# How fake refugees from Kenya got settled in the US and Europe

Nairobi, Kenya (CNN)He says he doesn't feel guilty for the lie that got him into America.

Like other families who arrived as Somali refugees, he says they first depended on food stamps to get by. But the family of seven successfully navigated their new life, and his siblings grew up to become nurses and teachers.

"We took the opportunity that was in front of us and we didn't take it for granted," he says, speaking in a broad American accent. "We have followed the American dream, as they call it. We have all gone to school and we have all graduated."

But his family members weren't refugees, and they weren't born in Somalia -- they were born in Kenya, and he says his father faked their refugee status in the 1990s to get into the US.

"I feel bad for them [the real refugees], but at the same time it is all about first come, first served. I feel like if they had come before us, then we would have been the ones to stay and they would be the ones who would have gone," he says.

He agreed to speak to CNN on the condition of anonymity, afraid of being found out.

Refugee status should be reserved for people fleeing across international boundaries from targeted persecution or war.

But in Kenya, home to one of the largest refugee populations on the planet, tens of thousands of registered refugees aren't refugees at all.

A CNN investigation has determined that from the late 1990s through 2016 an untold number of these fake refugees were resettled in the US and elsewhere.

A sprawling haven

For decades, the chaos in Kenya's troubled neighbor, Somalia, pushed wave after wave of refugees across the border. They came in buses, on donkeys, and sometimes by foot.

But as the number of people moving to what was once the world's largest refugee camp in Dadaab, Kenya swelled from thousands, to tens of thousands, to hundreds of thousands -- there were many who registered as refugees who didn't qualify.

"We have had Kenyans that have been caught in the refugee database over the last 25 years. Some of them were looking for food, for shelter, for opportunities," said Mohamed Dahiye, a Kenyan member of parliament for Dadaab.

He said many people in nearby communities saw the free services and free food and registered at the camps, saying they were from Somalia. Often these Kenyans were a similar ethnicity to the people streaming across the border. Sometimes they were just as desperate for help, many arriving during times of drought and hunger in northern Kenya.

All told, there are at least 40,000 Kenyans registered as refugees in the Dadaab camps alone, according to both UNHCR and government numbers, in what officials euphemistically term "double registration."

"The 'double registration,' as we call it, or the Kenyans registered as refugees in Dadaab, is an issue we know about and the government knows about as well," said Fathiaa Abdalla, the UNHCR representative in Kenya.

She doesn't blame the Kenyans who registered as refugees.

"I think as a human being you want to survive. You want to survive, and you don't have a bad intention. These services were available in the refugee camp, but not available to you in the village," she said.

'Double Registration'

Omar Sharif didn't live anywhere near Dadaab camp -- he lived hundreds of miles away along the Kenyan coast. And in 2009 he saw his opportunity.

"A friend of mine was working as a teacher in the camp and told me about the free education and free medical services," said Sharif, admitting that resettlement was also a possible goal.

He ran away from school and traveled to Dadaab, presenting himself to officials as a Somali who had fled across the border.

At the time, only the most basic, face-value evidence was required to register, because potential refugees needed immediate food and medicine.

"They didn't interrogate me. If maybe they had done that, I would have told them where I came from. They only asked for my age. And they just filled out the form for me," he said.

"I knew it was wrong," he said. "Someone who has gone into the refugee database, and is a fake refugee, has made a mistake, because they have taken the rightful place of someone else. "

He says despite the aid, he quickly realized he couldn't handle the harsh conditions of the camp and moved to Nairobi in hopes of regaining his Kenyan status.

But guilt is not Sharif's only burden; his refugee registration has become an intractable Catch-22.

"This is my Kenyan birth certificate," said Sharif as he pulled a black carry-on case out from under his bed in Eastleigh, a predominately Somali neighborhood in the city.

"This is my refugee number," he said, showing his unique ID on his cellphone.

When Kenya announced it would close the camps and started repatriating Somalis, suddenly refugee status became a liability for people like Sharif.

"They will be having no Kenyan status and they don't belong to Somalia, so they are basically becoming stateless," said Dahiye, the MP for Dadaab.

"Refugees" like Sharif say they can't access health care, formal jobs, insurance and any number of services that are available to Kenyans. He says his government needs to do more to de-register the thousands of fake refugees still in the system so they can reclaim their Kenyan identity.

Like 'winning the lottery'

UN officials liken resettlement, even as a wave of anti-immigrant sentiment has spread through Europe and the US, to "winning the lottery."

