

BURUNDI SITUATION

1 – 30 June 2018

394,778

Total refugees from Burundi in the four main hosting countries (United Republic of Tanzania, Rwanda, the DRC, Uganda), as of 30 June 2018.

4,395

Burundian refugees assisted to return from the United Republic of Tanzania in June 2018, totalling 21,380 assisted to return to date in 2018.

366

Burundian refugee arrivals /registrations recorded in June 2018. Since January 2018, some 6,738 Burundian refugee arrivals registered in the region.

34,404

Number of Burundian refugees assisted to return from the United Republic of Tanzania since September 2017.

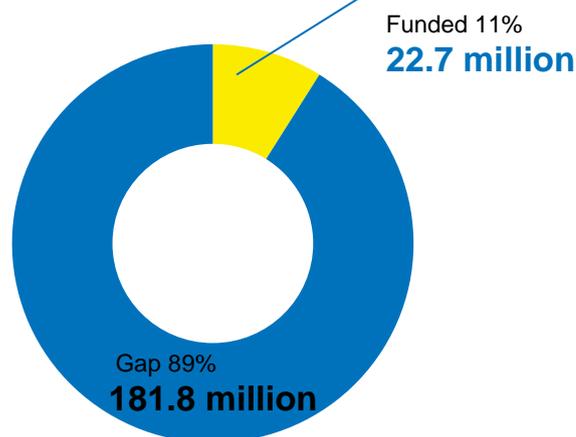
178,267

IDPs in Burundi according to IOM, where 27 per cent of IDPs are linked to the socio political situation, and 73 per cent are linked to natural disasters, as of May 2018.

FUNDING (AS OF END OF JUNE 2018)

USD 204.4 Million

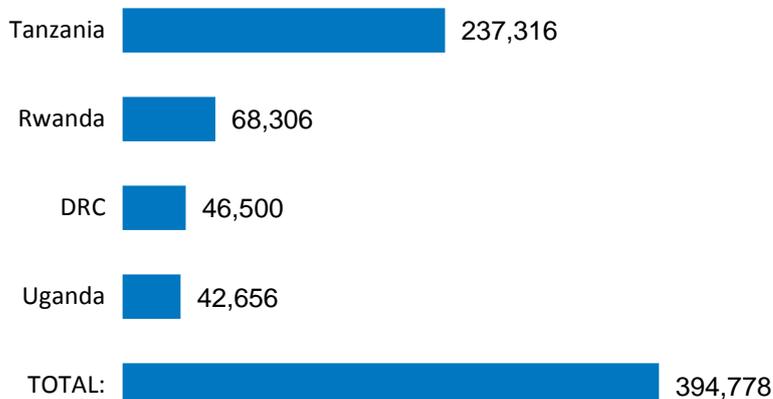
requested for the Burundi situation (UNHCR)



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Host Countries

Note: Figures reflect current number of registered Burundian refugees and asylum-seekers pre- and post-2015 who are assisted through the 2018 Burundi RRRP.



*The total above is in line with the 2018 Burundi RRRP regional coverage, and does not include some 23,700 Burundian refugees who are registered in Kenya and Southern Africa and assisted within the respective country level programmes, as well as a further 23,000 Burundian refugees who have lived for decades in Tanzania and no longer receive assistance.

Highlights and Operational Context

- **The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) launched its new *Crop Prospects and Food Situation* report which revealed that persistent conflicts and adverse climate shocks are taking a toll on global food security, including in Burundi.** In central and southern parts of the subregion, including Burundi, Rwanda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda, abundant rains had a positive impact on crop establishment and development, but also triggered widespread floods.
- **The Regional Refugee Coordination office convened a workshop on the 25-26 June 2018 to develop a plan towards enhancing the visibility and resource mobilization for the Burundi situation.** The aim was to foster a coherent regional narrative of the crisis by humanitarians, national and international entities and highlight the impact of underfunding on neglected refugee crises in the region through effective communications.
- **On 27-29 June, the Regional Refugee Coordination for the Burundi Situation held a preparatory workshop to take stock of the 2018 Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) process, introduce the new guidelines for the multi-year 2019-2020 Regional and Country RRP, and commence 2019 planning.** The workshop included a meeting with partners and other agencies to update on the 2019 process and share the relevant outcomes of the prior two days.

