

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The Minister of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs (MIDIMAR), joined by the UNHCR Representative and members of the international community, addressed Burundian refugees in Mahama in order to discourage criminal activities. The Assistant Inspector General of Police, representatives of the US, EU, UK, Belgium, and Netherlands embassies, the Mayor of the Kirehe District and Governor of the Eastern Province participated in the event. The UNHCR Representative, in his remarks, stressed to refugees the importance of avoiding military engagement or else risk losing refugee protection in Rwanda. The Minister encouraged others to report any illegal activities and recalled that perpetrators will be caught and punished.
- Kepler's first campus in a refugee setting was inaugurated on 30 October in Kiziba Camp—Rwanda's oldest camp for Congolese refugees. Per Heggenes, CEO of the IKEA Foundation which has provided generous support to the initiative, visited Rwanda to mark this important event together with Hon. Minister of MIDIMAR, UNHCR Rwanda Representative, and the CEO of Kepler, Chris Hedrick. In their remarks, refugees selected for the inaugural year of Kepler's program were thrilled to have access to U.S.-accredited



Minister of MIDIMAR addressing Burundian refugees in Mahama camp. UNHCR/R. Kundevski

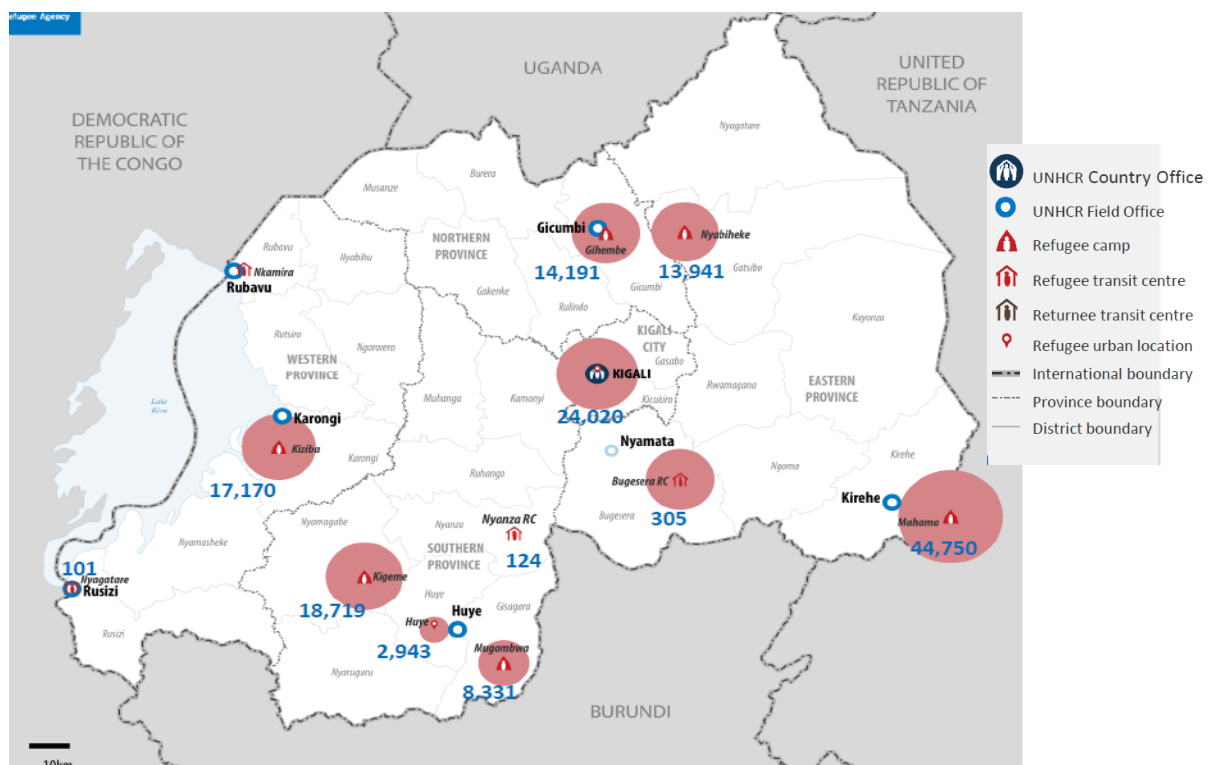


CEO of Ikea and UNHCR Representative inaugurating Kepler Classroom in Kiziba camp. UNHCR/E. Fitzpatrick

## KEY STATISTICS

<b>144,595*</b>	<b>69,676</b>	<b>74,164</b>	<b>4,017</b>
Population of concern	Burundian refugees in Rwanda	Congolese refugees in Rwanda	Rwandan returnees received in 2015

\*Including 47 other nationalities and 708 "others of concern" (family members with Rwandan nationality).