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates that there were more than 20 million possible resettlement candidates by the end of 2018; less than 1% of them were resettled during that year.

Through social media and relatives that stayed behind in Kenya, CNN identified several Kenyans who weren't supposed to have refugee status that managed not only to register, but to resettle as refugees in Europe, Canada and the United States.

It's a highly sensitive topic in Kenya.

Kenya's official government spokesman and head of the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) declined to be interviewed for this story.

But a senior official managing the Dadaab camp system admitted that resettlement has happened for fake refugees.

"It is very unfortunate, but they were attracted by the goodies they could get in those countries. They took the opportunity to be resettled and it is unfortunate that they took the chance of bonified refugees. I don't think it will happen again" said Joe Nguli, a lead official in Dadaab for RAS.

Abdalla, the UNHCR representative, said she wasn't aware of any fake refugees being successfully resettled.

"I am not aware of any Kenyans being resettled as refugees. I tell you why, because the resettlement program goes through different verification and different checks and balances," Abdulla said, adding that she was confident that the system would catch Kenyans looking to resettle as Somali refugees.

The UNHCR's official resettlement handbook says resettlement is "particularly vulnerable" to fraud. In Kenya, as in other countries, they maintain a "zero-tolerance" policy to corruption.

"We have a zero-tolerance policy, we have anti-fraud committees, we have anti-fraud focal point in the camps, we have help line for refugees or anyone, you could get into our help line right now and report anything. These systems are very good, and they are working," said Abdalla.

"I am not saying [in] this big organization, we are 100% perfect. But we have measures in place, we have improved them in the last two years. But we cannot exclude a case happening. And when a wrongdoing happens by our staff, they are disciplined, they are sanctioned and some staff (have) lost their job."

The United States maintains its refugee vetting is vigorous. In 2018, the Trump administration instituted "enhanced vetting measures" affecting refugees from 11 countries including Somalia.

A State Department spokesperson said the US has a "zero tolerance policy for fraud, waste and abuse of American taxpayer resources," adding that "the US performs its own detailed interviews and security checks of refugee applicants. This process includes measures to verify the nationality of refugee applicants."

"Cooked" from the beginning

But for "facilitators" in the process -- the middlemen who take and distribute the bribe money -- it is the first layer of vetting by the Kenyan government and the UN that matters the most.

"It is at the very beginning of the process -- before the applicant even gets to the US embassy vetting, the selection has been done at the UN level," said one facilitator who said he has been exploiting corruption within the UN to game the resettlement system for years.

He agreed to speak on the condition of anonymity.

"The UN will know the criteria and make sure the paying clients match all the requirements. So, it can be cooked at the UN level," he said.

He said that the last corrupt US resettlement process he was involved in, where clients pay between 10 and 20 thousand US dollars to guarantee resettlement, happened in late 2016.

"Before the Trump ban it was a booming business," he said. His business is now focused on other countries, where refugee resettlement quotas are higher. He said his last case was just a few months ago.

Buying your way in?

President Donald Trump's first so-called "travel ban" in early 2017 made refugee resettlement even harder.

The ban included a moratorium on refugees. And since the moratorium expired, only a trickle of refugees get in.

But even with the squeeze on refugee resettlement to the US and the multiple checks in place, it hasn't stopped people from trying.

The young Kenyan in his twenties is nervous, fidgeting in his expensive white sneakers. He said that his key to refugee status was bought through a different facilitator.

"I met him through a friend. And the friend told me that he had done it for so many others," he said.

CNN agreed not to reveal his identity because his attempts to buy resettlement are illegal.

Together with his brother, he said they paid the facilitator $300 each to get refugee status.

They were recently taken to a refugee reception center in Nairobi.

"He told me to say I was born in Somalia, that I came through the border in a bus full of people. That we were running from there," he said, though he has never set foot in Somalia. Soon after they got their refugee cards and numbers.

They are planning to pay the middleman $12,000 in hopes of getting into the US.

"It tells you everything. There is a lot of corruption involved. People are willing to do anything for money," he said.

It is impossible, at this stage, to verify whether the broker will be able to get the siblings into the US. And there have been instances of broker scams.

Still, for Kenyans hoping to fake their way into the system, the draw to resettlement countries including the United States remains strong.

"It is wrong, it is wrong, it is wrong," the young Kenyan said of his plans. "But if you can, you can get a better life."

