

Zimbabwe

01-31 March 2018

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TOTAL POPULATION **19,182** persons of concern

KEY INDICATORS

12,636

registered and profiled refugees, asylum-seekers and other persons of concern as of 31 March 2018

60 %

Percentage of registered people of concern granted refugee status by the Government of Zimbabwe.

8,172

Mozambican asylum-seekers living in Zimbabwe of whom 1,626 live in Tongogara Refugee Camp and 5,646 profiled but not yet biometrically registered asylum-seekers live among Zimbabwean host communities in Manicaland.

75

Asylum-seekers arrived in Zimbabwe between 1 -31 March. 64% of the new arrivals are from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

140

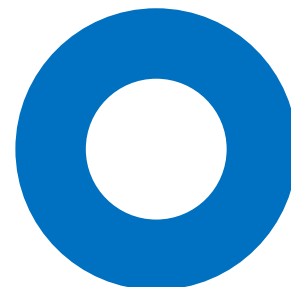
Host nationals (Zimbabweans) are spouses and children to persons of concern.

FUNDING (AS OF 31 MARCH)

USD 7.8 M

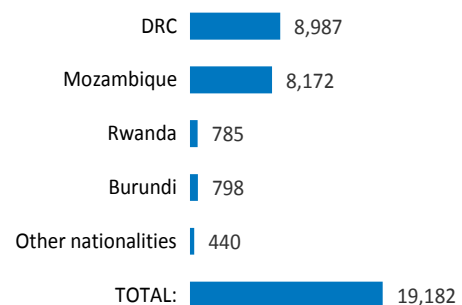
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\$7.8 M



POPULATION OF CONCERN

Countries of origin



Update on Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Biometric enrolment:** UNHCR successfully completed a two-week Biometrics Identity Management System (BIMS) mission to the Tongogara Refugee Camp where 2,200 refugees had their biometric data captured and records regularised for effective protection and delivery of assistance.
- **Refugee students selected for the United Student Achievers Programme:** Three refugee students from Tongogara Refugee Camp were accepted into the very selective United Student Achievers Programme (USAP) for 2018. USAP is a college access programme for high-achieving, low-income students that assists them to apply for admission and scholarship to attend top universities around the world. Currently, another three refugees from Tongogara Refugee Camp are studying in the United States on full USAP scholarships.
- **AfDB funding opportunity:** UNHCR met African Development Bank (AfDB) on 14 March to discuss progress in the innovative solutions to support livelihood of vulnerable communities' project in Zimbabwe targeting refugees and the host community. UNHCR submitted a proposal which has passed the initial peer review and the next step in the processing schedule will be country team meeting followed by approval by the bank's Vice President. AfDB encouraged visibility, joint monitoring of the project and designation of a local UNHCR project management team. Other issues discussed included financial management of the project, host community engagement, stakeholder coordination and some implementation modalities.
- **Collaboration with China:** UNHCR had a meeting with the Embassy of the People's Republic of China on 15 March in Harare. The UNHCR Representative expressed gratitude to the Chinese government for their donation which has greatly supported refugees and asylum-seekers with food security and access to domestic items. UNHCR is working with the World Food Programme (WFP) through a UN agreement to support refugees and asylum-seekers residing in Tongogara Refugee Camp with monthly cash rations of \$13 per person. From the first instalment of \$1 million, WFP has received \$ 442,290 for distribution to refugees in cash through SCOPE which is WFP's

beneficiary and transfer management platform; UNHCR's procurements from the first instalment have already been received at Tongogara Refugee Camp namely blankets, jerry cans, kitchen sets, semi collapsible water containers, mosquito nets and mattress foam. UNHCR Representative extended an invitation to the Chinese Embassy to visit Tongogara Refugee Camp for a better appreciation of the persons of concern that they have greatly supported.

- **JRS Regional Director visits Tongogara Refugee Camp:** The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Southern Africa Regional Director visited Tongogara Refugee Camp on 13 March to monitor various projects including the construction of Advanced Level secondary school in the camp. The construction is expected to be finalized before mid-2019 and will enable a large number of refugee and host community students to have access to higher learning opportunities.

- **Meeting between UNHCR and Commissioner for Refugees on Mozambican asylum-seekers:** On 9 March, the UNHCR Representative and the Commissioner for Refugees in the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, met the Deputy Director of Consular Services in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs responsible for refugee issues. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss concerns regarding Mozambican asylum-seekers in Zimbabwe. The main discussion centred on the continued arrival of Mozambican asylum-seekers despite the seeming improvement in the security situation in Mozambique and the possibility of a joint assessment of the conditions in the places of origin in conjunction with the Government of Mozambique and necessary stakeholders.

- **2019 Country Planning Meeting:** The UNHCR-partner country operations plan meeting was held on 9 March in Harare. The meeting attended by UNHCR, Ministry of Social Welfare, Terre des Hommes and GOAL sought to create a common understanding and validation of 2019 country operations plan elements in a consultative and participatory manner, as well as to agree on thematic area priorities for 2019. As part of the accountability to persons of concern, UNHCR and partner staff will provide structured and systematic thematic feedback on the needs assessment and COP outcomes with persons of concern in Tongogara Refugee Camp.

