighted that pastoral livestock keeping remains a major economic activity for the host community, and the main economic sector in the rural areas of Turkana west sub county. In urban areas and refugee settlements, formal and informal businesses form a significant share of the economy, as well as formal and in-

Top right: Local leaders and host and refugee communities attending Community Workshop. © UN-Habitat

formal employment linked to private sector (businesses) and operations of humanitarian and development organizations. This survey established that the underdevelopment of infrastructure combined with inadequate utilities, financial access challenges, as well as policy and legal limitations, undermine sustainable economic development in the area.

The settlement profiles were presented, showcasing the analysis of the major market clusters, economic geography for Turkana west and existing connectivity of various systems for towns and municipalities across the North Rift Economic Bloc. The results elucidated the various linkages and relationships in different market clusters and sub-clusters for Kakuma town, Kakuma refugee camp, Kalobeyi refugee

settlement and Lokichoggio. The survey also looked at the spatial characteristics and attributes for the market clusters, products sold, the institutional frameworks as well connectivity and accessibility issues.

Most of the community feedback were centered around the existing poor accessibility of the markets; few catalysts, clusters and business networks to support value-adding

and import replacement investment activities; weak and inequitable access to jobs, labor markets, education, skills, knowledge and business competencies. The participants also mentioned that connectivity and accessibility to supply chains, services, knowledge, and logistics services was also a key challenge for enterprise development in the area.



UN-habitat leads discussions with refugees, host community, and government officials on the future of Decommissioned Camps in the Dadaab refugee complex

In collaboration with Garissa County Government, UN-Habitat led a semi-virtual workshop to discuss the decommissioned refugee camps' future within Dadaab Refugee Complex - Ifo 2 Kambioos under a project focusing on enhancing self-reliance for refugee and host communities in Kenya, funded by the European Union Trust Fund. Garissa County Government Officials and staff, representatives of refugee and host communities, UN agency representatives, and EU donor representatives, were all present.

Garissa County Secretary Mr. Abdi S. Muhumed officially launched the workshop and noted that the governor's office was finalizing plans to launch the Garissa Integrated Socio-Economic Development Plan (GISED). The Plan will help integrate refugees into the host community, scheduled for May 2021.

Director of Physical Planning, Mary Mwangi, briefly presented the objectives of GISED, emphasizing the Plan to enhance inclusion of host and refugee communities through providing adequate access to land, urban services, and housing and infrastructure. She also highlighted the need to promote the economic growth of Dadaab through alternative sustainable livelihoods and increased financial access.

As part of UN-Habitat's visioning exercise, participants were asked to brainstorm on what they wished Ifo 2 and Kambioos to be like in 2030 while also reflecting on what aspects of the camps should be preserved. Recurring themes included reusing and converting existing infrastructure into facilities in demand, investment in infrastructure to support livestock-based livelihoods, and the cultivation of a greenbelt for agriculture.



Top left: Participant attending the workshop.
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Investment in water infrastructure and upgrading of Garissa-Dadaab road were recurring needs from all stakeholders. A point made that children were dropping out of school due to the time it took to collect water. Investment in a breadth of education infrastructure was also a significant theme, from primary and secondary schools to a technical training center. These education facilities were suggested for use by both host and refugee communities.

The community emphasized their desire to continue engaging throughout the planning process of Ifo 2 and Kambioos. The workshop also introduced the socio-economic survey exercise that UN-Habitat will conduct in the Dadaab area in April.



Top right: Participant presenting findings of the group discussion. © UN-Habitat

Representing the EU, Elizabeth Magnes spoke of the Fund's ongoing support for displacement-affected communities and commitment to planning and design efforts around the Dadaab Camps.

UN-Habitat collaborates with JICA to conducts surveys on the Impacts and Challenges of COVID-19 on Urban Areas in Kenya and Uganda

Across the globe, COVID-19 has threatened and challenged the resilience of cities and communities, endangering sectors of the urban continuum. The pandemic's impact is multidimensional and has resulted in the worst social and economic drawbacks in decades. Urban centres bear the crisis's burden, much straining with health systems, inadequate water and sanitation, poor housing conditions, and other challenges. UN-Habitat, in collaboration with JICA, will conduct a survey on the Impacts of COVID-19 on Urban Areas in Kenya and Uganda, focusing their survey on the urban areas of Nairobi, Mombasa, and Kampala

The project comprises four pillars: Vulnerability Mapping and Household Survey on Slum Living Condition, AMP Counter Survey in CBD of Nairobi, Solid Waste Management Assessment in Kiambu, and Implementing Pilot Projects selected. The survey intends to collect data, information related to COVID-19 infection risks and their impacts, to inform effective measures for



reducing infection risks in the proposed areas (public transport, slum/informal settlements, and solid waste management), and on how to mitigate the impacts on the vulnerable livelihood.

Top right: UN-Habitat-JICA conducts survey on Impacts of Covid-19. © UN-Habitat

The vulnerability mapping exercise involves clarifying problems and the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable people, such as slum dwellers, in Nairobi, Mombasa, and Kampala. It will include conducting household surveys, mapping public facilities, and disseminating questionnaires regarding basic urban services and COVID-19 impact on their lives. The AMP counter survey clarifies public transport and passenger flow around Nairobi CBD to understand the change in

public transport usage before and after COVID-19 and identify the high-risk nodes like collection points.

Waste Management Assessment is conducted in Kiambu County, Kenya. The exercise employs the “Waste Wise Cities Tool” developed by UN-Habitat to collect data. The tool is designed to monitor SDGs indicator 11.6.1 (Proportion of municipal solid waste collected and managed in controlled facilities out of total municipal solid

waste generated by cities). The exercise will also involve undertaking stakeholder meetings, discussions with waste collection companies, recycling companies, waste pickers, CBOs, and local governments to understand the general challenges of waste management and the impacts of COVID-19 in the waste chain. Throughout the components, pilot projects to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on each sector are selected and implemented.

UN-Habitat, Peace Winds Japan, and NEC XON install a thermal camera in Kalobeyei Settlement Community Centre to support COVID-19 response

Since COVID-19 was first reported in Kenya in early 2020, UN-Habitat has been providing support to the over 200,000 refugees and asylum seekers living in Kakuma Refugee Camp and [Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement](#) in Turkana County.

This support’s initial phase included strategic partnerships with UNHCR, NGOs, and health sector actors to increase the level of COVID-19 preparedness. UN-Habitat offered technical expertise to support the planning and mapping of quarantine centres and temporary hospital facilities. The second phase was initiated after the first cases of Covid-19 were reported, and UN-Habitat supported UNHCR in the use of GPS tools to map reported cases and investigate potential outbreak zones. In the subsequent phases that followed with an increase in reported cases, UN-Habitat and partners, AAR Japan and Peace Winds Japan implemented various initiatives to curb the spread of Covid-19, including public spaces Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement.

In February 2021, UN-Habitat collaborated with NEC XON and Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) to install a thermography camera to curb the spread of COVID-19 in Turkana West. NEC XON is a private corporation that offers information technology solutions globally, and Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) an NGO that provides emergency humanitarian and development assistance. With funding from the Government of Japan, the thermography camera was installed at the Kalobeyei Settlement Community Centre. The camera is used to measure the surface body temperature of any person accessing the community centre and subsequently prevent the spread of COVID-19



by detecting and identifying persons with elevated body temperatures, a symptom of COVID-19 infection.

The Kalobeyei Settlement Community Centre was established in 2018 by UN-Habitat to promote refugee and host communities’ integration, and over 50 people per day have since accessed it. Members participate in various activities, including vocational training, library services, dialogues and meetings, and greenhouse farming. Safe access to the community centre remains important for refugees from different nationalities and continues to contribute to the social fabric and integration of the Kalobeyei community.

Operation and Maintenance training was initiated with the community’s management board on the thermography camera before the installation. Staff representatives from AAR Japan, Peace Winds Japan, GIZ, and other NGOs implementing various projects within the community centre were also

Top right: Community members participating in the introduction session. © UN-Habitat

present. The training session started with UN-Habitat’s introduction, followed by a presentation on the features, use, and maintenance of the thermography camera by an Engineer from NEC XON. The training highlight was the feedback session where trainees provided their comments and questions on the camera. During this session, Mr. John Ekitoe, the chairperson of the management board, noted that the project was very timely and would help prevent a temporary closure of the centre, which would have resulted in the loss of livelihoods, especially for the community members carrying out farming practices within the centre. Mr. Ekitoe also took the opportunity to reaffirm that the management board would ensure adherence to COVID-19 protocols set out by the National Government of Kenya.



Japan donates USD 1.5 million to support refugees and the host community in Kenya's Turkana County

The Government of Japan has donated a total of USD 1,481,263 to UN-Habitat towards the planning and implementation of the Kalobeyi Integrated Settlement which aims to promote integration and peaceful co-existence of the host and refugee communities in settlements in northern Kenya.

The new tranche of funding will support the continued effort and engagement in Kalobeyi through the project titled 'Ensuring Accessibility and A Strengthened Conflict-Resolution Strategy For Refugee-Host Community Integration'.

The project supplements UN-Habitat's existing work, intending to strengthen community resilience and integration between host and refugee communities, reducing tensions and conflicts; Enhancing accessibility channels and public facilities with a focus on vulnerable groups through regeneration in Kalobeyi Settlement and Kakuma Camp to enable long-term management of implemented projects and; to Enhance Private Sector Investments by promoting infrastructure investments through engaging various Japanese

Private Sector partners to achieve local economic development and ensuring livelihood enabling environments

It will be implemented during the period March 2021 to March 2022. By adopting new approaches and innovation, UN-Habitat will ensure enhanced accessibility for basic social services provision and protection for refugees and host communities in Turkana West . It will also enhance resilience by supporting emergency response and the recovery process from the current Covid-19 and sustainably support community adaption and resilience of the affected communities relevant to entrepreneurial and livelihood training.

Since 2016, UN-Habitat, with support from the Government of Japan, has implemented several programs within the settlement. These projects have leveraged the opportunities and benefits to support local economic growth and development, making Kalobeyi a model to promote implementation and highlight the Humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding nexus approach.

A Community Engaged on their Future Vision for Kakuma-Kalobeyei

UN-Habitat has been progressing with the visioning phase of the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Regeneration Strategy funded by the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF). The exercise builds on the findings of the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Spatial Profile. The visioning phase of the Programme aims to formulate an inclusive perspective of what the future of the Kakuma-Kalobeyei area would ideally look like in 10 year's time.

In addition to being informed by policy and expert opinion, an essential component of the visioning phase is community consultation. Due to travel and gathering restrictions, the consultation was undertaken in the form of a series of virtual workshops with Community Planning Groups (CPGs). These planning groups included the community leaders. They represented the diversity of the area, ensured gender parity, varying age groups, ethnicities and locations across Kakuma and Kalobeyei. These groups were organized using WhatsApp as it was found to be commonly used for communication throughout both the host and refugee communities. This allowed for efficient communication as well as discussions continuing on after the virtual session, including the sharing of photos and videos from participants.

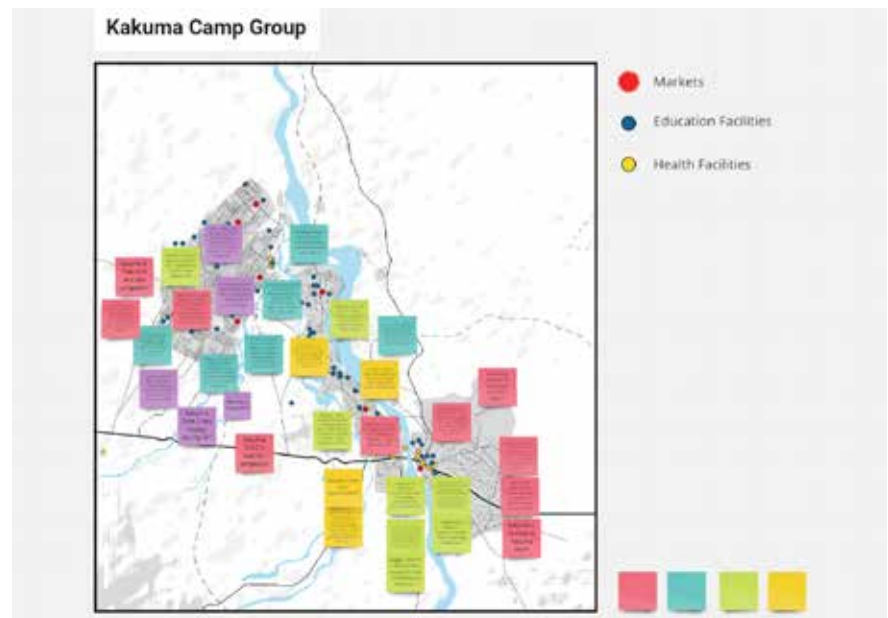
The visioning engagement strategy proposed two sessions for each CPG; a more general introductory session followed by a more detailed follow-up session that aims to drill down on the issues identified in the first session and also be able to introduce a spatial dimension.

During the more informal first session, the participants were given an overview of the EUTF programme and the objectives of the sessions. It was emphasized that the aim of the session was to capture a better grassroots understanding of the challenges facing Kakuma-Kalobeyei as well as the positive aspects of the settlements that should be protected and enshrined in the regeneration strategy. The second session built on the feedback from the first session, added further detail and spatially located the specific areas of opportunity and challenge within the settlements.



Top left: Screenshot of Kakuma Camp Community Planning Group. © UN-Habitat

Bottom left: Online tool used to record spatial feedback from the Kakuma Camp Community Planning Group. © UN-Habitat



So far, CPGs have been formed and consulted in Kakuma Camp and Kakuma Town, representing both host and refugee communities. Recurring feedback from the sessions has highlighted the strong bond between the host and refugee communities and the economic benefits both communities enjoy from the presence of the other. In terms of challenges, flooding, poor water sanitation infrastructure and poor access to health and education facilities were also repeatedly emphasized. Participants from both Kakuma

Camp and Kakuma Town identified the need for more training, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities so residents could attain greater livelihood opportunities.

CPGs are planned to be formed and engaged in Kalobeyei Settlement and Kalobeyei Town in the near future to ensure all stakeholders are consulted about the visioning of their communities.

Dadaab Social Economic Survey



Top left: Training of more than 25 research assistants in Daadab Town. © **UN-Habitat**

UN-Habitat in collaboration with Garissa County Government, is undertaking a spatial analysis for Garissa County, in order to develop a spatial profile for Dadaab and Fafi sub counties. This will also assist in re-planning of the two closed camps in Daadab Refugee Complex (IFO2 and Kambioos), for the use by host community, inclusive of the facilities in the camps. This is a component of UN-Habitat's EUTF (European Union Trust Fund work for Dadaab and is also directly

linked to the Spatial Planning & Infrastructure Thematic Working Group under Garissa Social-Economic Development Plan (GISED) led by UNHCR. UN-Habitat team has already developed the Spatial Profile, which is in the final stages of endorsement.

To support this, UN-Habitat is carrying a social economic survey for Dadaab and Fafi sub counties. A team of researchers from Nairobi, with the help of 25 local research

assistants, has already conducted face to face meetings with some of the respondents, in Dadaab. However, there has been heightened tension in the camp with regards to recent government directive on camp's closure, the exercise was halted, as the risk to the researchers was too high. UN-Habitat, has since adopted a hybrid interview system where most of the meetings have been done virtually.

UN-Habitat is relying on partners to assist us with information, from their experience working at Dadaab complex. So far, the team has done over 8 focus group discussions in Fafi and Dadaab sub counties, while observing all MoH COVID – 19 guidelines on the ground. The team is planning on engaging about 160 businesses in Dadaab, Fafi, as well as the refugees, and over 250 households. 8 more FDGs meetings are also planned virtually to get more information, and will give updates in due course. The social economic report will be shared when complete.

Supporting planning for
**INTEGRATED REFUGEE
& HOST COMMUNITIES**

KALOBYEI NEW SITE
TURKANA COUNTY

Screenshot of virtual regional forum.
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UN-Habitat organizes a Discussion on the Theme of Economic connectivity, refugees and migrations, and urbanization along East Africa's Regional Economic Corridors

In collaboration with Kenya's North Rift Economic Bloc (NOREB), Turkana County and Cities Alliance, UN-Habitat organized on 8th June 2021 a regional virtual workshop on "Sustainable Economic Development Along Turkana West Development Corridor through Enhanced Connectivity."

The workshop brought together around sixty participants representing three countries (Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda), regional governments, NOREB counties and Secretariat, urban centers along the A1 Road, the LAPSET Corridor Development Authority (LCDA), and UN agencies working in North Rift Kenya in addition to representatives from National Governments, development and humanitarian partners, business representatives, and local organizations. The LAPSET corridor links Kenya (from the port of Lamu) and South Sudan through the Kakuma-Kalobeyi refugee settlement area in Turkana West (Turkana County). The A1 road links Kenya to South Sudan (this section of the Northern Economic Corridor links the port of Mombasa in Kenya, with Eastern and Central Africa regions). Through

the partnership of Cities Alliance, Turkana County, and UN-Habitat, spatial and development planning is ongoing to position the Kakuma-Kalobeyi area along this corridor strategically.

By focusing on the two ongoing regional infrastructure projects of A1 Road and the planned Lamu Port South Sudan Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) economic corridor, the meeting aimed to facilitate critical policy discussions among the stakeholders concerning the emerging opportunities and challenges that migrations and rapid urbanization present to socio-economic development in the region.

In his statement during the opening session, Uasin Gishu County Governor and NOREB chairman, H.E Jackson Mandago-Egh stressed the importance of "implementing contemporary urban planning which meets the aspects of sustainability and addresses the dynamics of present-day and future cities." Acknowledging the fundamental role that counties will play in light of the rapid urbanization, Solomon



Top left: Screenshot of virtual regional forum.
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The first session focused on current migration and urbanization debates. It discussed the impacts of increased regional and cross-border migration and urbanization that will likely accompany increased connectivity. Contributions included speakers representing Uasin Gishu, Trans-Nzoia and Turkana counties, NOREB representatives, the Kenya government, and UN-Habitat. The afternoon session addressed avenues for achieving increased regional economic connectivity and inter-linkages within the region. The speakers included representatives from LCDA, local governments, the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce regional branches, and government representatives from South Sudan and Uganda.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC CORRIDORS CONTEXT

- Turkana County and NOREB region are geographically positioned as Kenya's frontiers with Ethiopia, South Sudan and Uganda
- The existing Northern and the Planned LAPSET corridors transverse NOREB.
- This frontier region has an urban population distributed primarily in small towns and few secondary cities (e.g. Lodwar)
- The completion of the A1 road will connect Juba to the Northern Economic Corridor through NOREB



Top left: Screenshot of the Regional Context Presentation.
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Ambwere from Kenya's State Department of Housing and Urban Development stated that the Corridor is "becoming a magnet for investment, ...counties should have proper plans and strategies to avoid past failures in managing growing cities and towns". He also emphasized that the LAPSET corridor has the potential to configure another urbanization and economic corridor in the region, as witnessed with the Northern economic corridor.

Herman Pienaar from UN-Habitat reiterated the importance of urban planning in a region facing many opportunities and challenges, emphasizing the people-centered approach in promoting investments that resulted in inclusive development. Florence Lozet from Cities Alliance highlighted the importance of the joint programme with UN-Habitat, designed to "strengthen the local economy,

explore how cities can be connected to promote regional development and promote the integration of migrants and refugees" along the corridor.

UNHCR representative Kahin Ismail presented an overview of the Kalobeyi Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISED). He stressed the importance of "taking the programme to the next level" by partnering with municipalities to lead the planning processes, providing financial autonomy to refugees who are now receiving cash, and promoting the economic integration (of refugees and host community) by collaborating with the private sector.

Participants acknowledged the importance of the workshop content, which was considered fundamental in information and experience sharing. They expressed interest in creating a regional alliance of cities and towns that address sustainable urbanization and development along the corridor and the NOREB region. UN-Habitat announced that a second forum is foreseen in the coming months. The ongoing spatial and development planning work in Turkana West and policy issues emerging from the project activities will be shared, and a conversation of longer-time engagement will be discussed.

This meeting falls in the context of the UN-Habitat and Cities Alliance project "Sustainable Economic Development Along Turkana West Development Corridor Through Enhanced Connectivity." Turkana, as explained by Baraka Mwau from UN-Habitat, "plays a strategic role considering the two major corridors that are converging in the county." The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation finances the project.

Post World Refugee Day Celebrations: Planning Sustainable and Inclusive Settlements for All



Top left: UN-Habitat conducts a socio-economic survey and stakeholder meeting with host and refugee members in Kalobeyei. © UN-Habitat

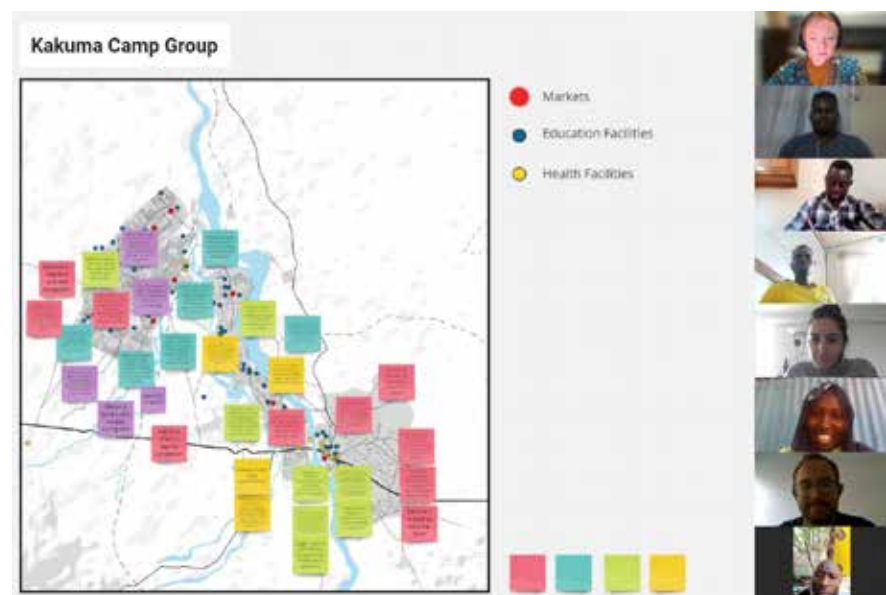
More than a year has passed since COVID-19 was first reported in Kenya in early 2020. Last year, instead of singing and dancing, refugees from Kenya had joined in a virtual celebration with host communities that included participants from around the country. Over the last weekend, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the celebrations will again be **held virtually**.

Since 2016, in support of the Turkana County Government and the host and refugee communities UN-Habitat, has been actively involved in urban planning processes as part of the innovative and integrated Kalobeyei settlement piloting. When COVID-19 was first reported in Kakuma in early 2020, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, and partners supported over 200,000 refugees and asylum seekers living in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement.

UN-Habitat's initial support was rendered through **providing technical expertise to plan and map quarantine centers and temporary hospital facilities to increase the preparedness of the refugee settlements**. In these exercises, urban data was collected, analyzed, and provided recommendations to UNHCR and partners.

From the start of the year, UN-Habitat has continued to provide technical expertise to support the planning of the Kalobeyei Settlement, the regeneration of Kakuma, and broader regional development through various activities. As in-person meetings were banned, UN-Habitat has had to think outside of the box to cater to virtual meetings or to ensure social distancing measures are implemented where possible. The latest activities include:

- June 2021 - UN-Habitat, Cities Alliance, and Kenya's North Rift Economic Bloc (NOREB) organized a regional virtual workshop on "**Sustainable Economic Development Along Turkana West Development Corridor through Enhanced Connectivity**."
- April 2021 - The Government of Japan has donated USD 1,481,263 to UN-Habitat for the project '**Ensuring Accessibility and A Strengthened Conflict-Resolution Strategy For Refugee-Host Community Integration**.'
- Mar 2021 - UN-Habitat, NEC XON, and Peace Winds Japan **installed a thermography camera at Kalobeyei Settlement Community Centre**.
- Feb 2021 - UN-Habitat and Turkana County Government hosted a **Kakuma-Kalobeyei Assessment, Survey, and Corridor Planning Workshop to present and validate the findings of the surveys**
- Feb 2021 - UN-Habitat undertook **Socio-economic surveys in Turkana West**. Stakeholders will validate the data analysis and findings before informing



Top right: Discussing challenges and opportunities during virtual workshop with the Kakuma Camp Community Planning Group. © UN-Habitat

proposals and implementing project activities under the [program partnership with Cities Alliance](#).

- Jan 2021 - UN-Habitat and Shigeru Ban Architects [published a journal of the design process of seven housing typologies in Kalobeyei Settlement](#).

This year, the focus of World Refugee Day is on the power of inclusion - the shared experience of COVID-19 has shown that communities can only succeed if they stand together.