Update on voluntary repatriation of Burundian refugees from the United Republic of Tanzania

Background

- UNHCR is not promoting voluntary return to Burundi, however it is supporting the exercise to ensure that returns are based on the principles of voluntariness and informed decisions, and take place in safety and dignity.
- August 2017 and March 2018 meetings of the Tripartite Commission reaffirmed the commitments of both governments and UNHCR to uphold the principle of voluntariness and noted that while some refugees may opt to return now, others may still have well-founded reasons not to return at the present time and will continue to be in need of international protection.

Update

- Some 4,395 Burundian refugees have been repatriated in June to their areas of origin bringing to 34,484 the number of refugees returned since the beginning of the voluntary repatriation in September 2017.
- Both UNHCR Burundi and Tanzania operations are in need of additional resources to scale up the operation to reach 2,000 returnees per week as agreed to at the March 2018 Tripartite Commission meeting, as well as to continue attending to the humanitarian needs of refugees in Tanzania and to support returnees in Burundi.

Partners

- In the United Republic of Tanzania, UNHCR is collaborating closely with the following partners: Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), HelpAge International, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Tanzanian Red Cross Society (TRCS), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Plan International, and the World Food Programme (WFP).
- In Burundi, UNHCR is collaborating with the Department of Repatriation under the Government of Burundi, World Food Programme (WFP), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Caritas and the Civil Volunteer Group (GVC).

Achievements during the Reporting Period

TANZANIA

Latest Developments

- **The German Ambassador to Tanzania announced a pledge for the allocation of 3 million euros to refugees and host communities in Kigoma region through the joint European Fund.** The announcement came after twelve European Union Heads of Mission accredited in Tanzania visited Nduta camp on 28-29 June, accompanied by national government officials and the UNHCR Representative in Tanzania, where they experienced first-hand the challenges faced by the government of Tanzania and UNHCR operation.

Achievements and Challenges

- **While some 34,484 Burundian refugees have returned home since the operation started in September 2017,** existing resources are being diverted from the regular humanitarian interventions to support the Volrep operation, resulting in serious gaps in all basic services including water, sanitation, food, health and education putting lives at risk and leaving refugees extremely vulnerable.

RWANDA

Latest Developments

- **Lack of funding has stopped the implementation of a Cash Based Intervention in lieu of Non-Food-Items in Mahama camp for 19,500 families,** hindering refugees' ability to manage their basic needs.

Achievements and Challenges

- **Health services are being provided to 57,800 Burundian refugees in Mahama camp.** Moreover, HIV, TB and malaria prevention and treatment services have been provided to all Burundian refugees living in Mahama camp as well as urban areas (Kigali and Huye).
- **On 12 June 2018, 4 Burundian refugee students graduated from Kepler University in Kigali.** The graduates were conferred upon with Bachelor of Art in different disciplines. Graduates were connected to different organizations for internships to ensure their future integration in the job market.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Latest Developments

- **Cholera surveillance measures were enhanced in transit centers and at assembly points, as well as in Lusenda camp and at Mulongwe site.** In Lusenda, awareness-raising sessions were held on hygiene reaching 3,632 individuals.
- **1,372 Burundian refugees were biometrically registered during the reporting period.** These individuals will be relocated to Mulongwe site in July and August.

Achievements and Challenges

- **At Mulongwe refugee site, 50 people from the refugee and host community were trained to manufacture biomass briquettes, while 124 were trained to make fuel-efficient stoves.** 18 tons of biomass briquettes were also distributed at the Kavinira transit center, and at Sange assembly point for refugees.
- **In Lusenda camp, 100 people with specific needs received cash assistance from UNHCR partner War Child. Moreover, they also organized vocational trainings for young beneficiaries to learn tailoring.** Supporting income-generating activities for people with specific needs helps to enhance their self-reliance.

