

Rwanda

September 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

A. Rwanda hosted a total of 146,831 Refugees at the end of September 2020. The population of concern included mainly persons from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (52%) and Burundi (47.8%).

B. A French delegation from the Ministry of the Interior and the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Office conducted a mission in Rwanda on 12-18 September 2020 **for the resettlement program of refugees to France**, including refugees from ETM Rwanda.

C. 1,503 Burundian refugees in Rwanda had **voluntarily returned** to Burundi. These are 19% of the 8,000 targeted in 2020. Some challenges are the increase of COVID-19 cases in the camp and limited reception capacity in Burundi.

KEY INDICATORS

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Refugees had been confirmed positive of COVID-19 by the end of September.

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Refugees departed for resettlement in September. A total of 781 refugees departed for resettlement since January 2020.

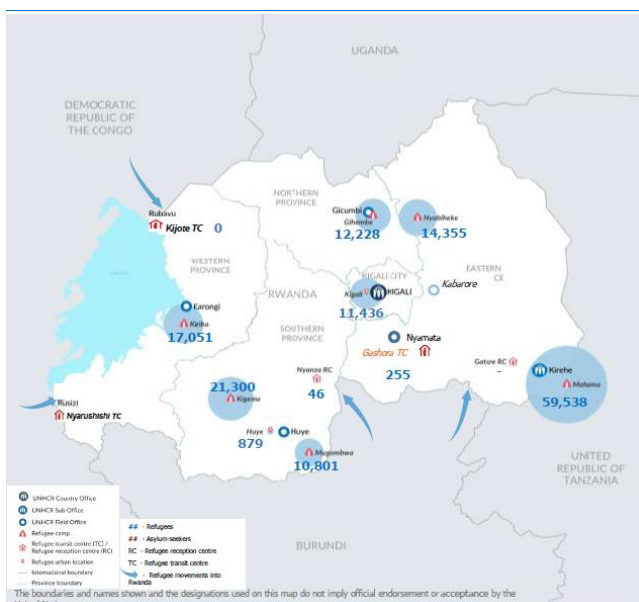
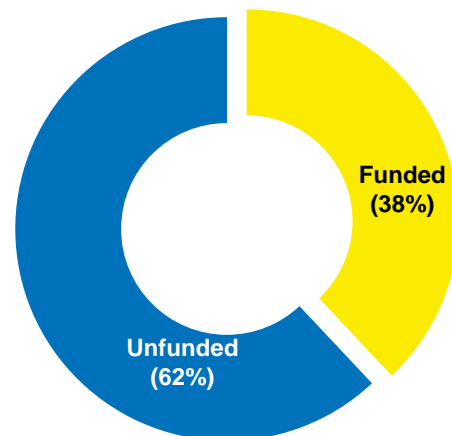
255 Evacuees

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FUNDING (AS OF 29 SEPTEMBER 2020)

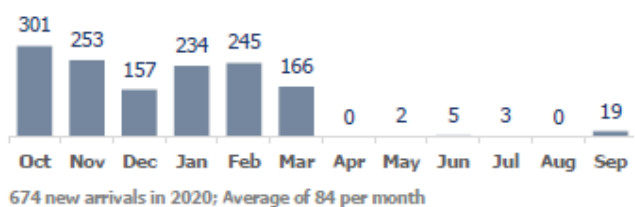
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MONTHLY TREND OF NEW ARRIVALS



MAIN COUNTRIES (REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS)



Burundi Refugee Response

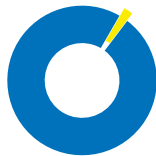


Burundian refugees in preparation of return to Burundi. Mahama camp @UNHCR/Eugene Sibomana

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

USD 46.96 M

FUNDING (AS OF 29 SEPTEMBER 2020)



■ Funded - 2%

■ Unfunded - 98%

Achievements & Highlights



PROTECTION

- 193 birth certificates were issued by the authorities to refugee children in Mahama camp.
- 43 child protection cases were reported in Mahama camp with issues including child neglect, physical abuse and manding. All the children were provided specialized child protection support.
- 26 SGBV incidents were reported including rape, child defilement, physical assault, denial of resources and emotional abuse.
- 18 separated and 05 unaccompanied children were successfully repatriated and unified with their families in Burundi through voluntary repatriation.
- 4,021 persons with specific needs and 842 elderly, persons with disability were assisted with psychosocial support and porridge flour.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- 1,028 Burundian refugees were voluntary repatriated from Mahama camp (1,018) and Huye urban (10) to Burundi.