## BURUNDI EMERGENCY UPDATE

### Protection

- UNHCR continues to register new arrivals from Burundi at an average of 30-40 per day. However, refugees continue to report barriers to movement within Burundi and particularly movement towards the northern border with Rwanda, which is now sealed. Those who cross do so either on the premise of temporary stay in Rwanda, or by crossing on foot through unofficial crossing points.
- In October, in parallel to UNHCR's process of shifting refugee families from tents to semi-permanent shelters, WFP also moved to a new system of household-level general food distribution in early-October.
- 2,451** Burundian unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) have been identified since the onset of the emergency, and of these **783** have been reunified with their parents/customary caregivers or relatives. Discussions between the Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration, MIDIMAR, ICRC, Plan International, UNHCR and UNICEF took place to address the situation of Burundian UASC having expressed the wish to be reunified with their relatives in Burundi (i.e. approx. 750 children in Mahama) and agree on the way forward aiming at ensuring the children's best interests, considering the escalating insecurity in Burundi.
- 123 child protection cases have been identified and assisted to date. 128 SGBV cases (of which 27 involved children) have been identified and assisted to date with multisectoral response services.
- Trainings for all Child Protection and Child-Friendly Spaces community mobilizers in Mahama camp were held from 19-30 October 2015. Development and facilitation of these trainings were carried out by Plan International, UNHCR and UNICEF.
- A mapping exercise led by Church World Services, for Burundian urban refugees in both Kigali and Huye has commenced. The mapping exercise will help UNHCR to know where urban refugees are situated and how to better provide services to them.

### Education/Vocational training

- 60 classrooms have been constructed in the local host community of Mahama to prepare for the integration of Burundian students by January 2016. An additional 52 classrooms are under construction.
- Attendance for the orientation classes to prepare students for the 2016 academic year has dropped to 45%. UNHCR and ADRA are working closely with the refugee community to better understand the reasons for the drop in attendance, but there is suspicion that most children are questioning the relevancy of the preparatory classes and are waiting for formal education to start in 2016. As a response, community mobilization has been conducted in two camp villages during the last week of October to improve school attendance. MIDIMAR will continue encouraging camp leaders to emphasize the importance of education and as well as the role of parents in encouraging children to attend class.

### Shelter

- Severe rainstorms during October damaged 39 hangars (large communal shelters), which resulted in a temporary shifting of focus from construction of new semi-permanent shelters to rehabilitation of existing structures. Damage ranged from minor to severe, forcing some households to seek temporary shelter elsewhere in the camp. Meanwhile, 4 kilometers of new drainage trenches have been dug by hand to help curb flooding from storms in lower-lying villages, which has helped tremendously in preventing flooding in the camp. As a result of the storms, 26 family tents were shifted to safer ground, and 2 new communal hangars were constructed to house recent arrivals.
- ARC has completed 715 semi-permanent shelter structures that are ready for occupancy once refugees apply mud plaster and WASH infrastructure become ready for use. Thus far 42 households have transferred from tents to the new semi-permanent shelters.

### Water and Sanitation (WASH)

- Water supply per capita declined to 8 liters per day primarily because of river turbidity caused by seasonal storms, slowing down the water filtration process to provide potable water to the refugees. Insufficient water pumping capacity also contributed to the shortfall. World Vision plans to install a second, more powerful pump. Meanwhile OXFAM completed installation of large T70 water tanks at the water filtering site and the reservoir storage site.

- PAJER has started operations in Mahama camp to complete 100 latrine blocks to cater for the new semi-permanent housing units being built in the “Mahama II” site.