UN-Habitat is proud to stand with partners to address the gaps for a more inclusive and equal world, one where no one is left behind. One such project is the design of the shelter typologies with Shigeru Ban, which had left an impact on a refugee-builder who engaged in the program:

"I have passed through several refugee camps, and I have never witnessed an organization that is willing to construct refugee homes that are strong and attractive, and that if someone had come, they would feel at home." Said Nimbona

Isaac, a refugee from Burundi who is currently living in Kalobeyei Settlement, Village 2. *"We built the houses with a big group of people, a mixture of refugees and Turkana people who collaborated in constructing the houses. Earlier on, we used to fear living with other people as their cultures were different from ours, but we have started to integrate as we now see that our lives are similar. Thanks to UN-Habitat, we feel we are not displaced but have a home. Thank you."*



Top right: Nimbona Isaac outside one of the Shelters he helped build as part of the collaboration with Shigeru Ban. © UN-Habitat

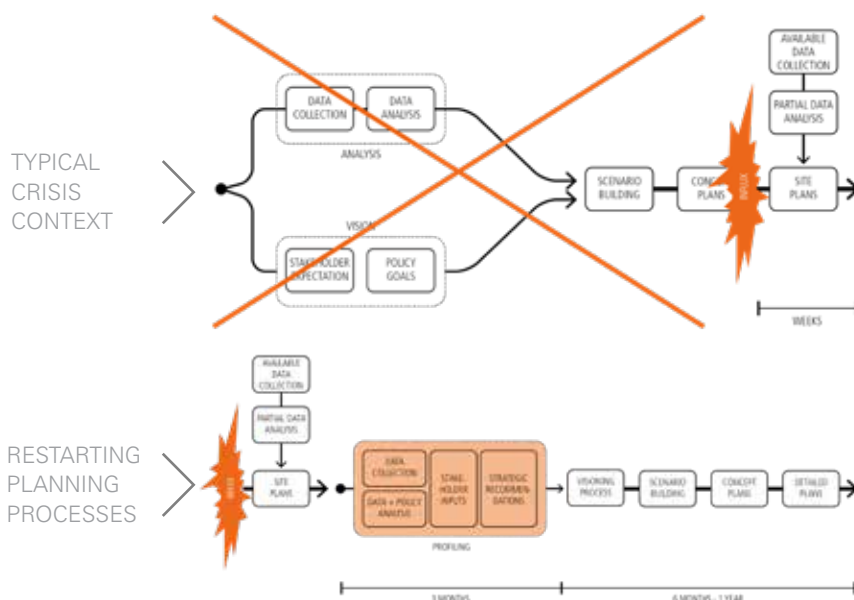
Since 2016, UN-Habitat, initially through the support from the Government of Japan, has implemented and advocated for sustainable infrastructure solutions such as the design and construction of public spaces, a community center, rain-water harvesting technologies, road rehabilitation, shelter design, renewable energy, and livelihood skills development. These projects have leveraged the opportunities and benefits to support local economic growth, making Kalobeyei an example that strengthens the triple nexus and commitment to the global agendas.

UN-Habitat has been supporting the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISED) through coordination with Turkana County Government and UNHCR. [UN-Habitat's Humanitarian-Development workstream](#) Programmes are supported by the Government of Japan, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) through Cities Alliance, and the EU Trust Fund for Africa.

UN-Habitat and UNHCR lead discussions during CCCM Practitioners Day 2021

UN-Habitat joined global practitioners in the [Camp Coordination and Camp Management's \(CCCM\) Practitioners Day 2021](#) was an open forum for an informal exchange of ideas, sharing initiatives and best practices on camp coordination and management, encouraging cross-pollination of ideas and collective learning. UN-Habitat presented the Settlement Profiling Tool co-developed with UNHCR and engaged in discussions on participatory approaches in settlement planning in a 'new normal'. The session focus for UN-Habitat was to share our approaches and hear feedback from experienced practitioners around the world to further improve upon the agency's methodologies – as part of the commitment to ensuring sustainable settlements from the host and refugee communities in Kakuma-Kalobeyei, as well as in other refugee affected areas globally.

SETTLEMENT PROFILING - WHY? SETTING A FOUNDATION FOR DURABLE SOLUTIONS



Top right: The settlement profiles provide a detailed snapshot of conditions across different scales to inform strategic decisionmaking. © UN-Habitat

The first presentation was on Settlement Profiling, led by Jonathan Weaver from UN-Habitat's Planning, Finance, and Economy Section and John Wain from UNHCR's Division of Resilient Solutions. A key takeaway in the post-presentation discussion was the need for spatial planning and analysis to become a platform for collective, cross-sectoral collaboration between stakeholders to encourage action on critical issues to support long-term sustainable development. The settlement profiling approach is fundamentally a process of consultation with different sectors to collect information to crystallize the key points from each sector and highlight areas that are hampering long-term development.

In discussion with Bruce Spires from CCCM on the role CCCM can support in the settlement profiling process, John shared a need for the multi-sector, multi-agency, multi-actor buy-in, and the CCCM initiative and support is required. Jonathan echoed this and explained that CCCM has a "diverse perspective of issues," which is necessary to support a comprehensive picture of settlement profiling development.

In the succeeding presentation, Bernard Heng from UN-Habitat shared an ongoing normative work: Participatory approaches in the Camp/Settlement Planning in the 'New Normal,' exploring UN-Habitat's past participatory practices in Kalobeyei Settlement to inform future participatory activities. More importantly, the work has been heavily informed by field activities experience during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The presentation focused on the evaluations and recommendations of participatory approaches in planning processes. Chiefly, in the past five years of conducting participatory activities in Kakuma-Kalobeyei, UN-Habitat saw the opportunity to elevate community participation further and provide both host and refugee communities more control over decision-making processes.

A key recommendation from the discussion was to include the community at the project proposal stage to define the problem statement. Another critical approach could be to focus on lowering the barriers to participation for all stakeholders in the community. One of the means to achieve this is to understand the needs of a differ-

ent group in the community and develop multiple participatory approaches and (as necessary) outputs suited to all. At the end of the presentation, Bruce Spires shared that as CCCM shares similar mechanisms in the processes UN-Habitat explored, camp managers will be able to identify with UN-Habitat's findings and help inform their implementation.

The presentations and feedback were important for UN-Habitat to continue improving their strategies and methodologies to ensure that spatial planning supports sustainable development on various fronts: from participation to spatial data collection. This is especially critical in Kakuma-Kalobeyei, as the settlement moves towards another new turning point. This municipality governs not only the growing host community but also the refugee communities settled in the area. Through these strategies, UN-Habitat will build upon its commitment to integrated, sustainable development through spatial planning – ensuring that both host and refugee communities continue to benefit from UN-Habitat's efforts in bridging the humanitarian development nexus.



Brainstorming: Participatory approaches in Camp/Settlement Planning in the 'New Normal'

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Top left: Discussion slide on participatory approaches during CCCM 2021. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat participates in quarterly KISED P Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Thematic Working Group Meeting

UN-Habitat joined UNHCR, NCCK, and other partners on the KISED P Spatial Planning, Infrastructure Development and Shelter quarterly Thematic Group Coordination meeting with Turkana County Government. The meeting was chaired by County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Lands, Energy, Housing and Urban Areas Management, Esther Lokwei, and held in strict observance of COVID-19 protocols.

CECM Esther Lokwei welcomed partners and provided an update about the progress in achieving municipality status for Kakuma-Kalobeyei. She added that UN-Habitat has significantly been supportive and has closely assisted Turkana County Government in the approval process of the Kalobeyei Advisory Development Plan. CECM Esther Lokwei further shared that she will work with the County Chief Officer for Lands, Energy, Housing, and Urban Areas Management, Dr. Joshua Lemuya, to support the Kalobeyei Advisory Development Plan's approval process. She explained that the approved spatial plans would help guide the county officers.

UN-Habitat provided an overview of ongoing contributions under the KISED P framework to partners and the Turkana County Government. Led by Jonathan Weaver, the presentation framed the contributions under two key scales: Turkana-wide and Kakuma-Kalobeyei-wide. One of the key contributions in 2020 –2021 was the development of the Turkana Baseline Socio-Economic Survey and Kakuma-



Top right: UN-Habitat presents to partners on UN-Habitat's ongoing contributions under the KISED P framework.
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Kalobeyei Spatial Profiling, which will serve as key references to inform UN-Habitat's evidence-based approaches in spatial planning and infrastructure development. The CEC and Chief Officer will also work to have the County Assembly approve the plans - "The approved spatial plans will guide our officers." Joseph Egiron explained that once the plans are approved, implementation can proceed. There is goodwill from Turkana County Government's Governor, and the municipality status is also one of the key deliverables in this financial year.

In the meeting, Turkana County Government shared that a concerted effort from all the stakeholders is necessary to ensure that implementation follows the spatial plans. UN-Habitat remains committed to working closely with all stakeholders in an inclusive manner, including with Turkana County Government, host, and refugee communities, to ensure that planning remains relevant and sustainable in the long term. This will, in turn, support for stronger ownership necessary to advocate for implementation that is consistent with the planning. UN-Habitat also reiterates support to Turkana County Government on support for sustainable development in the municipality's planning.

UN-Habitats holds a virtual workshop on Creating Diaspora Networks in the Apparel, Basketry, and Beadwork Industry

In collaboration with LAWY AFRIK, Turkana County Government, and Cities Alliance, UN-Habitat organized a virtual workshop, *Creating Diaspora Networks in the apparel, Basketry, and Beadwork Industry* on 9th July 2021. The workshop was part of the project Sustainable Economic Development Along Turkana West Development Corridor Through Enhanced Connectivity. The programme focuses on addressing the socio-economic development of the refugees and host population residing in Turkana West. It looks at building soft

infrastructure that can support the local community and exploit and leverage opportunities that are likely to emerge from the improved connectivity and networks associated with Lapsset and the A1 road.

The workshop aimed to create a platform for networking for the business community associations, strengthen capacities, and enhanced awareness of migration and urbanization through the multi-stakeholder development forum. It involved developing and supporting linkages between local

entrepreneurs in various industries, business associations, local leaders, and marketers in the diaspora. As a result, they will share knowledge on products and markets, enhance their competitiveness and expand local value chains to open access to international markets.

Overview of the project was presented by UN-Habitat representative Baraka Mwau. He mentioned that the transportation infrastructure in Turkana West is crucial to the businesses that are there. Turkana

county is strategically positioned as a future transit to economic flows exchanged between Kenya and Uganda, South Sudan, and Ethiopia creating a regional linkage. The transport infrastructure also comes with fiber optics cables that will improve internet connectivity that will come in handy for better communication and marketing.

The presenters explicitly highlighted the challenges and opportunities facing SMEs; they mentioned that SMEs are essential to the economy and play a crucial role in the economic development of any county. Governments and multilateral institutions

recognize the SMEs as they are fundamental to employments, promote development growth, are flexible, provide products and services to the communities, drive industrialization, and develop skills of the people example as managers. Several challenges facing SMEs were alluded to included inadequate access to marketing platforms, lack of access to new technologies, and credit and cumbersome regulatory practices that make them operate as unlicensed practices.

Bottom: Screenshot of the virtual session. © UN-Habitat

Several recommendations to improve the sector were put forward. They included leveraging the e-commerce and digital marketing platform, research and development of superior quality products, commitment to customer satisfaction through studying the market, and the government to support these businesses by developing policies for upgrading to global value chains. The participants acknowledge the importance of the workshop content, which had facilitated sharing information and experience, explored key opportunities and challenges, and possible partnerships to create sustainable diaspora networks that would support local economic development.



Top: Screenshot of the virtual session. © UN-Habitat

Completion of community engagement to inform Kakuma-Kalobeyei Visioning and Regeneration Strategy

Over the past four months, UN-Habitat has been undertaking virtual workshops with members of the host and refugee communities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei, Kenya, supporting the EUTF funded project “Enhancing self-reliance for refugees and host communities in Kenya.” These workshops were to inform the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Visioning and subsequent Regeneration Strategy, building on the findings of the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Spatial Profile published in June 2021.

A total of 8 workshops were completed engaging over 30 members of the host and refugee communities in Kakuma-Kalobeyei. A Community Planning Group (CPG) was formed in Kakuma Town, Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement, and Kalobeyei Town, and two 1.5 hour virtual workshops were conducted with each CPG. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual workshops were the most feasible option to achieve community engagement while adhering to movement and social



gathering restrictions. While differing from in-person workshops, the virtual workshops generated vibrant discussions, and specific challenges within the settlements could be spatially located on a virtual map.

Top left: Collection of feedback from all sessions, spatially identifying challenges and opportunities within Kakuma-Kalobeyei. © UN-Habitat



Top right: Kakuma Camp Community Planning Group.
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The purpose of the sessions was to understand from the host and refugee community perspectives what the challenges and opportunities of Kakuma-Kalobeyei were. Challenges were revealed to be shared across all four CGPs, such

as the disruption and damage caused by flooding and the need for additional health and education facilities.

It was acknowledged across the groups that one of the greatest strengths of Kakuma-Kalobeyei was the positive relationship between the host and refugee communities and the integrated economy that has developed between the two communities.

Looking to the future, a common goal across the CGPs is for Kakuma-Kalobeyei to become a place where both the host and refugee communities can access education and training opportunities to improve their livelihoods, increase their self-reliance and develop their communities.



UN-Habitat hosts interactive community workshop to validate Kakuma-Kalobeyei Vision and discuss Kalobeyei Corridor Planning

UN-Habitat, in collaboration with Turkana County Government and Cities Alliance, hosted a collaborative workshop with leaders from the host and refugee communities in Kakuma-Kalobeyei for a project funded by the European Union Trust Fund and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

The aim of the workshop was to present the community leaders with a spatial vision for Kakuma-Kalobeyei, which has been informed by the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Spatial Profile, a socio economic survey and extensive community consultation; and to examine the goals and strategies that comprise the vision and propose possible action areas for priority projects. In addition, the workshop also provided key updates on the progress on the Kalobeyei Corridor Planning Programme which is focusing on the planning of an economic enterprise zone (EEZ) adjacent to Kalobeyei Settlement and the proposed LAPSET Corridor.

UN-Habitat delivered a presentation on the proposed Kakuma-Kalobeyei Vision which comprises an overarching Vision Map, 5 Vision Goals and Vision Statement. The overall vision for Kakuma-Kalobeyei is as a sustainable, accessible and resilient urban centre with a strong focus on equitable economic growth opportunities and efficient land management.

The workshop included an interactive break-out session where the participants were asked to provide feedback on each of the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Vision Goals and the strategies that would assist in achieving the goals. The community representatives were very positive about the sustainable infrastructure strategies including investing in alternative sustainable water sources and sustainable solar electricity. Investment in public transport, which could be accessed by both the host and refugee communities at an affordable rate, was another strategy indicated as a high priority.



Top left: Feedback from the host and refugee community on the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Vision. © **UN-Habitat**

The participants noted that in the vision, additional consideration should be given to strategies that would boost the pastoralist livelihoods of the host community. The community representatives showed particular interest in the economic aspects of the vision, emphasising the need for all communities to both have access to and benefit from the economic growth strategies that will form part of the Vision and subsequent Kakuma-Kalobeyei Regeneration Strategy.

UN-Habitat also updated the community representatives on the progress of the Kalobeyei Enterprise Economic Zone (EEZ) Corridor Development Programme. The participants were particularly updated on the planning processes, existing site conditions, site suitability and external spatial relation of the site. Besides, the participants were also informed that the final plan intends to provide enabling infrastructure that will support the area development potentials in

order to promote local economic growth, the proposal will tap into the existing opportunities such as regional infrastructure investments i.e the expansion and upgrading of A1 Road and the proposed LAPSET Corridor to stimulate long term urban development in the area.

The plan will constantly endeavor to include the opinion of the existing local communities and other pertinent stakeholders and will employ a holistic planning approach that utilises and leverages on the existing efforts from both the National and County Government, UN agencies delivering humanitarian and development aid, local implementing partners and public and private individuals/firms. The participants were assured that the intervention to be proposed will aim at addressing the future of all the population.

The feedback from this community workshop will be integrated into the vision that UN-Habitat is preparing for Kakuma-Kalobeyei, which will be finalized and will lead to a regeneration strategy that identifies priority action areas and quick-win projects that will help create a sustainable future for Kakuma-Kalobeyei.

UN-Habitat and ARVET Developers participate in Swedish Embassy Exhibition Launch “Woodlife Sweden”



Top left: UN-Habitat joins as panelist in session Planning for Sustainability in Woodlife Sweden event. © **UN-Habitat**

Since 2016, UN-Habitat, in partnership with Turkana County Government and UNHCR, has developed and planned for an integrated settlement – the ‘Kalobeyei Settlement’ in the region, to support both host and refugee communities. Within the settlement,

UN-Habitat and partners (Peace Winds Japan, GIZ Sports 4 Development, Block by Block Foundation), have over the years designed and expanded the public spaces to serve the needs of these beneficiaries better.

In early 2021, ARVET developers, a Swedish company which has supported construction and design of several notable timber/wood designs internationally, donated a Community Hall module for the Kalobeyei Settlement Public Space 2. The Community Hall was installed by ARVET builders in September (captured in an article below), with the aim to provide a safe space for social cohesion, cultural exchange, and a platform for community activities.



Top left: ARVET Developers' present the Kalobeyei Community Hall at the Woodlife Sweden event.
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Through this collaboration with ARVET, UN-Habitat also participated in a three-day event, "Woodlife Sweden", which consisted of an exhibition launch and a series of seminars in the Swedish Embassy Residence in Nairobi, which displayed photographs of pioneering construction and architecture projects around the world by Swedish companies.

The Kalobeyei Community Hall was displayed here. On the second day of the event, UN-Habitat participated in a panel "Planning for Sustainability" which aimed to address the question: "how can we put sustainability at the forefront for city planning and urban development," next to speakers from ARVET, the GoDown Arts Centre, Cave Bureau and Petra Gipp Studios.

The director of GoDown Arts Centre said in her reflections, "People become ambassadors of processes that happen informally- determining what the spaces in their neighbourhood look like. When we can think about who we are in the city, there is a shared space that all of us can lean on."

This resonates for the programmes that UN-Habitat has been supporting in Turkana County Kenya, which involve the strengthening of self-reliance for both host and refugees.

Sandra Frank from ARVET Developers, also spoke on the benefits of building in wood, including sharing the challenges and opportunities with wood as a building material, as well as debunk some popular myths.

The Kalobeyei Settlement Public Space 2 is currently being developed further through the funding from the Government of Japan, and in partnership with the Kounkuey Design Institute and other partners.

UN-Habitat and ARVET Developers launch Community Hall in Kalobeyei Settlement Public Space

UN-Habitat, ARVET Developers and partners came together to host an inauguration ceremony for the newly installed UN-Habitat ARVET Community Hall in Kalobeyei Settlement Public Space 2. On the site were the Turkana County Government, the Refugee Affairs Secretariat, ARVET Developers, Community representatives and the UN-Habitat field officers. The event was a great success, drawing the attention of on-lookers. It was carried out with all protocols observed during the COVID-19 pandemic, and was also livestreamed virtually with participants joining online.

UN-Habitat, funded by the Government of Japan, and working with partners have been developing the public space in Kalobeyei Settlement Village 2 over the last years. In mid-2021, UN-Habitat received a donation from ARVET to install a Community Hall for the public space which will provide a safe space for building social cohesion, promoting cultural exchange, and a platform for community activities. On a wider scale, the Community Hall will complement the other components of the public space to support the integration of host and refugee communities and deliver more conducive spaces for recreation, social activities, and livelihoods.



Top left: Construction team consisting of ARVET, UN-Habitat and community members. © UN-Habitat

The Hall has an iconic design, with a triangular shape and two levels. Both levels are equipped with solar lamps and charging ports that allow the use of the module even in the evenings. The lower level is equipped with seats and tables suitable for meetings and social gatherings while the upper level which is accessed through a timber staircase has been equipped with mats that provide comfortable seating spaces. Even before its completion, the module had not only changed the skyline

of the settlement but it had also become a landmark structure with residents already using it as a reference to other areas in the settlement, earning itself various nicknames from the residents including 'the triangle', 'the pyramid' as early as the second week of its construction. The installation of the Community Hall took 1 month to install in September 2021, and was conducted through the supervision and guidance of ARVET Developer experts, UN-Habitat field officers, and Peace Winds Japan and labourers from the local community.



Top left: Joshua Napocho and Dennis Opudo cutting the ribbon at the Community Hall inauguration event.
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The event began with opening remarks from in-person and online guests, which included RAS, the Turkana County Government, Swedish Embassy Deputy Head of Mission, ARVET Developers, and UN-Habitat. Arne Olsson, CEO of ARVET Developers shared, ‘we thought this would be a christmas present for the residents in Kalobeyei last year, but due to the pandemic restrictions, we finally managed to implement the hall in this quarter of the year. We thank the many positive people in UN-Habitat and our partners in Sweden for this inauguration.’ The Community Centre Management Representative, Ojulu Opiew, was also in attendance, and he shared, “you cannot differentiate which child belongs to the host or refugee community - and this is what we wanted to achieve with the public space community.”

A ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted before participants moved into the Community Hall to explore the interior. Ivan Segato, an expert from ARVET Developers who participated in the building and installation process, introduced the Hall and the design elements, taking the participants for a tour around the space. After that, participants were invited to share their feedback, comments, and hopes for the Community Hall.



Top right: The ARVET-UN-Habitat Community Hall erected in Kalobeyei Settlement Public Space 2. © UN-Habitat

Ojulu Opiew said “this facility is very unique and everyone who is passing by appreciates it. We realised that this is a facility that can be used for women, children and those who wish to come. Thank you for this, and as a community representative, we appreciate this gift from UN-Habitat and all other partners who are involved.” The Chair Lady of Kalobeyei Village 2, Warki Ojulu, said “this is commendable work, we are so happy for the swings for the children and this structure. Thank you all for the projects that you have helped us with.” Joining online, Katarina Levin, CEO of Setra shared that the hall is a milestone of renewal building techniques and materials for Kenya.

The event received support and congratulations by several partners. UN-Habitat and partners thanked all participants for joining the event in person or virtually. As Cecilia Andersson, the OIC of the Planning Finance and Economy Section at UN-Habitat had shared, “we would like to share a big thank you from UN-Habitat to all our partners for the development of the public space - the Turkana County Government, RAS, Government of Japan, Peace Winds Japan, GIZ, and most importantly ARVET developers who have given this kind donation. It is great to see so many people enjoy the space and services outside, and also enjoy the space inside. We will work closely with all partners to determine the best use of the function of this hall”

UN-Habitat and a refugee media company, Dream Magical Studio, conduct photography and filming exercise in Turkana West and the North Rift Economic Bloc (NOREB)

UN-Habitat through a collaboration with Dream Magical Studio, a local refugee media company from Kakuma Refugee Camp, conducted a filming and photography exercise as part of the project ‘*Sustainable Economic Development Along Turkana West Development Corridor Through Enhanced Connectivity*’ that is being implemented in collaboration with Cities Alliance and the

Turkana County Government. The project focuses on addressing the socio-economic development of the host and refugee populations residing in the region through building soft infrastructure that can support the local economy and to leverage on opportunities likely to emerge from the improved connectivity and networks associated with the recent construction of the

A1 Road that links Kenya and South Sudan (through Turkana West), and the planned the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia-Transport (LAPPSET) corridor. The transport infrastructure investments will also enhance linkages between Turkana West and the North Rift Economic Bloc (NOREB), especially the main urban centers of Eldoret and Kitale.



Top left: A herder looking after livestock in Natukabenyo village, Kakuma, Kenya. © Dream Magical Studio



Top right: A vegetable seller in Kalobeyei, Kalobeyei, Kenya. © Dream Magical Studio

The exercise documented UN-Habitat's surveying process which aimed to better understand the prevailing socio-economic conditions in the region. The filming and photography captured narratives from the county government, development agencies, local businesses, financial institutions, CBOs, hosts and the refugee communities. The narratives and photos illustrated the following thematic scopes:

- Migration and Urbanization:** causes of migration, opportunities and challenges that the migrants bring to the areas, where they are hosted, and the forms of migration that exist in the region.
- Infrastructure and Utilities:** state of infrastructure and development and conditions in the region with views on regional scale infrastructure, e.g., the A1 and the LAPSET Corridor. It captures discussions on local transportation, water supply, sanitation and drainage, and stormwater management, energy, and communication.
- Shelter and Socio-Cultural Heritage:** types of shelter available for households, interventions to improve shelter, the social-cultural heritage of refugees and host community, social amenities and services, integration, and inclusion.
- Economic activities and Livelihood Enterprises:** types of economic activities, challenges encountered by these economic activities, and significant spaces of economic activities concentration in the region (linkages and connectivity)
- Regional Linkages and Economy:** key informant sessions on market systems (value chain, gender imperatives, marketing and the challenges and opportunities in the market systems), regional transportation, political governance, and regional economy in NOREB.

The analysis of the information generated in the exercise will be finalized in October 2021. The outputs will be presented in a short film according to these above mentioned thematic areas.

Bottom left: Aerial view of Eldoret town, Eldoret, Kenya. © Dream Magical Studio

Bottom right: Turkkrift Matatu, a line of Matatu that operates between Eldoret and Kakuma. © Dream Magical Studio




UN-Habitat conducts workshops to create Self-Organised Groups and Industrial Associations in Turkana West



In partnership with Cities Alliance, UN-Habitat organised six workshops with Turkana County Government Ministry of Trade, Gender and Youth Affairs, Kenya Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) and Action Africa Help International(AAHI) to support the formation of three self-organised groups and local industry associations in Turkana West, Kenya. These workshops were organised under the programme ‘*Sustainable Economic Development Along Turkana West Development Corridor Through Enhanced Connectivity, Kenya*’ which is funded by the Swiss Agency For Development and Cooperation (SDC) through Cities Alliance.

