

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

NAIROBI AND
KAKUMA
REFUGEE CAMP



A former SNHU student during a homevisit.

Dear friends,

Greetings to you from JRS Kenya.

I am pleased to present the 2022 JRS Kenya Annual Report.

This past year, there was a continued need for JRS to respond to the needs of the refugees we support together you as our partners and our dedicated staff. Our staff have truly done this balancing act exceptionally well, as demonstrated by the number of programs, and collaborations described in our annual report.

In the year we continued to implement our strategy to ensure the work we do makes JRS functions smoothly, effectively, and efficiently respecting the regulatory boundaries in place.

It has been a very intense year, full of challenges as well as achievements and good results.

The entire world has been affected in the last two years by the Covid-19 Pandemic, and we all feel more vulnerable and at risk. At the same time, other issues and problems continue to affect the world, particularly in the East Africa Region: old and new armed conflicts and ethnic violence, the devastating effects of the climate change especially the long drought that almost paralyzed the economy rendering more host and refugee populations more vulnerable. For example, there were more refugees fleeing Somalia to Dadaab creating a crisis that needed more resources therefore shifting attention from Kakuma and Nairobi.

Despite the many challenges, we have stayed on course serving the displaced populations living in Kenya. We have reached more people with our programmes in inclusive education, livelihood, protection, mental health, and psychosocial support. We have been both innovative by integrating gender, disability, and climate change in our work. JRS Kenya valuing active participation of our beneficiaries as an accountability measure rolled out the accountability to the affected people model during the year.

Towards the end of 2022 JRS was selected by UNHCR as an implementing partner for secondary education in Kakuma a firm trust in JRS around education.

In 2023 we look up to increased funding base and improved service provision to the refugees and asylum seekers that we serve.

2022 was also the year that after two years of great service the Country director-Angelo Pittaluga took up a new role at the international office after such an exemplary work for JRS Kenya. Thank you very much Angelo!

**Geoffrey Shikuku,
JRS Kenya Country Director**

Special appreciation to:



JRS Kenya office, Country Director giving a speech during SNHU graduation.



Meet some of our JRS team members

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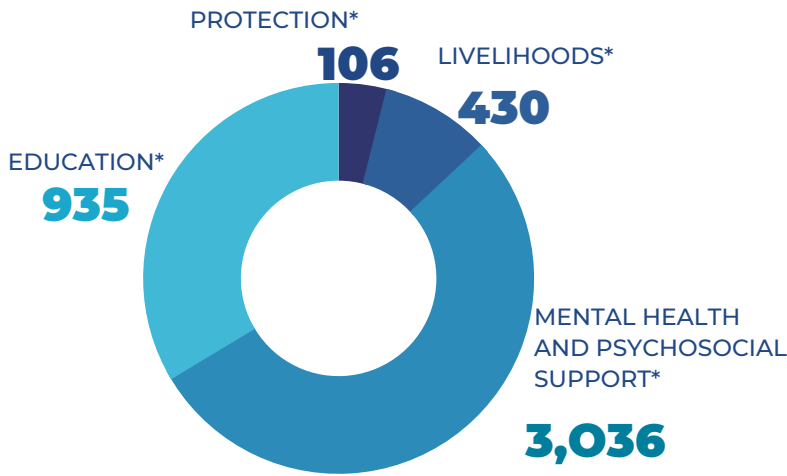


Kakuma refugee students in their class.

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2022 PROGRAMMATIC OVERVIEW

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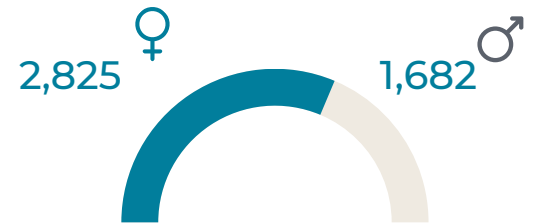


*ONLY DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

4,507

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2022



INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED. **2,850**



A Mikono shop supplier designing some earrings

Meet Ngongo, a Mikono shop supplier. Ngongo defines himself as a designer and an artisan. He started crafting wood and doing wood furniture when he arrived in Kenya, and in 2005 he started learning jewelry skills thanks to JRS training. He knew about JRS in 2003, when he started producing wood items for Mikono shop. It was only few years after when he learned the jewelry skills and JRS could provide him with the working utensils, when he started providing the jewels he still sells today.

