

Rwanda

June 2020

Rwanda hosted a total of 149,149 Refugees at the end of June 2020. The population of concern included mainly persons from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (50.8 %) and Burundi (48.5 %). COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect operational activities.

As at the end of June, Rwanda had confirmed a total of 1,042 positive cases of COVID-19, but only 559 cases were still active. There was no confirmed COVID-19 case of a person of concern to UNHCR. However, refugee camps remained at risk to continued infections.

Tight COVID-19 prevention measures were reinstated in Kigeme and Mahama camps following clusters of COVID-19 infection documented in Rusizi and Kirehe districts.

KEY INDICATORS

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Refugees were confirmed positive of COVID-19 as at the end of June.

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New arrivals were received in June and a total of 7 new arrivals since April.

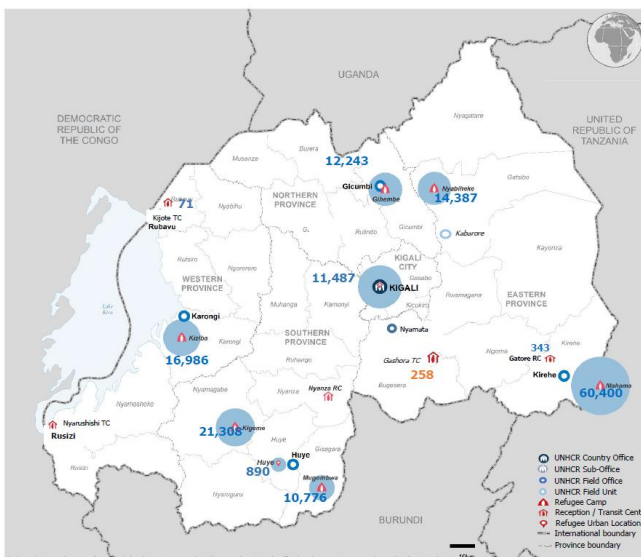
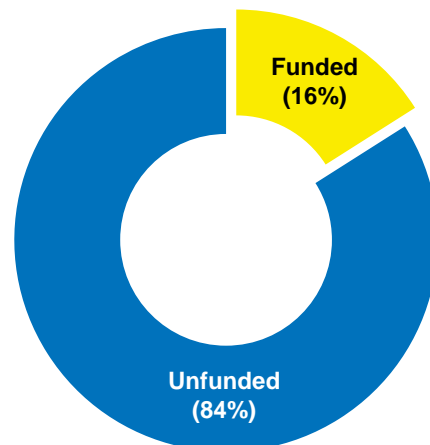
258 Evacuees

Remained in Emergency Transit Mechanism Gashora Transit Centre. There have been no resettlement departures since March as a result of COVID-19 travel restrictions imposed worldwide.

FUNDING (AS OF 30 JUNE - 01 JULY 2020)

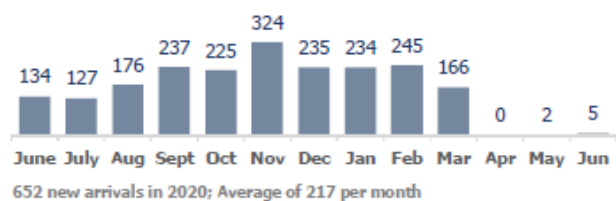
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is requested for Rwanda (Burundi, DRC, ETM and Coronavirus Emergency situations).



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MONTHLY TREND OF NEW ARRIVALS



MAIN COUNTRIES (REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS)



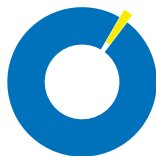
Burundi Refugee Response



Refugees in Mahama camp are respecting the physical distancing requirement during the distribution of assistance. @UNHCR/Justin Ngabonziza

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

USD 46.96 M
FUNDING (AS OF 01 JULY 2020)



■ Funded - 2%

■ Unfunded - 98%

Achievements & Highlights



PROTECTION

- 167 birth certificates were issued to Burundian refugee children in Mahama camp.
- 123 BIDs/BIAs were conducted, and decisions made on child protection cases, including family reunification.
- 58 SGBV survivors received specialized services, including medical treatment, legal and psychosocial support.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- Resettlement departures have been on hold since March 2020 due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions.



EDUCATION

- Schools were closed in March 2020 as part of COVID-19 prevention measures.

- Schools will remain closed until September 2020.