In each workshop, UN-Habitat shared the goal of the project to develop hard and soft infrastructures to support the development of networks which support communities of interest and practice within the Turkana West corridor by creating enabling investment climates to encourage private sector investment, employment, and a greater diversification of local economic development activities.

For the self-organised groups, workshops were carried on the thematic job sectors: apparel, basketry and bead making cooperative, a savings and credit society, and a


Top right: Participants from the Light Industry Association.
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fresh produce dealers’ group. Key emergent potentials raised during these workshops included the high level of connectivity for cities, municipalities and towns along the North Rift Region and Turkana West in terms of market systems. The groups also spoke on value chains, logistics and governance systems for various products that are made in each self-organised group. The self-organised groups have faced great challenges in terms of developing sustainable networks locally, regionally, and nationally. They therefore proposed various other soft and hard infrastructure including capacity development to enable them to enhance their networks and collaboration, as well as stimulate economic activities that support value addition for small and medium sized enterprises businesses to enhance their productivity and create economic spinoffs for employment multipliers. For hard infrastructures, they proposed increased access to capital, warehousing facilities, and a leather tannery to utilise raw materials for their basketry and apparel industry.

For the industrial associations, the workshops focused mostly on public markets association, livestock market associations and the light industry associations. While there were diverse discussions one existing organisations for each association, including existing market networks, linkages and value chains, there exist inefficiencies in the supply chains in terms of infrastructure and services delivered. Key proposals by these associations were mainly centred around expansion of the markets, establishment of a common-user warehousing, investment in waste management and public health and safety in markets as well as training and capacity development to enhance their productivity, capacity for value addition and to create more jobs for both refugees and hosts in those communities.

The County Ministry of Trade, Gender and Youth Affairs officers - Business Legal Officer (Mike Kaisa) and Market officer (Samuel Ekuam) for Turkana West highlighted that the county “has a draft of laws and policies that support enterprise development in Turkana West. One of them is the Biashara fund bill which once enacted, traders will be able to get loans up to \$3000 with an interest of 3%.” They emphasized that this would ensure that there is increased access to capital for most businesses and industries through the expanded capital base. The Kenya Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chapter representative from Turkana West, Melissa Maimunah, also intimated that the organisation is also ready to support small and medium enterprises in Turkana County including Host and the refugee community in Turkana West in terms of training, representation, sharing of information and advocacy. The representative emphasized that partnership between different UN organisations, the County Government of Turkana and the private sector is key for the success of these self-organised groups and the industrial associations.

UN-Habitat hosts interactive workshop with Turkana County to validate Kakuma-Kalobeyei Vision and discuss Kalobeyei Corridor Planning and Local Economic Development



UN-Habitat, in collaboration with Turkana County Government and Cities Alliance, hosted a collaborative workshop to discuss ongoing projects within the region - to present the County Government representatives with a spatial vision for Kakuma-Kalobeyei which has been informed by the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Spatial Profile, socio economic surveys and extensive community consultation, and to examine the goals and strategies that comprise the vision and propose possible action areas for priority projects. In addition, the workshop also provided key updates on the progress on the Kalobeyei Corridor Plan which includes planning of an economic enterprise zone (EEZ) adjacent to Kalobeyei Settlement and the proposed LAPSET Corridor. The workshop also discussed updates about business and local economic development in the county.

During the workshop, UN-Habitat delivered a presentation on the proposed Kakuma-Kalobeyei Vision which comprises an overarching Vision Map, 5 Vision Goals and a Vision Statement. The overall vision for Kakuma-Kalobeyei is as a sustainable, accessible and resilient urban centre with a strong focus on equitable economic growth opportunities and efficient land management. In an interactive break-out session, the County representatives discussed the vision and strategies that were proposed.

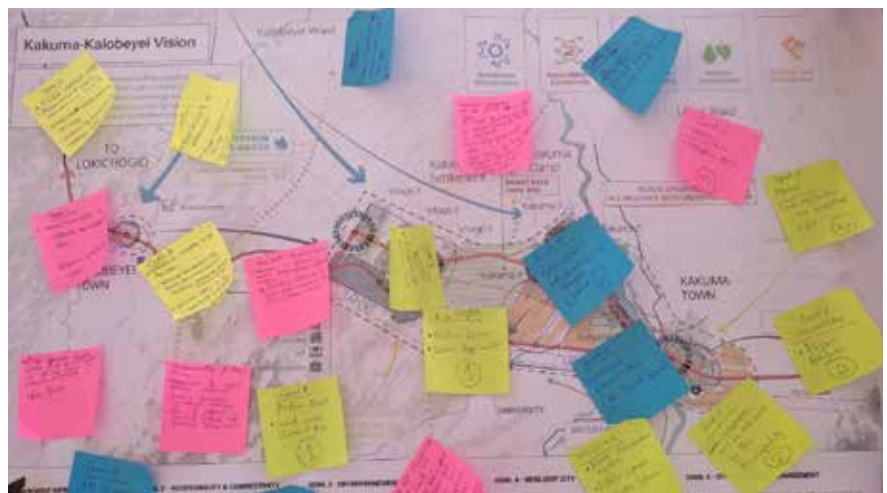
The discussions included needing to 1) emphasise the integration of this vision with the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Municipality, the 2) viability of relocation of communities from flood prone locations and the 3) need for additional consideration to be given to public spaces throughout Kakuma-Kalobeyei.

UN-Habitat presented updates from the EEZ and Corridor Plan, summarizing the progress and outcome of the analysis undertaken on existing site conditions and external spatial relations to the site. The session was used to deliberate on the future of the investment potentials for economic posterity of the area, which included tapping into existing development opportunities such as regional infrastructure investments i.e., the expansion and upgrading of A1 Road and the proposed LAPSET Corridor to stimulate long term urban development effect in the area. The plan presentation was pre-

Top left: Turkana County representatives discussing proposed Kakuma-Kalobeyei Vision goals and map.
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ised on the fact that local communities and other stakeholders are key to the success of the plan preparation, and they must be given adequate opportunity to contribute to it for they are the potential beneficiaries and are directly affected. In order to achieve success in development of the EEZ there will be a great need for a deliberate action and joint efforts from the Government both National and the County, UN agencies delivering humanitarian and development aid, local implementing partners, public and private individuals/firms.



Bottom right: Interactive map from one break out group discussion. © UN-Habitat

Key stakeholders in attendance also weighed in on how the proposed plan can promote equitable participation and benefits - participants indicated that this would require regularisation of the existing settlement, provision of adequate spaces for light industries, prosophics timber production and value-addition, creation of water bottling industries, harnessing construction industry potential, enabling infrastructure amenities such as warehouses, storage

units among others. UN-Habitat concluded the workshop with a discussion on the business association forums which led to the formation of 6 self organised groups and industrial associations as part of the project on *'Sustainable Economic Development Along Turkana West Development Corridor Through Enhanced Connectivity, Kenya'* which is funded by the Swiss Agency For Development and Cooperation (SDC) .

The feedback from this community workshop will be integrated into the vision that UN-Habitat is preparing for Kakuma-Kalobeyi, which will be finalized and will lead to a regeneration strategy that identifies priority action areas and quick-win projects that will help create a sustainable future for Kakuma-Kalobeyi.

Kalobeyi Settlement Community Centre design and construct latrines with UN-Habitat and Peace Winds Japan



Top left: The two door pit latrine constructed at the KSCC.
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The number of users at the library facility had also declined steadily. The immediate impact of this was a drastic reduction in the income generated by the community centre and a deteriorating sanitation situation.

A two-door pit latrine was designed by the technical teams from UN-Habitat and PWJ and shared with the KSCC management committee for their approval. Once approved, the construction took three weeks and the facilities were handed over to the community centre management committee. The new latrine aimed to not only provide the two-door latrine for male and female users but also to provide a source of livelihoods to the host and refugee communities of Kalobeyi who were engaged as workers or material suppliers during the construction process.

The latrine which is currently in use features a 6m long, 4m wide and 6m deep pit covered by reinforced concrete slab. The pit is lined by stone masonry to protect the side walls from collapsing which is not uncommon for the loose soil formations that characterise the area. The main wall of the

latrine is constructed using stone masonry and roofed using corrugated iron sheets. Large sized openings have been provided to allow natural ventilation, while a vent pipe has been provided in each of the latrines to let out foul gases. A dividing wall has been provided to separate the male and female users with each having their separate access. A gently sloping ramp has also been provided to allow wheelchair access.

The latrine is expected to bring back normalcy to operations at the community centre and contribute to ongoing efforts by various humanitarian players in the settlement towards an increased access to safe sanitation services. During the handing over, Mr. Ojulu Opiew, the KSCC manager shared his appreciation for the team from UN-Habitat and Peace Winds Japan for their timely intervention. "I can now confidently say that our centre is safe for all users and urge the community to visit us at any time", he added. UN-Habitat has also committed to replacing the broken latrines.

UN-Habitat and Peace Winds Japan recently supported the building of a new latrine in the Kalobeyi Settlement Community Centre. According to AAR Japan and GIZ who were administering training and lessons at the centre, since the previous latrines were broken, there had been reduced traffic to the centre, and the daily attendance of students had been on the decline.



UN-Habitat helps unlock the hidden potential of Kenya's refugee camps through regeneration

To promote urban resilience, self-sufficiency, and communities' integration in one of Kenya's longest-standing and significant refugee camps, UN-Habitat is formulating a detailed Regeneration Strategy focusing on harnessing inclusion and socio-economic opportunities for host and refugees.

This regeneration project for the Kakuma-Kalobeyei refugee camps will combine different measures to promote self-sufficiency, economic growth, and environmental resilience for the host and refugee communities, laying the foundations for a sustainable future.

The project is implemented in collaboration with the Turkana County Government, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP), and with funding from the European Union Trust Fund (EUTF), which supports UN-Habitat's Humanitarian Development Programmes.

The Kakuma-Kalobeyei refugee camp, located in Turkana, is home to almost 200,000 refugees originating from many countries, including South Sudan, Somalia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The regeneration project comes at a critical time in the camps' history. In March 2021, the Government of Kenya announced its intention to close all refugee camps by June 2022.

Over the decades, however, Turkana County Government has recognized Kakuma-Kalobeyei's importance as a potential case study for integrating refugees into host communities and transforming them socially, economically, and environmentally into an economic center of the region with adequate infrastructure.

To that end, the Turkana County Government has initiated steps to confer Kakuma-Kalobeyei its municipality, a move that is hoped to reach fruition in 2022.

Regeneration within a refugee camp context is unique because refugee camps are traditionally expected to be temporary settlements. When refugee camps have existed for over 30 years, however, as is the case for the Kakuma-Kalobeyei's Refugee camp, the settlements become inextricably tied to the immediate host community and the wider region and require more long-term and sustainable solutions.

Creating social inclusion, shared economic prosperity, physical functionality, and environmental sustainability are key goals of **UN-Habitat's Flagship Programme: Inclusive and Vibrant Neighbourhoods and Communities**. While regeneration encompasses different approaches and measures, in Kakuma-Kalobeyei, the settlement's regeneration initiative began by developing a comprehensive spatial profile of the existing conditions and a 10-15-year vision report reflecting the community's desires for the locality.

Stakeholder engagement has been crucial in reflecting the preferences of the host and refugee communities throughout the

visioning process. While some differences emerged, the priorities of the host and refugee communities are largely aligned. Organizing and coordinating the virtual community planning group sessions was challenging, especially as this vision needed a solid spatial focus.

In response to this challenge, UN-Habitat used virtual whiteboards in the community planning group sessions to show maps of the different settlements so the host and refugee participants could spatially locate the challenges and opportunities they prioritized.

Consequently, the communities identified access to education and vocational training opportunities as key priorities to improve their employment prospects and the need for infrastructure improvements, such as extended electricity and internet coverage, as catalysts for economic growth.

UN-Habitat is formulating a detailed Kakuma-Kalobeyei Regeneration Strategy to achieve the community's sustainable infrastructure, accessibility and connectivity,

entrepreneurship and strong economy, resilient communities, efficient land management, and urban land governance.

The expected completion date of the regeneration strategy is early 2023, including financing and legal components and validation from government representatives and stakeholders. The projects recommended by the final regeneration strategy will be of short, medium, and long-term timeframes.

Achieving this vision means capitalizing on the current opportunities of the region, be they the strong host and refugee community relationships, the young workforce potential, the economically strategic location of the settlements, or the region's renewable energy potential.

Kakuma-Kalobeyei Spatial Profile can be accessed here: <https://unhabitat.org/kakuma-and-kalobeyei-spatial-profile>

UN-Habitat co-organizes Shelter and Settlements Forums for MENA and Africa regions

More than one hundred participants from more than two dozen countries exchanged ideas and experiences on global shelter and settlements response and challenges, which can benefit millions of residents in their respective countries.

The multi-dimensional subjects discussed were material, construction, repair, architecture focus, and country-wide programming.

The two virtual information-sharing sessions – Global Shelter Cluster's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and Africa Shelter and Settlements – were co-organized by UN-Habitat and several regional and international partners in November and October, respectively.

Three-quarters of the infrastructure that will exist in 2050 has yet to be built. The building materials and construction sector accounts for 11 percent of annual carbon dioxide emissions.

UN-Habitat has been at the forefront of promoting green and less carbon-consuming construction material worldwide.

In Zambia, for example, the agency has been supporting government efforts to resettle and integrate former refugees in the northwest and western part of the country. In those areas, UN-Habitat has assisted in opening access roads and constructing low-cost demonstration houses using green technology in Meheba and Mayukwayukwa Refugee settlements.

A recent joint report by UN-Habitat and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the **Global Environment Outlook for Cities report: Towards Green and Just Cities**, calls for urgent action to achieve net-zero circular cities that are resilient, sustainable, inclusive, and just.

The Shelter and Settlements Forums have supported the creation of opportunities for sharing best practices, learning, and dialogue within the different regions towards improving shelter and settlement responses. Previous forums have supported discussions that included shifting towards more sustainable approaches in shelter programming and the integration of durable solutions in urban settlements.

UN-Habitat has been a participant and, more recently, a co-organizer in these regional forums. As custodians of SDG 11 to *Make Cities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable*, UN-Habitat has championed efforts by local practitioners to adopt sustainable practices in shelter and settlement programming.



Top left: Kakuma-Kalobyei. © UN-Habitat

Through a series of tools and normative outputs such as guidelines, handbooks, and evaluative standards, the organization has also promoted methodologies that support programming in urban areas, seeing an increasing influx from refugees and internally displaced people globally.

The [Settlement Profiling Tool](#), published in 2020, can guide field personnel to create cross-sectoral analyses that can inform urban development planning in displacement contexts.

In the same year, the team also published the urban planning in post-crisis contexts [guidelines](#) that recommend ten strategies to support these responses.

The two-day forums were divided into three focus areas: sharing learnings from shelter and settlement programming in the specific region; spotlight on global and regional shelter and settlement initiatives; and networking and discussions.

On the second day of each forum, participants went into parallel breakout groups to further discuss themes of Greening Shelter and Settlements Programming, Local Response and Leadership; and Urban Displacement and Durable Solutions, to name a few.

Jia Cong Ang, UN-Habitat Programme Management Officer, facilitated the breakout group sessions in the Africa Forum and said, *“UN-Habitat is delighted to support this endeavor and to promote solutions that bridge more temporary and long-term solutions.”*

Grace Lubaale, Programme Management Officer from the UN-Habitat Somalia Programme, led the breakout group on urban systems and durable solutions. She highlighted the importance of *“urban shelter and settlements interventions that look to ensure sustainable development trajectories are integrated into responses from the beginning.”*

Chiara Jasna, the Global Shelter and Settlements lead from the Democratic Republic of Congo, wrapped up the Africa forum by saying, *“We hope you managed to connect with new participants and to thank you for being a part of these two inspiring days. We would like to thank all the organizers who worked to prepare the event and hope that next year we can organize an in-person event and see everyone in person.”*

UN-Habitat hosts a session to understand the realities of daily life in Dadaab

UN-Habitat is working with local officials and the local refugee community to help develop a future development strategy for one of the world's largest refugee complexes.

The UN Human Settlement Programme's activity in North-Eastern Kenyan city gains particular timeliness and importance in light of the Kenyan government's announcement in March 2021 to close all refugee camps in the country.



Top left: Market place in Dadaab utilised by both Host and Refugee Communities. © UN-Habitat

Run by the UN refugee agency UNHCR and financed by multiple donors, Dabaab hosts the three camps of Dagahaley, Ifo, and Hagadera with an estimated 200,000 refugees from various African countries.

UN-Habitat's work in Dabaab is in line with the UN Human Settlement Programme's similar work with other [refugee communities](#) in Kenya.

The Dadaab Visioning program, funded by the European Union Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF), aims to create a consolidation strategy reflective of the residents' needs and priorities.

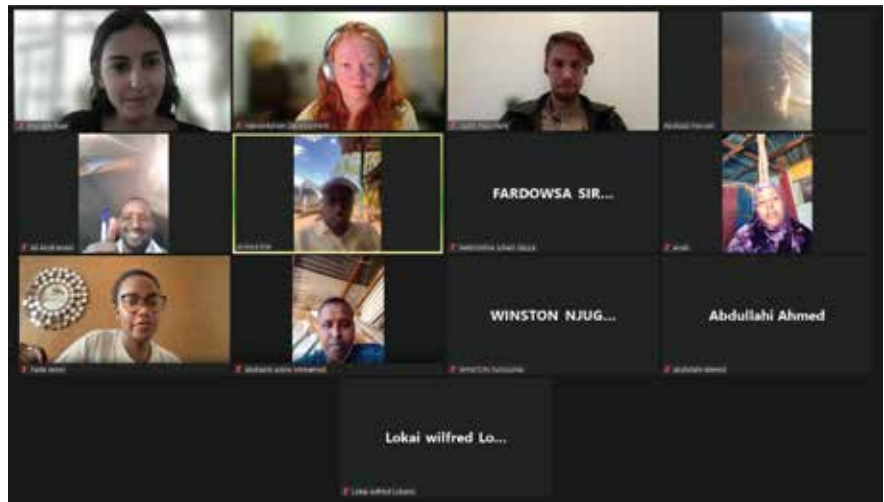
To achieve maximum results, UN-Habitat recently hosted a series of virtual community planning sessions to ensure that relevant stakeholders are consulted on their vision for the evolution of the Dadaab area.

Within this program, visioning refers to the process where the host and remaining refugee community of Dadaab, Garissa County Government, and development partners define their desired future.

The recent Refugee Community Planning Group session was conducted as follow-up to prior sessions with the Dadaab Town host community and aimed to gain insights into the challenges faced by the refugee camps residents and understand the current relationship with the host community. Education, health, security, and infrastructure shortages were discussed.

Two of the participants, Ali Ahmed and Ahmed Bile, elaborated on the different problems posed by the lack of access to education, particularly tertiary education.

In Hagadera refugee camp, Ahmed said, there is a shortage of trained teachers in primary schools, adding that students also face the disadvantage of poor-quality infrastructure. Due to the hot climate in the camps, learning in classrooms made of timber and iron sheets is not a conducive environment because they tend to overheat in the afternoon, he said.



Participants also spoke of troubles in accessing primary healthcare. One participant, Ahmed Bile, said health facilities in the Ifo refugee camp were less accessible than Dagahaley and Hagadera refugee camps. Another participant said refugees living in the Ifo camp have to travel long distances to the other camps to access medication and treatments due to resource and infrastructure shortages.

The transport itself is expensive in Dadaab, and many of the roads become flooded and impassable throughout the year, making access to essential services even more difficult.

In addition to the daily challenges, Ali Abdi Bedel spoke about interconnected relationships between the refugee and host community in Dadaab and how the host and refugee communities had achieved a degree of coexistence over the years.

"The issue of lack of health infrastructure uniformly affects both hosts and refugees," Ali says. "Host communities have also become dependent on the health facilities in the camps because of services provided by NGOs."

Top left: Virtual workshop with representatives from Dadaab Refugee Community. © UN-Habitat

Furthermore, Bedel spoke of the intermarriages between refugee and host communities and how both sides have developed business partnerships.

Nevertheless, the participants discussed potential opportunities to address the challenges in the camps. Some comments included the need for extracurricular activities such as exchange programs with students from other schools to expand their worldview. Participants further stressed the need for enhanced business opportunities for the refugee community within the camps to achieve economic empowerment.

The program will utilize the lessons learned from past programming on integrating refugee and host community members and drive the discussions and agenda for sustainable urbanization, which UN-Habitat is supporting as custodian of SDG 11.



“Turkana Houses” Publication captures Shigeru Ban and UN-Habitat’s Collaboration to design refugee houses in Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

In June 2015, Kalobeyei New Settlement was established in Turkana County, Kenya. UN-Habitat was tasked with designing an Advisory Development Plan for the settlement, to accommodate 60,000 people – both refugees and host community members. Between 2017 to 2019, a collaboration between UN-Habitat and the renowned Japanese Architect, **Shigeru Ban**, and his NGO the Voluntary Architects Network (VAN), was formed to design sustainable shelter typologies for refugee and host members in the settlement.

A celebrated architect, both in his native country Japan and worldwide, Mr Ban was awarded the Pritzker Architecture Prize, understood to be the Nobel prize of architecture, in 2014. He is known for his innovative work with paper and has pioneered the use of recycled cardboard tubes to quickly and efficiently house disaster victims. By August 2019, 14 houses had been constructed in Kalobeyei Settlement, after testing seven housing types in the Settlement.

Today, UN-Habitat and Shigeru Ban Architects are excited to share the release of the book, **Turkana Houses** - The first part of the book is a journal by Philippe Monteil, Shigeru Ban’s partner for the mission. It describes successes and failures with building pilot houses, and the influence of the context in the process. The second part is his visual interpretation of that process, a detailed Manual which explains in a sequence of steps, how to build the final housing prototype. In summary, the book tells the story of an encounter between an architect, refugees and Turkana people, brought together through the act of building.

UN-Habitat and partners continue to acknowledge the need for a more sustainable developmental approach to refugee crises, knowing that on average many displaced persons spend more than a decade living as refugees in temporary shelters. UN-Habitat will continue to support the paradigm shift towards the integration of refugee and host

communities in combined programming, and the development of sustainable and long-term solutions to ensure that the most vulnerable populations are promoted and protected.

- The link to the “Turkana Houses” book can be found here: <https://unhabitat.org/turkana-houses>

- The link to UN-Habitat’s Humanitarian-Development work stream and additional resources can be found here: <https://unhabitat.org/programme/planning-for-humanitarian-development-practice-connecting-normative-to-operations>

UN-Habitat Conducts Socio-Economic Surveys in Turkana West, Kenya

Since 2015, UN-Habitat has been providing technical support to refugee-assistance programming in Turkana West, Kenya. Initially, the agency spearheaded the formulation of a spatial development plan for the new Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement, under the framework of the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISEDPP). Subsequent resources have been directed towards supporting the development of this [new settlement](#) and the wider local area- Turkana West. Turkana West is the most populated sub-county in Turkana County, given the international role it has played since 1990s in promoting human security and peace, by hosting thousands of forced migrants i.e. refugees in Kakuma and Kalobeyei settlements. This displaced population currently co-exist with the host community, forming the largest clustered settlement area in the county.

During October and November 2020, UN-Habitat in collaboration with the County Government of Turkana, undertook socio-economic surveys in Turkana West sub-county, Kenya. These surveys are part of the agency’s on-going projects in ‘Humanitarian-Development Nexus’ work. The projects in Turkana County are currently funded by Cities Alliance, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and European Union Emergency Trust Fund (EUTF).

The projects aim to:


- Promote socio-economic development of Turkana West through recommending interventions for enhanced connectivity and integration along Kenya-South Sudan corridor and the North Rift region of region, including an advisory plan proposal for the Kalobeyei Corridor Development Area.



- Propose a spatial strategy to advice on the regeneration Kakuma refugee camp and integrated development of the camp and Kakuma town, and
- Support towards implementation of the Kalobeyei New Integrated Settlement Plan under KISDEP.

The surveys were structured into two main sub-themes:

1. Socio-economic conditions that focused on households, and
2. Businesses and Local Economic Development that analysed businesses and the area’s local economic development factors of: infrastructure and services, resources and capacity, policies and governance, challenges and opportunities etc. The rapid spatial profiling of settlements collected data on the spatial development character of Kakuma-Kalobeyei area and the main public markets in the area. In doing so, a mixed method research was implemented which entails a combination of quantitative and qualitative techniques and rapid settlement profiling that entail Geographic Information Systems (GIS) applications.

 **Top right:** UN-Habitat conducts socio-economic surveys. © UN-Habitat

Fieldwork was conducted in the main settlement centres and towns (refugee and host community populations), across the sub-county wards: Kakuma, Kalobeyei, Letea, Lopur, Songot and Lokichoggio. This was extended to the major urban centres of the North Rift Region Economic Bloc (NOREB) i.e. Eldoret, Kitale and Lodwar, and incorporated national government agencies, specifically the LAPSET Corridor Development Authority (LCDCA) and the Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA).

The project will conduct data analysis and compile findings, which will then be used to engage stakeholders in Validation and Disseminations sessions. Thereafter, the findings will be used to inform proposals of the on-going collaborative planning work, and implementation of the various project activities in Turkana West. Thereafter, the outputs will be developed as knowledge products (technical report publications, research briefings and policy briefs).

UN-Habitat and Turkana County hold workshop to look at the future for Kenya's Kakuma and Kalobeyei Refugee Camps and Host Communities

UN-Habitat and the Turkana County Government hosted a workshop looking at various surveys focused on Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement in north western Kenya.

