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10th December 1984

Dear Sir,

Re: Memorandum of Understanding on Assistance
Towards the Naturalization of Rwandese in
Tanzania (Project 84/AP/TAN/LA/1/OV)

The purpose of this letter is to establish an understanding between the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (hereinafter referred to as "the High Commissioner") and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania (hereinafter called "the Government") on the above subject. This memorandum of understanding follows a request by the Government to the High Commissioner for financial assistance towards the naturalization of Rwandese, an undertaking by the Government to provide the resources and manpower to naturalize Rwandese refugees and the agreement of the High Commissioner to cover up to T.shs.1,000,450 for naturalization fees, documentation and administrative costs as per the budget Annex A attached to this letter.

It is hereby understood as follows:

1. That the High Commissioner shall hold an amount of T.shs.1,000,450.00 (Tanzania shillings One million Four and fifty) to cover the costs incurred by the Government as per the attached budget.
2. That the Government shall submit to the High Commissioner not later than 31st December 1984 a nominal roll of Rwandese refugees having acquired Tanzanian citizenship indicating surnames, first name, date of birth, marital status, names and sex of minor dependants who have been naturalized with their parents, date of first entry into Tanzania, present address, amount of T.shs. which the refugee has contributed himself towards the naturalization costs, if any, and the extent of exemption granted to the refugee from paying naturalization costs;
3. That the beneficiaries under this project shall be the approximately 20,000 Rwandese which have been registered as follows:

Kagera Region

Mpanda District

Kibondo District

Geita District

Possibility in other districts of Mwanza region.

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The Principal Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Dar es Salaam.



4. That the registration forms should be filled in accordance with government procedures using the infrastructure of the districts. A team consisting of representatives of Home Affairs, Immigration and UNHCR, as well as a Counsellor, should first hold discussions with the regional authorities and then with the district authorities. The district authorities should be given the forms for their action. The team could also counsel the ward authorities and leaders of the Rwandese communities. After fixing a date for the filling of the forms in each district, the team would return to Dar es Salaam. Urban refugees would be advised through advertisements in the national newspapers to report to regional immigration offices to fill the application for naturalization forms. Those in the villages would be advised through the village leadership on which days they would be expected to fill the forms. Should there not exist sufficient number of application for naturalization forms at the Headquarters of Immigration, UNHCR would assist to produce more forms.
5. That when the date of filling the application forms has expired, the team would return to the districts and check whether Rwandese refugees have applied. The team would then register the name and the numbers of the applications forms, pay stamp duties, magistrate-fees etc. The team would further check with the leaders of the Rwandese communities whether all possible applicants have applied. If not, the team would proceed to the villages and give those who have not applied yet a last chance to do so. After returning to Dar es Salaam, the team would write occasionally to the Regional Commissioners to check whether all applications have been received from the regions. In 1985 a (smaller) team would go back to the districts with the certificates of naturalization and be given financial assistance to those who cannot afford to pay T.shs.1,000.00 naturalization fees.
6. That during the trips outside Dar es Salaam, the representative of UNHCR pays for lodging, transport and meals for the members of the team, and also for district immigration officers and magistrates when they accompany the team to the villages and stay overnight. The Rwandese interpreter would also receive a salary for the period he is a member of the team.
7. That the Government through regional and district offices and the news media shall attempt within the project period (para.11) to reach as many as possible for those Rwandese families of concern to this exercise.
8. That the Government ensures that all those being naturalized are refugees and that they conform with the requirements of the citizen Ordinance of 1961, relative to naturalization.
9. That the High Commissioner:
 - a. shall not be liable to indemnify any third party in respect of any claim, debt, damage or demand arising out of the implementation of the Agreement which may be made against the Government.



b. will not accept liability for compensation of the death, disability or other hazards which may be suffered by employees of the Government as a result of their employment on work which is the subject matter of this Agreement.

10. Neither party shall be liable to indemnification by the other in respect of any claim, debt, damage or demand arising out of the implementation of this Agreement.

11. That this project shall be deemed to have commenced on 1 April 1984 and shall end on 31 December 1984.

Your signature of three copies of this letter will constitute your agreement to the above understandings and will constitute binding undertakings between the Government and the High Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

Abdallah B.M. Saied
Representative

G. E. Mengelle
Signature

G. E. Mengelle
Principal Assistant Secretary
Name and Title Ministry of Home Affairs

28.12.1984
Date

Ministry of Home Affairs

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. a) Project Objective

To assist approximately 20,000 Rwandese refugees who have not yet been naturalized to fill the application forms, and forward those forms to the central authorities in Dar es Salaam.

b) Means of Verification

Number of refugees assisted.

2. Description of Beneficiaries

20,000 Rwandese refugees in Mwese, Mwanza and Kagera Region.

3. Description of Assistance

Stamp duties of T.Shs. 40/- per capita will be paid for under the project. Funds will be made available for two officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs, two counsellors and a driver to counsel refugees and help them fill in the applications for naturalization. For needy refugees naturalization fees of T.Shs. 1,000/- per capita will be paid for from the contingency reserve provided in the budget.

4. Implementation Procedures

Two officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs will collect and process all pending applications for naturalization, assisted by two counsellors and a driver specially hired for this purpose. An officer of UNHCR will monitor the collection and processing of the applications for naturalization, and the handing out of the naturalization certificate.

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Annex B.

B U D G E T

(1 April to 31 December 1984)

<u>BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TOTAL T.SH.</u>
1561	Salaries and allowances for Counsellors and drivers	66,000
1562	Allowances for Government Officials	31,500
1720	Fuel Costs	12,000
1772	Stamp Duty	300,000
9900	Contingency	90,950
	TOTAL:	T. Shs. 1,000,450 =====

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