

United Republic of Tanzania

December 2023

Tanzania hosts some **241,397** refugees and asylum-seekers mainly from Burundi and DRC, who live in two camps, while some 70,000 refugees from the 1972 Burundian population live in villages and three old settlements in Kigoma, Katavi

In coordination with the Government, UNHCR and partners have been receiving asylum seekers fleeing violent clashes in DRC since March 2023. As of 31 December, a total of **14,438** Congolese new arrivals were received in

UNHCR continues to provide **protection** and **life-saving assistance** to refugees, asylum-seekers, stateless people, and host community members, as well as pursuing **durable solutions**.

HIGHLIGHTS

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Shelters were damaged by heavy rains in both camps, affecting 168 individuals

19,538

Burundian refugees **voluntarily returned home** in 2023

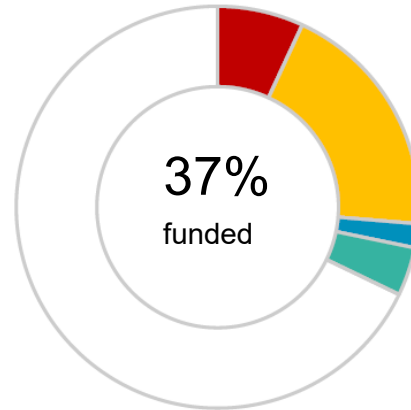
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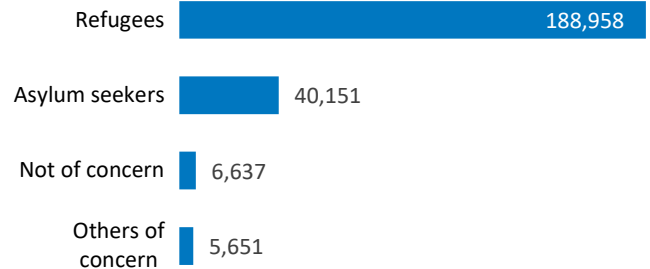
FUNDING (AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2023)

USD 115.9 million

requested for the Tanzania operation.



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Heavy rains damaged the bridge at the entrance of Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, disrupting services to over 136,000 refugees. © UNHCR/Maimuna Mtengela

**PROTECTION**

- UNHCR's partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) provided legal services to 213 refugees in the two camps, including with camp services, legal representation, and detention visits.
- UNHCR documented 86 GBV incidents in the two camps, affecting predominantly females (94%). All survivors were extended comprehensive case management services. On 10 December, UNHCR together with MoHA and partners concluded the 16 Days of Activism campaign with songs, dramas, music, and exhibitions from refugees where they expressed their concerns on GBV issues, the impact of protecting girls and women, and the importance of reporting mechanisms.
- UNHCR's partner DRC distributed birth certificates to 523 children (256 girls, 267 boys) in the two camps.

**EDUCATION**

- Scholastic materials were distributed to 2,804 students in schools in Nyarugusu camp.
- UNHCR together with partners IRC and Kasulu Teachers College conducted training of trainers with 425 teachers (128 females, 297 male) in Nyarugusu and Nduta camps.

**HEALTH**

- UNHCR's health partners conducted 37,966 consultations for refugees and host community members at outpatient departments in the two camps. This month, five health posts were closed in Nyarugusu camp due to underfunding.
- In December, 54 children aged 6-59 months with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) were admitted in the Stabilization Centre while 70 children with SAM were treated through the Outpatient Therapeutic Feeding Program in Nyarugusu and Nduta camp health facilities.
- In December, results were published of the HIV prevalence survey conducted in the refugee camps in June 2023 by Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU) in collaboration with DAMAX solution, funded by UNAIDS, and with the support of UNHCR and WFP.
- Some 26,393 refugee children aged 6-59 months were reached through a Vitamin A supplementation campaign and mass nutritional screening, accounting for 98.9% of targeted children in the camps.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

- UNHCR's partner DRC provided hot meals for 1,241 (560 male, 681 female) persons we serve, including 69 Burundian refugees voluntarily repatriating and 1,172 Congolese new arrivals residing at the reception and departure centers.
- Over 195,000 persons we serve residing in the two camps received dry food ration at 60% of the required amount due to lack of funds.



WATER AND SANITATION (WASH)

- Water supply coverage is above global standards in both camps. In Nduta, persons we serve received 24.3 litres per day, while in Nyarugusu camp, persons we serve received around 24.4 litres per day. Maintenance and replacement of taps is ongoing and this month UNHCR and its WASH partners installed 11 taps in the two camps.
- The latrine coverage ratio currently stands at five persons per latrine in Nduta camp and around six persons per latrine in Nyarugusu camp. The coverage of households with latrines remains below standard in the two camps.



SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- UNHCR and its partners constructed 101 emergency family shelters in December, totalling 2,552 emergency family shelters constructed in 2023 for Congolese new arrivals in Nyarugusu camp.
- Some 35.5 percent of refugees and asylum-seekers across the two camps continue to live in dilapidated shelters. As of December, the overall percentage of households living in adequate shelters across the two camps decreased from 72.7 percent to 63.4 percent for Burundian refugees and 65.6 percent for Congolese refugees and other nationalities due to the demolition of adequate shelters left behind after voluntary repatriation and lack of funding for maintenance.
- General soap distribution took place from 14-19 December in Nduta camp reaching 63,291 refugees. Each refugee received a 250 gram bar of soap per month – half the required standard.



RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE

- UNHCR and its partner DRC supported 530 refugees (384 women, 146 men) in kitchen gardening in Nduta Camp. Additionally, training was provided to 350 refugees (200 women, 150 men) in vegetable farming techniques for backyard gardens.
- In December, 81 participants (50 women, 31 men) graduated from Phase II of Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Information and Communication Technologies training at Maloregwa Multi-Purpose Community Centre (MPCC) and Nduta Vocational Skills Centre. In Nyarugusu, 184 individuals (48 women, 136 men) from both young refugees and surrounding host communities took part in workshops at the MPCC focused on skills development in vocational training, business and entrepreneurship, and basic financial literacy.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- This month, 663 refugees departed for resettlement to Australia, Canada, and the USA, bringing the total number of resettlement departures to 7,846 persons in 2023. Some 650 refugees were submitted for resettlement to third countries, with a total of 10,085 persons submitted in 2023.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

- Some 827,000 trees were planted in the camps and host community, restoring an area of over 150 acres of degraded land.
- Environment conservation initiatives were conducted in the camps and host communities through home visits, meetings, and environmental patrols, reaching 2,255 refugee households and 2,035 host community households.
- Some 1,082 fuel-efficient stoves were fabricated as part of efforts to promote the adoption of energy efficient cooking solutions in the camps and host communities to reduce use of firewood.

GAPS AND NEEDS

Shortage of funds continued to severely impact the lives of the persons we serve in Tanzania. Soap distribution and household latrine coverage is below minimum standards. Food rations remain at 60% leading to negative coping mechanisms. Dilapidated classrooms in schools cannot be repaired. Alternative cooking energy sources cannot be scaled up to the larger refugee population, exposing them to protection risks while collecting firewood in the host community. Shelters cannot be constructed due to lack of sufficient plastic sheeting in stock.

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