The Kakuma-Kalobeyei Assessment, Survey and Corridor Planning Workshop included representatives from Turkana County Government, Cities Alliance, International Financial Corporation, Swiss Contact, Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Refugee Affairs Secretariat, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and Action Africa Help International.

At the workshop, UN-Habitat presented the findings of the Socio-Economic Survey which showed that host community suffered more from the effects of COVID-19 such as loss of income, low business revenue and price rises than refugees who continue to be supported by humanitarian organizations. It also found the host community saw the refugees as damaging the environment but appreciated the improved health care and education facilities resulting from their presence.

The Business and Local Economic Development Survey and Market Profile focused on types of businesses, products and

Top right: Children playing in Kalobeyei Settlement.
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Top right: Participants attending the workshop both in-person and online. © UN-Habitat

value chain and ease of doing business. The Market Profile presentation looked at the economic geography of Turkana-West Sub-county highlighting the characteristics of each market cluster, types of products sold, accessibility and connectivity. The discussions covered revenue enhancement, access to capital, the importance of livestock farming, and the opportunities for tourism provided by Lotikipi National Reserve.

Issues emerging from the surveys included the lack of skills, poor connectivity and accessibility to supply chains, insecurity, overdependence on humanitarian aid, poor public participation in development initiatives, environmental risks and lack of market integration.

Participants also discussed future development scenarios for Kakuma-Kalobeyei identifying areas to be strengthened and protected including host and refugee community integration, economic development, environmental sustainability and environmental growth.

The findings of the surveys and feedback from the future development scenarios discussion will help the visioning and regeneration strategy for Kakuma-Kalobeyei that UN-Habitat is undertaking.



Pius Ewoton, Chairman of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Turkana County concluded the meeting by saying ‘Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chapter in Turkana

County is looking forward to more collaboration with UN-Habitat to promote private sector initiatives in Turkana West”. Joseph Egiron, Turkana County Director for Urban Areas Management, also expressed the

County’s commitment to the conferment of Kakuma-Kalobeyei Municipality, which is currently underway.

Kakuma-Kalobeyei Community Workshop on Socio-Economic and Local Economic Development Surveys

As part of the Kalobeyei Corridor Planning project, UN-Habitat and Turkana West sub county leaders organized a community meeting to present information collected from the Socio Economic and Local Economic Development Surveys. The meeting was attended by local leaders in Turkana West sub county, and host and refugee communities from Kakuma, Kalobeyei and Lokichoggio.

The meeting started with an introduction from the County ward administrator for Kalobeyei, who welcomed the participants and thanked UN-Habitat for convening the meeting to allow the community to provide their feedback on the research that was conducted to inform the planning of Kalobeyei Corridor.

Romanus Opiyo, a UN-Habitat consultant, began by sharing the socio-economic results of the survey, focusing on demographics, access to education, healthcare services, water and sanitation, livelihood activities as well as housing conditions. The study shows that there is an emerging trend of disparity in access to key basic socio-economic support systems such as health, education and water as shown in previous studies, which may lead to tension and conflict between host and refugee communities, hence threatening the sustainability of Turkana West economic development.

The consultant discussed the findings of the local economic development survey which were more focused on businesses and local industries, and issues related to the various economic sectors of the area. Overall, the study results highlighted that pastoral livestock keeping remains a major economic activity for the host community, and the main economic sector in the rural areas of Turkana west sub county.



Top right: Local leaders and host and refugee communities attending Community Workshop. © UN-Habitat

In urban areas and refugee settlements, formal and informal businesses form a significant share of the economy, as well as formal and informal employment linked to private sector (businesses) and operations of humanitarian and development organizations. This survey established that the underdevelopment of infrastructure combined with inadequate utilities, financial access challenges, as well as policy and legal limitations, undermine sustainable economic development in the area.

The settlement profiles were presented, showcasing the analysis of the major market clusters, economic geography for Turkana west and existing connectivity of various systems for towns and municipalities across the North Rift Economic Bloc. The results elucidated the various linkag-

es and relationships in different market clusters and sub-clusters for Kakuma town, Kakuma refugee camp, Kalobeyei refugee settlement and Lokichoggio. The survey also looked at the spatial characteristics and attributes for the market clusters, products sold, the institutional frameworks as well connectivity and accessibility issues.

Most of the community feedback were centered around the existing poor accessibility of the markets; few catalysts, clusters and business networks to support value-adding and import replacement investment activities; weak and inequitable access to jobs, labor markets, education, skills, knowledge and business competencies. The participants also mentioned that connectivity and accessibility to supply chains, services, knowledge, and logistics services was also a key challenge for enterprise development in the area.



Strengthening Capacity on Mainstreaming Migration into Planning and Programming in Turkana West

On 22 February 2022, UN-Habitat organised a capacity building workshop for the Turkana County Government technical persons as part of a programme designed to enhance the county's capacity on mainstreaming migration in the urban development processes. This exercise looked at also addressing the key obstacles that hinder major urban centres from functioning optimally such as poor governance, lack of good urban planning and inadequate urban planning capacity, poor governance, and deficiency in basic infrastructure. The other components for the training included strengthening urban governance institutions, investments in Infrastructure and creating an enabling environment for the private sector investments.

The training was underpinned by the need to deepen their understanding of urban planning, equip them with techniques on mainstreaming refugees and migration, gender, youth and human rights issues in urban planning and development, broaden their understanding of challenges urban areas face in plan implementation, and familiarise them with various tools and techniques for addressing these barriers including enhancing private sector investments, revenues and accelerating infrastructure delivery.

Training also focused the need to Establish a coordinating team integrated planning and programming in Turkana West-cutting across sectors and partners to ensure equity and inclusivity. For the planning and implementation to be successful, it was empathized that all the plans needed to have broad public participation and access to necessary information to identify the institutional/organizations gaps & recommend a mechanism for addressing them as well as clarity on what kind of policy reforms and institutional arrangements will be needed- especially in Kakuma-Kalobeyei where refugee settlements (under Refugees Act) co-exist with host community settlements.

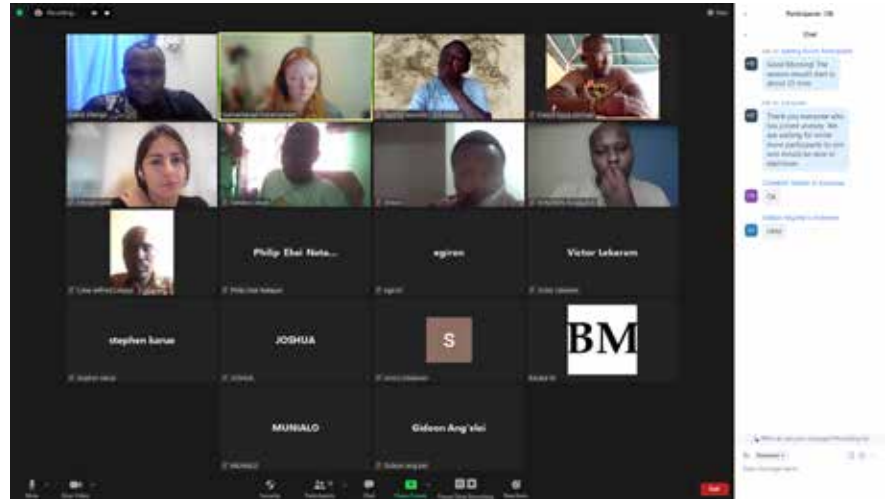
Following the sessions, county planning officers committed to prioritising urbanisation and urban planning, engaging in formulating good policies and laws and governance institutions, and integrating migration imperatives and economic activities into the wider urban development to shape sustainable urban development in the region.

UN-Habitat holds a virtual workshop for the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Regeneration and Capacity Enhancement Workshop

On 22 February 2022, UN-Habitat in collaboration with Turkana County Government, undertook a virtual workshop entitled 'Kakuma-Kalobeyei Regeneration and Capacity Enhancement Workshop'.

The objective of this workshop was two-fold. The first was to provide Turkana County representatives with updates from the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Visioning and Regeneration programme and collect feedback on potential regeneration strategies. The second was to run a capacity enhancement session on strengthening planning and programming in Turkana West.

After providing updates on the progress of the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Regeneration Strategy, UN-Habitat led a break-out session to discuss which areas of Kakuma-Kalobeyei should be targeted for regeneration. Key feedback from the County included the need to use economic regeneration to bring both the host and refugee communities together, with the facilitation of private and foreign investment being an important consideration.



The corridor along the A1 highway was also identified as important for regeneration, with the need to consider regeneration strategies such as truck stops and bus stops at strategic locations, to respond to additional traffic resulting from upgrading to the A1 Highway.

Top right: Participants during the workshop session. © UN-Habitat

Bottom right: Miroboard screenshot of the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Regeneration Outputs. © UN-Habitat

1. Should Kakuma Camp 1 and Kalobeyei Village 1 be the priority areas for regeneration? Why or why not?

2. What are some potential regeneration strategies within these priority areas?

Discuss following information for each regeneration strategy:

- Spatial location
- Timeframe (quick win, medium-term or long term)
- Integration with existing government projects (also identify on map)
- Alignment with Kakuma-Kalobeyei Vision, KSEOP and Municipality

Example strategies:

- Restoration of a sustainable area of Kakuma Camp 1 and conversion into public space + native vegetation regeneration
- Prepare a market village plan for Somali Market (Kakuma 1) for market to provide for needs of both host and refugee community
- Prepare a joint waste management strategy for Kakuma Camp 1 including dumping points and recycling facilities

Kakuma Camp 1 Priority Area

Kalobeyei Settlement Village 1 Priority Area

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The capacity enhancement session explored the questions of how planning and implementation of NGO/INGO-supported plans be made effective, what currency institutional arrangements work well and what needs to be improved in order to promote effective planning and implemen-

tation strategies in Turkana West. Key take-aways from this session were the need to establish a coordinating team to integrate planning and programming in Turkana West and the need to identify and prioritize strategic investments that are necessary for the transformation of Turkana West.

This was a successful information sharing and capacity building workshop with engaging discussions and feedback from Turkana County representatives.

Promoting integrated solutions through capacity building on HLP in Kakuma-Kalobeyei Refugee settlement

In March 2022, UN-Habitat’s Kakuma Field Office facilitated a capacity building workshop on Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) with support from Global Land Tools Network (GLTN). The training focused on enhancing use of integrated tools and data for joint planning and monitoring among various agencies working in Kakuma-Kalobeyei area. This was a three-day training from the 22nd to 24th of March and was joined by about 12 experts from different agencies, including United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK), Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), and UN-Habitat colleagues who attended physically and virtually.

The need for improved data management approaches to support Housing, Land, and Property Rights (HLP) in humanitarian context is much informed by the experiences of COVID-19. UN-Habitat through the Action plan on COVID-19 interventions prioritised rapid and effective gathering of data to inform planning and decision making. In this context, the data is being used by UN-Habitat to support development of a regeneration strategy for Kakuma. This is also taking place in the context of a broader discussion to improve the status of Kakuma-Kalobeyei area to a Municipality. The transformation of the area is expected to start soon, and partners intervention is critical to ensure host and refugee communities are adequately accommodated in the planning phase.

In addition, over the week, UN-Habitat’s Kakuma Field Office joined UN-Habitat-GLTN to meet various partners including NRC, UNHCR, and National Land Commission (NLC) to discuss opportunities to collaborate in planning, capacity development, and awareness on land governance approaches. The partners were excited about the opportunities presented by STDM, especially in coordinating a sustainable model across Kakuma-Kalobeyei as the area sees a continued influx of hosts and refugees. Essentially, STDM was applauded for integrating wide array of data for diverse needs using a centralised database. In the long-term, this will enable easier resource sharing and ensure that partners continue to work with the latest information.

Going forward, STDM will play a significant role in supporting more evidence-based interventions. In a dynamic context such as Kakuma-Kalobeyei, with multiple actors and ever-changing demographics, STDM will provide insight into HLP needs and provide a platform for different partners to develop inter-sectoral interventions. This will be a critical component in supporting UN-Habitat’s efforts to bridge humanitarian aid with long-term development goals.

Top right: Site visit to UN-Habitat-GLTN and NRC area of survey in Kakuma Refugee Camp 1. © UN-Habitat



Regional Forum on Inclusive and Resilient Cities

On 29 and 30 March, UN-Habitat attended a Regional Forum on Inclusive and resilient cities event organized by Cities Alliance and the government of Uganda, with support from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the European Union. The workshop focused on ministerial and city stakeholders from Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, and the host country, Uganda. The workshop acted as a knowledge sharing platform for experiences and best practices on how cities can enhance economic inclusion, planning and urban development programmes to ensure inclusion, resilience, and sustainability. The key thematic areas for the workshop included, urban expansion planning, incremental housing and services in informal settlements, job creation, investment in secondary cities, and migrants and refugees' integration.

For the Cities and migration programme, UN-Habitat shared the ongoing programme geared towards enhancing connectivity in the Northwestern corridor in Kenya through creation of community of interest in various industries, organizing regional migration forums and establishing of spatial planning frameworks to support development of an economic enterprise zone in Turkana west.

During the presentations, UN-Habitat shared the results of this joint programme by highlighting the successful creation and capacity development of five industry associations and connecting them with local, national, and international value chains.



Top right: Regional Cities and Migration - Inclusive Cities Forum in Kampala, Uganda. © UN-Habitat

The second achievement presented was the creation of regional forums for cities across the northwestern region and NOREB to share with Governors and City leaders concerning the challenges that cities across the region face to create sustainable governance and economic systems and networks to promote private sector investments, create jobs and ensure efficient provision of basic services that are key for trade facilitation and ease of doing business.

The third achievement was the planning and the establishment of Kalobeyei Corridor plan which includes a spatial development framework for developing an economic enterprise zone.

UN-Habitat noted that this would enhance regional economic integration, cross boarder trade, local economic development as well as creating employment for refugees and the local community in Turkana west where we have Kakuma and Kalobeyei refugee settlement.

Finally, UN-Habitat concluded by sharing the sustainability approach for the project which includes the new refugee law which will potentially enhance refugees' participation the local labor market and the plan to have the Kakuma Kalobeyei municipality which will enhance proviso of basic services and infrastructure that is needed for enhancing private sector investments in the municipality. If funded, the proposals made by the communities of interest also will potentially transform the local economy especially the industries where majority of players are women who are less funded and working in the informal sector.



UN-Habitat Partners with NCCK to Construct Shelters for Person with Special Needs

Kalobeyei settlement, Turkana County, under the project theme “Building Resilience Amid COVID-19 by Supporting access to Basic Infrastructure through Shelter Provision in Kalobeyei”: UN-Habitat has collaborated with National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) to construct 20 shelters for person with special needs within Kalobeyei settlement.

The construction of the shelters began late last month, and it has been ongoing with close supervision of UN-Habitat and NCCK technical teams. The shelters are being constructed of local available materials to promote the local economy and the masons and artisan were recruited from the host and refugee communities to enhance integration and peaceful coexistence.

The process of construction was preceded by a holistic community engagement and beneficiaries’ selection exercise that was carried out by UN-Habitat, UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), NCCK, HI (Humanity Inclusion) and DRS (Department of Refugee Affairs). The community engagement and selection exercise considered various factors that suits the needs for people with special need, subsequently UN-Habitat and NCCK designed an inclusive shelter prototype for persons with special need to be implemented in Kalobeyei.

The beneficiaries indicated their preferred location for the construction of shelter based on their status as well as factor such as availability of basic services such as schools and health facilities, caregivers, and the close family members among other factors.



The shelters being constructed are tailored to the unique and specific needs for persons with disability and consist of internal partitions separating sleeping and living areas from the kitchen. The doors to the shelters are wide enough to accommodate wheelchair and will be provided with ramp

particularly for persons with physical disabilities for ease of access. Ventilation has also been considered and adequate opening will be provided to reduce the internal heat.

The shelters for the beneficiaries are expected to be ready by the end of June.

Top left: A mason in Kalobeyei shaping a stone for shelter construction. © **UN-Habitat**

Top right: Strip footing the foundation. © **UN-Habitat**

UN-Habitat conducts a prioritization workshop for the County and Sub-County officials focusing on the Regeneration Strategies for Kakuma Kalobeyei Regeneration Plan

UN-Habitat recently launched a series of participatory workshops to prioritise urban regeneration strategies with key stakeholders, including officials from Turkana County Government and Turkana West Sub-County, hosts, and refugees. Funded by the EU (European Union) Trust Fund (EUTF), the workshops were a culmination of UN-Habitat efforts spanning across two years to develop a spatial profile of Kakuma-Kalobeyei, work with stakeholders to crystallise a vision for the area, and identify strategies that will spur urban regeneration, both within hosts and refugee settlements.

The first workshop was conducted with the County and Sub-County officials, relying on a “World Café” participatory methodology to encourage an open discussion between the participants.



Right: Presentation to recap on the current progress and participants were invited to share feedback. © **UN-Habitat**

Participants sharing their feedback with the facilitator on the priority and timeframe for each strategy. © **UN-Habitat**





Top left: Presentation to recap on the current progress and participants were invited to share feedback. © UN-Habitat

Tables were set up with five maps representing five distinct groups of sectors (such as housing, energy, and WASH), and in it each has a set of sector-specific strategies. Participants from diverse backgrounds including planning, trade, and infrastructure were requested to go through each strategy and agree as a group on its priorities. Participants were also requested to identify the timeframe they expect each strategy

to be achieved in, from 1 – 2 years, to 3 – 5 years, and more than 10 years. During the process, UN-Habitat staff served as facilitators to guide participants on the different strategies and ensure that participants consider multiple factors, such as the needs of both hosts and refugees, in arriving at their decisions.

The workshop allowed UN-Habitat to have insight into the priority and urgency of each strategy that would serve to guide future implementation on how best to allocate resources. The County Executive Committee (CEC) Member Ministry of Lands, Mr.

Losikiria echoed the importance of this exercise, “*Naturally, planning must come ahead of development... You don’t only plan for today, you plan for the next five years, the next ten years.*” As Kakuma-Kalobeyei sees a conferment of municipality status, a multi-stakeholder engagement approach will be necessary to ensure that all voices are integrated into the planning process. The next step is to hold a participatory workshop with hosts and refugees to prioritise strategies – and the findings from both workshops will be analysed to finalise the pool of urban regeneration strategies.

UN-Habitat conducts a prioritization workshop for the Hosts and Refugees focused on the Regeneration Strategies for Kakuma Kalobeyei Plan

Kakuma, Turkana County, as part of a series of participatory workshops to work with multiple stakeholders in prioritising urban regeneration strategies in Kakuma-Kalobeyei, UN-Habitat recently held a workshop with host and refugee communities from Kakuma Town, Kakuma Refugee Camps, Kalobeyei Town, and Kalobeyei Settlement. This comes after concluding a workshop with County and Sub-County officials. Funded by the EU Trust Fund (EUTF), the workshops series will provide stakeholders an opportunity to identify strategies that will serve their needs and steer the development of Kakuma-Kalobeyei – especially as the area is becoming a municipality.

		Timeframe for implementation		
		1-2 years (Quick Wins)	3-5 years	10+ years
Priority	Low Priority	[Handwritten notes]	[Handwritten notes]	[Handwritten notes]
	Medium Priority	[Handwritten notes]	[Handwritten notes]	[Handwritten notes]
	High Priority	[Handwritten notes]	[Handwritten notes]	[Handwritten notes]

Top right: List of feedback on what is the priority, its priority and timeframe. © UN-Habitat



The workshop was conducted relying on a “World Café” approach to provide a conducive environment for participants to discuss the strategies. The same five maps representing five different groups of sectors (such as housing, energy, and WASH) were also shared with the participants, and they were provided opportunities to familiarise themselves with the sector-specific strategies. Participants then decided on the priorities and timeframe they expect each strategy to be achieved in. Likewise, UN-Habitat staff served as facilitators to guide participants on the different strategies and ensure that they represent their communities in their decision-making process.

Top left: Participants sharing their feedback on each strategy to the UN-Habitat facilitator. © UN-Habitat

Top right: UN-Habitat presentation on the current progress of the workshop and highlighted on how the workshop will be carried out. © UN-Habitat

One key difference between the workshops was the demographic makeup, and UN-Habitat leveraged the unique involvement of hosts and refugees from four different settlements and separated them into different groups. This will allow UN-Habitat to disaggregate the findings into different settlements and analyse the nuanced differences between their priorities.

As Kakuma-Kalobeyei continues to see change, including the upcoming municipality conferment, Kenya’s new Comprehensive Refugee Management Programme and, UN-Habitat relies on a multi-stakeholder engagement process to ensure that planning remains grounded and responsive to recent changes. Following the transcribing of the feedback and analysis, UN-Habitat will finalise the pool of urban regeneration strategies – providing partners insight into priorities in the short-, medium-, and long-term, and how resources should be allocated accordingly.

UN-Habitat & GIZ collaborate to Launch the S4D’s Sports Pitches in Kalobeyei Settlement Village 2’s Public Space

In April UN-Habitat participated in a launch of GIZ Sports for Development’s (S4D) sports pitches in Kalobeyei Settlement Village 2’s Public Space (PS2) on the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. UN-Habitat collaborated with S4D to install sports pitches in PS2, including multi-purpose courts for football, netball, and basketball. In addition, S4D supported training of trainers – training community members as sports instructors to provide youths training in sports and nurture peace in the community.

Top right: Public Space 2 Provides different kind of spaces for various users from friendly spaces to sports for the youth and gathering spaces in the community module. © UN-Habitat



The launch showcased the sports pitches and live training sessions to the community – children, youths, and persons of all ages gathered to watch the launch, including basketball competitions.

PS2 was initiated by UN-Habitat in 2019 through a series of participatory workshops with community members to co-design and implement a public space that serves the needs of both host and refugee communities. In the co-design process, UN-Habitat and the community identified different types of spaces in the public space suitable for different user groups, from children to youths to women and men.



Top right: Audiences of Different ages gathered to spectate the training sessions and basketball competition supported by the different platforms throughout the public space.
© UN-Habitat

This supports for a conducive environment that encourages interactions between the user groups – critical to improving community bonds and reducing tensions and conflict in the long-term. The collaboration with S4D helped contribute to the efforts in nurturing peace between the communities – and provide recreational activities to the community.

Under the KISED P framework, UN-Habitat continues to rely on a collaborative approach to supporting and implementing sustainable development – capitalising on different comparative advantages in the field. This will also be critical in bridging humanitarian aid with long-term development goals, ensuring that Kakuma-Kalobeyei sees sustainable development as it supports an influx of refugees.

UN-Habitat, NCKK and Partners Conducts Community Meetings and Technical Training for Masons and Artisans in Kalobeyei Settlement

Kalobeyei Settlement, Turkana County, the onset of COVID-19 implicated a lot on the human socio-economic and physical wellbeing in the entire world as well as in Kenya. This hasn't been any different for the people living within the settlement with majority of persons spending most of the time indoor and around their shelters. These new developments and imposed ways of living exposed some opportunities that needed to be explored on shelter habitability and functionality in the settlement particularly for the people with special needs. This called for holistic community engagement to explore the possibility of creating a modified type of shelters that addresses the needs for persons with special needs.



Top right: DRS officer facilitating the training session.
© UN-Habitat

Several community members from all the villages in the settlement organized and selected by Humanity Inclusion (HI) were gathered and shared their opinion on the kind of shelter that would fit their needs. UN-Habitat in collaboration with National Council of Church of Kenya (NCCCK) explained the reasons for development of the inclusive shelter and the selection process that will be undertaken through UNHCR. They also explained the importance of the collective ideas and suggestions on the type of shelter they would prefer.



Top right: Community interpreter explaining a point to the community members during the training session.
© UN-Habitat

The ideas provided by the community members were collated by NCCCK and used to design the inclusive prototype shelter. These ideas collected included the issues of temperature and aeration that requires adequate opening and increased shelter height, security and safety necessitating the need for strong doors and windows as well as accessibility calling for wide door width and safe ramps et al.

The design also considered the effects of flooding in the settlement and how it has previously affected the existing shelters.

artisans were trained on how to undertake the actual construction.

In addition, UN-Habitat, NCCCK (National Council of Churches of Kenya) and DRS (Department of Refugee Affairs) also organized a training forum for the selected number of artisans and masons in the settlement. The artisans and masons were drawn from the host and refugee communities.

Additionally, the Masons and artisans were trained on the most useful construction tools that are pertinent in this kind of work as well as materials to be used. The teams are skilled in use of the local available construction materials and thus it was expected with additional training and skill development their output will be of high quality. Most of them acquired their skills locally and therefore UN-Habitat and partners undertook to develop and impact on their skills further in order to promote their level of income and diversify their skills that they can rely on while working in the settlement and in the host community in the future.

Bottom left: NCCCK Camp Coordinator Mr. Wilson Kinyua addressing Person with Special needs during the community engagement session. © UN-Habitat

Bottom right: The inclusive shelter design.
© UN-Habitat

The artisans and masons were introduced to the new design developed by NCCCK in collaboration with UN-Habitat. The shelter provides adequate space for the users and have partitions and other elements details that require careful consideration thus the



UN-Habitat and GLTN conducts Capacity Building Training on Social Tenure Domain Model in Garissa County

On the 24th, 25th and 26th of May 2022, UN-Habitat, under the EUTF program, conducted a capacity development, consultations, and strategic engagement with partners with the County Government of Garissa, land management technical team. The main objective of the three-day training was for the county to give information to UN-Habitat team the existing on land management and fit-for-purpose approaches on the ground. From this, UN-Habitat team would then seek to improve understanding for the need of modern fit-for-purpose tools and approaches such as the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) and, provide practical hands-on experience and skills through training on data management workflows, database management and spatial data manipulation within STDM.