## Vocabulary

### Buses

##### Noun,

* A large motor vehicle, having a long body, equipped with seats or benches for passengers, usually operating as part of a scheduled service; omnibus.
* A similar horse-drawn vehicle.
* A passenger automobile or airplane used in a manner resembling that of a bus.

##### Verb (used with object),

* To convey or transport by bus
* To transport (pupils) to school by bus, especially as a means of achieving socioeconomic or racial diversity among students in a public school.

##### Verb (used without object),

* To travel on or by means of a bus

### Camp

##### Noun

* A place where an army or other group of persons or an individual is lodged in a tent or tents or other temporary means of shelter.
* Such tents or shelters collectively
* The persons so sheltered

##### Verb (used without object)

* To establish or pitch a camp
* To live temporarily in or as if in a camp or outdoors, usually for recreation (often followed by out)

##### Verb (used with object)

* To put or station (troops) in a camp; shelter.

### Chaos

##### Noun

* A state of utter confusion or disorder; a total lack of organization or order.
* Any confused, disorderly mass
* The infinity of space or formless matter supposed to have preceded the existence of the ordered universe.
* (initial capital letter) the personification of this in any of several ancient Greek myths.
* Obsolete. a chasm or abyss.

### Else

##### Adjective

* Other than the persons or things mentioned or implied
* In addition to the persons or things mentioned or implied
* Other or in addition (used in the possessive following an indefinite pronoun)

##### Adverb

* If not (usually preceded by or)
* In some other way; otherwise
* At some other place or time

### Facilitator

##### Noun

* A person or thing that facilitates.
* A person responsible for leading or coordinating the work of a group, as one who leads a group discussion

### Multiple

##### Adjective

* Consisting of, having, or involving several or many individuals, parts, elements, relations, etc.; manifold.
* Electricity. (of circuits) arranged in parallel. (of a circuit or circuits) having a number of points at which connection can be made.
* Botany. (of a fruit) collective.

##### Noun

* Mathematics. a number that contains another number an integral number of times without a remainder
* Electricity. a group of terminals arranged to make a circuit or group of circuits accessible at a number of points at any one of which connection can be made.

### Relatives

##### Noun

* A person who is connected with another or others by blood or marriage.
* Something having, or standing in, some relation or connection to something else.

##### Adjective

* Considered in relation to something else; comparative
* Existing or having its specific nature only by relation to something else; not absolute or independent
* Having relation or connection.
* Having reference or regard; relevant; pertinent (usually followed by to)

### Spread

##### Verb (used with object),

* To draw, stretch, or open out, especially over a flat surface, as something rolled or folded (often followed by out).
* To stretch out or unfurl in the air, as folded wings, a flag, etc. (often followed by out).

##### Verb (used without object),

* To become stretched out or extended, as a flag in the wind; expand, as in growth.
* To extend over a greater or a considerable area or period

##### Noun

* An act or instance of spreading
* Expansion, extension, or diffusion

##### Adjective

* Jewelry. (of a gem) cut with the table too large and the crown too shallow for maximum brilliance; swindled.
* Phonetics. (of the opening between the lips) extended laterally.Compare rounded(def 2), unrounded.

### Suddenly

##### Adjective

* Happening, coming, made, or done quickly, without warning, or unexpectedly
* Occurring without transition from the previous form, state, etc.; abrupt
* Impetuous; rash.
* Archaic. quickly made or provided.

##### Adverb

* Literary. suddenly.

##### Noun

* Obsolete. an unexpected occasion or occurrence.

### Cloze Questions

##### Fill in the blanks

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (CNN)He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he doesn't feel guilty \_\_\_\_\_\_ the lie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ got him into America.

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ other families \_\_\_\_\_\_ arrived as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he says \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on food stamps to get \_\_\_\_\_\_ But the family of seven successfully navigated their new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grew \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ become nurses \_\_\_\_\_\_ teachers.

-: "We took the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ didn't take it \_\_\_\_\_\_ granted," \_\_\_\_ says, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a broad American accent. \_\_\_\_\_\_ have followed the American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it. \_\_\_\_ have all gone to school and we have all graduated."

-: But his family \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refugees, and they weren't born in Somalia \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Kenya, and he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ status \_\_\_\_ the 1990s to get into \_\_\_\_\_\_ US.

-: "I feel bad for them [the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time it \_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ served. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ come before \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we would have been the ones to stay \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be the ones who would have gone," \_\_\_\_ says.

