

# United Republic of Tanzania

August 2024

Tanzania hosts **233,257** 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 31 August 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 31 August 2024, a total of **14,666** 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

**1,583**

**refugees repatriated to Burundi** this month, bringing the total number to 11,802 since the beginning of the year and **176,646** since the start of the voluntary repatriation exercise in September 2017

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**asylum seekers** from the DRC and Sudan were received this month.

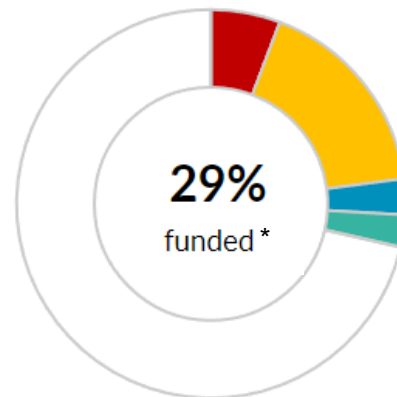
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**health facilities in both camps and the host community** were solarized this month.

## FUNDING (AS OF 31 AUGUST 2024)

**USD 114.6 million**

requested for the Tanzania operation.

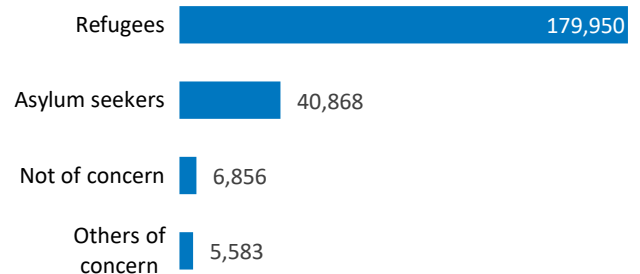


\*Figure may be adjusted subject to reconciliation.



UNHCR installed three clean cooking gas systems at the camps' departure centers and Nyarugusu camp main hospital. © UNHCR/Maimuna Mtengela

## POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 31 AUGUST 2024)



\*Source: Government of Tanzania/UNHCR proGres v4

**PROTECTION**

- **Mpox preparedness in the refugee camps:** UNHCR and health partners continued to conduct regular community awareness sessions to refugees, as well as providing face masks to repatriating refugees. They also ensured the availability of handwashing facilities in the camps including at the entrance, and community sensitization through community health workers and PA systems. There are no reports of Mpox cases in the camps in Tanzania.
- **New arrivals:** This month, UNHCR with the Government of Tanzania received 15 new arrivals (11 Congolese, four Sudanese) fleeing ongoing violence and persecution in their countries and seeking asylum in Tanzania. UNHCR provided the new arrivals with safe shelter, food, water, sanitation, and essential items.
- **Spontaneous departures:** Seven asylum seekers (five Congolese, two Sudanese) spontaneously left Tanzania this month. In an interview to verify the voluntariness of their decision, the Sudanese asylum seekers informed UNHCR that the language barrier and lack of opportunities in the camps for work and studies were among the reasons for their decision to depart.
- **Mental health and psychosocial support:** From 6-7 August 2024, UNHCR in collaboration with partners organized a 2-day orientation for refugee community health workers on mental health and psychological support to serve the refugee community and refer cases for further services within the camps.

**EDUCATION**

- **Examinations:** The Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Ministry of Education through South Kivu province released results for the 2024 Grade 6 National Exams. Out 2,236 Congolese students who sat for their exams in Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, 1,625 (73%) students passed their exams.
- **Teacher Training:** UNHCR and its partner IRC, with support from JRS and the District Education Unit completed a 10-day comprehensive inclusive education training with 95 Congolese refugee teachers aiming to enhance the teachers' knowledge, skills, and abilities on supporting refugee children with specific needs and conflict resolution skills.

**HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

- **Health services:** UNHCR's health partners conducted 32,334 consultations for refugees and host community members at outpatient departments in the two camps. Crude mortality rate for this month was 0.31 and under-five mortality rate was 0.57 which is within the global standards.
- **Nutrition:** UNHCR's partners and nutrition community volunteers identified a total of 42 under five children (31 refugees, 11 Tanzanians) with Severe Acute Malnutrition, providing all children with the necessary treatment.

**FOOD SECURITY**

- **Food distribution:** Refugees residing in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps received 82 percent of dry food rations. UNHCR's partner the Danish Refugee Council continued providing hot meals for

Burundian refugees repatriating and Congolese and Sudanese new arrivals residing at the departure and reception centres.



### WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

- **Water:** Water supply coverage was above global standards for the persons we serve in Nduta Refugee Camp, receiving 27.3 litres per person per day (l/p/d), and in Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, being provided with 27.1 l/p/d.



### SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- **Shelter maintenance:** UNHCR and partners maintained 62 shelters in both camps. This brings the cumulative total shelters maintained to 877 shelters this year.
- **Emergency shelter:** UNHCR and partners constructed two emergency family shelters for Congolese asylum seekers in Nyarugusu Camp, bringing the total number of emergency shelters constructed in 2024 to 327 shelters.



### 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 support to 4,305 individuals (3,085 female, 1,220 male) through the Farm Training Centre, household backyard gardens, and communal garden spaces in the two camps and host communities. This initiative aims to improve vegetable production, dietary diversity and nutrition for the most vulnerable households.
- **Mushroom production:** UNHCR's partner the Danish Refugee Council established one mushroom fruiting chamber in the Kasulu host community, making a total of 5 chambers, two in Kibondo and three in Kasulu districts.



### DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- **Resettlement:** UNHCR submitted 745 refugees to Australia, Canada, Sweden, and the USA. A total of 4,216 individuals have been submitted since the beginning of the year. In addition, 369 Congolese refugees departed for Australia, Canada, Sweden, and the USA, bringing the total number of refugees who departed for resettlement in 2024 to 3,654.
- **Complementary pathways:** Refugees continued to access higher education scholarships, employment pathways, family reunification programmes, and private sponsorships. This month, the Government of Tanzania granted exit permits for seven Burundian refugee students who were awarded various university scholarships to study in Canada (WUSC), Italy (UNICORE 6.0), and Kenya (Mastercard Foundation).
- **Return:** The Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, UNHCR and its partners facilitated the voluntary return of 1,583 individuals to Burundi this month to the provinces of Bujumbura Rural, Cankuzo, Makamba, Muyinga, Rumonge, Rutana, and Ruyigi. This brings a total of 11,802 refugees repatriated to Burundi so far in 2024.



## ACCESS TO ENERGY

- **Energy:** To reduce the use of firewood in the camps, UNHCR established three clean cooking gas (LPG) facilities in both camps at the departure centers and at the main hospital in Nyarugusu Camp.
- **Solar panel installation:** UNHCR completed installation of solar panels in eight health facilities in Nduta Camp, and in the host community in Kibondo and Kasulu, which are now operational. This brings the total number of health facilities solarized to 14.

## 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 needs.

## DONORS

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