- **Mixed movement and unaccompanied children training:** UNHCR facilitated a series of training sessions on mixed movement in Bulawayo from 6 to 8 March. The workshop was attended by 25 participants from the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, IOM, UNICEF, Zimbabwe police force, District Officers, Childline Trust Department of Immigration, Save the Children and Ministry of Education. The participants familiarized themselves with the concepts of mixed movement, the categories of persons travelling in mixed flows, human trafficking and smuggling, as well as the instruments that international law provides to define the different categories of migrants. Regarding child protection, participants were trained on techniques to identify and assist child victims of trafficking with particular attention to skills for communicating with traumatized victims. UNHCR and participants pledged to scale up coordination among state and non-state actors involved in protection of unaccompanied children, reception of asylum-seekers and counter trafficking.

- **#IBelong Campaign at the Model United Nations:** On 9 March, the UNHCR Representative participated at a Model United Nations Session at the Harare International School. The Representative gave a presentation on statelessness and the Rohingya refugee crisis to 30 Model UN students. The students showed a keen interest in statelessness and refugees, and in response UNHCR plans to arrange further activities with the students as part of UNHCR's #IBelong campaign that seeks to prevent and eradicate statelessness.

- **Civil Documentation:** One mobile registration team for the issuance and renewal of temporary permits at Tongogara Refugee Camp was supported from 19 to 22 March.

- In Harare, a total of 14 new identity cards were issued, 30 renewals and eight birth confirmations. A total of 36 UN Conventional Travel Document applications were received and processed 24 of these were cleared for UNCTD Issuance through the Registrar General's Office.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- **Early Childhood Education provided and supported:** There has been a **4 per cent** increase in Early Childhood Development enrolment in the month of March due to new arrivals from Mozambique and the DRC.
- **Primary education:** Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) enrolment increased by **2 per cent** from 395 to 403(201M; 202F) and a total of 10 teachers are supporting the ALP sessions. The school has recommended an addition of five ALP teachers inclusive of two supervisors to cater for the increase in ALP pupils.
- Two male pupils from Tongogara primary school participated in the district athletics competitions where one of them won two gold medals and the other won one silver medal.
- **Education infrastructure constructed or improved:** Construction work at St Michael's secondary school has resumed and the contractor is expected to complete the assigned work early in the schools' second term.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- **Access to primary health care services:** The TRC clinic continued to provide 24 hours free health services to persons of concern and nationals from surrounding villages.
- The Environmental Health Department worked closely with the clinic and the WASH sector towards eradication of all notifiable diseases and reduction of all preventable diseases in the camp. Malaria campaigns in all camp sections and at the cash distribution point (14-17 March) were intensified in light of rising malaria cases. Active case finding was done in order to detect cases early, hence no complications were recorded.
- A 10,000L water tank was erected and connected to the clinic water system in an effort to avail continuous water supply to the clinic. This will provide a more hygienic environment for patients and staff.
- One case of cholera was reported in Waterfalls residential location in Harare where a significant number of urban based refugees reside. In response, health awareness campaigns were conducted and cholera information pamphlets distributed. The centre

also continues to work together with the local clinic in disseminating cholera awareness information and other preventative initiatives.

- **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps:** Doctors in all public health institutions were on strike for most of March, hence the non-transfer of patients to the provincial and central hospitals from TRC.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- WFP delivered food commodities for distribution to asylum-seekers and refugees in Tongogara Refugee Camp on 1 March.
- A total of 10, 723 refugees and asylum-seekers received cash entitlements at the rate of \$13/person for the month of March through the UNHCR and WFP partnership supported by the People's Republic of China. A total cash transfer value of \$139, 399 was disbursed.
- Chronically sick persons were assisted with both CSB+ and a protein supplement basket (2 x 375ml peanut butter, 1kg soya mince and 500g kapenta per person).

WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- Water supply was consistent during the reporting month with all sections of the camp receiving water supply for a minimum of two hours per day. All the water sources were functional in provision of consistent water supply in March.
- A 10-day training workshop on borehole maintenance was carried out in Tongogara Refugee Camp. This is being considered as a sustainable way of ensuring uninterrupted water supply through capacity building of water point management members.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Sanitation and animal management in the camp need to be intensified if the hygiene standards of the camp are to be sustained.
- The sanitation situation remains dire with a toilet sharing ratio of one toilet per five households. The standard is one toilet per two households. This is being compounded by persons of concern not timeously upgrading their Upgradeable Blair Ventilated Improved Pits Latrines (uBVIPs). More resources are required to facilitate construction of BVIPs instead of uBVIPs.

SHELTER

Achievements and Impact

- In preparation for the 2018 construction project in April, about 200 stands were pegged in the new section of Tongogara Refugee Camp earmarked to benefit new arrivals and other general population.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is an accommodation shortage at the reception center as the population of asylum-seekers continues to increase. Efforts are being made to relocate them to a new section of the Tongogara Refugee camp.