-: He agreed to speak \_\_\_\_ CNN on \_\_\_\_\_\_ condition \_\_\_\_ anonymity, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out.

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should be reserved \_\_\_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ across international boundaries from targeted persecution \_\_\_\_ war.

-: But \_\_\_\_ Kenya, home to one \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refugee populations \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tens \_\_\_\_ thousands \_\_\_\_ registered refugees aren't refugees \_\_\_\_ all.

-: A CNN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has determined that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ late 1990s through 2016 an untold number \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fake \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were resettled \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ and elsewhere.

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_ decades, the chaos \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ neighbor, Somalia, pushed wave \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wave \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ across the border. They came in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on donkeys, \_\_\_\_\_\_ sometimes by foot.

-: But as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of people moving to what was once the world's largest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ camp in Dadaab, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ swelled from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ hundreds \_\_\_\_ thousands \_\_\_\_ there \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who registered as refugees \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ qualify.

-: "We have \_\_\_\_\_\_ Kenyans \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have been caught in \_\_\_\_\_\_ refugee database \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 25 years. Some of them were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for food, \_\_\_\_\_\_ shelter, for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mohamed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a Kenyan member of parliament \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dadaab.

-: He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_ nearby communities saw the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and free food \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ saying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Often these Kenyans were a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ethnicity to \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ across \_\_\_\_\_\_ border. Sometimes they were just as desperate for help, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ arriving during times of drought \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ northern Kenya.

-: All told, there are at least \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kenyans registered \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dadaab camps alone, according to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ UNHCR and government \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ term "double registration."

-: "The 'double registration,' as we call it, or the Kenyans \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as refugees \_\_\_\_ Dadaab, \_\_\_\_ an issue we know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ knows about as well," said \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ representative in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-: "I think as a human \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You want to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ you don't have a \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ services were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ the refugee camp, but not available to you in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ said.

-: Omar Sharif \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anywhere near Dadaab \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -- he lived hundreds \_\_\_\_ miles away along the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ And in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ saw his opportunity.

-: "A friend of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was working as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the camp \_\_\_\_\_\_ told \_\_\_\_ about the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ education and free \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ services," \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that resettlement was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a possible goal.

-: \_\_\_\_ ran away from school and traveled to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ presenting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ officials as a Somali who \_\_\_\_\_\_ fled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the border.

-: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ time, only \_\_\_\_\_\_ most basic, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ evidence was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ register, because potential refugees needed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ food and medicine.

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ didn't interrogate \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had done \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I would have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from. They only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for my age. And they just filled out the form \_\_\_\_\_\_ me," he said.

-: "I knew it \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ "Someone who has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the refugee database, \_\_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has made a mistake, because they have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ place of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ else. "

-: He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ despite \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ quickly realized he couldn't handle \_\_\_\_\_\_ harsh \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ the camp and moved to Nairobi in hopes of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ Kenyan status.

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_ guilt is \_\_\_\_\_\_ Sharif's only burden; his refugee registration has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Catch-22.

-: "This is \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ birth certificate," \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ he pulled a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ carry-on case out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his bed in Eastleigh, a predominately Somali neighborhood in the city.

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ number," \_\_\_\_ said, showing \_\_\_\_\_\_ unique ID on his cellphone.

-: When Kenya announced it would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ repatriating Somalis, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ status \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a liability for people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sharif.

-: "They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ having \_\_\_\_ Kenyan status \_\_\_\_\_\_ they don't belong to Somalia, \_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_\_ basically becoming stateless," said \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ for Dadaab.

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like Sharif \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can't access \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ formal jobs, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of services that are available to Kenyans. \_\_\_\_ says his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needs \_\_\_\_ do more to de-register the thousands of fake refugees still in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kenyan identity.

-: UN officials \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resettlement, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ a wave of anti-immigrant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has spread through Europe \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ US, \_\_\_\_ "winning the lottery."

-: The UN High Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_\_ Refugees (UNHCR) estimates that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more than 20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ of 2018; less than \_\_\_\_ of them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resettled during that year.

-: Through social media and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ behind in Kenya, CNN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who weren't \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ status that managed not only \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but to resettle as refugees \_\_\_\_ Europe, Canada \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ States.

-: Kenya's official \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spokesman \_\_\_\_\_\_ head of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Secretariat (RAS) declined to \_\_\_\_ interviewed \_\_\_\_\_\_ this story.

-: But a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ official managing the Dadaab \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system admitted that resettlement has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ fake refugees.

