KENYA ANALYTICAL PROGRAM ON FORCED DISPLACEMENT

ACHEIVING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

The Kenya Analytical Program on Forced Displacement (KAP-FD) is a multi-year undertaking to strengthen the global community’s understanding of how refugee and host populations make decisions. The evidence gathered will consequently inform government, humanitarian, and development policies for supporting better lives, self-reliance, and lasting solutions for refugees, hosts, and their children.

Fill data gaps needed to inform solutions

The KAP-FD has three main components. The first is a panel survey conducted over 2021-2023. It is designed to provide multi-faceted insight into the lives of refugees and hosts through novel data. Key dimensions include livelihoods, transition from primary to secondary school, food insecurity, fertility and marriage, women’s empowerment, social norms, mental health, migration trajectories and social cohesion.

To ensure an inclusive understanding of refugee experiences, the survey interviews knowledgeable household members, while systematically targeting additional women, children, and one other randomly selected household member. Interviewing several members of the same household allows for a deep understanding of the diversity of views across gender and age profiles.

The survey, which includes 6,000 refugee households and 3,500 national households, is representative of both camp-based and urban refugees, as well as Kenyans living in major refugee-hosting areas. Multiple waves of data are envisaged, with a priority for in person interviews.

The panel survey will be accompanied by qualitative research.

Innovate approaches to improving sustainable livelihoods and mental health

A second main component of the program is an integrated mental health and livelihoods pilot intervention that targets youth entrepreneurs (ages 18-35) in refugee and host communities. The pilot intervention is accompanied by a randomized controlled trial aimed at understanding the impact of the intervention on beneficiaries and their households.

Improve capacity and collaboration

A third component builds pathways between data collection and its use by local scholars and practitioners to promote policy relevant research and analyses. A platform for governments and the global community will allow practitioners a unique ability to interact with the data related to forced displacement in Kenya. When required, capacity building may be tailored to specific stakeholder needs.

Build better data through strategic partnerships

The KAP-FD builds on successful UNHCR-World Bank efforts to generate displacement data, inform effective solutions, and facilitate programmatic partnerships. These efforts have resulted in interventions that improved refugees and hosts’ lives, attracted private sector investment, and contributed to the Turkana West County Government’s development initiative, the Kalobeyei Integrated Social and Economic Development Programme (KISEDP).
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A panel survey and complementary qualitative work will help understand the socioeconomic characteristics and needs of refugees and hosts over time

**Sample**
- 6,000 refugee households
- 3,500 host community households

**Locations**
- Kakuma refugee camp
- Kalobeyei settlement
- Dadaab refugee camp
- Urban areas: Nairobi, Nakuru, Mombasa

**Frequency**
- Bi-annual panel data
- Monthly cross-sectional data

**Key themes**
- Employment, livelihoods, and mental health
- Socioeconomic indicators: Income, housing, WASH, food security, resilience to climate and other shocks, women’s empowerment
- Education: Attainment and transition from primary to secondary school

**Administration**
- Two face-to-face interviews
- One phone survey
- Focus group discussions
- In-depth interviews

An impact evaluation of tailored mental health and livelihoods interventions will provide evidence on what works to improve socioeconomic opportunities

**Sample**
- 3,280 refugee households
- 1,640 host community households

**Locations**
- Kakuma refugee camp
- Kalobeyei settlement
- Nairobi

**Interventions**
- Mental health support addressing problem-solving
- Entrepreneurship support targeting multiple constraints

Building capacity while fostering collaborations can contribute to a sustainable production and usage of displacement data

**Data and evidence platform**
- One-stop shop for displacement data and analyses
- Microdata, geo-spatial, weather and administrative data
- Papers, reports, guidelines for survey design

**Capacity building**
- Needs-based capacity building at the National Bureau of Statistics and among stakeholders
- Capacity building of local researchers through calls for research proposals and co-production of analytical outputs

**Research collaborations and stakeholder engagement**
- Newsletters
- Regular stakeholder meetings
- Networking events