EDUCATION

690

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.

355 ♀ 345 ♂

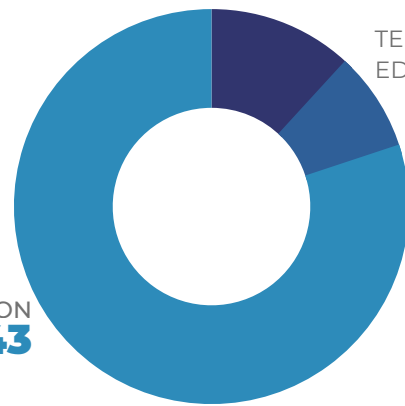


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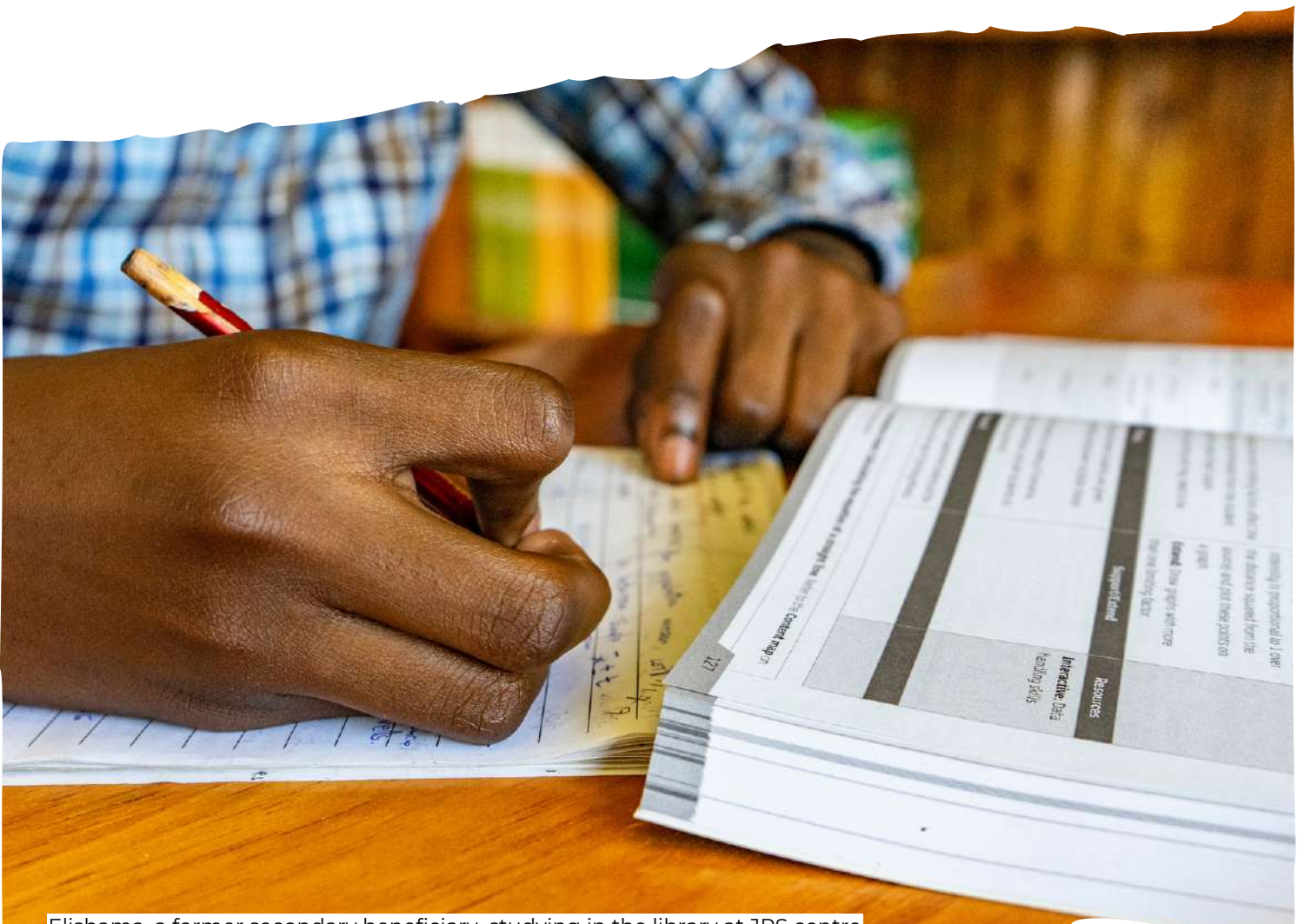
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TERTIARY EDUCATION LEVEL