-: "It \_\_\_\_ very unfortunate, but they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could get in those \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ They took the opportunity to \_\_\_\_ resettled and \_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ bonified \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I don't think it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ happen again" \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Joe Nguli, a lead official in Dadaab for RAS.

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ representative, said she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ aware of any fake refugees being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resettled.

-: \_\_\_\_ am not aware of any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resettled as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I tell \_\_\_\_\_\_ why, because the resettlement program goes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ verification \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ checks and balances," Abdulla said, adding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_\_ confident that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would catch Kenyans looking to resettle \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refugees.

-: The UNHCR's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resettlement handbook says \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ fraud. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as in other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they maintain a "zero-tolerance" policy to corruption.

-: "We have a zero-tolerance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ committees, \_\_\_\_ have anti-fraud focal point in \_\_\_\_\_\_ camps, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for refugees or anyone, you could \_\_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ line \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now and report \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and they \_\_\_\_\_\_ working," said Abdalla.

-: "I \_\_\_\_ not saying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this big \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_\_ 100% perfect. But \_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in place, we have improved them in the last \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ we cannot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a case \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a wrongdoing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they are disciplined, they \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and some staff (have) lost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ job."

-: The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ States \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ its refugee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 2018, the Trump administration instituted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vetting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ affecting refugees from 11 countries including Somalia.

-: A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spokesperson said the US has a "zero tolerance policy for fraud, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ abuse of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ taxpayer resources," adding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ "the \_\_\_\_ performs its own detailed interviews and security \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ refugee applicants. This process \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ measures \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ refugee applicants."

-: But for "facilitators" in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -- the middlemen who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -- it \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ layer \_\_\_\_ vetting \_\_\_\_ the Kenyan government and the UN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ matters the most.

-: "It is \_\_\_\_ the very beginning of the process -- before the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ the US embassy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ selection has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ the UN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who said he has been exploiting corruption within the \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ resettlement system for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-: He agreed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of anonymity.

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ UN will know \_\_\_\_\_\_ criteria and make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ paying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ match all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ So, it \_\_\_\_\_\_ be cooked at the UN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ said.

-: \_\_\_\_ said that the last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ process \_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in, where clients \_\_\_\_\_\_ between 10 and \_\_\_\_ thousand US dollars to guarantee resettlement, happened \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2016.

-: "Before \_\_\_\_\_\_ Trump ban it was a booming business," he said. His business \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ other countries, where refugee resettlement \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He said \_\_\_\_\_\_ last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_\_ months ago.

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Donald Trump's first so-called "travel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ early 2017 made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resettlement \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ harder.

-: The \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a moratorium on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ And since the moratorium expired, only a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of refugees \_\_\_\_\_\_ in.

-: But even with \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ refugee resettlement \_\_\_\_ the US and the multiple \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stopped people from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-: The young Kenyan \_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is nervous, fidgeting in his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ white sneakers. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that his \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was bought through a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ facilitator.

-: "I met \_\_\_\_\_\_ through a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ the friend told \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_\_ done it for so many others," he said.

-: CNN agreed \_\_\_\_\_\_ to reveal his identity because his attempts to \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_\_ brother, \_\_\_\_ said \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ paid the facilitator $300 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to get refugee status.

-: They were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ taken \_\_\_\_ a refugee reception center \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-: "He told me to say I \_\_\_\_\_\_ born \_\_\_\_ Somalia, that I came through the border in a \_\_\_\_\_\_ full of people. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ running from there," he said, though \_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ foot \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Soon after they \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refugee cards and numbers.

-: They are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to pay \_\_\_\_\_\_ middleman $12,000 \_\_\_\_ hopes of getting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_

-: "It tells you everything. There \_\_\_\_ a lot of corruption involved. People \_\_\_\_\_\_ willing \_\_\_\_ do anything \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-: \_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ this stage, to verify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the broker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the siblings into the US. And there \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ been instances of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ scams.

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Kenyans hoping to fake \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way into the system, \_\_\_\_\_\_ draw to resettlement \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ including \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ States remains \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-: \_\_\_\_\_\_ is wrong, \_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_ wrong," \_\_\_\_\_\_ young \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ his plans. "But if you can, you can get a better life."

### Discussion Questions

1: Summarise the article in your own words

2: How do you feel after reading the article?

3: Do you agree with the article's point? Why/why not?

4: Can you come up with an argument against this article's point?

5: After reading the article, is there anything you are wondering about?

6: Does the article relate to something else you read or watched recently?