

Turkana locals testing the photographic equipment

FUTURE EVENTS

- TICAD 2016, exhibition in Nairobi, Kenya
- Community meetings & recruitment of research assistants from the refugee and host community;
- Research activities, including participatory mapping;
- Spatial planning participatory workshop exploring the settlement vision from the host community;
- Spatial planning participatory workshop exploring the settlement vision from the refugee community;
- Identification of action items to support priority strategies in integrating communities;
- Alignment of UN-Habitat spatial planning process with the regional master plan developed under the Ministry of Lands, Shelter and Urban Development;
- Empowering the community groups to implement preparatory strategies for an integrated development;
- Technical missions in Kalobeyei New site from UN-Habitat technical team for scoping purposes and to meet the community
- Stakeholder mobilization discuss contextual analysis and priority planning aspects
- Stakeholder meeting to present UN-Habitat strategies for validation
- Pilot implementation of UN-Habitat priority strategies

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10 students in 2 towns have been trained in photography and urban exploration

Youth Photography Workshop exploring urban livelihood

Turkana people have been nomads for generations, but once the benefits of being settled have become more attractive to Turthem, there has been a shift from pastoralism community to a settled lifewtyle. This change has been challenged by different issues, from water provision, to shelter and self-sustainability. Turkana build their own settlements and cope with the challenges of being settled by themselves, having very little or no benefit from hosting refugees.

With the support of PWJ, UN-Habitat is conducting a workshop with Turkana Youth. The workshop will provide valuable skill training in the art of photography with the support of the awarded Kenyan photojournalist Julius Mwelu. UN-Habitat team is leading the students to discover elements of being settled in a town, by exploring typologies of living space and livelihood, elements of sustainability and self-reliance. The workshop's outcome will be part an exhibition at TICAD 2016, in Nairobi, Kenya. The exhibition portrays a ssettled community of Turkana people in Kakuma Town and Kalobeyei Town, already at the 3rd or 4th generation of lifestyle shift.



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Kalobeyei New Site, Turkana County



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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 Kalobeyei New Site

Mr. Ito Yo, Japan representative to UN-Habitat at urban planning workshop with the Members of the County Assembly of Turkana and Kisumu Counties

UN-Habitat committed to support strengthening the integration of refugees and host communities in a properly planned human settlement in Kalobeyei New Site, Turkana County in Kenya, a project funded by the Government of Japan. The aim of the project is planning for a settlement that will be more selfreliant and bring benefits to both refugees and the host community, reducing the risk

UN-Habitat opens an office in Kakuma, Turkana County

The UN-Habitat office in Kakuma, Turkana County is supporting livelihood analysis and research on human settlements patterns, as part of the spatial planning and infrastructure component of the project. The office is liaising with the local authorities, nongovernmental organisations and community leaders for resource mobilisation and knowledge management, as well as support to UN-Habitat Design Lab in developing a sound 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 not only support UN-Habitat in organising Settlement Development Groups, Stakeholders meetings and conducting a series of participatory meetings for research purposes, but also capacity development and skill training for both host communities and refugees. of conflict and increasing the resilience of the target communities. The project 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 for increasing the capacity in spatial planning and urban management strategies, ensuring the durability of an adequate urban planning at the county level, in particular focusing on the growing cities in the county. Furthermore, it is expected that with a proper planning and design, the cities and towns in Turkana will be able to be more productive in terms of contribution to the economic development of the county.



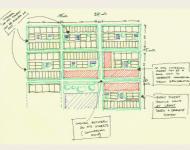
UN-Habitat Technical Team, Site Visit in Kalobeyei New Site, joined by UNHCR and PWJ

UN-Habitat technical team work in Kalobeyei New Site

The primary project activities are ground research in the context of human settlements, looking not only at the refugee camps but at Turkana cities and towns. UN-Habitat has initiated the research regarding livelihoods and human settlement patterns, proceeding with technical discussions for the coordination with UNHCR and partners for the Kalobeyei New Site. With the support of UNHCR, UN-Habitat technical team has conducted a series of scoping missions in Kalobeyei New Site and Kakuma Refugee Camp necessary for providing technical advice for the spatial planning of Kalobeyei new settlement.

As part of the project, UN-Habitat's expected accomplishments are provision of recommendations of the development of Kalobeyei area as a sustainable urban center under an integrated urban management framework for the County, defined together with the County Government. Furthermore, UN-Habitat hopes to contribute to increasing the capacity of the local and county leaders and policy makers in aspects related to urban planning and design, but also on urban legislation, economy, resilience and risk reduction.

Spatial Planning for Kalobeyei New Site



Detailed plan for planned livelihoods

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.

Given the urgency of hosting a number of refugees and the urgency of supporting host community in answering challenges related to development and risk reduction, UN-Habitat technical team meets every month to develop a comprehensive and integrated planning and supporting strategies.

The project will supplement the County Government of Turkana's efforts to plan for a settlement that integrates refugees and host communities while promoting sustainable human settlements and supporting the community in building capacity for resilience in the County. UN-Habitat planning process aims to provide an adequate planning and suggested strategies for Kalobeyei New Site providing an example of a paradigm shift in planning for refugees, highlighting the involvement of host community and support for both communities in order to adequately address the physical development and social development

UN-Habitat working with the community leaders in Kalobeyei Town



UN-Habitat is conducting monthly or bi-montly 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 as well as integrating the refugee population with the host communities and to keep the community continuously involved in the project through a participatory process.

Representatives of UN-Habitat and PWJ discuss with the community representatives the interests, needs and priorities of the community members

Establishment of host community Settlement Development Group in Kalobeyei

The second community meeting convened in Kalobeyei Town was attended by 40 participants from different age, social groups and locations within the town's administrative area. 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. The nominations came from the community members during the meeting and 10 members were selected to represent local administration, grassroots organizations, Community Based Organizations, youth and women 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, including participatory planning workshops concerning the integration of refugee and host community in Kalobeyei area. The members will acquire knowledge on the importance of land use and town planning, supporting the project team in research activities, giving spatial planning insights and supporting community mobilization for implementing project activities on the ground.

in Kalobeyei Town. From responses received, the community stressed the need to develop Kalobeyei Town through resilient infrastructural development, water and sanitation, businesses and provision of employment to the host community in particular women and youth.

UN-Habitat is preparing to make feasible suggestions to the County Government for adequate planning. For Kalobeyei Town to develop, planning will be an important condition for development in particular addressing infrastructure, shelter, water but also resilience to drought and floods and UN-Habitat is exploring solutions that can be implemented together with the community members.