### Health

- A nutrition survey was conducted by UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, Save the Children, Concern Worldwide and ARC in Mahama camp. The preliminary findings are positive by showing that the prevalence of the global acute malnutrition has declined from 10.3% to 6.6 %.
- UNHCR has observed an increase in the number of malaria cases reported during October, linked to the rainy season and exceptional heavy downpours. However, health indicators remain under control and no alarming trends have been observed.
- UNFPA has organized 22 sensitization sessions, conducted by Community Health Workers, on Reproductive Health including Family Planning and HIV/AIDS. 817 refugee participants attended the workshops.
- Construction continues on a new semi-permanent Health Post for a Maternal and Child Health Unit by Save the Children.
- Although there have never been Cholera cases in Mahama, UNHCR and ARC are constructing a Cholera Treatment Center, along with material contributions from UNICEF, as part of UNHCR’s emergency contingency planning.
- In-patient services have been equipped with additional beds, patient cupboards and other medical materials.
- Preparation of Outbreak Surveillance training for Health Personnel and Community Health Workers for ARC and Save the Children has started.

## UPDATE ON OVERALL OPERATION



### Protection

- UNHCR, the National Identification Agency (NIDA), MIDIMAR, and Immigration organized a biometric data capture for individuals who requested asylum in Rwanda in September 2014, registered refugees who reached the age of 16 years and other refugees who missed the same exercise held in November 2014. Results will be shared in November 2015.
- The 2015 Refresher Session of the Code of Conduct (CoC) was organized for all UNHCR staff and affiliates under this year’s theme: “understanding ethical dilemmas”. The CoC is designed to assist staff of UNHCR and UNHCR’s partners to better understand their ethical requirements as humanitarian workers.
- UNHCR and PLAN conducted a training session for key partners in both Kigeme and Mugombwa camps on responding to SGBV and Child Protection incidents. MIDIMAR, the Rwanda National Police, and all partners operating in both camps attended the training. The guidelines will be finalized based on comments made during the training. The remaining Field Offices are currently working on developing guidelines for their respective camps, before conducting trainings for all partners.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has generously donated used clothing to all six refugee camps in Rwanda, sufficient to cover the needs of all refugees for 2015, including both Burundian and Congolese populations. Distribution is to commence at the start of November.
- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Butare has generously contributed to the renovations of child-friendly spaces in Kigeme refugee camp. The official launch was inaugurated by Celestin HAKIZIMANA, the Bishop of Gikongoro Diocese, UNHCR, MIDIMAR, CARE, PLAN, members of the refugee Executive Committee, as well as refugee parents and children.

#### Resettlement to a third country:

- UNHCR’s resettlement target for 2015 is to submit 2,400 individuals for resettlement and manage 2,000 individual departures:
  - As of October 31, 2015: UNHCR has submitted **1,958** individuals for resettlement to the USA (**82%** of the 2015 target)
  - 1,341** individuals have departed for resettlement (**67%** of the 2015 target)
- Multi-year strategy (2012-2015): To date, UNHCR has submitted 8,930 individuals and thus has achieved 89% of the multiyear target of submitting 10,000 refugees for resettlement between 2012-2015.
- UNHCR hosted a mission from the US Bureau for Population, Refugee and Migration (BPRM) and the Refugee Support Center (RSC). Ms. Aimee Dowl, the Deputy Refugee Coordinator of BPRM based in Kampala, Ms.

Sumitra Sirma, BPRM Program Officer from Washington DC and the Director of RSC, Mr. Miro Marinovich were among the visitors. The mission visited protracted Congolese camps and had an interactive session with refugees preparing for resettlement.

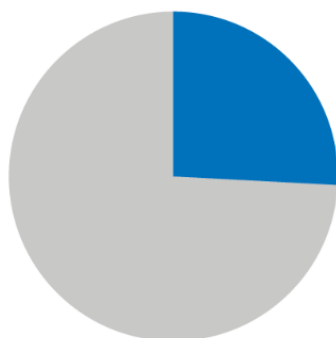
### Shelter

- 40 environmentally friendly shelters have been constructed in Kigeme camp. The shelters are more environmentally friendly as they use compressed earth bricks instead of timber poles to erect the structures. Two of these shelters are to be used as “safe rooms” for SGBV interviews.
- In line with the action plan aiming at preparedness for possible El Nino (heavy rains and windstorms), sensitization campaigns targeting the refugee population were conducted in Kigeme and Mugombwa camps. Key messages on identified risks such as landslides, soil erosion, wind storms, lightning, cholera, malaria, injuries were developed and shared with refugees.

### Community Empowerment

- As part of the implementation of the cash transfer program in Kigeme camp to replace general food distribution (scheduled to start in November), cell phones and sim-cards have been distributed to every head of household.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



**26%**  
funded as of Oct. 2015

### Funding

**USD 148.2 million** requested

**USD 38.6 million** received

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