

## Integrating education and protection for children in refugee camps

*European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations' support towards a bright future for children living in Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps in Kenya*

**NAIROBI, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019:** - The European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) signed an agreement with the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) as the implementing partner to promote and support the right to education and protection for children in refugee camps in Kenya. The action, with a budget of € 850,000 targeted Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps in Kenya over a period of 19 months from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and was aimed at eliminating barriers hindering access to quality education and protection among refugee children. The Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) co-funded the action.

The action has enhanced access to quality and inclusive education through the construction and renovation of disability-friendly learning spaces, provision of teaching and learning materials and training of teachers to handle children with disabilities. This contributed to 86,000 refugee learners accessing learning opportunities in safe and protective environments in the two refugee camps. Among the beneficiaries were 2,100 children living with disability, 2,000 unaccompanied minors and separated children and more than 1,500 over-age learners and teenage mothers.

*"I am proud to be a teacher and it is an honour to be given this opportunity by the EU and LWF to teach children with disabilities across Kakuma. The training I received has enabled me to better understand and address the needs of children with various forms of disability unlike before when I didn't know how to manage them..."* said Charles Chol, one of the teachers in Kakuma during a capacity building training on psychosocial support to facilitate peer-to-peer sessions in schools.

The LWF Education Coordinator in Kakuma, Robert Elima said *"Implementing of the project has led to an improvement of enrolment and retention of children in camp schools. The EU support has been a blessing to the children in the camp. Through the action, we as a team have positively contributed to the refugee community and that deeply fulfils me..."*

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