55



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION
543



Elishama, a former secondary beneficiary studying in the library at JRS centre

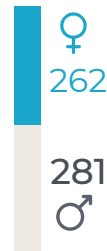
INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP

PEOPLE SERVED IN THE PROJECT:

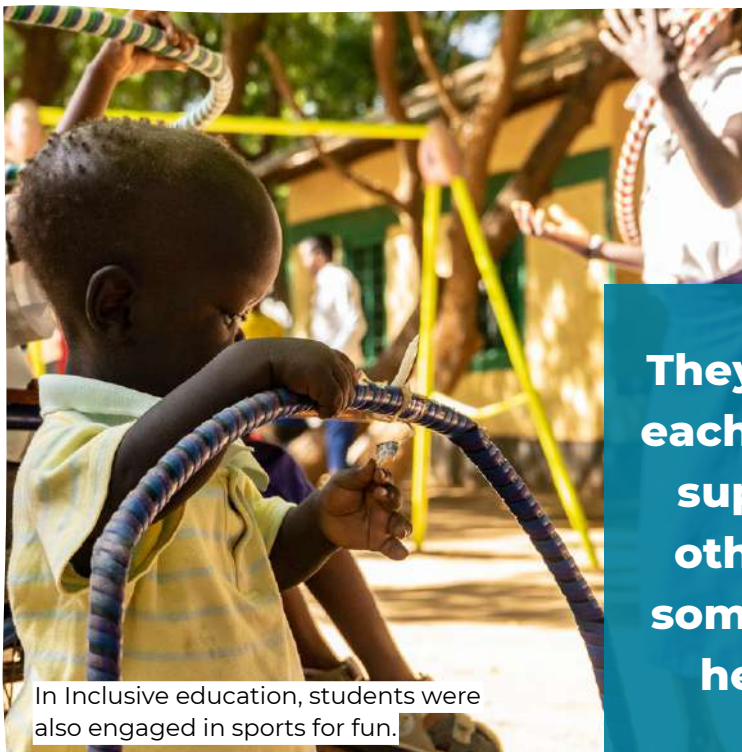
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**DIRECT BENEFICIARIES
SERVED.**



MAIN ACHIVEMENTS:

- Through our Inclusive Education program in Kakuma, JRS served 543 (281M, 262F) learners. These are learners at the early childhood development level.
- The special needs program reached a total of 543 (318M, 317F) children and young adults with disabilities; 728 (325M, 403F) community members participated in the community outreaches programs organized with partners from the Lutheran World Federation, and Fin Church Aid.



In Inclusive education, students were also engaged in sports for fun.

They learn from each other, they support each other... this is something that helps them grow.

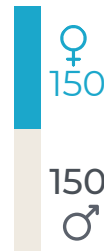
POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP

PEOPLE SERVED IN THE PROJECT:

300

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.



MAIN ACHIVEMENTS:

- With the aim of enhancing refugees and host communities in knowledgeable skills to gain a sustainable income, the program reached 300 beneficiaries(150M, 150F) in 2022.
- For the period in review, the number of refugees and host community members in Kakuma and Kalobeyei progressing from the Early Childhood Development(ECD) certificate to diploma was 36 (26M, 10F)
- % PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGET: 190%. The program reached 142 more beneficiaries than the set target.



She is Lancha Yunus, a former education beneficiary

"I appreciate JRS for supporting my education journey with which I'll be able to pursue my degree in medicine hopefully."

