The current Burundi refugee situation in Tanzania began late April 2015. The months that followed saw a high number of persons of concern arriving in Tanzania. Prior to allocating new camp site by the Government of Tanzania, the population was temporarily hosted in Nyarugusu camp, which was already host to 65,000 other persons of concern, mainly DR Congolese. The camp quickly ran out of capacity to host the new population, prompting the opening of a new camp, Nduta, in Kibondo district on 05-Oct-2015. Nduta’s capacity was put at 60,000. Another camp, Mtendeli in Kakonko district, was also opened and began officially receiving refugees from Burundi on 14-Jan-2016. By September 2016, Mtendeli reached its full capacity of 50,000. The next month Nduta camp was re-opened to receive newly arriving refugees from Burundi; while all other nationals entering Tanzania to seek asylum are hosted in Nyarugusu camp.

**Background information**

The total number of refugees in Tanzania as of 31 May 2017 is 313,119. The total number of biometrically registered refugees is 250,115, and the total number of registered households is 90,217. There are 379 refugees awaiting biometric registration. The cumulative number of refugees has increased from 256,140 in November 2016 to 313,119 in May 2017.

**Breakdown by Country of Origin**

- **Burundi**: 242,266
- **DR Congo**: 30,024
- **Others**: 228

**Age & Gender of Registered Refugees**

- **Male (52%)**: 153,115
- **Female (48%)**: 154,969

**Refugees Awaiting Biometric Registration**

- **Total Number of Refugees**: 313,119
- **Total Number of Biometrically Registered Refugees**: 250,115
- **Total Number of Registered Households**: 90,217
- **Refugees Awaiting Biometric Registration**: 379

**Cumulative Number of Refugees**

- **November 2016**: 256,140
- **December 2016**: 267,769
- **January 2017**: 286,657
- **February 2017**: 301,356
- **March 2017**: 309,530
- **April 2017**: 311,110
- **May 2017**: 313,119

**UNHCR OFFICES IN TANZANIA**

- **Capital**: UNHCR Country Office
- **UNHCR Sub Office**: UNHCR Field Office
- **UNHCR Field Unit**: Refugee Camp
- **Refugee Settlement**: Refugee Reception Centre
- **Refugee Transit Centre**: Govrnmt Official Reception Centre
- **International Boundary**: Main Road
- **Region Boundary**: Railroad
- **National Park / Game Reserve**: Mtendeli, Nduta, Mtendeli, Kakonko district, was also opened and began officially receiving refugees from Burundi on 14-Jan-2016. By September 2016, Mtendeli reached its full capacity of 50,000. The next month Nduta camp was re-opened to receive newly arriving refugees from Burundi; while all other nationals entering Tanzania to seek asylum are hosted in Nyarugusu camp.