

BURUNDI SITUATION

UNHCR REGIONAL UPDATE 15

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KEY FIGURES

192,327

New Burundian refugees in the neighbouring countries since the beginning of April 2015

FUNDING

USD 221.8 million

requested for the situation



HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 192,327 Burundian refugees and asylum-seekers have arrived in the neighbouring countries of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the United Republic of Tanzania, Rwanda, as well as Uganda and Zambia since April 2015. The situation in Burundi remains volatile with continued incidents of sporadic violence in the country.
- On 3 September, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator for OCHA, Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, visited Lusenda camp in the DRC, with a delegation of representatives from OCHA, UNHCR, WFP, MONUSCO, *Commission Nationale des Réfugiés* (CNR) and the government's provincial representatives. Ms. Kang underlined the importance for refugee children to attend local schools.

Population of concern

A total of **192,327** people of concern



PRIORITIES

- Tanzania:** Relocation of some 50,000 refugees to new camp sites between October to December 2015.
- Rwanda:** Ongoing treatment of surface water in Mahama camp.
- DRC:** Resume building shelters to accommodate refugees hosted in the transit centres and assembly points.
- Uganda:** Increase water provision to all new settlements and improve infrastructure to reduce water trucking.



Distribution of food and NFIs in Lusenda, DRC. UNHCR/C.Cavalcanti

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Operational Context



Protection

Achievements and Impact & Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

- As of 6 September, 14,995 new arrivals from Burundi had been registered. The majority are located in the Uvira and Fizi territories, and over half of the population originating from Cibitoke and Bururi provinces and Bujumbura. A total of 14,023 persons have been registered biometrically by UNHCR and the Government's National Commission for Refugees (CNR). A total of 8,043 refugees have been relocated to Lusenda.
- The city of Lubumbashi has witnessed the arrival of a total of 1,242 refugees. In the past days, people have been relocated by the national police to a site belonging to the municipality where they will be assisted before being relocated again to Lusenda.

RWANDA

- According to the Government of Rwanda, by 14 September, the number of new arrivals had reached 70,711 with 43,716 registered in Mahama camp.

UGANDA

- The number of new arrivals into Uganda had reached 13,964 according to the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM). During the reporting period, a total of 108 refugees arrived in the country. The overall arrival trend has reduced.
- UNHCR established a 15 member SGBV taskforce drawn from all UN agencies present and implementing partners in Nakivale, Oruchinga, Rwamwanja and Kyaka II Refugee Settlements, to assist in building an effective and comprehensive protection response. The taskforce will work to ensure holistic planning and implementation of SGBV interventions, develop common language, tools for data collection, reporting and creating awareness as well as design minimum standards of SGBV programming across the settlements.

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- According to Tanzanian authorities, 92,050 Burundian refugees had arrived in Nyarugusu camp, in Tanzania as of 13 September. The rate of new arrivals into Tanzania is below 200 individuals per day with refugees entering primarily through Buhigwe, Kakongo and Ngara.
- Nyarugusu camp is now hosting more than 150,000 refugees (Burundian and Congolese) which is three times more than its capacity. The government of the United Republic of Tanzania has officially announced new camp sites to host Burundian refugees namely Mtendeli, Nduta and Karago. A relocation plan of the identified refugees is still in progress, however, the initial planning figure is to relocate 50,000 Burundian refugees by December 2015 in two phases: phase one will be the relocation of some 30,000 individuals to Nduta and Mtendeli and is scheduled to start on 1 October while phase two will be undertaken next year.



Education

Achievements and Impact & Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

- The Minister of Education of South Kivu province visited Uvira, Baraka and Lusenda to enhance coordination among partners, to boost concerted actions that need to be undertaken and to ensure proper integration of pupils in primary schools. The Minister authorized the set-up of emergency classrooms to be used until the completion of permanent structures.

