Population Update

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**Background information**

The current Burundian 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-2016; Nduta’s capacity was put at 60,000. Another camp, Mtendeli in Kankoko district, was also opened and began officially receiving refugees from Burundi on 14-Jan-2016.

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