The meeting was officially opened by Mr. Abdirahman Hassan, the Chief officer lands on the 1st day, after the formal introduc-



Top right: UN-Habitat Colleague in session facilitating the Social Tenure Domain Model Training. © UN-Habitat

Bottom left: Participants during the practical session being shown how to coordinate point data collection. © UN-Habitat



tions. The Chief Officer added cordial remarks and appreciated UN-Habitat for the opportunity to build the capacity of the staff in Garissa. He emphasized this is highly required to benefit the county staff on new knowledge for improving land administration sector in Garissa County and as an opportunity to transform the approaches of land governance in the region. UN-Habitats' GLTN team then made a powerful introductory presentation on the impacts of land governance and concepts of STDM as a tool supporting inclusive and participatory land governance. The participants were also provided with publications, briefs and other promotion materials like USB with installer of STDM, and installations done to each participants computer. The afternoon then saw the participants oriented to the STDM tool, overview of the interface, setup and access to information.

The second day commenced a short session of previous days reflections. Later, participants got introduced to basics of data management in STDM, combining data from different sources and accessing data from the database. Then the participants were exposed to the use of GPS (Global Positioning System) devices for spatial

data generation, they also collected a few coordinate points in the hotel compound for learning purposes, and the data downloaded to the computers. Orientation was then done, and the participants given time to understand the data connection with STDM tool.

The third and the final day was mainly used training the participants on the strengths of the STDM tool. The session became quite interactive with participants very keen with numerous questions on the tool, which were fully answered by our GLTN team. All the aspects regarding institutional approaches of using STDM, technical requirements and relevance in the context of community land management in the county and addressing the land disputes and security of the information were extensively covered as key focus areas in using the technology in the county office. A strong enthusiasm was noted from the chief officer, lands department and his colleagues particularly on the use of STDM and sought a follow up from the EUFT program for continued support and technical guidance as they explore using STDM in the county offices. Issues of standardizing land practices were mentioned and identified as needed in the



field approaches on resolving some of the key issues being experienced. The role of UN-Habitat came up towards supporting the county in setting up STDM system for local needs in Garissa. This discussion would be continued under EUFT program to clearly assess what is needed by the county and how that could fit in future projects. A strong enthusiasm was noted from the chief of land administration and his colleagues particularly on the use of STDM and sought a follow up from the EUFT

program for continued support and technical guidance as they explore using STDM in their offices.

On the next steps, issues of standardizing land practices were raised and identified as needed in the field approaches on resolving some of the key issues being experienced. The role of UN-Habitat also came up, on supporting the county in setting up STDM system for local needs in Garissa.

Top right: Group photo of the workshop participants and facilitators. © UN-Habitat

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UN-Habitat conducts validation workshop in Garissa and Dadaab for the proposed vision scenarios

Following the visioning workshop that took place on 25th January 2022, validation of the vision scenarios that had been suggested by the stakeholders, were suggested to be the next steps. UN-Habitat were able to set up two meetings, one in Garissa Town and the second in Dadaab Town. The Garissa town meeting was held on the 30th of May while the meeting with the host and refugees in Dadaab was held on 2nd June 2022. The main objectives for the meetings were to present and discuss the Dadaab Visioning process prepared by UN-Habitat (Diagnosis phase and vision), discuss on the key strategies, quick wins projects proposed per goal, present and discuss the potential Scenarios for the future of Dadaab, discuss possible action areas & priorities for key projects and set out some agreed next steps and takeaways under this project.



The meeting in Garissa town was mainly for the county administrative stakeholders but also included UNHCR and partners who mainly attended virtually. A total of 18 participants attended, with 16 physically attending in Garissa.

Top right: Participants during the Dadaab town Vision validation meeting. © UN-Habitat

The meeting in Dadaab had a total of 11 participants, with 6 refugees and 5 host community members from both Dadaab and Fafi sub counties.

Garissa workshop was officially commissioned by Mr. Abdirahman Hassan, the Chief Officer Lands. The workshop was divided into 3 parts. The first part focused mainly on the introduction to visioning process, overview of key priority challenges analysis and a presentation of the previous vision statement, vision map and key goals to achieve it.

The second part involved interactive exercise with breakout sessions for all participants to validate the vision statement for both Dadaab and Fafi sub counties and key goals and strategies to achieve it, as well as define key actions priorities per goals and specific areas of interventions. The third part was also interactive as it involved scenario discussion and validation, presentation of the 3 potential scenarios and the matrix of variables, getting feedback and definition one key action priority/strategy per scenarios.

During the sessions, UN-Habitat provided a brief overview of the ongoing, concluded and next activities under the EUTF program in Garissa, presented key findings from the visioning report particularly on the key challenges analysis and the vision statement, map and goals. As for the interactive break-out session, the County representatives validated the vision for the future of Dadaab area and identified key actions and strategies to achieve the vision. Key outcomes from those discussions were the importance of the main road leading to Garissa town to be upgraded as a priority, further agricultural and agro-pastoralist projects were mentioned especially around Ifo, Kambioos and Ifo2 where there is already development on the green belts. Emphasis was also put on livestock market in Dadaab town and facilities and infra-



structure to support it. Participants also suggested to connect Dadaab Town to the national grid for electricity and to also focus on mini grids as electricity source, construct water pans for stock water from flash floods for domestic purposes or irrigation. The scenarios validation break-out session was mainly guided by the fluctuation of population, considering; Medium population decline/ Gradual population growth/ Large population growth. The first group focusing on a moderate population decline scenario validated the consolidation around Dadaab Town, Ifo and Hagadera and the possible closure of Dagahaley to be converted into agricultural land.

The group also suggested to established agriculture demonstration centers to serve as adaptive research center. Group 2 focused on a Gradual population growth scenario, suggesting the identification of non-buildable areas to avoid sprawling and encroachment on potential soil for agriculture purposes. Group 3 focused on the large population growth scenario, highlighted the regeneration of the two decommissioned camps for future growth based on existing facilities already present there. The group has also expressed the need to improve some of the facilities in the existing camps and the need to diversify livelihoods opportunities by better exploiting the available land.

Top right: Participant representing group 2 in Dadaab presenting the group's proposals. © UN-Habitat

Participants representing group one in Garissa presenting the group's proposals. © UN-Habitat

On 2nd June 2022, UNHABITAT team embarked on the second meeting for the host and refugee communities. The structure of the discussions was the same. During the interactive break-out session, participants validated and updated the key goals and strategies, and identify specific actions to be undertaken under those strategies. Parallel to the County session, a key priority was emphasized on the improvement of the main road connecting to Garissa Town. Another key outcome of this session was the establishment of police station within the camps to enhance security in the area. Participants also discussed on the potential 3 scenarios and provide feedback regarding the strategies tackling the assumptions. Each group highlighted 2 key actions/priority strategy per scenario. Concerns were raised regarding the possible movement of population to other urban centers due to the lack of employment opportunities. The participants provided great inputs on the key priority projects/strategies for the area.

UN-Habitat together with Miracool initiate a Paint Project in Kalobeyei Settlement

Under the partnership of UN-Habitat and Miracool Company Limited, the paint project commenced in Kalobeyei, Kenya early this May. The project introduces Miracool paint, a highly reflective heat insulating coat in shelter construction in the settlement. The project intends to test and to demonstrate how the paint reduce the heat effect on selected number of shelters in Kalobeyei settlement. The actual works is being undertaken by trained local workers/ painters drawn from the refugee and the host community under the supervision of Peace Wind Japan (PWJ) who are the main implementing partners. The workers/artisan with basic background experience on use of paints were recruited and trained on how to mix the Miracool paints in the right ratio (Primer coat, 1st and 2nd coat, stain resistant finish coat) and how to apply it on the roofs.

The paint is being applied on the roofs of 50 selected shelters. The shelters or the beneficiaries were selected with the support of UNHCR. The selection process identified the most vulnerable persons such as person with special needs who are likely exposed to the high heats being experienced in this area. The beneficiaries were assessed and verify by our team on the ground which included UN-Habitat and PWJ technical and field team. The roofs of the selected shelters were also assessed and prepared thoroughly before the actual painting work began. To monitor the actual effect of the Miracool paint on temperature changes, inside the shelter, several thermometers have been installed prior to commencement of the work to record the pre-reading and



to record changes over time as the paint is being applied. The monitoring will be done on regular basis and readings recorded for future reference to demonstrate decrease in temperature after the painting work.

The features of the Miracool paint were explained to all the partners who included UNHCR, PWJ, UN-Habitat among others virtually by the team from Miracool team in Japan. During the virtual presentation, the team explained in lengthy how the painting works and gave examples of other locations

 **Top right:** A painter applying the stain resistant Miracool paint. © UN-Habitat

Local painters mixing the Miracool paint. © UN-Habitat

where similar projects have been undertaken in the world. The painting will reduce the impacts of high temperature and its cooling effect will benefit the selected beneficiaries greatly.



UN-Habitat signs Memorandum of Understanding with Turkana County Government on supporting Sustainable Urban Development

UN-Habitat has been supporting Turkana County to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to deliver effective sustainable planning to better serve the hosts and refugees in the County. The agreement with Turkana County, will provide an opportunity for the localization of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11, which aims to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, and resilient.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) comes as a follow up to previous cooperation with the county and the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) to deliver similar planning recommendations for the Kalobyei Settlement located in Turkana West sub-county. The planning of this settlement has become one of the best practices on how urban planning can support the integration of refugees and the host community as well enable the efficient provision of infrastructure and basic services.

The County Secretary, Peter Eripete, who led the signing ceremony on behalf of the Turkana County Governor, highlighted that “the collaboration with UN-Habitat will enhance the county’s capacity to harness the benefits that come with urbanization with focus on the nine towns that the County Government has so far planned for.”

The new MoU will focus on Urban Governance, Planning, Basic Services, Land, Housing and Property Rights, and Urban Economy and Finance in Turkana County. The main objectives and outcomes expected in this MoU include: Developing spatial plans for major settlements in Turkana West sub-county; Developing strategies for infrastructural development and provision of basic services;



Conducting situational analysis to inform urban planning processes; Institutional capacity in relevant ministries in planning, administration, and governance to be enhanced; Strengthening land management through land governance, adjudication processes including housing land and property rights, and supporting of environmental management, climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies.

“Drawing from experience during the planning of Kalobeyi Settlement and the ongoing process for getting a Joint municipality status for Kakuma and Kalobeyi (Which will include two refugee settlements and two towns) in Turkana west sub-county, UN-Habitat is committed in bringing their global and regional expertise and experience in urban planning and land governance to strengthen Turkana County Government’s efforts towards promoting sustainable urbanisation,” said Ivana Unluova, UN-Habitat’s Senior Programme Advisor.

Charles Wagura, the representative for UN-Habitat Regional Office of Africa added that “Urban areas are engines of economic growth and centres of innovation, and, therefore, preparing and planning for urbanisation will bring a lot of transformation in the County’s development.”

Top right: Official representatives from UN-Habitat and Turkana County during the MoU signing ceremony. © UN-Habitat

Bottom right: UN-Habitat is committed to working closely with Turkana County Government to develop sustainable urbanization for all in Turkana. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitats’ Mandate

The United Nations Human Settlements Programmes (UN-Habitat) is assisting local governments in developing well-planned and efficient human settlements, with adequate housing, infrastructure, and universal access to employment and basic services such as water, energy, and sanitation.

That mission is performed through multi-level and multi-partner collaboration and partnership with national and local governments, the private sector, civil society, and communities to implantation of the New Urban Agenda and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 which aims to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient.

To achieve the vision, UN-Habitat follows a participatory approach that supports the government in planning, ownership, and management of human settlements, as well as giving incentives for further development by increasing the institutional capacity in sustainable development of human settlements.

For the last seven years, UN-Habitat has implemented several projects under the Kalobeyi Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISED) framework in Turkana West Sub- County with support from several donors including Government of Japan, Cities Alliance, Swiss Agency for Development, and the European Union Trust Fund for Africa.



UN-Habitat Supports COVID-19 Recovery efforts in Kalobeyei Settlement by conducting vocational trainings and awarding business grants to Refugee and Host Community Businesses

22nd July 2022 - UN-Habitat in collaboration with the Danish Refugee Council organized a one-day meeting with the purpose of awarding grants to refugee business trainees, as part of a livelihood transformation and recovery scheme for hosts and refugees, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ceremony was attended by the Africa Entrepreneurship Collective and participants from the host and refugee community businesses.

The project which was funded by the Government of Japan was started in 2021 following the Covid-19 pandemic that disrupted business and logistics locally and which led to the reduced incomes for refugee's business and limited access to essential goods. The program was started as an initiative to build the capacity of refugee and hosts, within the business community, with skills that would promote an endogenous growth - goods and services which are produced locally can be exported to other regions or can also be used to substitute imported goods from other regions.



This COVID-19 recovery measure is also aimed at promoting sustainable livelihoods, job creation and increased incomes to cushion them against similar natural shocks and disasters in the future.

Trainees were taught skills identified based on an initial market research conducted earlier - Pastry Making was the most popular choice, followed by Screen Printing, and Tie & Dye.

Top right: Group photo after awarding the grants to the host and refugees. © UN-Habitat

Out of the 70 applicants who applied, 60 applicants were selected to participate. 19 women participated in Tie & Dye, 31 women in Pastry Making, and 10(2 women, 8 men) for Screen Printing. Out of the 60 businesses that were trained 30 of them qualified for short listing to receive grants to support their business initiation or growth.

UN-Habitat and Turkana County host a side event at World Urban Forum 11 on Area-based approaches and local development practices from Kakuma-Kalobeyei, Turkana County, Kenya



29th June 2022 - The World Urban Forum is a premier global event organised by UN-Habitat to bring together a wide spectrum of national and local governments, civil society, private sector, amongst other urban experts, to discuss, examine and share best practices on pressing urban development issues facing the world today including its impact on people, climate, and policy.

Top left: Turkana County Government Team participating during the WUF 11. © UN-Habitat



During WUF 11, the Turkana County Government hosted a side event with UN-Habitat, UNHCR and IFC and Cities Alliance. The side event addressed the WUF 11 theme and specifically, Dialogue 6: Building Urban Resilience. Highlighting the multi-actor collaboration efforts in Kakuma-Kalobeyi, the event aimed to promote the importance of ensuring a robust social and economic environment for host and refugees in the region, to support the transition towards achieving sustainable development and economic growth, supporting local government efforts towards attaining municipality status and achieving longer-term sustainability.

The Turkana County Government Minister of lands, Mr. Alexander Flemings Losikiria, presented on the rapid urbanisation in Kakuma and Kalobeyi driven mostly by refugees, touching on devolution and climate change induced displacement in the region. Given the protracted nature of the refugee situation in Kenya where refugees have been hosted in camps for over three decades, the county government emphasized on the current plan to have refugees included in urban development processes to promote local economic development and manage urban growth. The presenter highlighted that the ongoing process of conferring a Municipality status for Kakuma Kalobeyi will bring a new paradigm which will see urban settlements in Kakuma and Kalobeyi integrated through urban planning within an urban set up.

This includes an ongoing discussion on refugee inclusion planning and urban governance to ensure that their interest is considered the urban development strategy for the area.

UNHCR representative Ms. Theresa Beltramo presented on the evidence-based planning in Kakuma and Kalobeyi which has given insights to the economic benefits for hosting refugees and the eventual inclusion of refugees in local plans. This was through contribution to the Gross County Product and directly providing employment opportunities to the hosting community. The presenter also highlighted the Kalobeyi Integrated Socio-Economic Development programme (KISED) which a government led, community based, and private sector-oriented development strategy aligned to local development plans. This is a 15-year initiative, which looks refugee inclusion through strengthening National solid Service delivery.

Ms. Luba Shara, Senior Operation Officer at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), Kenya shared about the role of the organizations in the private sector thematic working group in Kakuma and Kalobeyi and discussed the dynamics of private sector investments in the humanitarian sector. Ms. Luba highlighted that Kakuma refugee camp has now been in establishment for 32 years which has transformed the area into more of an urban. She highlighted that even though there are significant investments done by humanitarian and development partners, there is still a lot to be done in terms of access to water electricity, educational services, waste removal, and jobs creations. IFC is therefore addressing challenges by attracting the private sector to contribute to local solutions in an area-based approach. IFC is ensuring that these private firms can open businesses locally, start new operations, and employ refugees and host community on an equal



Top: UN-Habitat, Turkana County Government and IFC participants attending WUF 11. © UN-Habitat
Bottom right: WUF 11 live session. © UN-Habitat

basis with an objective is to transition from humanitarian to development through private sector Investments.

Cities Alliance, an organization with a mandate for fighting poverty in urban areas, presented their work with a broad constituency of partners including, government, the slum-dwellers federation, and UN-Habitat. Ms Brigitte Hoermann, a Senior Migration Specialist from Cities Alliance, highlight-

ed that the key areas of work have been building capacity, infrastructure development and engagement of citizens. They are implementing a cities and migration program, together with other Cities and local organizations in the Horn of Africa. These projects include refugee inclusion in Uganda, building market infrastructure for refugees in Adama, Ethiopia, and the programme focused on connecting systems of cities and secondary cities in

the Northwestern corridor in Kenya. The Kenyan project which was implemented in partnership with UN-Habitat was targeted at building collaboration among cities in the northwestern region to take advantage of the LAPSET Corridor developing the area. This was done through provision of technical support, and financial support with a goal of promoting Local Economic Development and creating jobs for both refugees and hosting communities.

UN-Habitat in Collaboration with NCKK completes the Construction of Inclusive Shelter for Persons with Special Needs

July 2022, Kalobeyei Settlement, Turkana County - Early this year, UN-Habitat and National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCKK) embarked on the process of construction of inclusive shelters for people with disabilities as well as those with special needs.

This process was initially triggered by the potential affects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the existing facilities and housing within the camp and the settlement setting. In the wake of COVID-19 outbreak a lot of direct or challenges and inequalities were anticipated because of the existing housing type and conditions. There was also a greater need to strengthen the need for involvement of persons with special needs in shelter planning, design and construction. This called for a need for a deeper understanding of the situation to effectively plan, respond and adapt amidst the existing challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Essentially, exposed and localized challenges and opportunities regarding shelter habitability and functionality within the settlement should be explored and addressed.



After a critical preliminary assessment was conducted, it was revealed that there was a need for adaptations or modification of shelters particularly those occupied with persons disabilities and those with special needs. The communities and the partners engaged acknowledge the need to explore and trial an innovative design that suits the needs of people with disabilities as well as those with special needs.

Top right: Shelter with metallic window grills. © UN-Habitat

Bottom left: UN-Habitat and NCKK Technical team inspecting a completed shelter. © UN-Habitat

Bottom right: UN-Habitat Team checking a near complete shelter. © UN-Habitat



Top right: Shelter open grilled windows and rear metallic window. © UN-Habitat

To achieve this, collaborative community and partner engagements were done that culminated in a designed inclusive shelter model and the eventual construction and improvement the actual shelters across all the villages in Kalobeyei Settlement.

This process was made possible as a result of a partnership between UN-Habitat and UNHCR who were key collaborators in the stages of beneficiaries' selection, site planning and identification, as well as shelter design. Other partners included NGOs working on protection and health issues in the settlement such as Humanity and Inclusion (HI), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) and AICHM.

The entire project was made possible due to concerted effort of our main implementing partner National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) and in the end, 20 shelters were constructed for both host and refugees' communities and the selected beneficiaries from both communities allocated the shelters.



The shelters constructed consists of internal partitions separating sleeping and living areas from the kitchen. The doors to the shelters are durable, strong and wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs and equipped with ramps for ease of access.

In addition, 15 shelters are constructed of locally sourced, natural Turkana solid blocks while 5 shelters were constructed of hollow blocks. The shelter design can be adopted by other partners and scaled up to more areas within the settlement too.

UN-Habitat partners with SPEC Company from Japan to construct road in Kalobeyei Settlement using STEIN Technology

UN-Habitat partnered with a Japanese Company, SPEC Company Ltd, to rehabilitate and construct a section of earth road in Kalobeyei Settlement to ease movement and enhance accessibility and connectivity.

The technology being introduced is a possible long-term solution to road works in the settlement. The technology which involves the use of soil hardener called STEIN, conditioned and pulverized soil and gravel, improves the quality of the existing road.

In the recent past, service delivery and mobility within the settlement has been hampered by poor road conditions and under-developed roads networks.



Bottom right: A grader carrying out the initial road earthwork. © UN-Habitat

Through this partnership, UN-Habitat in collaboration with Peace Winds Japan embarked on construction of a 500m section of the road to demonstrate effectiveness of this technology.

The actual construction and technical work were supervised by the team from SPEC Company in conjunction with UN-Habitat and PWJ Technical team. The construction was community led with use of machineries for site clearing, earthwork, drainage work and levelling of the section as the members of the community carried out soil conditioning, pulverization and STEIN Chemical mixing. STEIN spreading as well as compaction was done by machineries mobilized by UN-Habitat through PWJ.

Prior to commencement of the road construction, UN-Habitat and PWJ had initiated the process of identifying the most adversely affected road in the settlement. This was a community led process coupled by technical assessment using GIS to inform the roads that required urgent intervention within the settlement. The result prioritizes the roads based on their conditions and the role they play in the settlement. The road connecting Public Space 2 in Village 2 to the existing UN-Habitat community centre was selected to enhance connection with the existing basic facilities as well as to enhance connectivity with the planned UN-HCR tarmacked road and the main A1 Road.



In addition, jointly with PWJ and SPEC, UN-Habitat organized a community engagement training forum with members from both the host and refugee communities living within Kakuma and Kalobeyei Settlement. During the one-day forum, the SPEC Contracted Engineer from APAN took the members through the processes of road construction using STEIN Technology.

The engineer also emphasized the importance of health and safety on site during the construction period and therefore, the labor force, both skilled and non-skilled, were trained on health and safety measures to be observed on site as well as the utilization of tools to be used during the construction.

After the completion of the work, the community members and leadership presence lauded the project and explained the important role it is going to play in the community setup through enhanced accessibility. UN-Habitat and partners are convinced this technology if adopted will boost the utilisation and access of the road network within the Settlement.

Top right: A complete road constructed using STEIN Technology. © UN-Habitat

Bottom left: STEIN chemical spread across the road, awaiting compaction. © UN-Habitat

Bottom right: Host and Refugees carrying out soil pulverisation for STEIN Road. © UN-Habitat



UN-Habitat finalizes the Rehabilitation of Public Space 1 and Public Space 2 in Kalobeyei Settlement

Public spaces have shown to be key public infrastructure facilitating COVID-19 recovery in Kalobeyei Settlement. Through this project, a study on public spaces in Kalobeyei Settlement was commissioned to establish the existing public spaces - their state, accessibility, inclusivity and their level of use by men, women, children and the elderly, from the host and refugee communities.

The study employed tools like ethnographic studies, transect walks, focus group discussions (FGDs), key informant interviews (KIIs), community barazas and questionnaires among other data collection tools. The results of the study culminated in a set of recommendations that were proposed to enhance usage of the public spaces by both men/boys and women/girls from the host and refugee communities.

These recommendations were further synthesized in design workshops with the community, with the result being concept proposals and eventual construction designs of specific elements within the Public Spaces 1 and 2 in Kalobeyei Settlement.

As per the needs of the community, the design features included additional shaded areas, provision of shading for swings meant for use by young children, modification of existing swings to enhance comfort and safety, sanitation facilities, play infrastructure for children, an amphitheater, tyre seating around sports facilities and



additional green areas. However, due to fund constraints, only a few of the designed facilities were implemented during the project period. Construction activities to implement these designs started by selection of construction teams - an exercise that considered gender, diversity and inclusivity. To ensure that everyone got a chance to work on the project, a schedule was developed where unskilled persons were only engaged for a few days before allowing the next cohort of unskilled persons to take their turn in the construction work.

 **Top right: Construction of amphitheater.
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Skilled workers were drawn from the refugee and host communities while all construction materials were sourced locally. The construction activities were supervised by Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) the main implementing partner and UN-Habitat.

UN-Habitat constructs an Underground Water Tank in the Womens' Centre in Kalobeyei Settlement Village 3

The lack of water has been a serious challenge in Turkana County, Kenya, and thus also Kalobeyei Settlement. Water that is available is predominantly accessed locally through boreholes. Water harvesting is a phenomenon that has not been utilized greatly in the region but has a lot of potential. When it rains in Turkana, most of the water is lost, as the rainwater travels downstream as surface run off, sometimes even resulting in flooding. Small ponds lose water through evaporation and seepage.

In 2019, through a collaboration between UN-Habitat and Daiken Corporation Ltd, a Japan based private sector firm, a water collection and storage strategy was adopted in Kalobeyei, that involved water harvesting from roofs of existing buildings and storage in Tametotto tanks. The first project was implemented at the UN-Habitat Kalobeyei Settlement Community Center in Village 2. This unit has been helpful to the community center by complementing water that is supplied by UNHCR which is inadequate to cover community water needs.

From the success of the 2019 project, and the feedback from the host and refugee community, UN-Habitat collaborated again with Daiken to implement a similar project in Village 3, at a women's center that is managed by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). The project components included the installation of rainwater collection gutters, the Tametotto tank, and a water distribution system.



