

Kenya

The UNHCR-WFP Joint Hub Country Support Brief

Kenya hosts **869,000 refugees and asylum seekers** from Somalia, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia and other countries (UNHCR, Oct 2025). The majority live in camps located in remote areas, 51 percent in Dadaab and 36 percent in Kakuma (including Kalobeyei settlement), while 13 percent reside in urban centres, primarily Nairobi.

Aligned with the Government's **Shirika Plan**, UNHCR, WFP Kenya Country Offices, and key partners, including NGOs, have agreed to develop a **Differentiated Assistance (DA)** framework. This approach shifts from status-based to **needs-based assistance**, ensuring support is tailored to individual vulnerabilities, needs, and capacities. The DA framework seeks to improve the efficiency of resource allocation in refugee operations.

JOINT HUB SUPPORT

Between **January 2024 and end of 2025**, the **Joint Hub** has supported UNHCR and WFP in Kenya, with the Country Operations leading joint activities. Under the [First Scope of Work \(SoW 2024\)](#), the Joint Hub undertook several technical tasks, including:

- Reviewing existing secondary data and identifying gaps;
- Conducting data analysis to develop initial refugee population profiles;
- Designing community consultation tools; and
- Establishing a recourse mechanism.

These responsibilities were later transitioned to Country Operations. To facilitate this shift, WFP appointed a **dedicated coordinator** and established a **multi-layered coordination structure** at both Nairobi and field levels, involving government counterparts and key stakeholders.

In **2025**, a [Second Scope of Work \(SoW 2025\)](#) was signed, focusing primarily on technical backstopping by the Joint Hub. Between 2024 and 2025, the Hub carried out **three in-country missions**:

- An inception mission (March 2024)
- Support for qualitative data collection (September 2024)
- Participation in a monitoring and evaluation workshop (February 2025)

KEY SUPPORT AREAS



Assessment and Analysis



Accountability to Affected People



Learning



Coordination



Differentiated Assistance



Self-Reliance

KEY THEMATIC DELIVERABLES

1. SECONDARY DATA ANALYSIS

Building on existing datasets, a joint analysis was conducted using four key sources:

- WFP's *Food Security and Outcome Monitoring*
- The WFP *Country Strategic Plan* baseline
- The *UNHCR–World Bank Kenya Analytical Programme on Forced Displacement*
- UNHCR's *proGres* database

Information on vulnerabilities and capacities from these sources informed the **household-level vulnerability categorization**.

Internal file: [Consolidated Analysis of Existing Datasets \(2024\)](#)

2. QUALITATIVE DATA COLLECTION

To validate initial household categorization and gather further insights, **qualitative data collection** was undertaken through community consultations across all refugee camps. These included over **300 focus group discussions (FGDs)** and **key informant interviews (KIIs)** to ensure broad stakeholder engagement.

The Joint Hub contributed to the **design and finalization of tools**, participated in **fieldwork in Kakuma and Kalobeyei**, and supported the **drafting of the final report**.

Following these consultations, **four household categories** were defined:

1. Extremely Vulnerable
2. Vulnerable with potential to meet basic needs
3. Partially Self-Reliant
4. Self-Reliant

This categorization, based on combined secondary and qualitative data, formed the basis of the finalized **[Differentiated Assistance approach](#)**, documented by the Country Offices.

Internal Files: [Qualitative Data Collection Terms of Reference](#), [Finalized Tools](#)

3. JOINT COMMUNICATION WITH REFUGEES

The Joint Hub actively supported the communication workstream, contributing to the **joint communication strategy** and development of **key messages**.

Internal files: [Joint Communication and Engagement Strategy](#), [FAQs](#)

4. JOINT RECOURSES/APPEALS MECHANISM

The Joint Hub provided close support in developing **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** and **Terms of Reference (ToR)** for the **appeals oversight committees**.

Internal files: [Recourse Mechanism SOPs](#), [Joint Recourse Committees ToR](#)

5. PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT

Within the '**Assistance Packages**' workstream, the Joint Hub supported the **development of Terms of Reference**, contributed to the **review of secondary data**, and participated in **joint discussions**, including a **stakeholder workshop** in October 2024.

Internal file: [TOR - Differentiated Assistance Packages.docx](#)

6. MONITORING

The Joint Hub contributed to the design of the **monitoring framework**, participating in dedicated **working sessions** and workshops.

7. LEARNING

Country Offices led a **lessons learned activity**, organizing a **full-day workshop** attended by representatives from both agencies, the government, NGOs, and the Joint Hub.

Internal Files: [KEN Learning Review ToR Phase 1 Draft.docx](#)

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