

United Republic of Tanzania

June 2024

Tanzania hosts **236,605** refugees and asylum-seekers mainly from Burundi and the 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 June 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 June 2024, a total of **14,621** 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

1,895

refugees repatriated to Burundi this month, bringing the total number to **172,626** refugees assisted since the start of the voluntary repatriation exercise in September 2017.

1,758

Congolese students sat their Grade 8 exams organized by the Governments of Tanzania and the DRC, UNHCR, and partners.

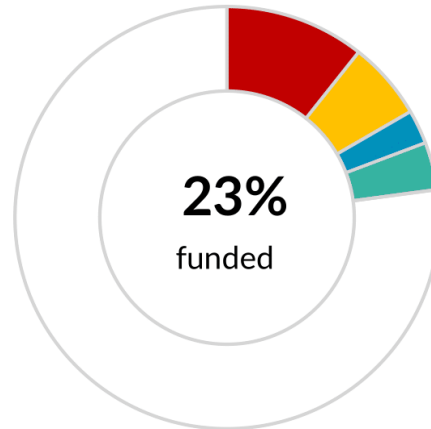
32,761

consultations at health facilities in the camps were conducted for refugees and the host community

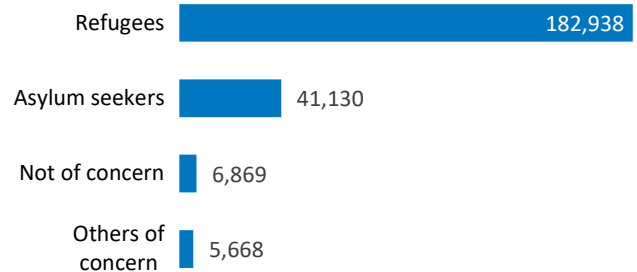
FUNDING (AS OF 30 JUNE 2024)

USD 114.6 million

requested for the Tanzania operation.



POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 30 JUNE 2024)



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Refugees celebrate winning a football match with the host community on World Refugee Day. © UNHCR/Winnie Itaeli Kweka.

**PROTECTION**

- **World Refugee Day:** UNHCR in collaboration with partners organized the national commemoration of the World Refugee Day on 20 June 2024 in Nduta Refugee Camp under the global theme: For a World where Refugees are Welcomed. Refugees alongside the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), UNHCR, donor community, and partners attended the commemoration event. During the event, refugees showcased their talents in fashion, dance, and football, among other areas, and called for improved services, re-opening the common market, durable solutions, maintaining the voluntariness of repatriation, and for refugees' involvement in the tripartite meetings. UNHCR and partners also marked three more international days during the month together with refugees in the camps, including World Albinism Day, Day of the African Child and Awareness Day on Abuse against Elders.
- **Gender based violence (GBV):** UNHCR documented 63 GBV incidents 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 reached 2,540 individuals (1,541 female, 999 male) in the two camps through door-to-door discussions, and sessions on sensitisation, economic empowerment, and behavioural change.
- **Birth registration:** As part of the initiative to guarantee the birth registration rights of every child in the camp, UNHCR's partner the Danish Refugee Council registered and issued birth certificates to 10 children in Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. Additionally, the Danish Refugee Council reached 3,700 refugees and asylum seekers through awareness sessions on the significance of birth registration. The sessions also covered topics such as child labour, child neglect, early pregnancy, early marriage, and school dropouts.

**EDUCATION**

- **Examinations:** An Education multifunctional team composed of MoHA, UNHCR, IRC, and the Congolese Education Inspector, in collaboration with the DRC Consulate Office, organized Grade 8 examinations for Congolese refugee students. An Inspector of Examinations from the DRC supervised the exams in Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. A total of 1,758 (853 female, 905 male) Congolese students participated in the exams, with clear rules and guidelines provided to both students and invigilators.

**HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

- **Health services:** UNHCR's health partners conducted 32,761 consultations for refugees and host community members at outpatient departments in the two camps. Crude mortality rate for this month was 0.21 and under five mortality rate was 0.36 which is within the global standards.
- **Nutrition:** UNHCR's partners screened 8,636 under five children in Nduta and Nyarugusu refugee camps and identified 59 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition and 162 children with Moderate Acute Malnutrition, providing all children with the necessary treatment. With support from the World Diabetes Foundation (WDF), UNHCR and partners distributed complementary food to 816 refugees living with non-communicable diseases in Nduta Refugee Camp.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- **Food distribution:** Refugees residing in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps received 62 percent of dry food rations. UNHCR's partner the Danish Refugee Council continued providing hot meals for Burundian refugees repatriating and Congolese new arrivals residing at the reception and departure centres.



WATER AND SANITATION (WASH)

- **Water:** Water supply coverage was above global standards for the persons we serve in Nduta Refugee Camp, receiving 24.7 litres per person per day (l/p/d), and in Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, being provided with 25.6 l/p/d.



SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- **Shelter and road maintenance:** UNHCR and partners maintained 26 shelters in both camps and repaired 468 meters of critical camp roads to ensure access for refugees and humanitarian workers.



RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE

- **Kitchen gardening:** With the support from the European Union (EU) and the Kingdom of Belgium, UNHCR's partner the Danish Refugee Council provided technical assistance on kitchen gardening to 4,050 individuals (2,980 female, 1,070 male), helping refugees improve their dietary diversity and mitigate the impact of reduced food rations.
- **Mushroom production:** This month, UNHCR and partners established 10 mushroom fruiting chambers in Kasulu and Kibondo. UNHCR and partners also trained 94 individuals from the refugee and host communities in advanced mushroom farming practices. The initiative aims to improve skills, livelihoods and nutrition for both communities.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- **Resettlement:** UNHCR submitted 503 refugees to Australia, Canada, Sweden and the USA. A total of 2,668 individuals have been submitted since the beginning of the year. In addition, 182 Congolese refugees departed for Australia, Canada and the USA, bringing the total number of refugees who departed for resettlement in 2024 to 2,907.
- **Return:** The Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, UNHCR, and partners facilitated the voluntary return of 1,895 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 7,782 refugees repatriated to Burundi so far in 2024.

**ACCESS TO ENERGY**

- **Energy:** UNHCR and partners trained 2,819 individuals in the camps and host community on how to make fuel-efficient stoves. Participants fabricated 950 fuel-efficient stoves.
- **World Environment Day:** On 5 June 2024, UNHCR and partners concluded Environment Week focused on land restoration in the camps and host communities to mark World Environment Day. Activities included constructing check dams across gullies to conserve soil, exhibitions on energy and environment initiatives such as vocational skills training and conservation agriculture, and awards to environment champions, among others.

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. There is also a need for advocacy for the issuance of exit permits for Burundian refugees who have been accepted and will be accepted by third countries for resettlement and university scholarships.

DONORS

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