Top left: Rainwater collection gutters and downpipes. © UN-Habitat

Top right: Completed underground water tank, with an erected elevated water tank in the background. © UN-Habitat

The first step in accomplishing these components was the development of a design, which was done jointly by Daiken and UN-Habitat's technical teams. Based on the lessons from the first project, the design team replaced the hand pump (that



was used in the first project) with a solar powered pump.

The pump is expected to convey water from the Tametotto tank to an overhead tank, from where it will be distributed by gravity. This design was then presented to the community and potential beneficiaries of the projects for validation. Skilled and unskilled teams were then selected in an inclusive manner and a short briefing session conducted with them to explain how the system would work.

The project implementation was supervised by Daiken, DRC and UN-Habitat. The water tank will be maintained and managed by DRC and the community moving forward. When full, the water tank can provide 500 liters of water daily for the users of the Womens' center. UN-Habitat is confident that these innovative interventions in Kalobeyei can contribute to ensuring the sustainable development of the Kalobeyei Settlement through ensuring more consistent and reliable water sources for its beneficiaries.



Top left: Construction team including Daiken and local masons. © UN-Habitat

Top right: Daiken and construction team laying the geo-membrane for the underground water tank. © UN-Habitat





The Need for Spatial Planning in Kenya's Refugee Settlements emphasised during EUTF Steering Committee Meeting attended by UN-Habitat, UNHCR and partners

UN-Habitat took part in the 1st Steering Committee Meeting for the EU Trust Fund Project 'Enhancing Self-reliance for Refugee and Host Communities' in Nairobi, Kenya. The Committee Meeting was attended by the following members: UNHCR Country Representative (Co-Chair), Refugee Affairs Commissioner, Department for Refugee Services under the Ministry of Interior and National, Coordination of the Government of Kenya (Co-Chair), Country Director, Danish Refugee Council, Country Directors of UN, co-implementing partners: FAO, WFP, UN-Habitat, Representatives from both Turkana and Garissa County Governments and the EU Head of Cooperation, Delegation to Kenya.

The mandate of the EUTF Project Steering Committee is to provide guidance on the implementation of the programme regarding the strategic and technical matters of the execution of actions. The Committee's aim is to assess progress

against the strategic objectives and guide the implementing partners in the execution of the programme. The main objective of this Steering Committee Meeting was to provide current updates on the refugee context of Kenya, and to present on programmatic achievements, challenges, and next steps.

The meeting started with introductory speeches from key representatives, including from Mr. Lukas Katee Mwanza, Commissioner of the Department of Refugee Services (DRS), emphasizing on the country's inclusion of refugees through the Kenya 2021 Refugee Act, stating "We support the review of those priorities to support refugees through Settlements, (such as through) the development of the Marshall Plan and comprehensive policies for refugees. We are currently putting in place regulations to operationalize the Act."

Mr Mwanza continued by giving an assurance of the government's continued commitment to continue supporting refugees and expressed appreciation of the partnership and collaboration with all organizations stating, *"We appreciate the experience and expertise from our partners who have been working with refugees."*

Abdullahi Daud Mohamed, Director of Health for Garissa County, brought attention to the need for spatial planning in Kenya's humanitarian operations by stating, *"The prioritization of health, socio-economic development, and creation of Spatial Plans needs to occur to facilitate increased integration between host and refugees. A good spatial plan for the camp and county is needed."*

During the meeting, UN-Habitat, represented by Senior Programme Officer, Ms. Ivana Unluova, provided details on programme achievements in Kakuma-Kalobeyei and Dadaab regarding the spatial profiling, visioning and preparation of regeneration strategies for these key refugee settlements. UN-Habitat explained that the visioning and regeneration of Kakuma-Kalobeyei and Dadaab will identify short-, medium- and long-term interventions to transform these camps into viable settlements serving both host and refugee communities into the future.

UN-Habitat also mentioned the recently signed MoU between Turkana County Government and UN-Habitat in support of the ongoing urbanisation of the County, *"The future is all open for more collaboration and more participation of UN-Habitat in conjunction with other partners."* Mr. Abdullahi Daud Mohamed, Director of Health, Garissa County, had also expressed a strong interest for an MoU between UN-Habitat and Garissa County moving forward to support these processes.

Top right: UN-Habitat's achievements under the EUTF programme © UN-Habitat

The Terms of References of the Steering Committee were adopted, and the session was concluded by UNHCR, discussing some of the upcoming and ongoing challenges of work under the EUTF programme, however ensuring that all project activities would be implemented within the project timeframes and their commitment to engaging the new County Governors collectively.

Good Land Governance for Strategic Development for Kakuma Regeneration Strategies, Kenya

The newly inducted county land administrators and planners in Turkana benefited from an innovative Fit-For-Purpose land tools (FFP LA) and land governance training conducted by UN-Habitat and the Global Land Tools Network (GLTN).



Top right: Turkana county government officials actively engage during the training. © UN-Habitat

The training was organized in Kakuma town as part of a three-day workshop organized to bring together county officials, host, and refugee community to discuss the Kakuma Regeneration Strategy, and to validate the strategies proposed therein. A total of sixteen (16) County Government officials consisting of planners, surveyors, environmentalist, and the county commissioner actively participated in the training. Further, the training included a demonstration of a land information system based on the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) framework which promotes the principles of a FFP LA through inclusive and participatory methodologies in land management.

Turkana County has varied context of land challenges particularly due to the prevalence of unregistered community land and the presence of refugees' camps. UN-Habitat has been supporting the county in infrastructural and spatial planning projects and this year, Kakuma-Kalobeyi town was elevated into municipality status, that is, Kakuma Municipality, hence necessitating integration of land governance approaches in the project work. The regeneration strategy has been developed proposing local development and community integration, new land use plans, restoration of degraded environments, etc. with a specific focus on the regeneration of Kakuma Camp 1, inclusive of all facets of regeneration; economic, socio-cultural, environment, governance, and spatial planning. The intention of the proposed interventions is to benefit both the host and refugee communities, current and future. Thus, this training aimed at emphasizing the need for flexible practices to improving land management in Turkana County based on other successful case studies, in different contexts, globally.

Integration of land governance is key in advancing access to land, addressing land conflicts, and promoting local community in land management discussions. STDM has been identified as a tool that promotes participatory processes in land governance and administration, and it has been very successful in different contexts in Africa and Asia in relation to land governance challenges.



Top right: A presentation on the STDM and linkages with ongoing discussions about land rights and land governance issues globally. © UN-Habitat

During the workshop, GLTN received positive feedback, and questions were raised on the suitability of the tool, its broad experiences in Kenya and the enabling legal framework for its large-scale use.

The Turkana County Deputy Secretary emphasized that “Turkana County is experiencing urban growth at a rapid rate and given the past patterns of unplanned and spontaneous development, there is need to work urgently to regenerate the settlements in Kakuma and Kalobeyi and progressively work with the upcoming Municipality management to mainstream planned urban development”.

In addition, the Turkana County Director for Urban Areas Management Mr. Victor Lekaram and the Director of Survey Mr. Joseph Egiron, highlighted that land governance in Turkana County will need innovative land tools such as the STDM to assist in formalizing existing land rights, community land registration, and dispute resolution using an alternative justice system.

The Director Physical Planning also identified STDM as a tool that can be used in resource mapping to guard against encroachment, and in development control. A request was made for a follow up training on the STDM to the officers, including how it can support in revenue collection at the county, and other services due to its robustness, and the tool’s ability to be used in various contexts.

In 2021, STDM was piloted in Kakuma 1 with the aim of establishing a functional land and structures information system for use in the refugee camp to improve the management of land services and structure allocation in the camp. The findings of this exercise have contributed to informing the regeneration strategies as the project moves towards its finalization. This intervention falls within the European Union Trust Fund (EUTF) for Africa – Kenya, Programme, “Enhancing Self Reliance for Refugees and Host Communities in Kenya”, in Kakuma-Kalobeyi.



County Officials, Host and Refugee Community Regeneration Strategy Workshop

UN-Habitat held a hybrid workshop in Garissa Town to discuss the regeneration strategy. The workshop was attended by participants from both the host and refugee community, County and National officials as well as UN agencies and partners eg UNHCR, Film Aid e.t.c. The scope of the workshop focused on validating key actions/interventions that are aligned with the vision and the strategies for the regeneration stage, identifying the key location for all the interventions, and finally, prioritizing the interventions and defining the timeframe for the implementation. The workshop outputs benefitted from inputs of 40 participants and facilitators who attended the session physically and virtually.

The County Secretary, Mr. Abdinasir S. Yusuf opened the workshop with positive remarks on UN-Habitat's footprint in the county and its role in supporting and facilitating sustainable development that supports the integration of the host and the refugee co-existence, especially in areas which have experienced protracted humanitarian crisis. *'The county is grateful for the inclusive exercises and the phases completed so far and fully supports the project and its implementation to having a sustainable and self-reliant Dadaab in the future'* he said. UN-Habitat Human Settle-

ments Officer, Ms. Jia Cong Ang, gave an overview of the agency's mandate and presented the EU Trust Fund for Africa – Kenya Programme, its objectives, and the purpose of the workshop.

The entire workshop was conducted in an interactive manner with UN-Habitat urban planner Ms. Myriam Azar sharing a brief overview of the Dadaab future vision output, touching briefly on the statement, goals and the strategies proposed and how they are spatialized. Additionally, the potential scenarios for the future of Dadaab were reiterated, illustrating how Dadaab can best take advantage of its assets to existing and future challenges to achieve the intended community priorities and visions regardless of any future population fluctuations. Thereafter, a Regeneration strategy validation break-out sessions were conducted where participants were divided into groups to discuss the regeneration strategies and actions.

Participants both online and in person utilized the 'World Café Methodology' for this exercise which encouraged a conducive environment that develops good, collaborative conversation in small groups for exchange of ideas and decision-making.

Top right: Participants being taken through the presentations during the workshop. © **UN-Habitat**

Bottom right: Participants taking part in the group discussion session, during the midmorning and afternoon sessions. © **UN-Habitat**

Five groups created were able to discuss, locate and prioritize the strategies and actions and even suggest and add any new strategies. The different groups were able to share their reflections on the proposed regeneration strategies and actions with very useful inputs being emphasized on the key actions for the area, their specific location and the priorities aligned with the current frameworks and needs. The next steps on the project would be to analyze the outcome of the workshop and update the consolidation of the regeneration strategies. The interventions, actions and strategies will be finalized into quick wins projects in specific area into action plans.



UN-Habitat conducts a series of Regeneration Strategy Workshops with Stakeholders in Garissa and Turkana Counties

The project *'Enhancing self-reliance for refugees and host communities in Kenya'* being implemented in both Garissa and Turkana County, Kenya by UN-Habitat in collaboration with the respective county government aims to improve the capacity of both the national and the county government to support the development of the relevant sectors in the two counties in refu-

gee management and ensuring sustainable development of both the refugee and the host community in the counties. The project has focused in establishing the existing conditions of the refugee hosting areas through spatial profiling and socio-economic survey, developing a community-based visioning to inform future human settlement and development trajectory and currently

in both counties the project is at the last phase, formulating regeneration strategies for Dadaab complex and Kakuma Camp. The project has been rooted in community/ stakeholders' participation with a series of workshops and trainings being conducted since this October.

Host and Refugee Community Regeneration Strategy Validation Workshop



UN-Habitat organized a one-day workshop with Kakuma host and refugee community representatives to validate proposals for an on-going project to develop an integrated and comprehensive regeneration strategy for Kakuma Refugee Camp, specifically for Kakuma Camp 1. The regeneration strategies proposed were classified by the 5 Vision Goals that the strategies aim to achieve: Efficient Land Management and Urban Governance, Accessibility and Connectivity, Resilient Communities, Sustainable Infrastructure and Entrepreneurship and Strong Economy.

Throughout UN-Habitat facilitated the break-out sessions, the host and refugee communities came together to discuss their opinions on the strategies proposed, which ranged from upgrading of the refugee

camp's major marketplaces (to include infrastructure such as solar-powered street lights, waste collection bins and cool-rooms to preserve fresh produce and meats), to increasing provision of vocational training opportunities such as carpentry, mechanical, masonry, welding, tailoring and baking, to establishing a localized road naming system throughout the refugee camp.

Vital feedback from this validation session included the need to facilitate the inclusion of the host community into the regeneration strategies proposed within Kakuma Camp, the need to minimize land-based conflicts through community engagement, the importance of pursuing environmental protection to reduce the impact of hazards such as flooding and the need to consider the ongoing lifetime

Top left: Participants taking part in the break-out group discussion sessions. © UN-Habitat

Top right: Group discussion session covering Goal 1: Efficient Land Management and Urban Governance. © UN-Habitat

maintenance of proposed infrastructure, such as road upgrades. A refugee community participant highlighted that *"thought needs to be given to how these regeneration strategies can be actualized,"* indicating the need to investigate pathways for implementation.

UN-Habitat will synthesize the feedback from this community validation session to inform the finalization of the Kakuma Regeneration Strategy.

County Government Official Regeneration Strategy Validation and GLTN Workshop

In collaboration with Turkana County Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Areas Management, UN-Habitat organized a 3-day workshop to validate the proposals for the ongoing EUTF funded project to develop a regeneration strategy for Kakuma Refugee Camp. The workshop kicked-off with a site visit to Kakuma Refugee Camp for contextualization and scoping for the proposed regeneration strategies including market infrastructural improvement, environmental protection, water and sanitation investment, waste management coordination and mobility enhancement.

The second day of the workshop focused on the Government Official's validation of the strategies and priority projects proposed, and the third day the workshop focused on utilization of the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) in localizing and implementing the regeneration strategies at a neighborhood level and exploration for potential camp expansion taking into consideration the awaited Kakuma Municipality.

During the workshop, the Turkana County Deputy Secretary Robert Loyelei emphasized that *"Turkana County is experiencing urban growth at a rapid rate and given the past patterns of unplanned and spontaneous development, there is need to work urgently to regenerate the settlements in Kakuma and Kalobeyei and progressively work with the upcoming Municipality management to mainstream planned urban development."*



In addition, the Turkana County Director for Urban Areas Management Mr. Victor Lekaram and the Director of Survey Mr Joseph Egiron, highlighted that land governance in Turkana County will need tools like the Social Tenure Domain Model to help formalize existing land rights, help in community land registration, and dispute resolution using an alternative justice system. However, it was noted that this needs a more coordinated programming approach with partners like FAO who are working on digital land governance to identify gaps and needs that could be addressed by STDM.

By the conclusion of this workshop, Government Officials highlighted that the Kakuma Regeneration Strategy would be useful in supporting the ongoing conferral of the Kakuma Municipality, specifically in the development of the Integrated Strategic Development Plan, noting that Kakuma Refugee Camp is lacking a formal development plan at this time. UN-Habitat looks forward to continuing collaboration with Turkana County, Turkana West Sub-County and Ward Administrators as the Kakuma Regeneration Strategy moves towards finalization.

Top left: Group photo of Turkana County Officials, Turkana West Sub-County Officials and Ward Administrators with UN-Habitat representatives. © UN-Habitat

Top right: Participants conducting site visit to Somali Market in Kakuma Camp 1 to investigate market conditions and challenges including lack of drainage, poor road conditions, lack of pedestrian safety and potential fire risks. © UN-Habitat

Bottom left: Participants visiting a flood vulnerable community in Kakuma Camp 1 with UN-Habitat. © UN-Habitat

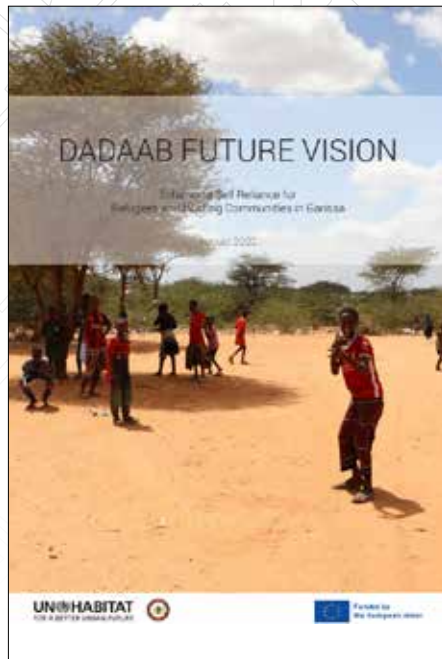
Bottom right: Participants taking part in a group discussion with UN-Habitat facilitators on Goal 4: Sustainable Infrastructure. © UN-Habitat



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The Dadaab Future Vision. © UN-Habitat



Launch of UN-Habitat’s Dadaab Future Vision, Enhancing Self Reliance for Refugees and Hosting Communities in Garissa, Kenya

UN-Habitat is proud to announce the launch of the ‘Dadaab Future Vision’, under the EU Emergency Trust Fund Programme for Africa, Kenya, entitled ‘Enhancing self-reliance for refugees and host communities in Kenya’ which aims to improve the capacity of national and county governments to support the development of all relevant sectors in Garissa and Turkana Counties in refugee management, in addition to the implementation of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) approaches.

Under the programme, UN-Habitat in collaboration with Garissa County Government has undertaken several exercises to develop the future visioning for the host and refugee communities of Dadaab. This Dadaab Future Vision lays out the challenges and opportunities that the area of Dadaab faces and proposes a new Vision of what the locality could become in 10-15 years’ time. The Vision was developed in line with a whole-of-society approach, informed by government and transnational policies, community perspectives and sound urban planning principles.

The aim is to understand how all the spatial, economic, environmental, and social-cultural layers interact and propose a pathway forward to capitalize on the opportunities available while making the most of all existing assets.

Following recent years marked by the compounding factors of protracted displacement, shifting national policies and the burden of the COVID-19 pandemic, a plan to enable self-reliance and to chart a path towards a more sustainable future is even more necessary. The Dadaab Future Vision will be used to help inform and guide future development and will act as a basis for a detailed regeneration and consolidation plan for Dadaab, which will identify specific action areas and projects through which Dadaab Vision can become a reality.

This launch comes at a time of suspense when the current drought has forced previously settled refugees to return to Dadaab in search of food and water.

Link to the document: <https://unhabitat.org/dadaab-future-vision-enhancing-self-reliance-for-refugees-and-hosting-communities-in-garissa-kenya>

VISION STATEMENT



In 2030, Dadaab area will be **Accessible, Inclusive, Safe and Economically prosperous** while still protecting its **natural environment and pastoralist livelihood** through improved **access to facilities and services, well managed land and resources and improved community engagement.**

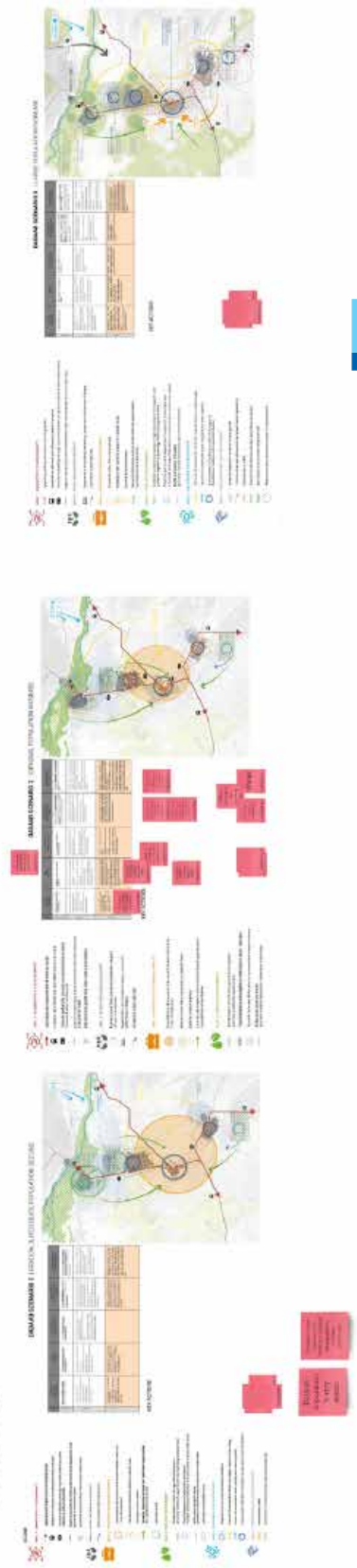
The Dadaab area will achieve its potential for integration, diversified employment opportunities, climate resilience, and improved quality of life.



VISION MAPS















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Top: Virtual validation exercise for the creation of the Vision Statement. © **UN-Habitat**

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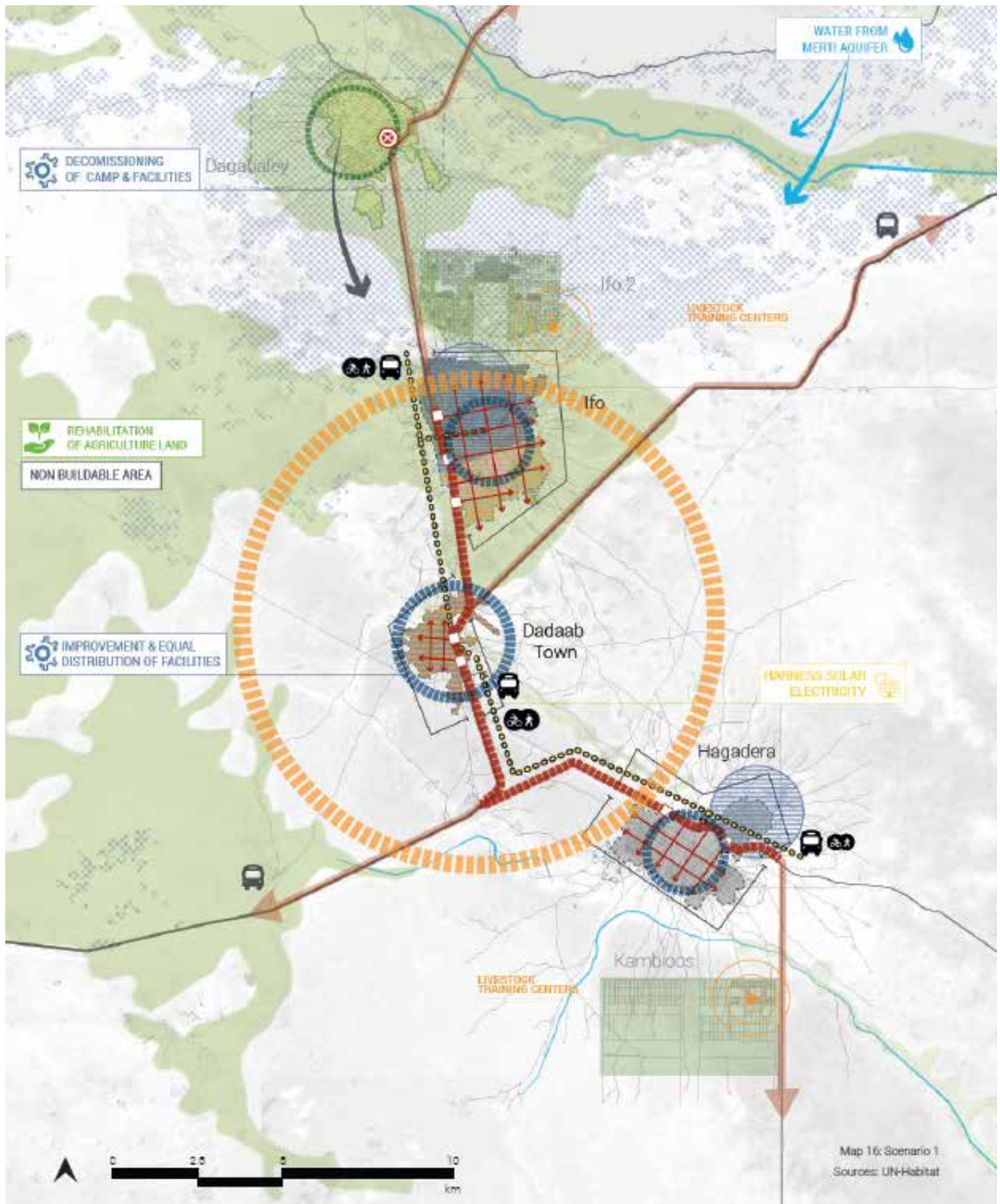
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 - Improvement and upgrading of the existing main road which connects Hagadera to Ifo passing through Dadaab Town;
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 - Develop a phased plan for potential future camp closure, starting with Dagahaley camp due to its further distance and location in a flood prone risks area;
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 - Decommission facilities and aim for self-reliance and resource-efficiency; Re-purpose some of the closed camps infrastructures and facilities;
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 - Voluntary relocate refugees from the most overcrowded areas and high-risk areas;
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 - Reduce service provision progressively in accordance with needs assessments as the number of inhabitants diminishes;
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 - Rehabilitate Dagahaley built-up area into agriculture hub;
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 - Concentrate development in Dadaab Town and Ifo settlement with;
 - higher densification and compactness model;
 - Setting up urban growth boundaries;
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 - Establish mitigation and adaptation strategies in flood prone areas;
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1a. Fluctuation of Population	1b. Urban Footprint	2. Humanitarian Funding Fluctuation	3. Existing Infrastructure & Services	4. Climate Risks and Resilience
 <p>Moderate gradual population decline over a 10/15y time-frame through out-migration</p>	<p>Gradual decrease of demand on land due to declining population</p>	<p>Gradual reduction of Humanitarian funding</p>	<p>Reduced demand - slight underutilisation and possible loss of assets value</p>	<p>Some targeted actions needed in areas of greatest risk to combat climate risks and build resilience</p>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation; • Infill, densification, integration, • Possible camp closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation • Rehabilitation of decommissioned camps and one existing camp into agriculture land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased collaboration with CG • Consolidation of services & gradual handover of responsibilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure and facilities selected for improvement or phased closure and handover to Garissa County based on assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High risk areas prioritised for rehabilitation alongside capacity building of communities to recognise and respond to crises
 <p>Remaining camps converted to integrated settlements consolidated around Dadaab Town</p>	<p>Low to moderate decline of urban footprint through consolidation around Dadaab Town</p>	<p>Improved self-reliance & urban revenue generation result in reduced dependence on humanitarian aid</p>	<p>Improved condition of and access to existing infrastructure & facilities in consolidated settlements and re-adaptive use of decommissioned facilities</p>	<p>Vulnerability is reduced through rehabilitation measures in highest risk areas and resilience improved through capacity building across the settlement</p>

Probability

Highly Unlikely	Unlikely	Maybe	Likely	highly Likely
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Top: Priority actions for one of the proposed scenarios under the Vision. © UN-Habitat



Top: Map for one of the proposed scenarios under the Vision.
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Government of Japan Donates 488,000 to UN-Habitat to Support Emergency Response for Host and Refugee Communities in Kalobeyei

The Government of Japan announced a contribution of USD 488,000 to support the *“Emergency response to Drought and Natural Disasters and Improvement of Socio-Economic Conditions for Host and Refugee Communities”* project in Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya, which will be implemented for one year commencing 25th January 2023. This contribution is part of a USD 7 million grant that will go to support emergency and recovery intervention projects being implemented by UN-Habitat in Kenya, Sudan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Tunisia, and Lebanon.