HEALTH

- Crude and under-5 mortality rates were 0.15 deaths / 1,000 / month and 0.3 deaths / 1000 / month, respectively.
- An average of 13,686 refugees and host community accessed primary health care services from the two health posts in Mahama camp.
- Also, 228 patients were referred to secondary and tertiary health services.
- 763 persons accessed HIV prevention services, including antiretroviral treatment, nutritional and psychosocial support.
- 5,572 women of reproductive age attended family planning services.
- 169 babies were born in Mahama camp, and trained health professionals attended 99% of deliveries.
- 152 sampled individuals were tested for COVID-19, and they all turned negative.
- Awareness-raising activities and screenings were conducted in Mahama camp as part of the COVID-19 prevention and response plan.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- 60,396 refugees received food assistance through monthly hybrid support of cash and in-kind food.
- 176 households of 215 individuals received in-kind food assistance pending their enrollment into Cash Assistance programme.
- WFP distributed a one-off 4Kg of CSB+ porridge flour to each household in Mahama camp.



WATER AND SANITATION

- Adequate potable water supply was maintained at 20.62 litres/person/day in Mahama camp.

- 302 temporary handwashing stands were installed in Mahama camp (286) and Gatore Transit Center (16).
- Hygiene promotion activities were conducted for 100% of the population using approved messages from the Ministry of Health.
- Improvements were made to the existing water supply at the new Mahama COVID-19 holding facilities, and additional mobile latrines were installed.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- 107 semi-permanent shelters were repaired in Mahama Camp.
- The construction of ECD in Mahama camp is at an advanced stage (over 80 percent of the construction works have been completed).



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- 21,475 households were provided with gas for domestic cooking energy in Mahama camp.
- The cooking gas was also distributed at Gatore Reception Center and in the COVID-19 isolation centre.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- All the community engagement programs are suspended, except those related to COVID-19 prevention and response.
- Refugees, partners, UNHCR and the World celebrated the World Refugee Day. The theme of the year was "Everyone Can Make a Difference. Everyone Counts!".

Needs & Gaps

- 348 are pending registration in Mahama camp since all registration activities are suspended.
- Low (40%) uptake of family planning services.
- 11 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 86 children Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) were admitted in the nutrition program.

- Environmental degradation continues to impact on shelter and infrastructure.
- Need for additional space (at least 26 hectares) in Mahama to allow for the expansion of existing camp infrastructure.
- Gatore Transit Center reached its full capacity. 326 refugees are waiting for relocation to permanent camp.
- Need for more resources to increase vocational and technical training for out-of-school youth, provide special education for children with disabilities, as well as increase access to higher education.



Kapitolina is one of the community mobilizers who is helping in awareness raising on the prevention of COVID-19 in Mahama camp. She is a mother of seven children.

Kapitolina is 59 years old, a Burundian refugee in Mahama camp. @UNHCR/Yaziddy Ntaganda

Congolese Refugee Response



Mugombwa Refugee Camp, Gisagara District @UNHCR/Eugene Sibomana

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

USD 41.81 M

FUNDING (AS OF 01 JULY 2020)



■ Funded - 2%

■ Unfunded - 98%

Achievements & Highlights



PROTECTION

- 71 Burundians and Congolese persons of concern (PoC) were relocated from Nyanza reception centre to Kijote transit centre.
- UNHCR handed over to MINEMA the rehabilitated office in Nyabiheke camp “Turikunwe Center”.
- The National Human Rights Commission visited Gihembe and Nyabiheke camps on 11 June to monitor the realization of the human rights in the camps.
- Refugee leaders in Kigeme and Mugombwa camps were trained on Civil Registration procedures as well as the Rights and Obligations of Refugees under national and international laws.
- 371 birth certificates were issued to refugee children in Kigeme (76), Gihembe (104), Nyabiheke (191) and Kiziba (76) camps.
- 22 refugees in Gihembe (6) and Kiziba (16) camps with disabilities were provided with elbow crutches.

- 23 child protection cases were reported by Community-Based Child Protection mechanisms in Kigeme (15), Mugombwa (3), Gihembe (4), Nyabiheke (1), Kiziba camp (9) and Mugombwa (6) camps. All cases were assessed and assisted with specialized services.
- 29 new SGBV cases were reported in Kigeme (2), Mugombwa (7), Nyanza Reception Center (1), Gihembe (7), Nyabiheke (9), Kiziba (3) and 37 cases in Kigeme and Mugombwa camps. All survivors received specialized support, including legal, psychosocial, health support.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- Resettlement departures remain on hold in line with COVID-19 travel restrictions. However, plans for the eventual resumption of Pre-departure formalities are underway for the possible resettlement departure of 963 refugees from Gihembe (300), Kiziba (299), Nyabiheke (343) and Kigali (21) to USA and Canada.
- 80 individuals from Kiziba (38), Nyabiheke (19) and Gihembe (23) have been submitted for resettlement to different countries.



