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1 INTRODUCTION

In this assignment, I am going to analyse the legal basis of rights as a humanitarian aid worker, focused on the Somalian refugee crisis in Kenya. I will also analyse the rights of the target group, which will be the Somalian refugees living in refugee camps in Kenya.

Kenya is facing a huge humanitarian crisis because of Somalia's ongoing civil war. Ongoing civil war and conflicts are forcing people to flee and seek asylum from Somalia's neighboring countries, such as Kenya, Ethiopia and Yemen. Over all, 906,096 refugees have been registered in these countries. Most of the refugees from Somalia flee to Kenya. According to UNHCR (2016), there are 334,197 registered Somalian refugees in Kenya. Most of them live in refugee camps Dadaab (291,496 refugees) and in Kakuma refugee camp (40,962 refugees).

2 RIGHTS OF THE REFUGEES

For the rights of the refugees there are many international and regional laws and recommendations. The base for these laws and recommendations is the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. It defines the term refugee and defines the duties and rights of refugees.

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