By Lancha Yunus

SCHOLARSHIPS

NAIROBI URBAN SETTING

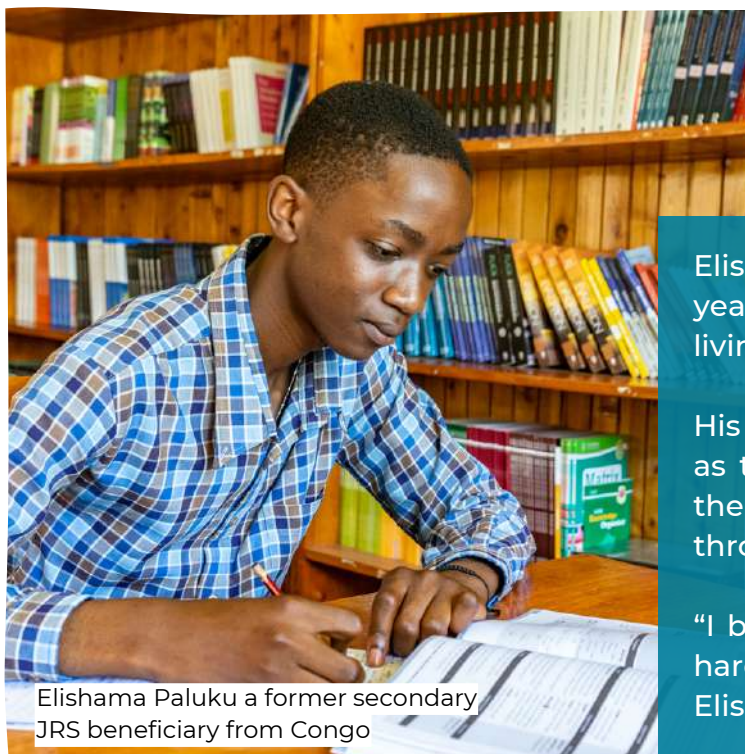
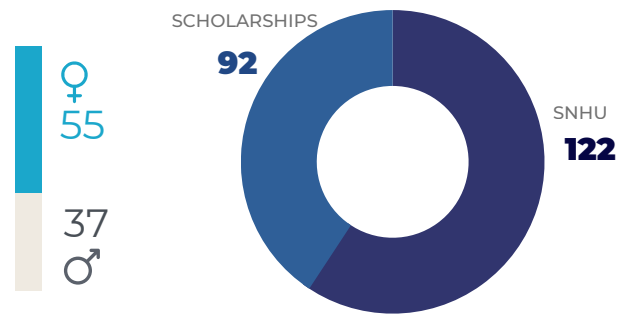
PEOPLE SERVED IN THE PROJECT:

92

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.

MAIN ACHIVEMENTS:

- JRS supported 25 (9M, 16F) students with Tertiary education. Among them, 3 students (1M, 2F) concluded their studies, and the remaining 22 (8M, 14F), are continuing their studies as follows: Year 2 - 19(7M, 12F), Year 3 - 1F and Year 4 - 3 (1M, 2F).
- Two (2) students got a scholarship to undertake a master's at the University of Barcelona through the assistance of the JRS education program. With the incorporation of mentorship & career guidance girls have enrolled into law and architectural courses which traditionally were considered male professions.
- The remaining 22 university continuing students are pursuing the following courses: International Studies, Agriculture, Christianity and Religious Studies, Public Policy and Administration, Technical Biomedicine, Management and Leadership, Law, Commerce, and Development Studies.
- All 67 students (28M, 39F) students (100%) graduated to the next level.
- 32 students (7M, 25F) concluded their secondary education level after they sat for their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations.
- The remaining students, 35 (21M, 14F), are still continuing their secondary education.
- For the first time, we have PoC girls pursuing Law and Architecture, which is traditionally not a common choice for females.
- Besides paying tuition, JRS continues to accompany them through the provision of individual counselling sessions on need basis, to ensure they focus on their studies and for their general well-being.



Elishama Paluku a former secondary JRS beneficiary from Congo

Elishama Kyssado Paluku is a seventeen-year-old refugee student from DR Congo living in Kenya.

His achievement? To graduate high school as the first one in his promotion, despite the challenges and difficulties encounters throughout the way.

“I became top of my class because of my hard work and because of God’s will”, by Elishama Paluku

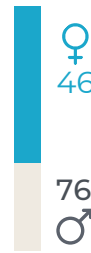
ONLINE TERTIARY EDUCATION

NAIROBI URBAN SETTING

PEOPLE SERVED IN THE PROJECT:

122

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.