EDUCATION

- 10,326 refugee students (ECD, primary and secondary) in Mahama camp followed online education program with the support of teachers, parents and community leaders.



HEALTH

- 11 cases of COVID-19 were identified in Mahama camp out of 1,494 tests. All recovered and discharged from public treatment center by the end of the reporting period.
- Crude and under-5 mortality rates were 0.15 deaths / 1,000 / month and 0.5 deaths / 1000 / month, respectively.
- A total of 11,281 refugees and host community accessed primary health care services from the two health posts in Mahama camp.
- 245 patients were referred to secondary and tertiary health services.
- 735 persons accessed HIV/AIDs prevention services, including antiretroviral treatment, nutritional and psychosocial support.
- 59,889 male condoms were distributed as preventive measure of new cases of HIV/AIDs, STIs and unwanted pregnancies.
- 5,859 women of reproductive age attended family planning services.
- 175 babies were born in Mahama camp, and trained health professionals attended 98% of deliveries.
- Awareness-raising activities and screenings were conducted in Mahama camp as part of the COVID-19 prevention and response plan.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- 57,738 refugees in Mahama camp received food assistance through monthly support of cash or in-kind food provided by the WFP.
- 4,092 children aged 6-23 months were supported under the blanket supplementary feeding program.



WATER AND SANITATION

- Adequate potable water supply was maintained at 22.42 liters/person/day in Mahama camp.
- 312 temporary handwashing stands were installed in Mahama camp to foster proper hygiene requirements as part of the COVID-19 prevention guidelines.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- 107 semi-permanent shelters were repaired in Mahama camp.
- The construction of ECD in Mahama camp was completed.



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- 21,633 cylinders were refilled equivalent to 129,978 kilograms were distributed in in sharing modality to all population in Mahama camp.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- 543 refugees participated in saving and loaning groups and in microfinance were supported to expand or formalize their businesses.
- 2,108 individuals in Mahama camp accessed financial services through Umutanguha Microfinance, including opening bank accounts, saving, withdrawing and loaning.

Needs & Gaps

- Mahama camp has been in strict lockdown since 16 July due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Lack of access to cash for non-food items since the third quarter of the year due to limited funding.
- Need of USD 1.5 million to support the return of 8,000 returnees by the end of 2020.
- 1,526 individuals who missed the verification exercise in Mahama camp are pending for the continuous registration process.
- Limited access to radio, internet or IT equipment to access online learning program.
- 14 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 102 children with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) were admitted in the nutrition program.
- 42% of family planning prevalence.
- Environmental degradation continues to impact on shelter and infrastructure.
- 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.



A convey of Burundian Refugees repatriating back to their home under support of UNHCR @UNHCR/Yaziddy Ntaganda

Congolese Refugee Response



Newly constructed 16 classrooms in Kigeme, Nyamagabe District @UNHCR/Eugene Sibomana

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

USD 41.81 M

FUNDING (AS OF 29 SEPTEMBER 2020)



- Funded - 5%
- Unfunded - 95%

Achievements & Highlights



PROTECTION

- 14 children were arrested for vagrancy and breaching lockdown measures in Kigeme camp. The children were returned to their family with the assistance of UNHCR, partners and the Police.
- Refugees continued to access protection related support through tollfree lines, including reporting and counseling on SGBV, Child Protection, Legal Assistance, etc.
- 17 unaccompanied and separated children in foster families in Huye urban settings were assisted through home visits and were provided with material assistance, including clothes, shoes and hygienic materials.
- 120 birth certificates were issued to refugee children in Nyabiheke camp.
- 39 new child protection cases were reported in Kiziba (2), Gihembe (1), Nyabiheke (2), Mugombwa (6), Kigeme (8), Nyanza reception center (20) and Kiziba (8) camps. All cases were assessed and assisted with specialized services.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- 256 Congolese refugees departed for resettlement.



