

## HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR Country Representatives of the 11 main host countries for Rwandan refugees (Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, DRC, Kenya, Malawi, the Republic of Congo, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe) met with the UNHCR Representative in Rwanda, the Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa and the Nairobi Regional Hub in Nairobi. The internal meeting was held in preparation for a Ministerial Meeting on the implementation of the Comprehensive Solutions Strategy (CSS) for Rwandan refugees. The preparatory meeting discussed identifying barriers to the implementation of the CSS and to define a way forward. The Ministerial Meeting scheduled for early October 2015 aims to propose a clear time-frame for the full implementation of the CSS (*Highlights continued on page 2*).
- Kepler University has launched an initiative to provide university courses to refugee students in Kiziba camp, making it the first program to offer higher education in a refugee camp in Rwanda. Through its program, students can obtain an American-accredited degree through a world-class education comprised of courses taught in renowned universities worldwide. With support from the IKEA Foundation, Kepler University now has a campus in Rwanda for Rwandan students, of which the Kiziba Refugee Camp program will be a satellite. **Read more:** <http://unhcr.rw/spip.php?article130>



Rwandan returnees at Nyagatare transit center. UNHCR/E. Fitzpatrick.

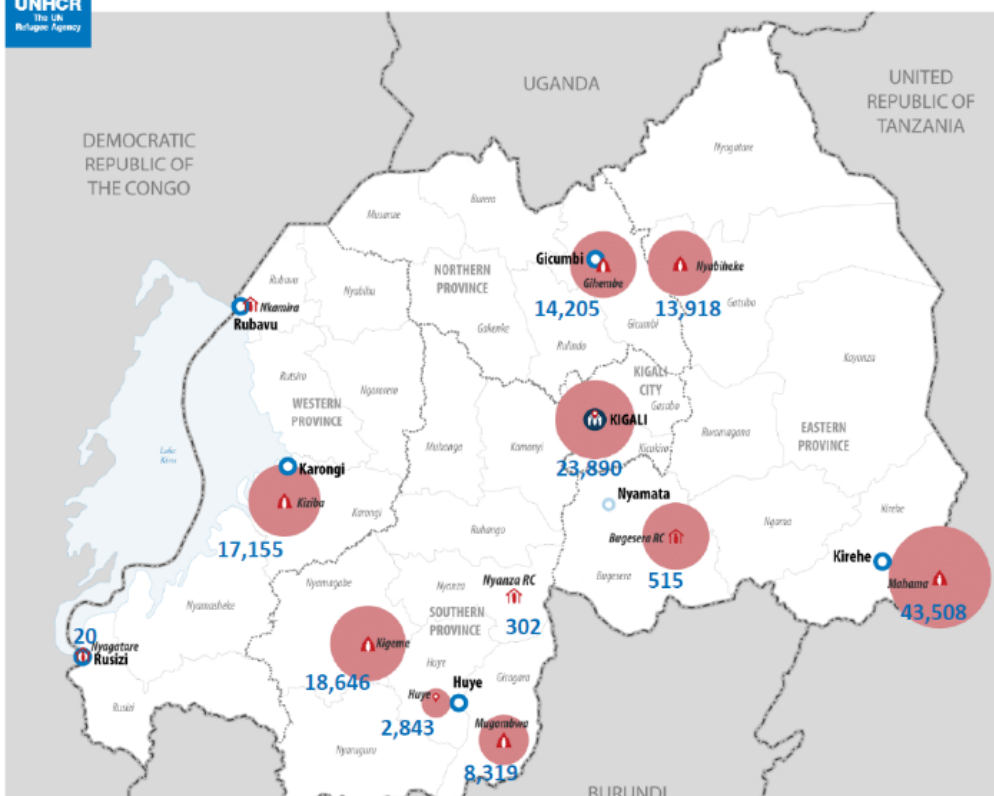

## KEY STATISTICS

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| <b>143,321*</b><br>Population of concern | <b>68,155</b><br>Burundian refugees in Rwanda | <b>74,054</b><br>Congolesse refugees in Rwanda | <b>3,519</b><br>Rwandan returnees received in 2015 |
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\*Including 312 other nationalities and 800 pending registration



### RWANDA: Population of concern to UNHCR | As of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015

#### Key figures

**143,321**  
Total population of Concern

- 51% From Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 48% From Burundi
- 1% Other nationalities

#### Age breakdown

- 60+ 3%
- 18-59 45%
- 12-17 16%
- 5-11 20%
- 0-4 16%

#### LEGEND

- UNHCR Country Office
- UNHCR Field Office
- Refugee camp
- Refugee transit center
- Returnee transit center
- Refugee urban location
- International border
- Province boundary
- District boundary

### BURUNDI EMERGENCY UPDATE

- On 25 September, UNHCR held its first cross-border meeting in Kigali between UNHCR offices in Rwanda and Burundi to increase information sharing and discuss recommendations for responding to the Burundi emergency. Some of the recommendations include strengthening border monitoring activities on both sides, sharing detailed information of unaccompanied and separated children between offices to strengthen family reunification, and to hold cross-border meetings on a regular basis.
- In order to enhance capacity in responding to the ongoing emergency, UNHCR has entered into partnership with 8 additional NGOs to support the emergency refugee response, as well as projects for Congolese refugees.
- 2,532** unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) have been identified in Mahama camp, Bugesera and Nyanza Reception Centers as well as in Butare and Kigali's urban settings. **683** have been reunified with their parents/customary caregivers or relatives.
- UNHCR has started to relocate Burundian urban refugees, for those families who are in need of full access to humanitarian services, from Kigali to Mahama camp.
- Orientation classes have begun in Huye for urban Burundian refugees expecting to integrate into the Rwandan education curriculum. Orientation classes for urban refugees in Kigali will commence in October.
- UNHCR will fund the construction of 60 new classrooms for the school located near Mahama camp, to enable the integration of Burundian refugee students into the Rwandan education system. However, 112 classrooms are needed in total in order to integrate the totality of 8,700 lower primary and secondary students among Burundian refugees in Mahama.