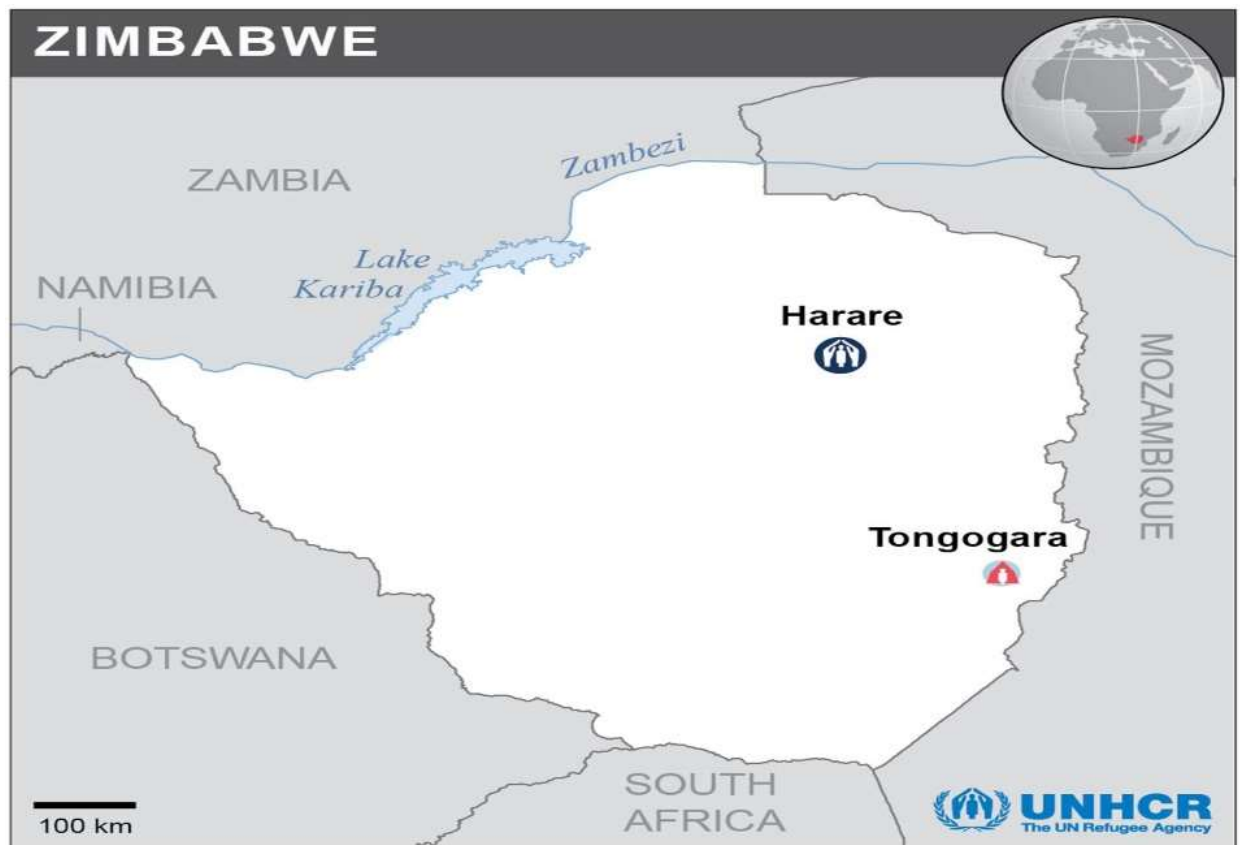
WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

- UNHCR continues to partner with the Government of Zimbabwe through the Department of Social Welfare, GOAL Ireland and Terre des Hommes in providing assistance to refugees and other persons of concern at Tongogara Refugee Camp. UNHCR works with other UN sister agencies for the full realisation of rights of refugees and other persons of concern in Zimbabwe.

ANNEXES
**Population Overview as at 31 March 2018
 (Registered at Tongogara Refugee camp)**

Country Population Age Disaggregation	00-04 Female	00-04 Male	05-11 Female	05-11 Male	12-17 Female	12-17 Male	18-59 Female	18-59 Male	Female 60 and over	Male 60 and over	TOTAL
Democratic Republic of the Congo	735	726	895	998	631	742	1728	2454	50	28	8,987
Burundi	49	44	70	65	71	79	171	242	5	2	798
Rwanda	35	44	72	62	60	71	206	210	10	15	785
Mozambique	165	166	242	228	122	104	293	210	50	28	1,608
Mozambique, profiled but not yet biometrically registered											6,546
Other Nationalities	32	24	38	37	22	14	111	176	1	3	458
Grand Total	1,016	1,004	1,317	1,390	906	1,010	2,509	3,292	116	76	19,182

*6,546 Mozambican asylum-seekers are living among host communities along the Zimbabwe-Mozambique border

COUNTRY MAP UNHCR Liaison Office UNHCR Field Unit Refugee Camp

Map Sources: UNCS, UNHCR.

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