

# United Republic of Tanzania

April 2024

Tanzania hosts **241,023** refugees and asylum-seekers mainly from Burundi and DRC, who live in two camps, while some refugees from the 1972 Burundian population live in villages and three old settlements in Kigoma, Katavi and Tabora Regions, as of 30 April 2024.

In coordination with the Government, UNHCR and partners have been receiving asylum seekers fleeing violent clashes in the DRC since March 2023. As of 30 April 2024, a total of **14,618** Congolese new arrivals were received in Tanzania.

UNHCR continues to provide **protection** and **assistance** to refugees, asylum-seekers, and stateless persons. Material assistance also extends to the host community. In addition, UNHCR seeks **durable solutions**.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**786**

**refugees repatriated to Burundi** this month, bringing the total number to 168,343 refugees assisted since the start of the voluntary repatriation exercise in September 2017.

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**asylum seekers from DR Congo were received** this month.

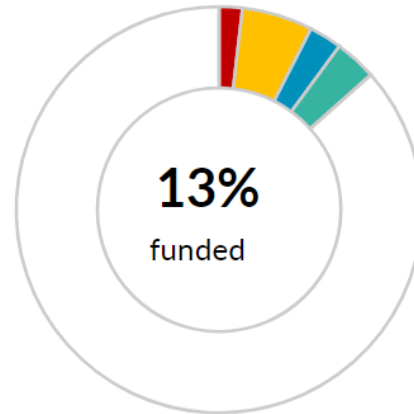
**8,666**

**Girls aged 9-14 years from refugee and host community received HPV vaccination** for cervical cancer prevention

## FUNDING (AS OF 30 APRIL 2024)

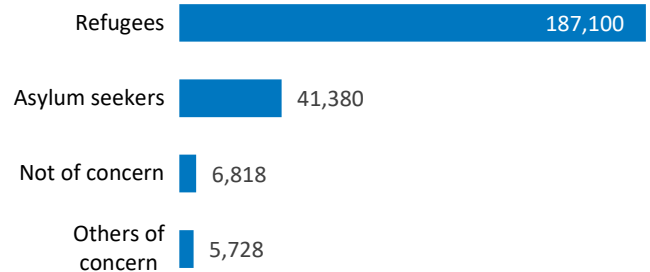
**USD 114.6 million**

requested for the Tanzania operation.



A UNHCR staff member interviews a Congolese refugee family for resettlement in Nyarugusu Camp. © UNHCR/Maimuna Mtengela.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 30 APRIL 2024)



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**PROTECTION**

- **Gender based violence (GBV):** UNHCR documented 87 GBV incidents (84 percent female) in Nduta and Nyarugusu refugee camps, including physical assault, psychological abuse, rape, resources denial, and sexual assault. All survivors received comprehensive services, including legal counselling, medical assistance, psychosocial support, and other essential services. As part of GBV prevention and risk mitigation, UNHCR and partners have reached 4,244 individuals (2,644 female, 1,600 male) in the two camps through door-to-door discussions, and sessions on sensitisation, economic empowerment, and behavioural change.
- **Capacity building:** On 23 April 2024, UNHCR conducted a refresher training on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) for 56 police officers from Nduta Refugee Camp to increase awareness on PSEA and strengthen participant's accountability and support to survivors.
- **Access to justice:** On 19 April 2024, UNHCR facilitated a round table discussion in Kibondo with 32 participants (14 female, 18 male) from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA). Participants included officials from Immigration, Public Prosecution, Prison, Judiciary, Social Welfare, and Police from Kakonko, Kibondo, Kifura, and Nduta, DRC and MSF. Participants discussed justice for the refugee and host communities in matters relating to immigration, detention, and GBV, among other matters relating to asylum.

**EDUCATION**

- **School closures:** The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania ordered the closure of 10 schools in Nduta (6) and Nyarugusu (4) refugee camps as of 8 April 2024. UNHCR and partners have relocated more than 9,200 learners to other schools in the camps, which has put pressure on the existing limited infrastructure for learners, such as desks, books, classrooms, teachers, water facilities, and latrines. The situation poses health related risks. For example, in one grade at a receiving school, the teacher and student ratio has gone up to 1:297 instead of the acceptable ratio of 1:45.

**HEALTH**

- **Health services:** UNHCR's health partners conducted 32,476 consultations for refugees and host community members at outpatient departments in the two camps. Crude mortality rate (CMR) for this month was 0.22 and under five mortality rate was 0.45 which is within the global standards.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

- **Food distribution:** Refugees residing in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps received 60 percent of dry food rations. UNHCR's partner DRC continued providing hot meals for Burundian refugees repatriating and Congolese new arrivals residing at the reception and departure centres.
- **Nutrition:** UNHCR's partners identified 26 children aged 6-59 months with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and admitted them to the Stabilization Centre. Some 44 children with SAM were treated through the outpatient therapeutic feeding program in Nyarugusu and Nduta health facilities.

With the support from the World Diabetes Foundation (WDF), UNHCR and partners distributed complementary food to 355 refugees living with non-communicable diseases in Nduta Camp.



### WATER AND SANITATION (WASH)

- **Water:** Water supply coverage was above global standards for the persons we serve in Nduta Camp receiving 23.8 litres per day and in Nyarugusu camp provided with 20 litres per day. Maintenance and replacement of taps is ongoing and this month UNHCR and its partners installed 136 taps in the two camps.



### SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- **Shelter:** UNHCR and partners built 32 emergency family shelters for Congolese asylum seekers in Nyarugusu Camp and maintained 78 shelters in Nduta Camp.



### RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE

- **Kitchen gardening:** With the support from the European Union (EU), UNHCR's partner DRC provided technical support to 3,023 individuals (2,237 female, 786 male) on kitchen gardening, helping refugees improve their dietary diversity and mitigate the impact of reduced food rations.
- **Access to technical and vocational education and training (TVET):** This month, UNHCR's partner DRC facilitated vocational training for 865 refugees (395 female, 470 male) in the TVET programme. TVET programme, which is supported by the EU, aims to enhance refugees' employment and entrepreneurial skills.



### DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- **Resettlement:** This month, UNHCR submitted 1,711 refugees to various countries for resettlement consideration. Some 2,471 refugees have departed to Australia, Canada, Finland, and the United States of America (USA).
- **Complementary Pathways:** UNHCR provided guidance and data verification support to 37 refugee students who applied for the University Corridors for Refugees UNICORE 6.0 scholarship programme. The scholarship gives refugees residing in Tanzania and eight other African countries the opportunity to continue their higher education in Italy.
- **Return:** The Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, UNHCR, and partners facilitated the voluntary return of 786 refugees to Burundi this month to the provinces of Bujumbura Mairie, Bujumbura Rural, Bururi, Cankuzo, Karuzi, Kayanza, Kirundo Makamba, Muramvya, Muyinga, Ngozi, Rumonge, Rutana, and Ruyigi. This brings a total of 3,499 refugees repatriated to Burundi so far in 2024.



### ACCESS TO ENERGY

- **Energy:** UNHCR and partners trained 3,790 individuals in the camps and host community on how to make fuel-efficient stoves. Participants fabricated 1,294 fuel-efficient stoves.

## GAPS AND NEEDS

Shortage of funds continued to severely impact the lives of the persons we serve in Tanzania. 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. Implementation of WASH activities such as improving the water supply system and coverage of household latrines are limited. There is a shortage of soap, medicines, medical supplies, and insecticide-treated nets, among other critical areas.

## DONORS

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