EDUCATION

- Education activities remain suspended considering COVID-19 prevention measures. School enrollment is ongoing for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Refugee children in camps are following remote learning programs delivered through radio broadcast.
- A permanent handwashing facility with 12 taps and a water tank of 2.5 cubic meters was installed at Kigeme B and Gasaka to ensure proper hygiene with the resumption of the school.
- The preparation of the school resumption was ongoing with the provision of handwashing facilities at schools to ensure proper hygiene as part of the COVID-19 prevention.
- 2,755 refugee children in Kigeme camp received porridge flour through the school feeding program.



HEALTH

- 24 cases of COVID-19 were identified in Kigeme (23) and Nyabiheke (01) camps. All the cases recovered.
- A total of 12,149 refugees and host community members accessed primary health care services provided by the health clinics in the camps.
- 378 refugees and host community members were referred to secondary and tertiary health care facilities.
- 160 newborn babies were recorded in the camps, and trained health professionals attended to 99% of deliveries.
- 71,372 male condoms were distributed as preventive measure of new cases of HIV/AIDs, STIs and unwanted pregnancies.
- 706 persons accessed HIV/AIDs prevention services, including antiretroviral treatment, nutritional and psychosocial support.

- 155 refugee children with disability from refugee and host communities in Gihembe (44), Nyabiheke (111) and Kiziba (62) camps participated in the Community-based rehabilitation services.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- 75,971 Congolese refugees in camps received food assistance through monthly support of cash for food provided by the WFP.
- 160 children aged 2-5 in Kigeme camp were provided each with 5Kg of fortified food through the World Vision school feeding program.
- 147 persons with disabilities, including children, in Kigeme camp received three months supplementary food assistance.
- 1,301 refugees, including children aged 6-23 months, 612 pregnant and lactating mothers, 127 persons with HIV and 6 tuberculosis patients in Kiziba camp were assisted with supplementary food assistance.



WATER AND SANITATION

- Supply of clean water maintained in Kiziba, Gihembe and Mugombwa camps at 21.5 liters, 20 liters and 25 liters per person per day, respectively.
- The construction of handwashing facilities was completed in Gihembe camp (4) and others are ongoing in Nyabiheke camp (3).



SHELTER AND NFIS

- 85 refugee shelters in Kiziba (43) and Nyabiheke (42) camps were rehabilitated. 35 new shelters were constructed in Nyabiheke.
- Construction of child friendly spaces in Kiziba, Gihembe and Nyabiheke camp were at 80%, 90% and 88% completion rate, respectively.
- Construction of a Community Center and Early Childhood Development classes in Kiziba were at 85% and 80% completion rate, respectively.
- Thanks to Earth Enable, 155 shelters in Mugombwa camp were paved from the 191 targeted and the activities continue.

- 4,741 women in reproductive age in Nyabiheke camp receive a five months package of sanitary pads.
- 30,120 face masks were distributed to refugees in Kiziba camp for COVID-19 prevention.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- 141 refugees and host community participated in the community library in Mugombwa camp, including access to multimedia, computer, career development, arts and sewing training sessions.