Since 2016, The Government of Japan through the Japan Supplementary Budget (JSB), has provided grants to implement UN-Habitat projects in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. These projects have promoted access to basic services, averted conflict by enhancing integration of refugees and host communities, and improved the quality of life for Kalobeyei residents through implementation of livelihood initiatives.

The 2023-2024 funding comes at a crucial moment when increasing number of people are fleeing political and civil strife in the neighbouring countries of Sudan, Somalia, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, and seeking asylum in the Kalobeyei Integrated settlement in Kenya. Besides piling pressure on the available resources, the increased influx coupled with the changing climate in Turkana and unsustainable land and water management practices, has left these populations, especially women and children, vulnerable to climate risks and disasters, drought and livelihood insecurities.

As part of addressing the vulnerability to the climate risk and disasters, the 2023-2024 JSB project will seek to 1) Strengthen disaster response and management through construction and rehabilitation of flood and drought resilient infrastructure, 2) Enhance preparedness of local government, host and refugee communities for climate disaster impacts through early warning systems and 3) Enhance economic and food security for host and refugee communities for promotion of human security through income generating activities for women and youth.

The project targets 10,000 direct and 48000 indirect beneficiaries from Host and Refugee communities and hopes to benefit at least 50 government officials through capacity building. The project will be implemented in a participatory manner and in partnership with various stakeholders including Turkana County Government (Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development), Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government, State Department of Housing and Urban Development, National Drought Management Authority, Kenya Meteorological department, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP), Association for Aid and Relief (AAR) Japan, Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) and Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS).

UN-Habitat avails itself of this opportunity to thank the Government of Japan for its generous offer and support to refugee and asylum seekers in Kalobeyei Settlement.

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Government, World Bank, UNHCR and UN-Habitat participants
visiting a Biashara Centre in Kalobeyei Settlement.
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Joint Mission by UN-Habitat, World Bank, UNHCR and Kenya State Department for Urban Development

UN-Habitat led a joint mission for the World Bank and National Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development (UDD) to Turkana County. The purpose of the mission was to assess the level of development for the Refugee settlements in Kakuma and Kalobeyei, monitor the ongoing process to confer Kakuma Municipality, and to explore the possibility of including refugee hosting counties and municipalities in Kenya the upcoming second phase of the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP2) from the IDA Window for Host Communities and Refugees (WHR), funded by the World Bank.

The mission started with a briefing from the local county and National Government representatives, UN-Habitat and UNHCR field offices on the general overview of the area, the various settlements, past and ongoing development programmes implemented by both humanitarian and development partners, to demonstrate what has been done to meet the requirements for transforming the area into an urban area.

The mission also included a field visit to Kakuma Town, Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement, to evaluate the level of infrastructural development and basic services which are key thresholds for conferment of the municipality as stated in the Kenyan Urban Areas and Cities Act of 2019.

On the second day, the partners met with the County Minister of Lands, Energy and Urban Areas Management, representatives from the Turkana County Assembly and the Governor's Office to discuss in detail any key requirements and conditions that need to be met for Kakuma and Kalobeyei areas to qualify as a municipality and the opportunity of the IDA Window for Host Communities and Refugees. The World Bank highlighted the areas that the County should consider during the municipality conferment process and the timelines needed for the Municipality to be included in second phase for the Kenyan Urban Support Programme (KUSP2), including the chartering of the municipality as well as establishing an urban governance institution.

Top: Participants visting housing, roads, public space and public utilities in Kalobeyei Settlement. © UN-Habitat

From this mission it was apparent that the inclusion of Turkana and Garissa Counties in the KUSP2 would allow for the creation of refugee hosting municipalities in both Kakuma and Dadaab, which would set a foundation for future integration of refugees as residents in the hosting counties and municipalities. Given UN-Habitat's experience in the context, the Senior Programme Advisor, Ms. Ivana Unluova, highlighted that the agency's contribution in this process would be to support the institutional capacity in the counties in urban planning, administration, urban governance and management, in addition to ensuring strengthened land management through improved land governance, adjudication processes including housing, land and property rights, as well as infrastructural development and urban basic services.



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Preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya

UN-Habitat will host the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya from 5-9th June 2023. The theme of the session is **“A Sustainable Urban Future through Inclusive and Effective Multilateralism: Achieving the SDGs in times of global crises”**.

As the governance body of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the United Nations Habitat Assembly convenes every four years. It is the highest global decision-making body on sustainable urbanization and human settlements. The 193 UN Member States cast the votes, while participants include non-Member States, other UN bodies and specialized agencies, as well as intergovernmental organizations, civil society, private sector, academia and research institutions, women, youth and children, and grassroots organizations.

Thematic debates and discussions during the Assembly will focus on the following topics:

- **Universal access to affordable housing:** Member States are encouraged to explore mechanisms to achieve the universal right to adequate housing and move towards removing existing barriers to affordable housing.
- **Urban climate action:** to achieve the global commitment to stay within 1.5°C limit on rising temperatures by 2030, Member States are encouraged to explore realistic urban pathways for climate action.
- **Urban crises recovery:** current crises are increasingly more urban, with cities very often serving as the main places of arrival for displaced people. Member States are encouraged to empower cities to respond to urban crises and support national recovery efforts.
- **Localization of the SDGs:** the Assembly will look at local actions needed to advance the implementation of SDGs to meet the 2030 Development Agenda targets. Member States will also be invited to explore financial mechanisms to ensure resources are directed toward urban development and reach local levels.
- **Prosperity and local finance:** to accelerate the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals, respond to urban crises, advance urban climate action, and ensure adequate and affordable housing for all, cities need policies and fiscal resources. Member States are invited to explore policies and market mechanisms to ensure financial flows directed towards urban development and reach local levels.

Kenya Red Cross Society Selected as UN-Habitat's Implementing Partner in Turkana County

Following a rigorous evaluation process, UN-Habitat has selected Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) as the Implementing Partner (IP) for the *“Emergency response to Drought and Natural Disasters and Improvement of Socio-Economic Conditions for Host and Refugee Communities”* project to be implemented in Kalobeyei Settlement in Turkana West, Turkana County.

KRCS was one of the five not-for-profit organizations that responded to UN-Habitat's call for proposals to implement the project published in February 2023. Through an Agreement of Cooperation (AOC) signed by UN-Habitat's Global Solutions Division Director, Raf Tuts and KRCS's Secretary General (ai), Ahmed Idris, the two organizations agreed to collaborate in the implementation of the project until January 2024. The organizations also committed to using a participatory approach in implementation of the project that will entail partnership with the beneficiary community, UN partners like UNHCR and WFP, the County and National Governments and collaborating with the project donor, the Government of Japan.

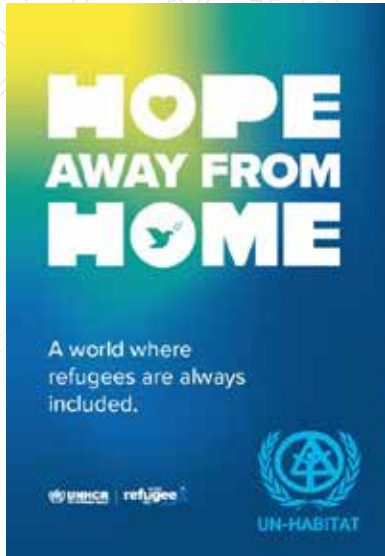
The project partnership will seek to 1) Strengthen disaster response and management through construction and rehabilitation of flood and drought resilient infrastructure, 2) Enhance preparedness of local government, host and refugee communities for climate disaster impacts through early warning systems and 3) Enhance economic and food security for host and refugee communities for promotion of human security through income generating activities for women and youth. KRCS and UN-Habitat will achieve these objectives through implementation of various activities including: Assessment of water retention facilities in Kalobeyei, rehabilitation of water retention facilities for irrigation water supply, collection of indigenous community knowledge on disaster risk preparedness and mitigation, developing an easy-to-use early warning system and incubation of businesses in Kalobeyei Settlement, organizing a series of workshops to facilitate community participation, and planning feasible operation and maintenance mechanisms for the implemented components.

Kenya Red Cross Society is a humanitarian relief organization established in December 1965 under the Kenya Red Cross Society Act with a core mandate of preventing and alleviating human suffering in Kenya through promoting the well-being, health, and resilience of communities without any discrimination. The Organisation is an auxiliary to both the National and County Governments a strategic position that helps the Organisation facilitate communities to respond to humanitarian emergencies, through its network of over 200,000 community and professional volunteers and members and community-based experts. On average, KRCS reaches over 20 million people annually through development programmes and disaster response to affected populations and interventions funded by various donors including the European Union, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), UNHCR, IKEA Foundation and the Humanitarian Aid department of the European Commission (ECHO).

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World Refugee Day 2023 theme: Hope Away From Home.
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UN-Habitat's Planning for Humanitarian-Development Practice has utilized urban and spatial planning as a tool to bridge the gap between humanitarian and development activities in Kakuma-Kalobeyei.

This includes exploring "Alternatives to Camps," supporting the paradigm shift towards the integration of refugee and host communities, and the development of sustainable and long-term solutions, ensuring the most vulnerable populations are promoted and protected.



2023 World Refugee Day Celebrations held in Kakuma-Kalobeyei, Turkana County, Kenya

On World Refugee Day held every year, the world comes together to commemorate the strength, courage, and resilience of millions of refugees around the world.

This year, UN-Habitat and UNHCR co-hosted the World Refugee Day celebrations that took place in Kalobeyei Settlement in Turkana County. The event was attended by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Filippo Grandi, the UN-Habitat Executive Director Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, the State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services Amb. Prof. Julius Bitok and Kenya's Commissioner for Refugees Affairs.

This year's theme for the celebrations was '*Solutions for refugees and the power of inclusion*'. With more than 600,000 refugees hosted in Kenya for over three decades, this theme provides a lot of hope for alternative pathways for greater participation of refugees in the country's social economic progress.

One of the key catalysts for inclusion that were featured during the event is the promotion of inclusive urban development in humanitarian contexts to provide a coordinated response and implementation of an integrated and sustainable settlements approach, as a management tool for actors and local governments.

This was highlighted as a key enabler for ensuring social inclusion, shared economic prosperity, physical functionality, and environmental sustainability.

In her remarks, the UN-Habitat Executive Director highlighted that, 'We believe that integrated urban planning can be used as a tool to promote integration, social equity, and economically thriving communities for refugees and host members. We have supported the process of developing a knowledgeable community empowered to be innovative, self-sustaining, and resilient to challenges, adhering to the principles of sustained equitable and prosperous development'.

With Kalobeyei Settlement's success story in bridging the development gap in humanitarian settings through planning, there was an anonymous consensus from most speakers that the settlement should be used as a best practice to inform the refugee policy transition to transform the traditional refugee camps into functional urban settlements.

Video of UN-Habitat's programme in Kakuma-Kalobeyei: https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7076892542738259969?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop



Maimunah Mohd Sharif
Executive Director of UN-Habitat



Top left: Executive Director for UN-Habitat, Maimunah Mohd Sharif, speaking during an interview at the World Refugee Day celebrations in Turkana County, Kenya. © **UN-Habitat**. The full interview can be found at: https://youtu.be/R_xT07owskw

Top right: UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grande, the Executive Director for UN-Habitat, Maimunah Mohd Sharif, and UN-Habitat colleagues at the World Refugee Day Exhibition in Kakuma-Kalobeyi, Turkana County, Kenya. © **UN-Habitat**

A Special High-Level Dialogue on the Transitioning of Refugee Camps in the Country into Integrated Settlements under “Shirika Plan”

The Government of Kenya and UNHCR co-hosted a special high-level dialogue on the transitioning of refugee camps in Kenya into integrated settlements aimed at promoting the socioeconomic inclusion of refugees and bringing additional support to the local Kenyan communities alongside them.

During the Dialogue the Guest of Honour Prime Cabinet Secretary, H.E Musalia Mudavadi EGH, was joined by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Principal Secretaries and Governors represented in the National Steering Committee on the Shirika Plan, Development and Humanitarian Partners, Private Sector and Non-Governmental Organizations.



Top right: Participants watching a traditional dance performance after the special High Level Dialogue in Nairobi. © **UN-Habitat**

Building on the progress made thus far, the Government of Kenya is shifting its approach to refugee management by transforming refugee camps into integrated settlements under the multi-year “Shirika Plan,” previously referred to as the Marshal Plan. The event, which was organized to mark World Refugee Day, provided a platform for various stakeholders to join Kenya in articulating a shared vision toward making this important change to the way in which refugee camps, which were established more than 30 years ago, are managed in Kenya.

Bottom left: Executive Director for UN-Habitat, Maimunah Mohd Sharif, speaking at the special High Level Dialogue in Nairobi. © **UN-Habitat**



During the dialogue, development actors and public and private donors expressed their intentions to support the inclusive and transformative agenda for refugees that will be outlined as the Shirika Plan is developed and when it is implemented.

Through these efforts, the Kenya Government has committed to create an environment that not only supports the socioeconomic inclusion of refugees but also helps build opportunities for the Kenyan people, and in line with the Global Compact on Refugees and in collaboration with UNHCR and other stakeholders, has taken and will continue to take concrete steps through several initiatives to improve the conditions for refugees and the communities hosting them.

During the Dialogue, Executive Director for UN-Habitat, Maimunah Mohd Sharif, said *“the Dialogue today is a further confirmation of the increasing importance of urbanization as a trend and priority on the continent and in Kenya. Urbanization is clearly also impacting the rural areas where there are large concentrations of refugees, coupled with the severe effects of climate change that impact the traditional lifestyle of the local pastoralist populations and create competition for resources and ultimately result in the emergence of new urban centers. The case of Kalobeyei and the progress made in the transformation of the refugee response model in Kenya towards an integrated settlement approach, demonstrates that urban planning can create a platform for integrated delivery of services, and work as a catalyst for local development which can result in economic*

development and opportunities for both the host and refugee communities, leaving no one and no place behind.”

The Refugees Act of 2021, which came into effect in February 2022, provides new and additional opportunities, rights, protection, and solutions for refugees in Kenya. In addition to recognizing the contributions made by refugees to Kenya’s development, the Act provides refugees with documentation to facilitate access to services and employment opportunities.

Link to the joint statement by the Government of Kenya and UNHCR: <https://www.unhcr.org/africa/news/press-releases/joint-statement-government-kenya-and-un-high-commissioner-refugees-high-level>

UN-Habitat Organizes Refugee Inclusion Discussion during the Kenya Urban Forum (KUF)

UN-Habitat attended the inaugural Kenya Urban Forum which was held in Naivasha from the 14th to 16th June 2023, organized by Kenya’s State Department for Housing and Urban Development in the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development in collaboration with the World Bank, UN-Habitat, National Land Commission, Council of Governors of Kenya (CoG) and the Kenya Institute of Planners (KIP). The forum was organized with the focus of raising awareness on sustainable urbanization among various urban stakeholders in Kenya while providing an opportunity for sharing lessons learned and best practices from various cities, municipalities, and towns.



During the forum, UN-Habitat and Turkana County organized a side event on *Promoting long-term sustainability towards self-reliance and inclusion – looking beyond encampment through a multilateral effort for municipal development of Kakuma for host and refugees*. This side event drew on past experiences, best practices, and perspectives from multiple actors in Kakuma-Kalobeyei.

As a key presenter, Director Victor Lekaram from the Turkana County Government focused on the sharing experiences from urban development in Turkana West and the unique urbanization presented by the

presence of refugees and partly rural urban migration and key steps that the government is taking to manage this unprecedented urban expansion. The county highlighted key initiatives to promote sustainable urban development in Kakuma and Kalobeyei including the recent conferment of Kakuma Municipality which includes existing refugee camps. Director Lekaram highlighted that this transition would provide opportunities for better urban planning and governance and to ensure the provision of requisite urban infrastructure and services to promote inclusive local economic development for both refugees and the host community.

Top right: UN-Habitat presenting the projects implemented in Kakuma and promoting the role of strategic urban planning in humanitarian contexts to ensure refugee and host community integration. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat also made a presentation on various projects implemented in Kakuma and Kalobeyei showing how specific tools have contributed to strategic urban planning in humanitarian contexts to ensure refugee and host community integration, and the eventual transformation of the refugee camps into urban settlements.

The Advisory Development Plan for Kalobeyei Settlement was developed to ensure that refugees and the host community could settle in an accessible, vibrant, and functional urban settlement with adequate social and physical infrastructure and diverse economic opportunities. The Spatial Profiling, Visioning and Regeneration/Consolidation strategies being developed for Kakuma Refugee Camp and Dadaab Complex in Kenya have also helped partners and Government to understand the cross-sectoral overview of the refugee hosting situation and existing socio-economic and infrastructural gaps. Both profiles identified challenges, opportunities, and outlined scenarios for future urban development, as well as recommendations for current settlement conditions to be more inclusive for both refugees and host community, where local partners and government are also working collaboratively to transition humanitarian dependency into sustainable development.

Participants and stakeholders who were present also contributed to the discussions, lauding the planning of Kalobeyei Settlement as a major lesson for Kenyan counties



and urban practitioners on how similar tools could also be employed in planning the rapidly growing urban settlements in Kenya. The Kenya Institute of planners who were also present highlighted the importance of including the refugee settlements in urban development policy given the global increase in displacement and the role and opportunities that migration presents for urbanization in the hosting countries.

Top right: Senior Programme Advisor, Ms. Ivana Unluova, presenting the way forward for UN-Habitat and partners on the municipality conferment and recommendation for the inclusion of refugees in urban planning mandate.
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Mission of the Embassy of Japan (Deputy Permanent Representative to UN-Habitat) to Kakuma and Kalobeyei

UN-Habitat has been partnering with the Kenyan Government and UNHCR to implement an integrated settlement for hosts and refugees in Turkana, to demonstrate sustainable approaches of developing human settlements including housing, capacity development in urban development, infrastructural development, urban governance and local economic development while at the same time supporting community members in further development in innovation, skills development, livelihoods and job creation. These interventions implemented in Kalobeyei Settlement in Turkana County have been supported by the Government of Japan, through the Japan Supplementary Budget (JSB).

As an extension of the programme, the Government of Japan's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN-Habitat, Mr. Masami Ito, conducted a monitoring mission to Kakuma and Kalobeyei on 26th and 27th of June to visit and evaluate past projects and to introduce a new programme titled *"Emergency Response to Drought and Natural Disasters and Improvement of*

Socio-economic Conditions for Host and Refugee Communities". The programme will focus on improved disaster response preparedness and adopting durable mitigation measures while also implementing drought and flood resilient infrastructure. During the visit, Mr. Ito also had the chance to interact with Refugees and Host community members who are beneficiaries of the projects implemented through the generous support from Japan, gather feedback from them and establish gaps and opportunities that still exist. Mr. Ito while addressing the delegation at Brightstar Secondary School, Kalobeyei, indicated that through the mission, he understood better the achievements made in Kalobeyei and the daily challenges faced by the residents.

In the spirit of partnership and collaboration, the mission delegation was joined by UNHCR, UN-Women, Peace Winds Japan and AAR Japan who also had an opportunity to show case some of their Japan-funded projects, and their respective priority areas.

Some of the projects visited by the delegation included:

- Food distribution project to the host community implemented AAR Japan
- Plastic and bone recycling plant implemented by a refugee group with support from UNHCR
- Motor garage project implemented by Peace Winds Japan and UN-Women
- Kalobeyei Reception Centre that has currently borne the challenge of hosting an influx of newly arrived asylum seekers beyond its capacity
- The Kalobeyei Handcraft Centre supported by UNHCR and UN-Women
- Inclusive shelters for People Living with Disabilities and Special Needs implemented by UN-Habitat
- Kalobeyei Public Space project, road rehabilitation and community centre project implemented by UN-Habitat and supported by various Japanese private firms



The DPR, Mr. Ito, and UN-Habitat inspecting a road rehabilitated using STEIN manufactured by SPEC, a Japanese company. © UN-Habitat



The mission at a plastic and bones recycling plant by UNHCR. The plant makes household products from the waste. © UN-Habitat



At an inclusive shelter unit designed and constructed by UN-Habitat. The unit provides better privacy and better ventilation to PLWDs compared to the normal shelter. © UN-Habitat



At the UN Women Garage project which is under construction. The Garage supported by Toyota will provide equal access to women to get technical skills. © UN-Habitat



UNHCR Head of Sub Office Kakuma, addressing the delegation Kalobeyei Reception Centre. The reception was holding over 10,000 refugees against a capacity of 4,000 due to an influx of asylum seekers. © UN-Habitat



The DPR, Mr. Ito, at a food distribution centre by AAR Japan. The food is provided to support marginalized households especially during prolonged droughts. © UN-Habitat

The June 2023 mission happened on the backdrop of a successful mission in November of 2022 led by Mr. Uchikoshi from the economic section of the Embassy of Japan in Kenya. Besides monitoring project progress, these missions also aimed

at strengthening the bi-lateral cooperation between Kenya and Japan through ensuring alignment with various development frameworks including the National Government Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) policy, The new Refugee Law,

County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) and the new generation of the Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISEDPP).

UN-Habitat and County Government of Turkana Conduct Kakuma Regeneration Strategies and Action Plans Validation Workshop

UN-Habitat and Turkana County Government representatives conducted a one-day validation exercise in Kakuma Town to discuss regeneration strategies and action plans for Kakuma.

Under the funding of EU Emergency Trust Fund Program for Africa, Kenya, the strategies and the actions plans were formulated following a series of stakeholders' workshops and field assessment to outline and collate the existing settlement conditions through spatial profiling to identify challenges and opportunities, community-based visioning to inform a vision for a future human settlement in refugee hosting counties, goal and strategies formulation and prioritization. This workshop marks a step towards finalization of the regeneration strategies and action plans report. The report will also define the timeframe and priorities for future implementation and will inform and align with the new Kakuma Municipality planning objectives.

The overall project aims at enhancing self-reliance for refugees and host communities in Kenya and to improve the capacity of national and county governments to support the development of all relevant sectors in Garissa and Turkana Counties in refugee management in addition to supporting the roll-out of Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) approaches. UN-Habitat throughout the past months has emphasized on building Institutional capacity of the county governments, host and refugee communities and ensuring open dialogue and close collaboration.

While addressing the workshop participants, The County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Housing and Urban Areas Management, Mr. Peter Akono, lauded the great efforts UN-Habitat and partners have put in place in preparing and ensuring finalization of the regeneration strategies and action plans. He also emphasized the need for better planning and sustainable long-term solutions for the newly established Kakuma Municipality, to promote social inclusion, and ensure the well-being of the refugees and the host community and the preservation of the surrounding ecosystem. He noted that, "sustainable development must be a guiding principle



in the regeneration of Kakuma Municipality Environmental conservation, renewable energy and waste management initiatives as well as ensuring the hosts and refugee community well-being are enhanced".

He added the importance of the regeneration report and UN-Habitat's work in ensuring creation of effective municipality and planning tools, "the report will form the baseline upon which the Kakuma Municipality will borrow a great deal of information for management and plan preparation that will ensure development of sustainable infrastructure and growth". On integrated settlement for refugees and Host community, the CEC called upon UN-Habitat to

Top right: Key remarks after the presentation during the workshop. © UN-Habitat

Bottom right: The Turkana CEC and other participants discussing the strategies during the workshop. © UN-Habitat

continue supporting, guiding, and advising the County Government on planning for sustainable, inclusive and integrated settlement. The CEC additionally reiterated the County have full support towards UN-Habitat's programme and mandate and have shared their intention to continue working closely together on the future of the newly established Kakuma Municipality.

