

United Republic of Tanzania

September 2024

Tanzania hosts **232,813** 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 September 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 September 2024, a total of **14,704** 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

912

refugees repatriated to Burundi this month, bringing the total number to 12,714 since the beginning of the year and **177,558** since the start of the voluntary repatriation exercise in September 2017.

42

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

600+

refugee and host community participants supported with Technical and Vocational Education and Training.

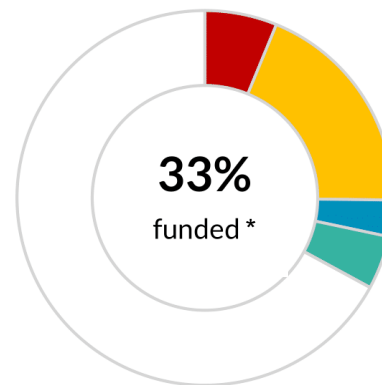


Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, Ambassadors of EU in Burundi, and Tanzania, Heads of Cooperation from Belgium, France, Ireland, Japan, UK, and USA, UNHCR and partners, together with refugees launch the EU cross-border project in Nyarugusu Camp. ©UNHCR/Clemence Eliah

FUNDING (AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2024)

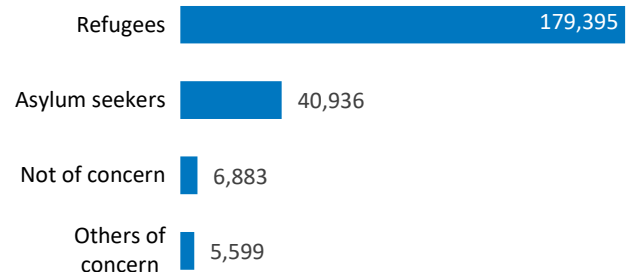
USD 114.6 million

requested for the Tanzania operation.



*Figure may be adjusted subject to reconciliation.

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*Source: Government of Tanzania/UNHCR proGres v4

**PROTECTION**

- **Joint Heads of Cooperation Mission and launch of EU Cross-Border Project:** From 23-26 September 2024, UNHCR organized a joint mission of the Heads of Cooperation of Belgium, EU, France, Ireland, Japan, UK, and USA to witness the needs and progress in the refugee camps and host community in Kigoma Region. The Directorate General of Repatriation, Resettlement and Reintegration (DGRRR) – Burundi, EU Ambassadors in Burundi and in Tanzania, and UNHCR Representative in Burundi also joined the mission to participate in the launch of the EU-funded project on cross-border integrated response to advance protection and resilience for displaced populations in Tanzania and Burundi targeting Burundian refugees.
- **New arrivals:** This month, UNHCR with the Government of Tanzania received 42 new arrivals (39 Congolese, two Sudanese, one Ugandan) 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 and refoulement:** Three asylum seekers (one Congolese, two Sudanese) spontaneously left Tanzania this month while thirteen asylum seekers (ten Congolese, three Ugandan) were refouled by the Government of Tanzania this month.

**EDUCATION**

- **Schools reopening:** Schools for Congolese and Burundian students in both camps reopened on 2 September 2024, following a successful back-to-school campaign conducted by Education Working Group partners. Partners enrolled 64,349 out of 90,591 (71%) school-aged children who reported back to schools across the two camps.
- **Examinations:** Despite advocacy efforts to reduce the costs for Burundian examinations for 2024, UNHCR and the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) provisionally agreed on 4 September 2024 to conduct exams for Burundian students at a rate of USD 311 per candidate. NECTA attributed the high unit cost for 2024 to the labour-intensive nature of the examination process, which includes the need for expertise and security, the establishment of an examination bank for Burundian exams, and increased daily subsistence allowances (DSA) for government officials. NECTA will commence examination preparations from late November to early December 2024 for 902 Burundian refugee students (351 girls, 551 boys) in grades 9, 12, 13, and 14 from Nduta and Nyarugusu camps. On 27 September 2024, NECTA provided to UNHCR a new cost of USD 219.5 per candidate for the 2025 and 2026 Burundian student examinations.

**HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

- **Health services:** UNHCR's health partners conducted 26,478 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 0.39 which is within the global standards.
- **Nutrition:** UNHCR's partners and nutrition community volunteers identified a total of 28 under five children (19 refugees, nine Tanzanians) with Severe Acute Malnutrition, providing all children with the necessary treatment.
- **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 to date.

- **Trainings:** From 9-13 September 2024, UNHCR in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH) organised HIV care and treatment training for 30 health care workers from Nduta and Nyarugusu camps to provide latest knowledge on HIV to staff.



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, Sudanese, and Ugandan 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 27.2 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 75 shelters in both camps. This brings the cumulative total shelters maintained to 952 shelters this year.
- **Emergency shelter:** UNHCR and partners constructed five emergency family shelters for Congolese asylum seekers in Nyarugusu Camp, bringing the total number of emergency shelters constructed in 2024 to 332 shelters.
- **Shelter kits distribution:** UNHCR and partners provided 178 Congolese with shelter kits for upgrading their transitional shelters. This brings the cumulative total shelter kits distribution to 375 this year.



RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE

- **Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET):** As part of Phase II of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) initiative, UNHCR and its partner the Danish Refugee Council supported over 600 participants from the refugee and host community at the two vocational training centres in Nduta and Nyarugusu.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- **Resettlement:** UNHCR submitted 795 refugees to Australia, Canada, Sweden, and the USA. A total of 5,009 individuals have been submitted since the beginning of the year. In addition, 869 Congolese refugees departed for Australia, Canada, Sweden, and the USA, bringing the total number of refugees who departed for resettlement in 2024 to 4,258.

- **Return:** The Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, UNHCR and its partners facilitated the voluntary return of 965 individuals to Burundi this month to the provinces of Bujumbura Rural, Cankuzo, Makamba, Muyinga, Rumonge, Rutana, and Ruyigi. This brings a total of 12,714 refugees repatriated to Burundi so far in 2024.
- **Voluntary repatriation promotion campaign:** Voluntary repatriation team (DRC, MoHA UNHCR and other partners) organized two meetings with partners and refugee community representatives to evaluate voluntary repatriation promotion activities for the first phase including the communication strategy. Partners agreed to start phase two of promotion on 2 October 2024.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

- **Energy:** UNHCR and partners reached 10,065 individuals through household visits in the refugee camps and host community with awareness messaging on clean cooking practices to promote energy saving during cooking.

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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