Needs & Gaps

- Kigeme camp has been in strict lockdown since 16 July due to COVID-19 restriction.
- Lack of access to cash for non-food items since the third quarter of the year due to limited funding.
- 30% of family planning prevalence.
- Delayed COVID-19 testing for refugees quarantined in Nyanza Reception Center.
- Delayed court proceedings due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Water shortage remains a problem in Nyabiheke camp (15 liters/person/day) and Kigeme camp (17 liters/person/day).
- 14 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 78 children Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) were admitted in the nutrition program.
- 21% children aged 6-59 months and 14% of women in reproductive age (12-59) had anemia. Stunting among children was at 19%.
- High increase of child neglect cases as a result of poverty, unemployment, alcohol and/or drug abuse, ignorance, assistance dependency syndrome and irresponsibility of parents.
- Delayed cash for food assistance for 60 families in Mugombwa (45) and Kigeme (15) camps due to bank issues, including bank cards or system errors.
- Limited access to radio, internet or IT equipment to access online learning program.
- Environmental degradation continues to impact on shelter and infrastructure.

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 29 SEPTEMBER 2020)



■ Funded - 59%

■ Unfunded - 41%

Achievements & Highlights



PROTECTION

- 73 individuals used the Protection Hotline for different issues, including resettlement, registration, refugee status determination case processing, etc.
- Seven individuals sought legal assistance, including three cases of legal representation in the court on issues relate to assault and battery.



EDUCATION

- 70 individuals were enrolled into ICT classes.
- 162 individuals attended language classes, including Kinyarwanda, French and English.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- 296 persons of concern received primary healthcare services from the Health Post in the Transit Centre.

- 37 were persons of concern were referred to secondary and tertiary level health care service providers.
- 270 male condoms were distributed as preventive measure of new cases of HIV/AIDs, STIs and unwanted pregnancies.
- 151 persons received psychosocial support.
- Seven children were supported through the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program.
- 21 individuals in need of additional food assistance were supported through the supplementary food assistance program.



FOOD SECURITY AND COOKING ENERGY

- All the 258 individuals at ETM Center were provided with three hot meals a day.
- 49 gas cylinders were distributed to the ETM residents to facilitate them to cook their supplementary meals.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- The daily average of potable water supply consumption was maintained at an average of 69.8 liters per person per day.
- Accommodations and outdoor spaces were fumigated and sprayed with pyrethroid insecticides to kill fleas, bedbugs and repel snakes from the accommodations.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- Construction of accommodation and office buildings were at 38% and 40% completion rates, respectively.
- Construction of 30 communal kitchen at existing accommodation blocks were at 65% completion rate.
- Construction of public infrastructure, e.g. health clinic, fencing the center, laboratory room and drainages were at 98% completion rate.
- 258 individuals received the monthly cash-based intervention for non-food items.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- 19 individuals participated in Voluntary Saving and Loaning Associations.
- Six individuals registered for asset development training in accordance with the business plan of two network operators; MTN and Airtel; airtime/credits selling services.
- Eritrean and Ethiopian communities celebrated the New Year on 12 September with the participation of refugees from other communities as well as UNHCR and partner staff.



CASE PROCESSING FOR SOLUTIONS

- Three refugees departed for resettlement to Sweden.
- 15 individuals were interviewed by Norway via Remote Case Processing.
- 26 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were completed and children were assisted accordingly.

Needs & Gaps

- No evacuation flight organized in 2020 due to COVID-19.
- Delays in completion of accommodation to reach the capacity of 500 individuals due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions.

Financial Information

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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 41,323,467

United States of America		
European Union	8,891,945	23,052,394
Denmark	1,903,407	
Unilever (UK)	746,882	
IKEA Foundation	530,988	
Qatar	469,924	
Canada	363,636	
Switzerland	297,363	
France	170,648	
UN Programme on HIV/AIDS	30,600	
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustment	4,731,067	

Other softly earmarked contributions | USD

Germany 71.1 million | **United States of America** 46.8 million | **United Kingdom** 24.8 million | **Denmark** 14.6 million | **Canada** 10.2 million | **Private donors Australia** 8.4 million | **Private donors USA** 7.7 million | **Private donors Germany** 6.4 million | **Private donors Japan** 4.4 million | **Sweden** 4 million | **France** 3.5 million | **Spain** 3.4 million | **Ireland** 3.3 million | **Finland** 3.3 million | **Private donors United Kingdom** 2.3 million

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Unearmarked contributions | USD

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