MAIN ACHIVEMENTS:

- 20 students graduated, 8 BA students in Healthcare Management and Communication and 12 AS students in general studies.
- Currently we have 15 students who are doing BA and 36 students doing AS.
- Students have transitioned to a new platform of study since 1st October.
- 9 students have been enrolled different internships throughout the year.
- There were two internship visits to ascertain the status and progress of students at their various work stations. The result was satisfactory.
- The success of the projects is to see the students and teachers gain meaningful employment, this was witnessed were JRS successfully negotiated with the employers (other agencies such as LWF), who took in teachers and employed them. This was a result of the positive collaboration that existed among JRS and other partners. JRS has opened links with the Kenya group of employers, at least 14 students are engaged as interns on pay since the Government bureaucracy in issuing of work permits remains a hindrance to refugee employment.
- Through the online Southern New Hampshire University program, refugees, and host members in Kakuma, Kalobeyei, and Nairobi seeking skills enhancement through competency-based associates and bachelor's degree program reached stood at 122 (76M, 46F)



Benitha Nyazanga, an SNHU graduate with BA degree in Communications.

"SNHU has opened a gate of opportunities I never knew existed or I would need and for that, I am so grateful to them and JRS for this scholarship, this girl of 2019 is different from a girl saying this now."

- Benitha Nyazanga,
A former student at the Online Tertiary Education SNHU program.

LIVELIHOODS

430

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.

294 ♀

♂ 136



MIKONO FARM

50

MIKONO REFUGEE CRAFT SHOP

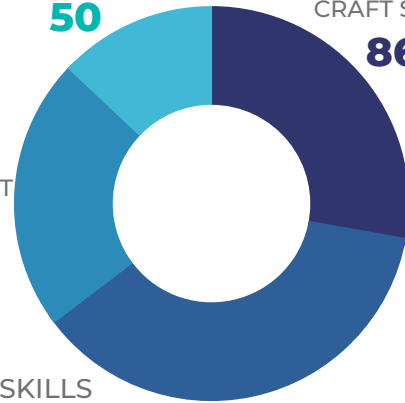
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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

107

VOCATIONAL SKILLS

142



A group of JRS beneficiaries receiving training on business and saving skills.

VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING

NAIROBI URBAN SETTING

PEOPLE SERVED IN THE PROJECT:

142

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.



MAIN ACHIVEMENTS:

- By December 2022, 142 (48M, 94F) beneficiaries had been placed in vocational institutions. The numbers were 42 more than the initial target. This was occasioned by more funding secured during the implementation period helping increase the number supported as their requests are always more than could be absorbed.
- As observed below some of the students in their various places of work earning a living from the skills gained.
- About 34 students in Kakuma were enrolled to study in Lodwar while supporting their families back in the Camp. There have been lessons learnt with this approach that has boosted the quality of teaching the learners received. However, the financial commitment was significant. In future, the students will be enrolled in the recently registered training institutions within Kakuma. Events that led us to serving refugees indirectly;
- World day of refugees 900 (350 Nairobi, 550 Kakuma).
- 16 Days of activism 1500 (attended 10 events during this period, each had at least 150 people in attendance).
- International Women's Day 150 Nairobi, 350 Kakuma (through Mieza project last year).



A group of vocational training students

Meet a group of beneficiaries and most of them have benefited from the vocational skills training hence having skills that enable them to live peacefully as well as the skills on how to be successful when running their businesses.

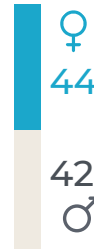
MIKONO REFUGEE CRAFT SHOP

NAIROBI URBAN SETTING

PEOPLE SERVED IN THE PROJECT:

86

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.



MAIN ACHIVEMENTS:

- In 2022, Mikono artisans employed 209(111f, 98m) employees in their workshops. These were considered JRS indirect beneficiaries. Mikono artisans have graduated from beneficiaries to employers- creating income opportunities for their communities. JRS opened a newly equipped workshop at Kangemi to give them a place where they met and produced marketable artwork that competed well in the market.
- Surpassing its target, JRS Kenya program reached 430 (136M, 294F) beneficiaries through various economic empowerment projects and Mikono refugee craft shop was one of them.