EDUCATION

- Education activities remain suspended in light of COVID-19 prevention measures.
- Refugee children in camps are following remote learning programs delivered through radio broadcast.



HEALTH

- A total of 12,711 refugees and host community members accessed primary health care services provided by the health clinics in Congolese camps.
- 362 refugees were referred to secondary and tertiary health care facilities.
- 139 newborn babies were reported in Congolese camps, and trained health professionals attended 100% of deliveries.
- Community health workers conducted awareness-raising sessions in all the camps for prevention and response to COVID-19.

- 702 persons accessed HIV prevention services, including antiretroviral treatment, nutritional and psychosocial support.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- 76,287 refugees received cash for food assistance from WFP.
- WFP distributed a one-off 4Kg of CSB+ porridge flour to each household in refugee camps.



WATER AND SANITATION

- Supply of clean water maintained in Kiziba and Mugombwa camps at 21.5 litres and 26.0 litres per person per day, respectively.
- Construction of an additional 30 blocks of communal shower blocks (18 in Kigeme and 12 in Mugombwa) commenced.
- 593 temporary handwashing facilities were installed in the five Congolese camps.
- Hygiene promotion activities were conducted for 100% of the population using approved messages from the Ministry of Health.
- In all Congolese camps, the improvement was made to the existing water supply at the new health holding facilities for COVID-19, and additional mobile latrines were installed.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- 42 refugee shelters (Kiziba – 12 and 30 in both Gihembe and Nyabiheke camps) were rehabilitated.
- Rwanda Red Cross Society (RRCS) distributed potties to 844 children aged 2 years and below in Nyabiheke camps to improve the hygiene conditions. RRCS also distributed core relief items to persons with specific needs. The items included 1,448 blankets, 1,320 Loincloths, and 800 mattresses.
- Plan International distributed 2,002 Kg of beans, 2,661Kg of maize flour, and 2,257Kg of rice to unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) in Gihembe camp.
- Plan International also supported 58 female UASC with sanitary pads, soaps and buckets in Gihembe camp.



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- 26 Households in Kigeme camp had Solar Home Systems installed.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- Food for Hungry Rwanda trained and supported 30 youth on knitting and soap making with necessary materials in Nyabiheke camp. Food for the Hungry Rwanda also supported in the camp graduates from the hairdressing training with a start-up capital and the group started a hairdressing salon business outside the camp.
- RRCS supported three cooperatives of refugees and the host community. A livestock cooperative with 131 members (86 refugees and 45 Rwandans) was given 15 cows. A cooperative of farmers with 71 members (42 refugees and 35 Rwandans) was provided with 3 hectares of farming land. A cooperative of elderly persons was assisted with two tons of maize grains.

Needs & Gaps

- 33% of family planning prevalence.
- Average monthly clean water supply in some Congolese camp was below minimum standard at 14 litres per person/day.
- Water shortage remains a problem in Gihembe camp (15 litres/person/day), Nyabiheke camp (12 litres/person/day) and Kigeme camp (16 litres/person/day) due to a reduction of water supply from the public water system.
- 2.4% GAM (an increase of 1.2% compared to the previous month report) in children aged 6-59 months in Congolese camps (data does not include Nyabiheke camp).



Refugees in Kigeme camp at a water point. @UNHCR/Eugene Sibomana

Emergency Transit Mechanism

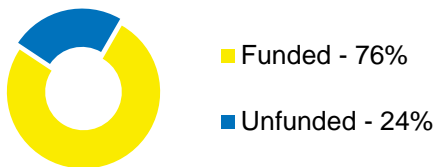


The arrival of Eritreans, Somalis, Sudanese and Ethiopians from Libya to Rwanda. ©UNHCR/Eugene Sibomana

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

USD 14.5 M

FUNDING (AS OF 01 JULY 2020)



Achievements & Highlights



PROTECTION

- 159 individuals contacted UNHCR through the Protection Hotline.
- The Continuous Registration Panel adjudicated 19 cases with registration issues, including nationality issues, biodata changes (age) and split.
- 43 PoCs (4 females and 39 males) participated in a sensitization campaign on Rwandan laws, specifically focusing on criminal laws and various rules and regulations in Rwanda.
- 146 persons of concern participated in individual and group counselling program.
- 49 persons of concern aged 17-32 years old participated in occupational therapy.



EDUCATION

- A computer lab with internet connection was established in the ETM Gashora Transit Center to provide the PoCs access to information technology and ICT classes.