- The sensitization campaign to boost enrolment of refugee children in local schools has had a positive impact: 597 new enrolments were registered during the first two days of activities.
- War Child Holland (WCH) provided blackboards and 209 desks for the five primary schools identified to host refugee students. A plan to setup 8 emergency classrooms is being carried out.

UGANDA

- UNICEF, in conjunction with Isingiro District Local Government, organized a three day capacity building workshop for more than 50 teachers on positive disciplining of children and teaching in a multi-cultural environment in Nakivale.
- In a bid to increase enrolment in schools, Windle Trust Uganda organized educational sensitization meetings for parents and guardians in Kabazana and Kyeibale. About 50% of Burundian children are not enrolled in school.
- In Nakivale, Finnish Refugee Council (FRC) registered 595 adult education students to attend functional adult literacy classes in the 15 learning centres established.

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- A total of 30,387 children participate in activities in the 10 temporary learning spaces; 22,124 are in primary school and 5,867 in secondary school. Another 2,396 are in pre-school.
- Placement test preparations are on-going and will be administered during the week of 14 September. During the exams, schools will be temporarily closed.



Health

Achievements and Impact & Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

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- A total of 2,259 refugees received medical care at the transit centres and Lusenda, where malaria (22%), intestinal parasites (18%) and acute respiratory infections (16%) were the most prevailing illnesses.

UGANDA

- In Nakivale, village health teams conducted a health education community outreach in Kashojwa, Kabazana and Misiera villages, sensitizing people on malaria prevention, control and treatment; the benefits of timely health-seeking behavior (within 24 hours); antenatal care; good hygiene practices; and nutrition referral pathways. Over 910 refugees participated in the health outreach exercise.
- A total of 633 children aged between 0-15years were vaccinated against measles and polio, provided deworming medication and were given Vitamin A supplements during the weekly immunization outreach in Nakivale.
- In Nakivale, Reproductive Health Uganda (RHU), in partnership with Medical Teams International (MTI), conducted a reproductive health outreach for 529 people. Over 160 women were screened for cervical cancer. In addition, 32 women were enrolled in various family planning methods.

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- The third round of Oral Cholera Vaccination (OCV) was completed and a total of 26,934 new arrivals who received the first dose of OCV during the second round campaign received their second dose. In previous rounds, coverage was 92% in the first round and 92% of those vaccinated in the first round received their second dose. The third round coverage was 84%.
- During the reporting period, in Zone 7, a total of 23,227 consultations were registered for Burundian refugees, 93% of these new visits. Malaria (14%) and respiratory tract infections (17%) were the main illnesses.

Food Security and Nutrition

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

- During the reporting period, WFP provided 13,387.24 kg of food and African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD) provided 1,497.1 kg of supplementary food which was used to prepare hot meals in the transit centres of Kavimvira and Mongemonge and Lusenda site.
- The September WFP monthly ration for refugees living in family shelters is being distributed by AIRD. WFP is planning to change methodology of food distribution to cash vouchers. It is exploring different distribution methodologies (cash, rations, etc.) for the best way to provide food in school canteens.



Preparation of hot meals in Lusenda's common areas. UNHCR/C.Cavalcanti

UGANDA

- In Nakivale, during the weekly community outreach by MTI, 341 individuals were screened for malnutrition. Three children below the age of 15 were found with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and were enrolled in outpatient therapeutic programmes. Four children found with moderate acute malnutrition were enrolled in supplementary feeding programmes.

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- During the week of 28 August-11 September, a total of 18,410 refugees received 31,008 mt of food assistance. Some 96,952 refugees received 1,386 mt of food commodities as dry rations through the general food distribution (GFD) covering 14 days. During the same period 2,155 refugees received 9.7 mt of food assistance under the wet feeding programme in Ngara, Kagunga, Manyovu and Nyarugusu camp.
- Blanket supplementary feeding for children aged 6 to 23 months was provided to 4,381 refugees who received 5.56 mt of super cereal plus.



