

BURUNDI Regional Refugee Response Plan

January - December 2021

AT A GLANCE

OVERVIEW

The 2021 Burundi Regional Refugee Response Plan (Regional RRP) outlines the multi-agency response strategy and financial requirements of 34 partners supporting host governments to provide protection and assistance across the four main countries of asylum, as well summarizes the response in Burundi for returning refugees as articulated in the 2021 Burundi Joint Refugee Return and Reintegration Plan (JRRRP).

The situation in Burundi remains complex; while refugees continue to arrive throughout the region, others are deciding to return home. The 2021 Regional RRP anticipates assisting a total of 315,000 Burundian refugees by the end of 2021, of whom 143,000 are projected to return to Burundi over the course of the year. Response partners are not promoting refugee returns to Burundi in the current context, but will assist those who indicate they have made a free and informed choice to return voluntarily.

The 2021 RRRP takes a comprehensive and solutions oriented approach, emphasizing the inclusion of refugees in national systems, integrating service delivery with host communities wherever possible, and prioritizing self-reliance in a whole of society approach.

2021 PLANNED RESPONSE

172,000

PROJECTED
REFUGEES BY END
OF 2021

143,000

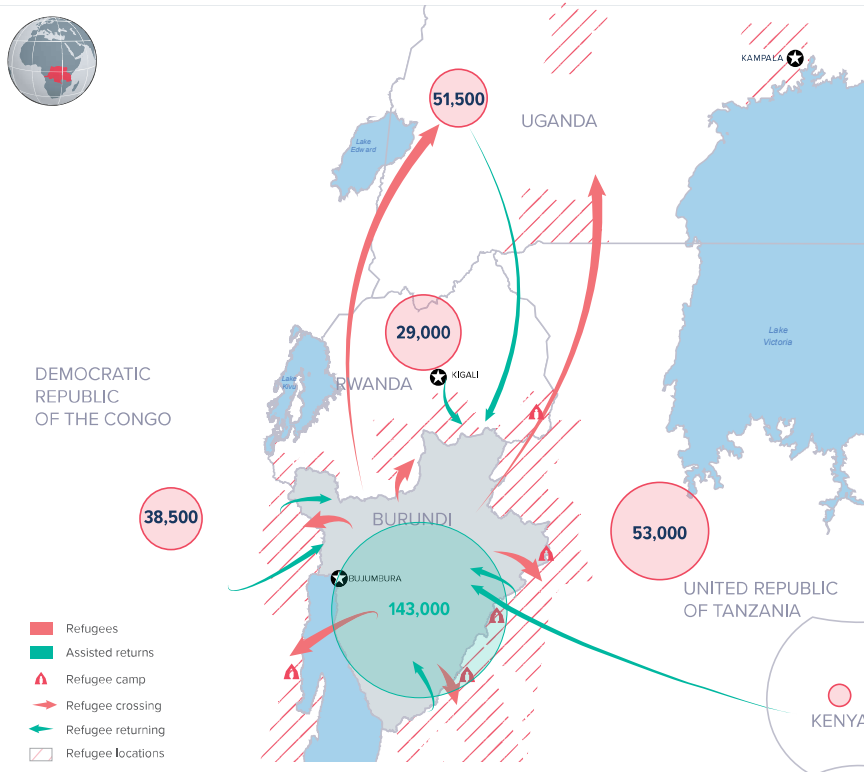
PROJECTED
RETURNEES* IN 2021

US\$222.6M

2021 FINANCIAL
REQUIREMENTS

34

PARTNERS
INVOLVED



PROJECTED BURUNDIAN REFUGEE POPULATION

	Refugee Population 31 Dec. 2020	Projected returns 2021	Projected Refugee Population 31 Dec. 2021
DRC	46,829	6,000	38,500
Rwanda	65,037	40,000	29,000
Tanzania*	147,748	93,000	53,000
Uganda	49,728	2,000	51,500
Total	309,342	143,000**	172,000

The full 2021 Burundi Regional RRP can be accessed online from the Burundi Situation Data Portal:

<https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/burundi>



* There are a further 69,369 Burundian refugees from previous eras still residing in Tanzania who no longer receive assistance and are not included in the Regional or Country RRP.