UGANDA

Latest Developments

- **In Oruchinga, Nsamizi livelihood staff trained 640 smallholder farmers, of whom 30 per cent were Burundian, on Post-Harvest Handling practices,** which included proper harvesting practices, proper drying techniques, threshing, cleaning packaging and storage, aimed at minimising post-harvest losses and improving the quality of produce.

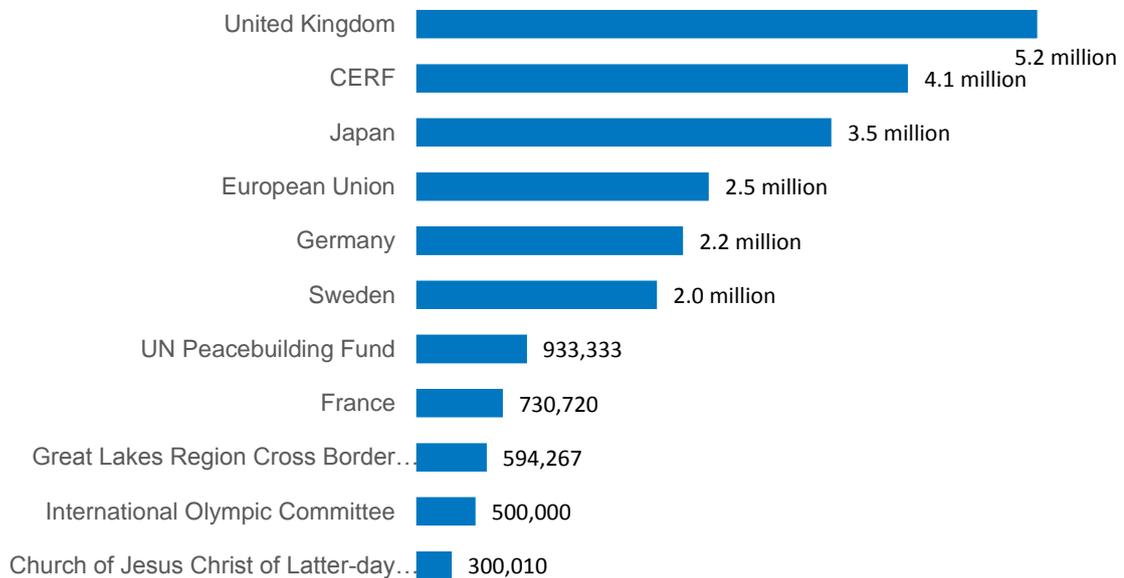
Achievements and Challenges

- **UNHCR continues collaborating with World Food Programme and partners to provide food to refugees in all the different locations, as well as nutrition assistance for the prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition to malnourished or at-risk pregnant and lactating women and children aged 6-59 months, through Supplementary Feeding Programs (SFPs).**

Financial Information

UNHCR is very grateful for the financial support provided by donors who have contributed to their activities with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds as well as for those who have contributed directly to the Burundi situation or operations.

Earmarked contributions for the Burundi Situation amount to some **\$22.7 million** as of end of June 2018.



Special thanks to the major donors of broadly earmarked and regional funds in 2018 | USD

United States of America 77.8 million | Canada 6.6 million | Private donors Australia 6.2 million | Sweden 3.2 million

Special thanks to the major donors of unearmarked contributions | USD

Sweden 98.2 million | Norway 42.5 million | Netherlands 39.1 million | Private donors Spain 37.8 million | United Kingdom 31.7 million | Denmark 25.5 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 15.8 million | Switzerland 15.2 million | France 14 million | Italy 11.2 million

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LINKS

Regional Data Portal: <http://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/burundi>

UNHCR Burundi page: <http://www.unhcr.org/burundi.html>

UNHCR Burundi Global Focus : <http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/8488>

Recent News Story: <http://www.unhcr.org/news/stories/2018/4/5ab0d2984/burundian-refugees-congo-forge-better-future.html>