- Some innovations were, creating market linkage for the artisans through the digital market earned the artisans more income in early 2022. Innovation requires resources to sustain the new approaches. This is a very noble idea however the cost required to maintain the system was expensive and therefore the idea was not sustainable.
- JRS is looking at other innovative ways that are sustainable to address the market for Mikono shop artisans.
- The support given to women to start a community-based Organization has encouraged women to continue saving, they can lend to other refugees and make income. This idea came about when it was realized that banks do not trust refugees and therefore, they have nowhere to borrow money whenever they need capital.



Ngongo a Mikono refugee supplier making some beautiful ornaments

Ngongo defines himself as a designer and an artisan. He started crafting wood and doing wood furniture when he arrives in Kenya in 2005...

Ngongo,
Supplier of jewellery at
Mikono Refugee Craft Shop

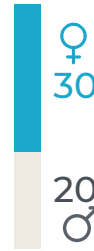
MIKONO FARM AGRIBUSINESS

NAIROBI URBAN SETTING

PEOPLE SERVED IN THE PROJECT:

50

**DIRECT BENEFICIARIES
SERVED.**



MAIN ACHIVEMENTS:

- This activity attracted PoCs from the great lakes' countries of Burundi, Rwanda and DR Congo who were trained by JRS in partnership with Caritas Nairobi in modern farming techniques. Out of 40 initial beneficiaries, 36 were able to finish the training in March 2022. Since then, usage of learnt skills was observed and mentorship by JRS staff continued to ensure they are well grounded. Poultry production has been the highlight of the project which also involved marketing and sales, something that initially was a challenge to the PoCs due to lack of exposure and low self-esteem but saw the greatest improvement to the extent now they are able to negotiate with customers and make sales on their own, increasing their participation in the value chain.



A former Mikono farm beneficiary

I started working here [Agribusiness] with my daughter. We were only 5. I was the first one! [...] It helped us a lot

Judith

Former beneficiary at the Agribusiness.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

NAIROBI URBAN SETTING

PEOPLE SERVED IN THE PROJECT:

107

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.



MAIN ACHIVEMENTS:

- Supermarket Vision, a refugee self-help group has accumulated savings of over KES 90,000, (approximately \$900). After receiving business skills and financial inclusion training, they continue to grant each other loans, as a mode of growing their savings.
- Interviews for enterprise development were held. 34 Somali women attended the interviews. 15 women were selected.
- The training proved to be a viable solution to economic difficulties experienced by refugees. The achievements were like more than two third of the beneficiaries improved their income by diversifying their income generating activities (IGA). 108 POCs improved their business skills in areas such as customer service, business planning and record keeping.



Beneficiaries listening attentively during a meeting

"I am very happy. Now I can send my children to school thanks to the money I make in my business. And this is very important to me".

Dauda Anita,
Business Development Beneficiary .

MHPPS

3,142

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.

2048 ♀

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PROTECTION SERVICE

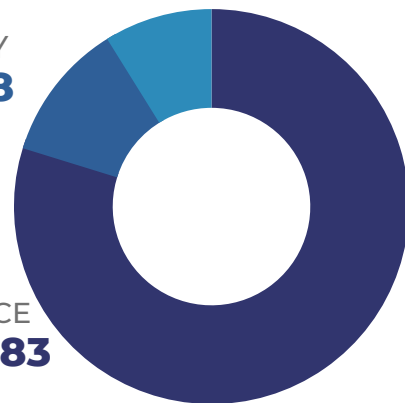
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ADVOCACY

828

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

283



A JRS staff giving beneficiarics food vouchers.

EMERGENCY RELIEF / MHPSS

NAIROBI/KAKUMA URBAN SETTING

PEOPLE SERVED IN THE PROJECT:

1,925

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.