Water and Sanitation

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- During the reporting period, a total of 1,201 m³ of water was provided by AIRD in transit centres while Oxfam provided 1,680 m³ Lusenda site. The average production of water remained above the minimum emergency standard of 15 litres per person per day (l/p/d).
- In Katungulu I (Lusenda's extension site) 32 latrine blocks were constructed. To date, 2 water pipes and two water ramps of 6 taps each are operational.

UGANDA

- The average water access indicator for overall Burundian population is 16.9 l/p/d, however, 4 villages out of 10 are receiving less than 15 l/p/d. There are efforts to increase supply in the villages through water trucking.
- To increase the number of household latrines, 114 families in Misiera village were provided with 114 plastic slabs and 456 treated poles. A hygiene education and awareness outreach was conducted on how to use the plastic slabs and logs for latrine construction, maintaining household cleanliness and hygiene.

 Shelter and NFIs**Achievements and Impact & Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps****DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

- In Lusenda, 740 out of the 753 shelters planned by Rebuild Hope for Africa (RHA) are now complete and 207 already assigned. Caritas has also started the construction of 1,480 shelters and 185 latrines and shower blocs. At Katungulu I (extended refugees area of Lusenda) 753 family shelters have been completed and 40 are under construction by RHA.
- NFI distribution: During the reporting period, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) distributed 185 solar lamps. OXFAM distributed 720 hygiene kits to women and girls and RHA distributed NFIs kits to 177 refugee families living with host families. The kits included: hoes, laundry soap, mats, blankets, mosquito nets, loincloths, 20l buckets, lamps, pots, plates, cups, ladle, spoons and hygiene items.

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- A total of 3,397 individuals (508 families) were relocated from mass shelters in Nyarugusu to family shelters and tents. However, some 38,217 refugees are still waiting to be relocated to their shelters.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

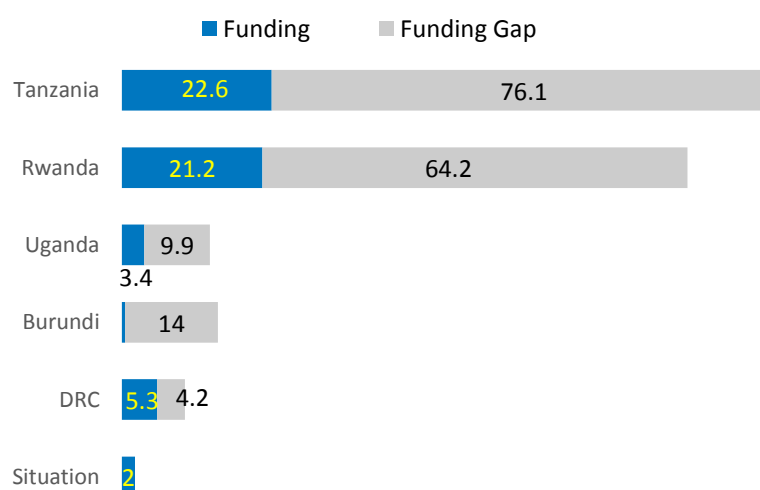
On 10 August, UNHCR released a revised Supplementary Budget Appeal for the Burundi Situation, which includes needs for Burundi, the DRC, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. UNHCR's total financial requirements for the Burundi Situation currently amounts to **USD 221.8 million**. This includes USD 207.2 million for the response in the DRC, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda from April to September 2015, as presented in the revised Regional Refugee Response Plan launched on 6 August. UNHCR is very grateful for the financial support provided by donors, particularly those who have contributed to UNHCR activities with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds, as well as for those who have already contributed to the Burundi situation. **The organization's overall needs for this situation are currently funded at 25%.**