- 91 persons of concern (14 females and 77 males) have been enrolled into the newly established computer programme.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- 273 persons of concern received primary healthcare services from the Health Post in the Transit Centre.
- 22 persons of concern were referred to secondary and tertiary level health care service providers.
- Six children were supported through the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program.
- 20 persons of concern in need of additional food assistance were supported through the supplementary food assistance program.
- Temperature testing are conducted at the entrance of the Center for everyone entering as part of the COVID-19 prevention and detection measures.



FOOD SECURITY AND COOKING ENERGY

- All the 258 individuals at ETM Center were provided with three hot meals a day.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- The daily average of potable water supply consumption was maintained on an average of 69.4 liters per person per day.
- Hygiene promotional activities were conducted, including awareness of COVID-19 prevention and response activities.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- As a way of promoting child-friendly environment amidst COVID-19 challenges, assorted play materials (toys) were distributed to encourage parents' engagement with children during play, in their homes, and for children to develop their cognitive and motor skills.
- NFI materials were distributed to 11 unaccompanied children, these materials included buckets, basins, bedsheets and mosquito nets.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- Eritrean PoCs organized Martyrs Day (Memorial Day) on 19 June with candle vigil in the ETM center.
- The Day of the African Child (DAC) was celebrated on 16 June with the participation of refugees, UNHCR and partners in the ETM center.
- Refugees, partners, UNHCR and the World celebrated the World Refugee Day. The theme of the year was “Everyone Can Make a Difference. Everyone Counts!”.



CASE PROCESSING FOR SOLUTIONS

- 39 individuals are awaiting departure to Canada and Sweden, including 9 new cases accepted in June.
- A total of 33 cases were interviewed via Remote Case Processing mechanism.
- 102 Individuals are pending resettlement interviews with resettlement countries.
- The protection unit conducted legal counselling sessions for the 5 individuals whose asylum claims had been rejected.

Needs & Gaps

- Some PoCs are reluctant to follow the COVID-19 prevention measures, like physical distancing and wearing face masks.
- Pending water connection to the health center laboratory and consultation rooms.
- Needs for insect infestation in the center, including fleas and bedbugs.



“At the most exceptional times, we have actually shown our sense of community. We’re watching and recommending different YouTube series, and we’re also discussing the interesting things we’re reading and watching, like a virtual book club.” She commented on the life of refugees in ETM during COVID-19 situation.

Bana is a refugee in ETM Gashora Transit Center. ©UNHCR/Rediet Hirpaye

Return & Reintegration



Achievements & Highlights

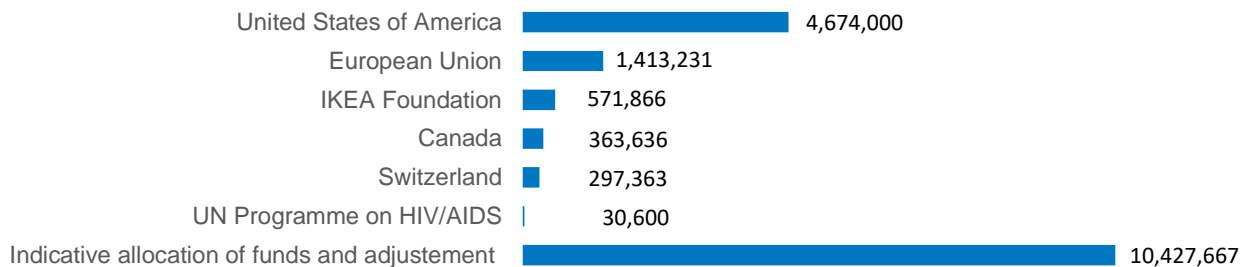
- The repatriation program has been suspended due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.
- 27 Rwandan returnees are pending repatriation from Goma, DRC waiting the lift of the border closure due to COVID-19.

Financial Information

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

UNHCR Rwanda launched an urgent appeal for funding to the prevention and response activities to COVID-19 to persons of concern in Rwanda.

Funding received in million USD 17,949,011



Other softly earmarked contributions | USD

Germany 47.6 million | **United Kingdom** 24.8 million | **United States of America** 21.9 million | **Denmark** 14.6 million | **Canada** 10.2 million | **Private Donors USA** 7.4 million | **Private Donors Germany** 5.9 million | **Sweden** 4 million | **Private donors Japan** 3.9 million | **Private donors Australia** 3.7 million | **France** 3.5 million | **Ireland** 3.3 million | **Finland** 3.3 million

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Unearmarked contributions | USD

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