



2<sup>nd</sup> Wave of Refugee  
Influx from DRC to  
Rwanda  
Situation Update IX  
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A. **New Arrivals and Reception:**

- The reporting week witnessed an increase in the number of new arrivals seeking asylum in Rwanda. The daily arrival rate was **102 individuals**. Those who continue to flee claim of continued deterioration in personal security. Killings, rapes and cattle plundering are often being cited as their reasons for flight.
- Overall, violence by Nyatura group, FARDC, FDLR and other armed groups was reportedly on-going especially in the Masisi region. Women, who had left their spouses behind, continue to claim that due to the situation cited above their spouses may soon flee as well. This is being witnessed already.
- Of the 5,951 individuals that have fled to Rwanda since the current 2<sup>nd</sup> wave begun on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, only **5,905 opted to seek UNHCR's assistance thus were transferred to Nkamira Transit Centre (TC)**.
- As of January 19<sup>th</sup>, the population at the TC stood at 4,745 individuals after transfers to Kigeme camp that were carried out during the week under review. Women and children constitute 88% of the overall TC population that is made up of 60% females and 40% males.

**Registration**

- The biometric (photos and fingerprints) based registration continued throughout the reporting period. Thus far **4,837 (99%)** have been admitted into the process. The on-going registration involves a number of stages that include bio-data collection and processing, Best Interest Assessments for Unaccompanied Minors and Separated Children (UAM/SC), resolution of litigation cases, counselling and identification of persons with special needs, and the review of each physical file to ensure the quality of the data being captured. The process ends with the issuance of a ration cards as well as a proof of registration document. As of the end of the reporting period 4,575 (94%) of the admitted population had completed the process.
- Thus far an overall number of **1,526 individuals** have been identified during the registration process as persons with specific needs which include UAM/SC, elderly, women at risk, and persons with disabilities.

## **B. Relocation to Kigeme Camp**

- During the reporting period, a total of **601 individuals were relocated to Kigeme with another relocation planned for Monday January 21<sup>st</sup>**. The current relocation from Nkamira TC shall be limited to a maximum of 1,000 individuals owing to the insufficiency of shelters and space in Kigeme camp.

## **C. Sectoral Issues**

### **1. Protection and Community Services**

#### **Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV):**

#### **Child Protection:**

- As of the end of the period under review, 475 Best Interest Assessments (BIA) have been conducted for separated and unaccompanied minors in Nkamira TC. 8 of them have already been transferred to Kigeme camp for family reunification, and 12 were spontaneously reunified in Nkamira TC. Out of the 455 remaining separated (346) and unaccompanied (109) children, 268 are girls and 187 are boys. During the week, 101 children were referred to AHA, the health Implementing Partner, for medical attention. A further 40 Unaccompanied Minors and separated children are due to be transferred to Kigeme on Saturday 19 January, for family reunification.
- The reporting period saw the commencement of activities by a UNICEF funded organization VJN (Vision Jeunesse nouvelle) focusing on teenagers and young adults. Counselling sessions for children are due to begin on 21 January 2013.
- Clothes were distributed to 192 unaccompanied and separated children.
- ICRC has initiated family tracing of 13 unaccompanied minors.

### **2. Health and Nutrition**

- **Morbidity & Essential drugs:** The Transit Centre's Dispensary had a daily average consultation rate of 125. The main causes of morbidities are acute respiratory infections, watery diarrhoea and pneumonia. Essential drugs and other medical supplies are available.
- **Vaccination, Vitamin A Supplementation and Deworming:** A two days' campaign against polio, measles and supplementation of vitamin A and mebendazole was conducted during the week whereby 2,449 children (6 months to 15 years) were vaccinated against measles, 941 children (0 to 59 months) received polio vaccines, 859 children (6 to 59 months) and 753 children (12 to 59 months) received Vitamin A and Mebendazole respectively. The exercise shall continue embedded in the registration exercise during the coming week.
- **Nutrition:** The screening of under 5 children using mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) was also conducted. Out of 867 children screened thus far, 38 (4.4%) were found to be moderately malnourished while 9 (1 %) were severely malnourished. 756 bags of Milk Fortified Corn-Soy Blend (CSB++) together with 21 tons of oil and 50 kg of sugar have been

provided by WFP. Severely malnourished children without medical complication are being given therapeutic milk (obtained from the Gisenyi hospital) and Plumpy'nut. The distribution of CSB++ to pregnant and lactating women as well as People Living with HIV (PLHIV) is planned to take place very soon.

### **3. Shelter and Infrastructure**

- The rehabilitation of 32 hangars started during the reporting period and is near completion. The current capacity of the TC is currently surpassed by more than 1,000 individuals. With refugees continuing to arrive, shelter remains the major concern.

### **4. Supply, Food and NFIs**

- A General Food Distribution was undertaken during the week. All targeted population received their WFP food rations.
- The General Distribution of blankets and sleeping mats as per UNHCR standards will be done during the course of next week.

### **5. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

- The ACAPE Company that has been contracted by ADRA continued to empty garbage bins. They do this three times per week.

## **D. Key Issues**

- The reporting period witnessed a number of key visits by a delegation of the Rwandan Senate, the Kampala based US Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM) Regional Refugee Coordinator and a delegation from the Swedish Embassy in Kigali comprising of the Charge d'affaires as well as the First Secretary. All visits were aimed at getting abreast with the current situation at the TC and the overall response to this Emergency.
  - Nearly all available space in Kigeme is now utilised. As the transfers of refugees from the TC to Kigeme will soon to be halted due to absence of space in Kigeme, the challenges with the shelter situation in Nkamira will increase as will pressure on the exiting infrastructures and services. Not all current arrivals are allocated a place to sleep as there are no shelters left.
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