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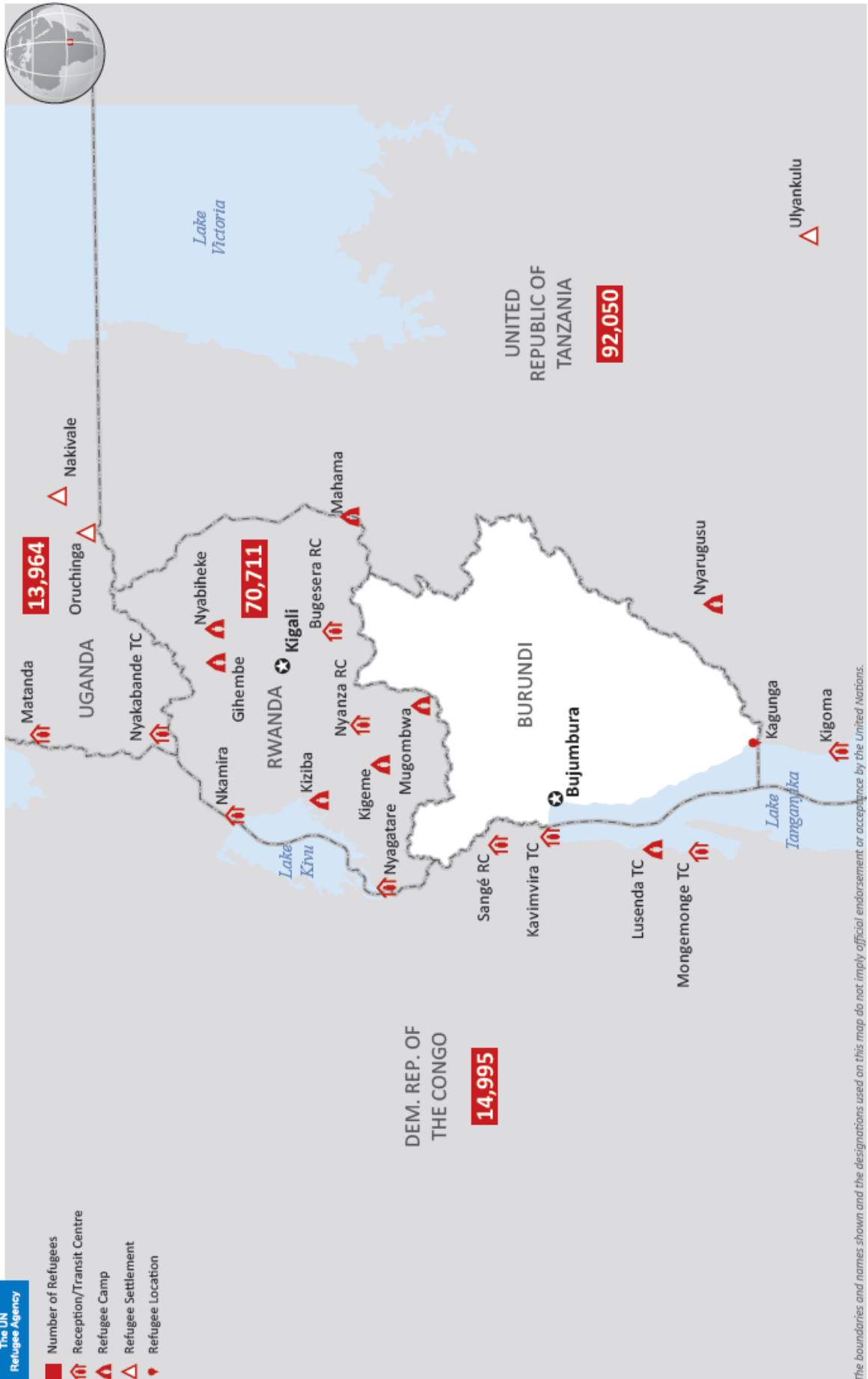
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Burundi Situation: Displacement of Burundians into neighbouring countries

as of 13 September 2015



- Number of Refugees
- ⬆️ Reception/Transit Centre
- ⚠️ Refugee Camp
- ⬇️ Refugee Settlement
- ⬇️ Refugee Location



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