MAIN ACHIVEMENTS:

- Nairobi & Kakuma Mental Health (Psychosocial first aid, Individual and Group Therapy) & Psychosocial Support services (Food, rent and transport) 1925 (582M, 1343F).
- These numbers were reached through various interventions as outlined below.
- Advocacy & Community meetings 828 (364M, 464F)
- Protection services 106 (33M, 73F)
- Medical assistance 283 (115M, 168F)
- With the hiring of an in-house counselling psychologist in 2022, the Nairobi program was able to attend to more beneficiaries than initially projected. In the previous years the Nairobi program referred to external partners cases requiring in depth mental health attention.
- To be closer to the refugees, 2 new satellite offices were opened in different parishes around the city: Eastleigh, Kayole and Kangemi.
- Increasing protection concerns among refugees. Cases reported include threat to life, rape, spousal violence, and sexual abuse, among others. Documentation is actually a major issue among so many refugees till to date. Lack of access to livelihood opportunities due to refugees' legal status. In some cases, this is leading to mental health issues. Refugees depending on small businesses are struggling to recover from Covid-19 effects.



Emilie a former MHPSS beneficiary

JRS for us is like a father and a child. We certainly want to share a message of love with the people who send money to JRS for us to receive it.

Felix and Emilie,
Beneficiary family of the
Emergency program. Due to
disabilities, none can work.

PROTECTION

106

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.



73

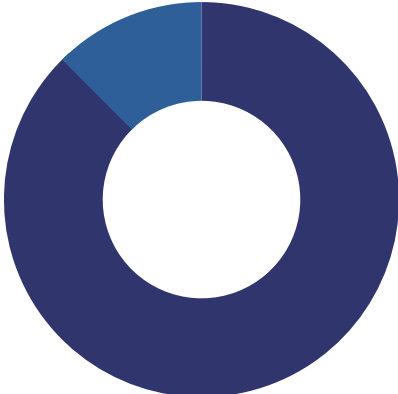


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AMANI BOYS

43



SAFE HEAVEN

63



SAFE SHELTERS

KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP

PEOPLE SERVED IN THE PROJECT:

106

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.



MAIN ACHIVEMENTS:

- In 2022 JRS protected 106 (33M, 73F) beneficiaries in both Kakuma and Nairobi. With this intervention, there has been an increased change of attitude and perception in matters relating to protection. This has been observed by the full participation of communities working with the area security management team and partners in reporting cases or in activities relating to protection. Women participation in tailoring, beadwork, hairdressing and mat weaving, and digital / literacy/numeracy learning sessions was a positive achievement for 2022.



TESTIMONIES



ELISHAMA, AND HOW HE BECAME #1 OF HIS PROM

Elishama Kyssado Paluku is a seventeen-year-old refugee student from DR Congo living in Kenya. He was born as a refugee in Kenya in 2005 and lives with both his parents and his two siblings, who are fifteen and twelve years old. His achievement? Is to graduate high school as the first one in his promotion, despite the challenges and difficulties encountered.

[Read the full story here](#)

ACCESSING TERTIARY EDUCATION FOR REFUGEES IN NAIROBI.

Accessing tertiary education for refugees in Nairobi can be one of their biggest challenges. That is why we work with Southern New Hampshire University, to support this students and get the chance they deserve.

Hear the stories of Fabiola and Pacific. Stories of frustration, hard work and success.

At JRS we are proud of them and all their colleagues for everything they have done!

[Read the full story here](#)



NGONGO'S STORY, MIKONO SUPPLIER

Meet Ngongo, Mikono Refugee Craft Shop supplier. He is a refugee from DRC who has now been working for Mikono for nearly 20 years! Know more about him and his journey in the article.

