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Abbreviations

ASAL - Arid and Semi Arid Lands
CIDP - County Integrated Development Plan
CRRF - Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework
ESA - East and Southern Africa
GCP - Gross County Product
GCR - Global Compact on Refugees
GNI - Gross National Income
HH - Household
HLP - Housing Land and Property
IRC - International Rescue Committee
ISUD - Integrated Sustainable Urban Development
KRC - Kenya Red Cross
KISEDP - Kakuma/Kalobeyei Integrated Socio Economic Development Plan
KNBS - Kenya National Bureau of Statistics
LAPSSET - Lamu Port South Sudan Ethiopia Transport
LWF - Lutheran World Federation
MCA - Member of County Assembly
NCAP - National Climate Adaptation Plan
NCCK - National Council of Churches Kenya
NCCRS - National Climate Change Response Strategy
NRC - Norwegian Refugee Council
OSR - Own Source Revenue
PWJ - Peace Winds Japan
PoC - People of Concern
RAS - Refugee Affairs Secretariat
SDGs - Sustainable Development Goals
SWOT - Strength Weakness Opportunity Threat
UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
WASH - Water Sanitation and Hygiene
WTK - Windle Trust Kenya

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Foreword

Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement combined are home to over 200,000 refugees from over 9 different countries, many who have lived in the area for more than 25 years. Both settlements are managed by the Refugee Affairs Secretariat from the Kenyan Government together with UNHCR and their partners.

In March 2021, the Government of Kenya announced that all refugee camps in Kenya are to be closed, with a road map developed in association with UNHCR aiming for closure by June 2022. This includes both Kakuma Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement in addition to Dadaab refugee camps in north-eastern Kenya. UNHCR has prepared a roadmap for the Government of Kenya on the closure of Kenya's refugee camps. Having been prepared over the course of 2020 and early 2021, the announcement of the closure of Kenya's refugee camps came after this Spatial Profile was prepared and finalised.

A substantial amount of ambiguity remains regarding what the future holds particularly for theKakuma Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement and the hosting communities who live in the area and rely on the infrastructure and services as well as the economic vibrancy provided by the camps . For example, it has also been proposed that Kakuma Camp may be converted into a settlement for those refugees who have originated from theEast African Community (EAC) as they may be given permission to reside in Kenya. This however is yet to be confirmed. As of June 2021, UNHCR is preparing to undertake surveys for all current refugees to understand their intention and willingness to voluntarily repatriate to their country of origin, or to a third country The results of this survey will not be known until late 2021 but it is anticipated that a number of refugees will need to remain in Kenya under the protection of UNHCR.

In light of this announcement, consideration must be given

In light of these changing circumstances however, UN-Habitat advocates that the role of this study remains unchanged. The spatial profile provides a solid understanding of the current context of the area and provides a useful baseline for the future planning of Kakuma-Kalobeyei and will assist decision-makers in prioritizing funding and implementation modalities. The profile also supports the gazettement of the Kakuma-Kalobeyei Municipality, as it will support in the preparation of the Inclusive Sustainable Urban Development (ISUD) Plan that is required for this process.

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