During the workshop, UN-Habitat team presented a brief overview of the program objectives, process and achieved activities and provided updates on the regeneration strategies and actions plans. Thereafter the team invited all the participants for interactive sessions to discuss the outline strategies and action plans in alignment with the new Turkana County Government CIDP III priorities. The participants were also invited to reflect on the work journey, from the analysis of existing context to the future Vision and regeneration strategies. To conclude, participants were invited to share any intention, priority, or vision for the new Kakuma Municipality.

Also present during the workshop were Director of Trade Development; Turkana County (James Lokwale), Sub-County Administrator; Turkana west (Christine Nalemsekon Ekai), Area Ward Administrator among other officers from the County Government. In August, UN-Habitat will finalize and publish the Regeneration and Action Plans Report to conclude this Phase of the EU Emergency Trust Fund Program in Kakuma-Kalobeyei.



Top right: Meeting participants group photo after the workshop. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat, Garissa County Officials and Partners Conduct Dadaab Regeneration and Consolidation Strategies Validation Workshop

Through the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa, Kenya funding, UN-Habitat is supporting the programme 'Enhancing self-reliance for refugees and host communities in Kenya' for both Garissa and Turkana Counties. This is in collaboration with the respective county government departments, partners, local refugee, and host communities. Through this programme, UN-Habitat aims to improve the capacity of both the national and county governments to support the development of the relevant sectors in the two counties in refugee management and ensuring sustainable development of both the refugee and the host community in the counties.



Top right: Group photo of participants at the Dadaab Regeneration and Validation Workshop. © UN-Habitat

Bottom right: Workshop Opening Remarks by Mr. Mohamud Hassan Mursal, Garissa County Secretary. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat, Kenya Red Cross Society and Turkana County Government and Partners Launch Emergency Response to Drought and Natural Disasters Project in Turkana County, Kakuma-Kalobeyei Area

UN-Habitat and Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) organized an inception meeting in collaboration with Turkana County, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Kenya Meteorology Department to launch the Government of Japan funded project on ‘Emergency Response to Drought and Natural Disasters and Improvement of Socio-economic Conditions for Host and Refugee Communities’ which entails effective disaster response and management measures, capacity building and infrastructure that will develop stronger preparedness and an effective response improving the resilience of the refugees and host communities. This in turn will address secondary risks including socio-economic insecurities. Enhancing and increasing the capacity of vulnerable households by equipping them with resources for change socially and economically can also create opportunities for greater overall resilience.

As part of addressing risks and disasters, UN-Habitat will actively and continuously engage stakeholders in this project thereby drawing their unique experiences and insights on matters of flood, drought and disaster mitigation while fostering a sense

Bottom left: KRCS making a presentation on Early Warning System Components. © UN-Habitat



Top right: Participants during the inception meeting held in Lodwar. © UN-Habitat

of ownership, commitment, and accountability from beneficiaries. This participatory approach to be adopted by UN-Habitat and KRCS intends to create a strong network of support that will help tailor the project to address the specific needs and challenges of the target beneficiaries that ensured project relevance and effectiveness.

The meeting led by UN-Habitat and KRCS discussed the intention of the project and the objectives, area of coverage, activities to be carried out and the main outcomes, project timelines and the target population/beneficiaries. In addition, UN-Habitat and KRCS shared their intentions to work

closely with the local Government, their imperative support and role, participatory approaches that will be adopted and intention to achieve a community centered and owned early warning system and mitigation strategies. The platform was useful as it also provided the various participants in attendance with an opportunity to contribute and share their views or comments regarding the newly proposed project.

In the meeting, the Director of NDMA acknowledged all the efforts that have been put in place by UN-Habitat and KRCS to undertake this project that will provide holistic benefits to the refugees and host communities. The director reiterated his commitment and that of his department to support the project to its success.

Other partners present noted that the project will require multi-level and multi-sectoral coordination, involving government and non-government stakeholders (e.g., local communities, UN-agencies, private sector, and non-profit organizations).

This inception meeting will be followed by a series of stakeholders participatory planning and community engagements workshops with the host and the refugee community, Local NGOs, UN-agencies, and the local government/leadership to develop community-based disaster mitigation strategies and early warning system. The project is expected to be completed and handed over to Turkana County Government and the local community.



The meeting which was held in Lodwar Town was attended by officials from the Turkana County Government (Ministry of Public Service, Administration and Disaster

Management), Kenya Government Agencies such as National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) and Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD), as well as partners

USAID, REACH Initiative, IRC, Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) and Mercy Corps-Nawiri working for similar or related projects in various part of Turkana County.

UN-Habitat in Partnership with Kenya Red Cross Society Embark on a Process to Establish Kakuma-Kalobeyei Community-Based Disaster Mitigation Strategies and Early Warning System (EWS)

Over the past years unpredictable climatic weather conditions have wreaked havoc in the areas of Kakuma-Kalobeyei destroying properties and infrastructure, disrupting human activities as well as contributing to the loss of lives and economic opportunities. UN-Habitat has been an advocate for community-based and community-led initiatives over the years, especially in Kalobeyei Settlement which hosts both refugee and hosting communities to develop long-term, inclusive, sustainable, and resilient area-based solutions. UN-Habitat and Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) have therefore initiated plan to prepare community-based disaster mitigation strategies and an early warning system to avert the challenges of slow onset climate change which have adversely affected the inhabitants of this area, help the local government and the community to prepare and respond, mitigate, and adapt to the effects of the climate change and disasters.



Top right: UN-Habitat representative making remarks during the community Early Warning System Forum in Kalobeyei Settlement. © UN-Habitat

It is understood that climatic events such as floods are dynamic and site specific, affecting the refugee areas and the Kakuma-Kalobeyei rural areas, and their patterns have been interpreted and understood by the inhabitants of these areas through generations of living here. The communities are well known to rely on these indigenous weather forecast knowledge and practices, which include observed climatic events and their corresponding effects or impacts e.g., as warning for floods, which include the identification of weather snaps and temperatures, wind calmness, and wind direction among others.

Towards this, UN-Habitat and KRCS organized two-days community engagement forums to inform the communities as well as to collect indigenous knowledge and practices to develop a baseline understanding. The forums were attended by members of the host and refugee community as well as the local leadership, partners, the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) and the directorate of the Lodwar Meteorological Office.

Bottom left: KRCS guiding the host community during the forum on disaster mitigation strategies. © UN-Habitat



In the forums, the participants shared their traditional experiences and practices to predict events such as drought and floods, frequencies of events occurrences, local adaptive skills and methodologies. The participants also discussed and developed community maps indicating areas and livelihood resources put at risk by certain climate, natural or human-made hazards.

Discussion also centered on changes in type, extent, frequency, and intensity of the hazards. They also developed a seasonal calendar indicating important events, particularly periods of stress resulting from natural or human-made hazards.

The participants summarized the knowledge collected on the map and seasonal calendar and drew conclusions, identifying the hazards which were the most relevant for their community, their related impacts on livelihoods and the local responses that people in the community currently use to lessen the negative impacts, rank the information.

Participants also used the results of the assessments to set adaptation goals and to identify suitable mitigation and adaptation strategies for the community.

The knowledge and information gathered will be used to create and develop mitigation strategies and early warning systems

to track, monitor and prepare adequately for any disaster. The strategies report will be produced, and the early warning system will be installed to serve both communities to enhance preparedness of local government, host and refugee communities for climate disaster impacts.



Dadaab Municipality Board Gears Up to Occupy the Office

After the Dadaab municipality board was appointed by the County Governor, approved by the County Assembly and officially sworn in on July 25, 2023, a follow up meeting was held at the new Dadaab Municipality offices in Dadaab Town, Kenya on 23rd August 2023.

The meeting was attended by all newly appointed board members, the Municipal Chief Executive Officer, subcounty administration and community leaders in the area. The meeting was also in preparation to the expected presidential visit in the region, planned for later this year. During the meeting, the Governor inspected the ongoing office completion works and handed over the municipality flag to the municipality board members and the CEO as they assume their offices. He also handed the board a draft of Dadaab spatial plan. The board is scheduled to meet the consultant tasked with the development of the spatial plan to share their inputs before it is finalized and published.

The seven-member board commenced their one-week induction workshop on the 4th of September, which will cover various topics such as the roles of board members, corporate governance, the code of conduct for state corporations, risk management, and strategic planning, among other important topics relevant to municipalities and other state corporations in Kenya. The induction meeting will also provide the board members with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the national and county government governance processes and inform them about their roles and responsibilities on the board.

The initial tasks for the municipality board include preparing municipality administrative documents, budgets, and plans. The board is also expected to develop immediate action plans, identify gaps, quick wins, projects, and interventions for the new Dadaab municipality.



Top left: Discussions on the draft Dadaab Spatial Plan presented by the governor to the board.

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Top right: The Governor of Garissa County handing over the flag to the Dadaab Municipality Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

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Bottom left: The Distinctive Facade of Dadaab Municipality Offices.

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UN-Habitat and Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) Lead the New Initiative in Creating Inclusive Vibrant Community Public Space in the Kalobeyei Settlement, Turkana County, Kenya

The initiation of the design master plan for the upcoming public space began with a knowledge exchange session and an activation event conducted within Village 3 of the Kalobeyei settlement. These events were organized collaboratively by UN-Habitat and the Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI), in partnership with both the host and refugee communities. Other stakeholders, such as UNHCR, the Department of Refugee Services (DRS), and Peace Winds Japan, offered their support and involvement in the initiative.



Bottom right: Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI), UN-Habitat, and UNHCR are coming together to present the visionary masterplan for the new public space in Kalobeyei Settlement's Village 3.

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UN-Habitat has long supported the implementation and development of Kalobeyei Settlement particularly by ensuring sustainable development, community integration and enhancing peaceful co-existence between refugee and host communities. However, this has not been made easy due to the existing challenges affecting the settlement and its residents such as man-made and natural hazards, the impact of climate change, and vulnerabilities related to gender, socio-economic status, culture, and age. These issues have compounded risks and tensions between the host and refugee communities.

In response to these challenges, innovative public spaces have emerged as a critical component of physical, social, and cultural infrastructure that provide solutions that not only address hazards and conflicts but also contribute to mobility, climate change adaptation, and mitigation. Since 2021, UN-Habitat and Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) have partnered with host and refugee communities in the Kalobeyei Settlement

to deliver inclusive and accessible public spaces. To achieve this goal, they adopted integrated, participatory, and collaborative design approaches, along with community-led construction. These approaches have yielded remarkable success and have been instrumental in improving the inclusive access of existing public spaces in the settlement, including those in Village 1 and Village 2.

In the pursuit of inclusive and accessible public spaces, the partnership between KDI and UN-Habitat has emphasized community-led initiatives. In a recent development, Village 3 of the settlement expressed the need for a new public space. This has led to a new initiative focusing on resilient public spaces that can address extreme heat, seasonal flooding, and serve as hubs for integrated social, economic, and adaptive infrastructure. These spaces are designed to provide inclusive and safe play and relaxation areas, catering to the needs of women and children.

Top left: The community actively participates and shares responsibility in the design of public spaces in Kalobeyei Settlement. © UN-Habitat

Top right: Women in the community crafting tire seatings, enhancing the aesthetics and comfort of the Public Space in Village 2, Kalobeyei Settlement. © UN-Habitat

The knowledge exchange session as well as the activation event aimed to initiate and showcase some of the ideas that form activities for phase I of construction implementation of the new public space in Village 3. The event included installation of temporary seating and shading elements by community members, securing of the site by resolving land use encroachment issues, and demarcation of the site boundaries. Installation of a site board in the public space site is also planned, with construction of the design masterplan for the new public space to also occur once a new phase of funding is secured.



Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) and partners engaging in a collaborative design session with the Kalobeyei community to shape public spaces. © UN-Habitat

Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) and partners hosting a community workshop to disseminate the new masterplan for Village 3's public space, ensuring community involvement and awareness in Kalobeyei Settlement. © UN-Habitat

Community members actively install temporary seating and shading elements, enhancing the usability and comfort of Public Space 3, Kalobeyei Settlement. © UN-Habitat



The collaborative, participatory and integrated approach to development of public spaces in the Kalobeyei Settlement promotes long-term investment, ensuring that the project's interventions will benefit the communities for years to come.



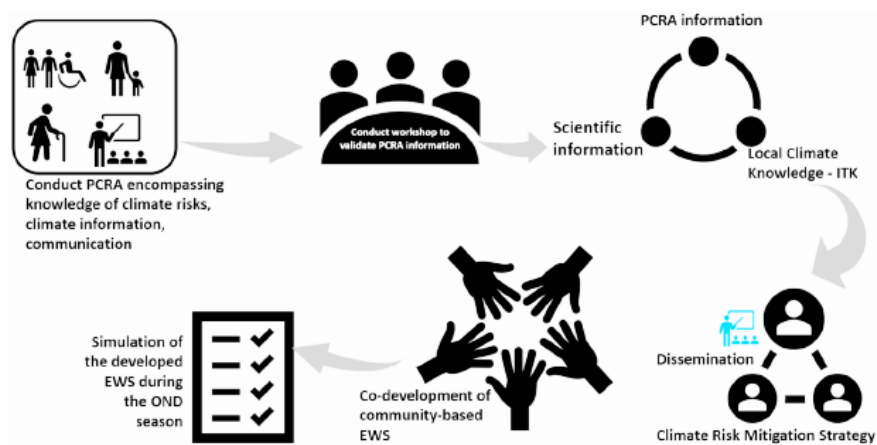
Top left: Children participating in the process of the Design of the visionary masterplan for the new public spaces in Kalobeyei Settlement. © **UN-Habitat**

Bottom left: Community members enjoying the Newly installed tire seatings area in Public Space 2, Kalobeyei Settlement. © **UN-Habitat**

UN-Habitat and Kenya Red Cross Society Conduct Dissemination and Write Shop sessions in Kakuma-Kalobeyei on Community-Based Disaster Risk Mitigation Strategies and Early Warning Systems

KRCS and UN-Habitat conducted a 3-day dissemination and writing workshop in Kakuma-Kalobeyei to present the findings of previous communities' engagement sessions, consolidate the insights with partners to formulate clear and actionable objectives for the strategy document, and to outline collaboration mechanisms involving UN-Habitat, the County Government, UNHCR and other partners.

The exercise was part of the project that UN-Habitat is carrying out in Kakuma-Kalobeyei on "Emergency Response to Drought and Natural Disasters and Improvement of Socio-economic Conditions for Host and Refugee Communities" together with Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) and funded by the Government of Japan (JSB).



Step-by-step programme for the Early Warning System creation. © **UN-Habitat**



Turkana County Meteorological Services Director making his remarks during the workshop in Kakuma-Kalobeyei. © UN-Habitat



Participants attending the 3-day workshop in Kakuma-Kalobeyei. © UN-Habitat



UNHCR Representative Ms. Edith Ingutia making her contribution during the write-shop. © UN-Habitat

The focus of the project is on solutions for the mitigation of natural disasters, including floods and droughts, providing sustainable livelihoods through water irrigation systems to all people and communities irrespective of age, gender and cultural diversity. The activities before the workshop focused on developing the Kalobeyei Climate Risk Mitigation Strategy and a Community-led Early Warning System.

The first day of the workshop outlined the goals of the processes, below:

- Raise awareness among communities in Kakuma-Kalobeyei, assess the climate change related disaster risks they face and develop adaptation strategies.
- Apply local communities' knowledge in combination with general knowledge related to disasters and climate change.
- Build an understanding among local communities and develop solutions identifying the role that they can play in building resilience to disasters.

Some of the hazards identified include droughts, floods, diseases and conflicts. These hazards presented various impacts such as loss of livelihood and life, loss of crops and animal productivity (food and water scarcity/ insecurity), poor health conditions and destruction of properties among others. Resources and assets currently available and their adequacy in the area were also presented. The participants were also informed on the local response matrix created with the communities to evaluate the effectiveness and sustainability of local responses to the impacts resulting from current climate and disaster hazards. The partners participants were also taken through the proposed local adaptation strategies by the communities.

On the second and third day, KRCS, UN-Habitat and other participants evaluated and validated the outcomes, provided additional professional feedbacks based on their knowledge and experiences and initiated co-development process of the community early warning system. KRCS facilitated the sessions to ensure that the co-development session integrated the scientific and PCRA information as well as the local climate

knowledge. The sessions also documented the system designs, roles and responsibilities and potential communication channels.

The overall outcome of these sessions will be disseminated later in the month of October and mitigation strategies will be formulated. Communities, partners and other stakeholders will also be involved in conducting simulation exercises to test the functionality of the early warning system once it is implemented.

The workshops were attended by the County Director, Turkana County Meteorological Services (C-D TCMS), CEE Safaricom PLC, Assistant County Commissioner (ACC), Trade and water officers Turkana County government, UNHCR, FAO, PWJ, DCA and area chief among others.

The County Director of the Turkana County Meteorological Services also expressed his gratitude to UN-Habitat, KRCS and other partners for their commitment to support this project and assured of their continued support through the provision of climatic and weather data that will be integrated in this system.

UN-Habitat Organizes a Government Consultative Meeting and Site Visit for the Emergency and Disaster Response Project in Kalobeyei Settlement, Turkana County

To consolidate the full support and engagement of Government officials during the inception and implementation phase of the project “*Emergency Response to Drought and Natural Disasters and Improvement of Socio-economic Conditions for Host and Refugee Communities*,” UN-Habitat conducted a government consultative meeting on the alignment of the project goals to Government policies and strategic planning objectives.

The project, supporting host and the refugee communities, is carried out by UN-Habitat in partnership with Kenya Red Cross Society through funding from the Government of Japan.

During the meeting, UN-Habitat and KRCS shared the scope of the project and the various components for drought response, flood mitigation, self-reliance, improvement and utilization of the borehole at Kang’ura Village to support some livelihood activities as well as provide connection and water access to both refugees and the host community.

The Deputy Sub- County Administrator Zacharia Etukon agreed to support the project activities as they strengthen the County Government priorities in the new County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP). He additionally highlighted the importance of working closely with the relevant departments for Water and Agriculture and local administration to ensure alignment with various government policies and institu-



tional framework like the County Water and Sewerage act 2019 and the various water companies mandated by the county to manage water resources. He further emphasized the need for the project to utilize the participatory planning approach to ensure that the community and the local leaders own and support the project throughout every phase.

The head of the Agricultural Department pointed out the need to rehabilitate the water borehole to support urban livelihood activities and build self-reliance for both refugees and host community. He also added that the implementation of the programme needs to consider building the capacity of the two communities to ensure the sustainability of the project.

Following a meeting with County Government officials, the team visited Kalobeyei

Top right: County Government officials, UN-Habitat and the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) meet to plan the public baraza on Kang’ura Water Supply Project in Turkana County. © UN-Habitat

Settlement villages where the project will be implemented. They also met with and informed Kang’ura Village about the upcoming public participation meetings and activities part of the project. Later, they visited various locations, including an agricultural site, refugee reception center, and Natokobenyo village, for climate-resilience projects. These projects aim to create green jobs for refugees and the host community through training, entrepreneurship, and startup grants. The team plans to hold two participatory meetings to tailor interventions to the urban population’s specific needs and capacities.



The project team visited existing water infrastructure at Natokobenyo Village. © UN-Habitat



The project team visited the site for the urban livelihoods project at Kang’ura Village. © UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat Organizes Public Baraza on Kang'ura Water Supply Project in Turkana County, Kenya

Residents of Natukubeny and Kang'ura villages in Kalobeyei ward, Turkana West, held a public *baraza* (community meeting) at the Kang'ura community borehole to deliberate on the rehabilitation of the borehole and supply of water from the borehole to the neighboring villages.

The *Baraza* was organized by UN-Habitat and the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) and attended by 57 men and women to discuss the Kang'ura water supply project that is to be implemented by UN-Habitat through the Government of Japan funded programme titled "*Emergency Response to Drought and Natural Disasters and Improvement of Socio-economic Conditions for Host and Refugee Communities*."

The *baraza* was also attended by over 20 administrators from both the County and National governments led by Mr. John Karugu the Assistant County Commissioner (ACC) and Mr. Zakaria, the Deputy Sub County Administrator (DSCA) - Turkana West, representing the office of the President and the office of the Governor Turkana County respectively. Other administrators present included the area Chief, the area Member of County Assembly, ward administrators and a host of village elders.

The community consultative meeting was held following a water needs assessment conducted in June 2023 by UN-Habitat, KRCS, and County Government officials, whose findings identified the Kang'ura water supply as the most viable project for implementation. The project aims to rehabilitate the Kang'ura borehole and construct a pipeline supplying Kang'ura ECDE school, Kangura village, and Natukubeny village with clean drinking water. Once complete, the 3 KM pipeline will supply approximately 140 M3 of water per day to the target beneficiaries, which also includes the Kalobeyei Settlement's reception center, currently hosting close to 10,000 refugees and asylum seekers. Kang'ura greenhouse farm, run by a group of 50 women, will also receive water from the project for irrigation.



Top right: Deputy Sub County Administrator Zakaria addressing a section of the community members on the water project at Kang'ura. © UN-Habitat

As community members shared their insights, they emphasized the critical water challenge faced in the area. The administrator of Kangura ECDE, while expressing gratitude to UN-Habitat for the project, highlighted how the water initiative would play a crucial role in keeping children in school by ensuring a consistent supply of meals.

Mr. Ekal, an elder from Natukubeny, underscored that his village had been requesting a water connection for the past 8 years. Echoing Mr. Ekal's sentiments, the village chairlady pointed out that the provision of water would promote peaceful coexistence between the host and refugee communities. She added, "*We have been paying Ksh. 40 to purchase water from nearby refugee compounds, which sometimes leads to conflicts over water sharing.*"

The community members also expressed appreciation for being engaged right from the assessment phase of the project.

Engineer, Mr. Muchunku of UN-Habitat noted that pipeline construction would commence in November after the completion of the final designs. Additionally, he indicated that the local community would benefit from employment opportunities during the construction phase through KRCS, the project's implementing partner (IP).

The baraza concluded with an overwhelming affirmation by the members present when the DSCA asked if they support the rehabilitation of the borehole and construction of the pipeline. In his closing remarks, the ACC noted that "this water project does not belong to UN-Habitat, Red Cross, or the Government. It belongs to the community to use and protect."

The Launch of Garissa Integrated Social-Economic Development Program, Phase 1 (GISED P)

The Garissa Integrated Social-Economic Development Program was launched marking a significant milestone in the collaboration between UNHCR, the Kenyan government, UN-Habitat and various stakeholders promoting integration and improved livelihoods for both refugees and host communities in refugee hosting counties in Kenya.

Since 2015, UNHCR and the Kenyan government have been collaborating on an integrated management approach to promote self-reliance among the refugees and host communities in Kenya's refugee hosting counties through enhanced livelihoods opportunities and inclusive service delivery mechanisms. Subsequently, UNHCR and partners, Turkana, and Garissa Counties, embarked on a multi-year, multi-sectoral and multistakeholder initiative that started with the Kalobeyi Integrated Social-Economic Development Program (KISED P) in Turkana County in which UN-Habitat played a crucial role. The success of the KISED P served as a model for the GISED P program in Garissa County, that focuses on the refugee hosting communities of Dadaab and Fafi sub counties, and by extension Lagdera subcounty, which does not support refugees but has been affected by the protracted presence of the refugees on the area.

The GISED P, which has now been launched, is a collaborative effort co-led by the Garissa County Government in close partnership with UNHCR, UN-Habitat and various partners.



The launch event saw the presence of UNHCR representatives, partners, county officials, members of Dadaab municipality and community, donors, and other interested parties. Governor Nathif Jama, in his speech, expressed, *"It is a momentous day for the County Government of Garissa. The long journey towards GISED P fruition has finally reached its destination."* He further emphasized, *"I personally believe that GISED P, which is an innovative sustainable development model, will ensure refugees and their host communities' benefit from national and local level services such as education and healthcare, and increased socio-economic opportunities, all anchored in building the skills and increasing the capacity of refugees and the host community."*

Top right: The County Executive Committee Members for Lands and Finance of Garissa County at the Launch Event of the GISED P. © Garissa County Government

Bottom left: Partners and Representatives during the launch of GISED P. © Garissa County Government

During the meeting various stakeholders committed to support the implementation of the GISED P plan Ms. Jia Cong Ang from UN-Habitat expressed, *"In alignment with GISED P at the municipal level, UN-Habitat is committed to the development and implementation of Shirika Plan which promotes an opportunity to shift away from humanitarian approaches towards development response through integrated settlement planning."* The Dadaab Member of Parliament and the County Women Representative, who are both members of Justice and Legal Affairs Committee (JLAC) at the national assembly, also avowed their support to GISED P in terms of legal and policy formulation.

The launch of GISED P is a significant chapter for UN-Habitat's working Dadaab. The program will serve as a guide to the Dadaab Regeneration Strategies document to be launched soon, as well as for upcoming programs in future. The document will also act as a guide to the various donors and implementing partners in the region enhancing precision in programming and investments to meet the specific needs of the communities.





GISED, which targets 364,401 refugees and asylum seekers, with a budget of \$350 million, is expected to follow a phased approach in its implementation. Phase I (GISED 1), will run from 2023-2027, while a follow up phase (Phase II) is planned for 2028-2032. The next steps will be the formation of the joint steering secretariate, a donor pledging workshop (planned for later this year) and continuous monitoring and evaluation of the program.

Top left: Governor Nathif Jama and Ms. Caroline van Buren from UNHCR During the launch of the GISED plan.
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