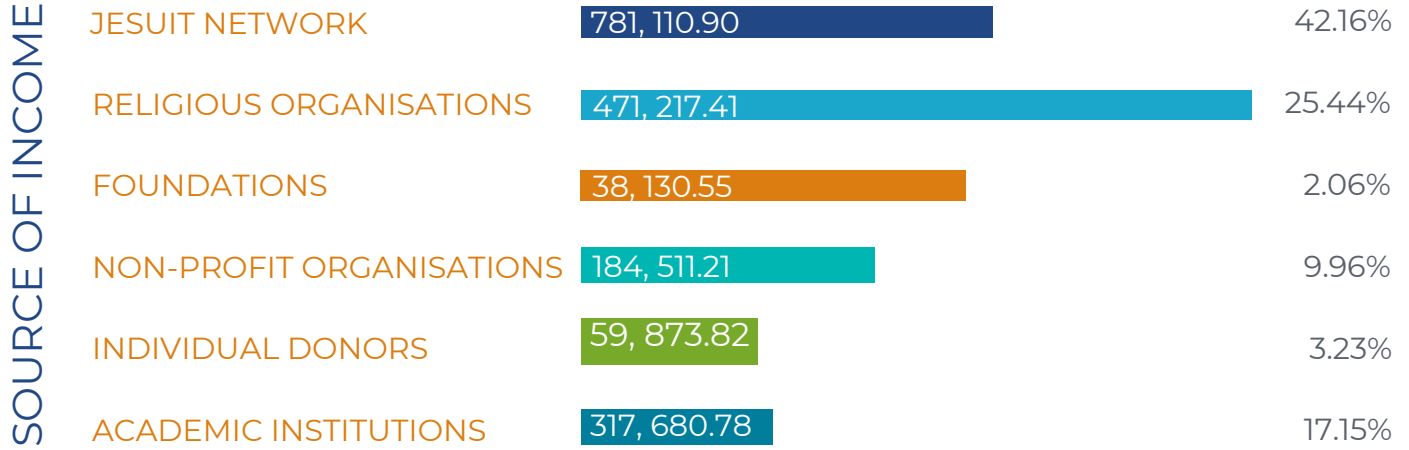
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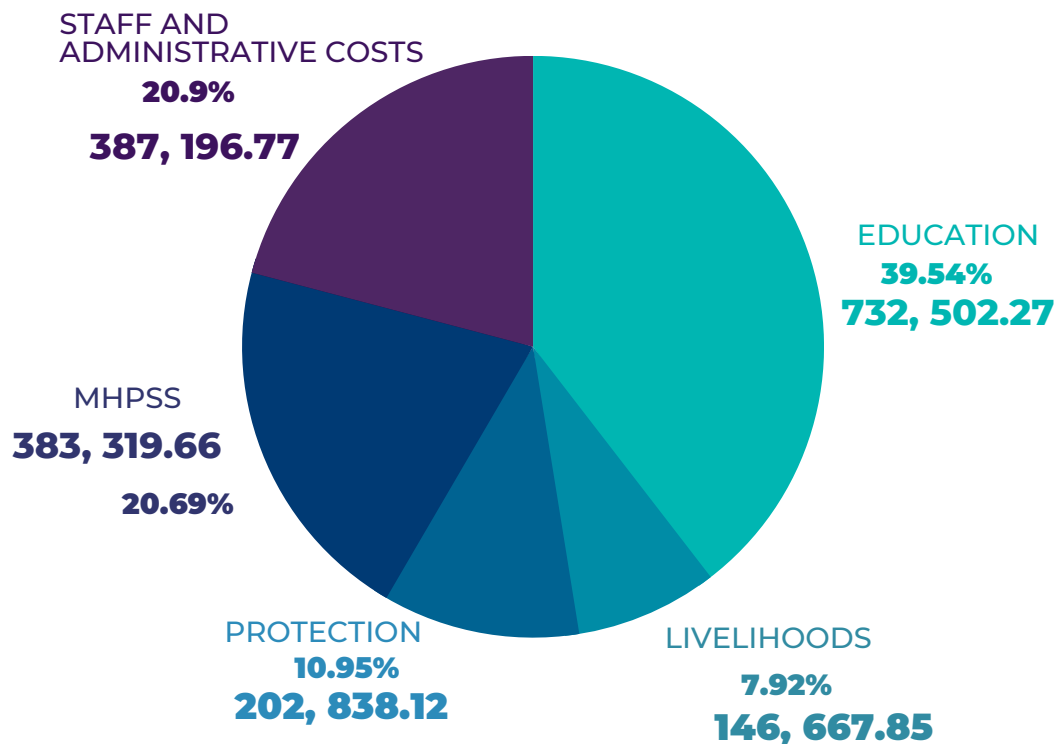
2022 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

TOTAL INCOME

1,852,524.67 USD



EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



EXPENSES BY LOCATION

KAKUMA

NAIROBI

953,891.97

51.49%

898,632.70

48.51%

On behalf of all JRS Family,

Thanks for your support

All this work would not be possible without you





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