### HIGHLIGHTS *CONTINUED FROM P.1*

- Before the internal UNHCR meeting among Country Representatives of the 11 main host countries for Rwandan returnees, the UNHCR Representative in Rwanda, together with Rwanda's Minister of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs (MIDIMAR), visited one of many One UN Return and Reintegration projects in Rwanda's Southern Province. The project helps Rwandan returnees to rebuild their lives in their home country. The visit reached Cyanika sector, home to 1,000 Rwandan returnees, where 53 heads of households have benefited from the Swedish-funded project with newly acquired vocational skills. Additionally, 640 returnees in the sector were assisted with medical insurance, agricultural materials, seeds, livestock and shelter materials.
- The Government of Rwanda, through the joint initiatives of MIDIMAR and the Fund for Environment and Climate Change (FONERWA), has launched the project "Environmental protection in and around refugee camps" with a budget of 1.5 billion RWF (2 million USD) to contribute to the overall national goal of protecting the environment. The project will address the life-threatening ravine in Gihembe camp (70% of total project budget), provide energy-saving cooking stoves for all Congolese refugee camps, tree planting in and around the camps and environmental education and management through public awareness.



*Hon. Minister of MIDIMAR (left) and UNHCR Representative (right) visited the school "Groupe Scolaire Saint Nicolas", where a tailoring workshop for returnee women was being held. UNHCR/K. Loupeidou*

### UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Protection

- In collaboration with Plan International, UNHCR facilitated a 5-day training for 31 refugees from both Kigeme and Mugombwa camps newly appointed as para-social workers for their communities. The training equipped

the new refugee para-social workers with knowledge and skills to support unaccompanied and separated children.

- UNHCR, WFP and Plan International are in preparation to launch a protection assessment in Kigeme camp to examine how the soon-to-be-launched Cash-Based Initiative (CBI) project could impact unaccompanied children and in particular child-headed households. The CBI is expected to be launched in Kigeme in November 2015.

### 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 September 30, 2015: UNHCR has submitted **1,742** individuals for resettlement to the USA (73% of the 2015 target)
  - **1,237** individuals have departed for resettlement (62% of the 2015 target)
- Multi-year strategy (2012-2015): To date, UNHCR has submitted **8,864** individuals and thus has achieved 89% of the multiyear target of submitting 10,000 refugees for resettlement between 2012-2015.

## Education/Vocational training

- An assessment for Out-of-School Children (OOSC) was conducted by a UNHCR Education Specialist in collaboration with ADRA Education Coordinators, in all Congolese refugee camps. The team held group discussions with children of primary and secondary school age (those who attend classes regularly, irregularly or never), teachers, parents and community leaders. Common challenges identified include children staying at home to finish chores, refugees afraid of leaving their personal belonging alone at home for long periods, low enthusiasm due to lack of upper secondary school opportunities, issues linked to domestic violence, children with disabilities not catered to, among others. UNHCR and partners are analyzing the situation to identify solutions while conveying the importance of orientation classes for integrating into the Rwandan curriculum.

## Access to Energy

- In line with the implementation of UNHCR SAFE (Safe Access to Fuel and Energy) Strategy, UNHCR, with the support of Global Alliance for Clean Cook Stove (GACC), conducted a training workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) for UNHCR colleagues and partners. Participants were equipped with skills to properly survey refugee camps in regards to energy access. Following the training, participants from UNHCR and partner agencies conducted data collection for the energy baseline assessment in all 5 Congolese camps. This project was developed in response to the high demand for firewood, used as the primary energy source for cooking, and aims to decrease firewood use among refugee households, and protect forests by promoting the use of energy saving cooking stoves. The project will also endeavor to promote awareness and education amongst refugees and local population on environmental issues affecting their communities.

## Shelter

- Construction activities of the new Nyarushishi Transit Center, to eventually replace Nyagatare TC, have resumed after weeks of delays due to clerical errors that have since been resolved.
- Construction of 6 new dischargeable latrines through funds from Deseret International Charities / The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has commenced in Kigeme.
- Debris from landslides were removed to protect several shelters, terraces were protected with sacs filled with soil, and pedestrian bridges were maintained both in Kigeme and Mugombwa camps. ARC conducted a sensitization session in Kigeme on environment protection to focus on avoiding damaging existing shelter terraces while looking for soil to re-plaster shelters.

### Community Empowerment

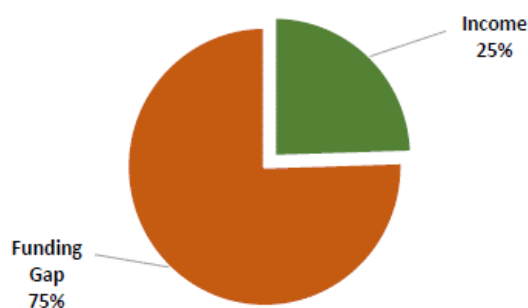
- With support from Deseret International Charities / The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Kundubuzima women's cooperative of Kigeme camp received a visit from a trainer on small-scale business skills. The trainer conducted a session with cooperative leaders on ethics for business operators and book-/record- keeping. The LDS/DIC team also donated baking supplies and tools to support the cooperative in their future baking business.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Funding

USD 148.2 million requested

USD 32.5 million received



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