



## ZIMBABWE **FACTSHEET**

September 2016

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

8,832

refugees and asylumseekers in Zimbabwe.

1,916

refugee children enrolled in primary and secondary schools in Tongogara camp supported with school fees.

440

farmers have access to arable land in Tongogara camp.

232

people departed for resettlement to the US in 2016.

400

asylum-seekers pending refugee status determination interview.

## Population of concern

A total of 8,832 confirmed people of concern and a sizable number of unconfirmed stateless people.

#### By country of origin

Country of origin	Total population of concern
Burundi	741
Democratic Republic of the Congo	7,024
Rwanda Others	759 308
Total	8,832

<sup>\*</sup> The current influx rate is approximately 90 people per month.

### **UNHCR Presence**

Offices: Staff:

2 offices: 21 national staff CO in Harare 3 international staff FU in Tongogara Refugee 5 affiliate workforce staff

Camp (TRC)

# **Funding**

USD 6,434,122 requested,

3% funded

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#### **WORKING WITH PARTNERS**

UNHCR supports the Government of Zimbabwe in the protection and assistance of refugees and asylum-seekers in partnership with: Christian Carel Office of the Commissioner for Refugees Department of Social Welfare | Office of the Registrar General | GOAL | Terre des Hommes | Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)| ChildLine | NODED|

#### **MAIN ACTIVITIES**

#### Protection

- UNHCR collaborates with the Registrar General's Office to issue documentation to refugees. The Office of the Registrar General has agreed to print and issue Machine Readable Convention Travel Documents to refugees if necessary funding is made available (some USD 80,500). UNHCR is in the process of sourcing funds for this project.
- Recent media reports have indicated that some Mozambicans have arrived in Zimbabwe fleeing insecurity. UNHCR participated in three assessment missions organized by the Government which verified the increase mainly in the number of Zimbabwean returnees from Mozambique. UNHCR together with the Government, UN Agencies and Non-Governmental organizations is involved in emergency preparedness.
- Reportedly there is a large number of stateless people or people at risk of statelessness in Zimbabwe. UNHCR is working with the Government to identify affected populations and formulate policies to reduce the risks of statelessness. The Registrar General's Office has expressed willingness to participate in the study on nationality and statelessness.

#### Food Security and Nutrition

• UNHCR will be increasing the use of Cash-Based Interventions (CBI) in Zimbabwe. In August, 7,163 people of concern benefited from CBI instead of in-kind food assistance from WFP. Chronically ill patients and child-headed households are currently receiving only cash entitlements. Previously they received both food and cash.

#### Education

• UNHCR is working with the Government to improve access to education through upgrading St Michael's Secondary school in Tongogara Refugee Camp to an advanced level school. A total of 1,916 refugee children enrolled in primary and secondary schools in Tongogara camp are supported with school fees. Shortage of classrooms, lack of electricity, and inadequate reading materials continue to pose a challenge.

#### Health

Health delivery is negatively impacted by the scarcity of supplies and human resources. A total of 16,083
attendances were recorded at the Tongogara clinic this year and 13 births were recorded in the month of August.
The lack of funds for secondary and tertiary health treatment and care are severely impacting the well-being of refugees.

#### Livelihoods

Currently 440 refugee farmers have access to arable land in Tongogara camp. UNHCR is working to improve the
irrigation systems and support animal husbandry to promote the self-sufficiency of refugees in line with UNHCR's
livelihood strategies.

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