



## UNHCR OPERATION IN MALAWI

### FACTSHEET

September 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS

**23,288**

Refugees have access to primary health care

**6,000**

Refugee children enrolled in primary school

**741**

Submitted and (375) departed on resettlement

**755**

Families received agricultural land and inputs

## Population of concern

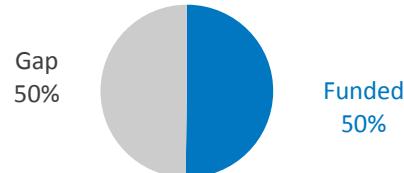
A total of **23,288** people of concern

### By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Burundi	6,594
DRC	11,315
Ethiopia	28
Rwanda	5,260
Somalia	72
Sudan	5
Other	14
Total	23,288

## Funding

**USD 5,965,131** requested



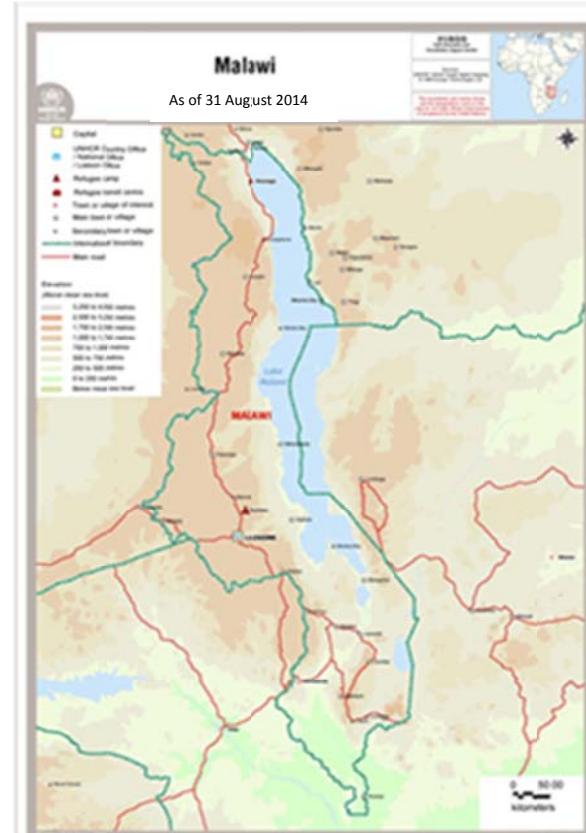
## UNHCR Presence

### Staff:

8 national staff  
2 international staff  
9 affiliated staff

### Offices:

2 office located in:  
CO Lilongwe  
Dzaleka



# WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR coordinates humanitarian, repatriation and integration assistance with: [Min. of Home Affairs and National Defence \(MoHAD\)](#) | [Plan Malawi](#) | [Jesuit Refugee Service \(JRS\)](#) | [World Food Programme \(WFP\)](#) | [Participatory Rural Development Organization \(PRDO\)](#)

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### Protection

- UNHCR together with the Government of Malawi provides international protection to refugees, asylum-seekers and other persons of concern in Malawi. The Government, with support from UNHCR, is reviewing the current refugee policy to bring it line with international standards and this review is in its final stages.

### Education

- In partnership with JRS, UNHCR provides primary education to over 6,000 refugees and asylum seeking children. Some 700 children attend secondary education in addition to other 60 that attend tertiary education. Malawian nationals also benefit from the education facilities in the camp.

### Health Care

- Health care, HIV / Aids, reproductive health and nutritional services are provided to refugees and more than 40,000 nationals from villages surrounding Dzaleka refugee camp.

### Shelter, WASH, Environmental Protection, Food Security and NFIs

- UNHCR Provides environmentally sustainable shelter materials to household, shelter repair tool kits and ready shelters for PSNs
- Mindful of the effects on environment of populations UNHCR supports environmental protection and energy conservation practices in and around Dzaleka Camp
- The World Food Programme (WFP) in collaboration with the Participatory Rural Development Organization (PRDO) and UNHCR provide monthly food rations to over 23,000 refugees and asylum-seekers.
- UNHCR ensures water supply to the persons of concern and promotes good facilities and practices in the camp

### Durable Solutions

- Resettlement continues to be the main durable solution that is being considered for refugees in Malawi. As of 31 August 2015, 140 cases / 531 individuals have been reviewed by the regional office in Pretoria and submitted to resettlement countries for resettlement consideration. This figure represents 59% of the projected annual revised resettlement submission target of 900 individuals.

### Community Empowerment and Self-reliance

- Refugee youth are supported with recreational and sporting activities, while some 1,000 families have been provided with small plots of land and farming inputs to support their livelihoods.
- Various skills development courses are provided to POCs

### Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- The only refugee camp in the country is located at Dzaleka in Dowa District. The camp is managed by the Government of Malawi, with support from UNHCR. A transit facility exists at Karonga in the north of the country which is the main entry point for the majority of asylum-seekers.

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