** This includes some 2,000 refugees are projected to return to Burundi from Kenya, Malawi, Namibia and Zambia.

2021 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The 2021 Regional RRP for the Burundi situation is guided by six regional strategic objectives:

1. Burundian refugees enjoy unhindered **access to asylum**, are able to access fair, impartial and efficient RSD procedures, are fully documented, and enjoy a **favourable protection environment** in host countries and upon return.
2. **Protection systems are strengthened** to ensure Burundian refugees and returnees are able to enjoy their full rights, specifically with regard to safety and security, child protection, sexual and gender-based violence, and community-based protection.
3. Burundian refugees, returnees and all affected persons **access essential services** with progressive inclusion in national health, education, social protection and other services.
4. **Peaceful co-existence and social cohesion** between host communities and refugees, as well as for returnees in their home communities, is supported, including through protection of the natural environment.
5. Refugees and returnees transition from aid dependence towards **self-reliance and resilience**, with the capacity and opportunity to contribute to the economic development of their host/home communities while in countries of asylum and upon return to Burundi – breaking the dependency cycle and restoring control and dignity to their lives.
6. **Comprehensive solutions** for Burundian refugees are progressively achieved.

2021 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

SECTOR	DRC	RWANDA	TANZANIA	UGANDA	TOTAL
Protection	10,945,231	13,015,360	26,953,945	4,294,465	64,979,468
Education	3,739,941	6,618,148	8,150,388	4,569,927	25,588,735
Energy & Environment	300,000	5,126,562	16,302,997	1,053,476	22,824,540
Food	7,800,000	6,127,184	21,378,279	6,376,223	41,681,686
Health & Nutrition	1,989,811	10,482,797	13,518,979	3,442,457	30,640,481
Livelihoods & Resilience	2,639,808	5,373,237	1,625,445	3,901,169	14,241,592
Shelter & NFIs	3,122,198	8,456,782	8,305,823	1,369,588	22,864,922
WASH	1,386,519	6,529,453	5,456,656	2,239,339	17,670,764
TOTAL	31,923,508	61,729,523	101,692,513	27,246,644	222,592,188

REGIONAL COORDINATION

The 2021 Regional RRP brings together 34 partners across the four main countries of asylum. UNHCR's Regional Bureau for the East/Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes facilitates coordination with inter-agency partners at the regional level and develops initiatives for joint advocacy and resource mobilization.

In close collaboration with host governments, UNHCR leads and coordinates the response to the Burundi refugee situation in each affected country following the Refugee Coordination Model (RCM). Technical meetings are organized by sector at the local level and also in the respective capitals.

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REGIONAL RRP PARTNERS

- Adventist Development and Relief Agency
- Africa Humanitarian Action
- ALIGHT
- Association Des Femmes pour la Promotion et le Developpement Endogene
- Care and Assistance For Forced Migrants
- Danish Refugee Council
- Dignity Kwanza - Community Solutions
- Finnish Refugee Council
- Food and Agriculture Organization
- Handicap International
- HelpAge International UK
- International Aid Services
- International Organization for Migration
- International Rescue Committee
- Medical Teams International
- Mercy Corps Uganda
- Norwegian Refugee Council
- Oxfam
- Plan International
- Prison Fellowship Rwanda
- Relief to Development Society
- Save the Children International
- Tanzania Red Cross Society
- The Legal Aid Forum
- United Nations Childrens Fund
- United Nations Development Programme
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- United Nations Population Fund
- UNWOMEN
- War Child Canada
- Women's Legal Aid Centre
- World Food Programme
- World Health Organization
- World Vision International