

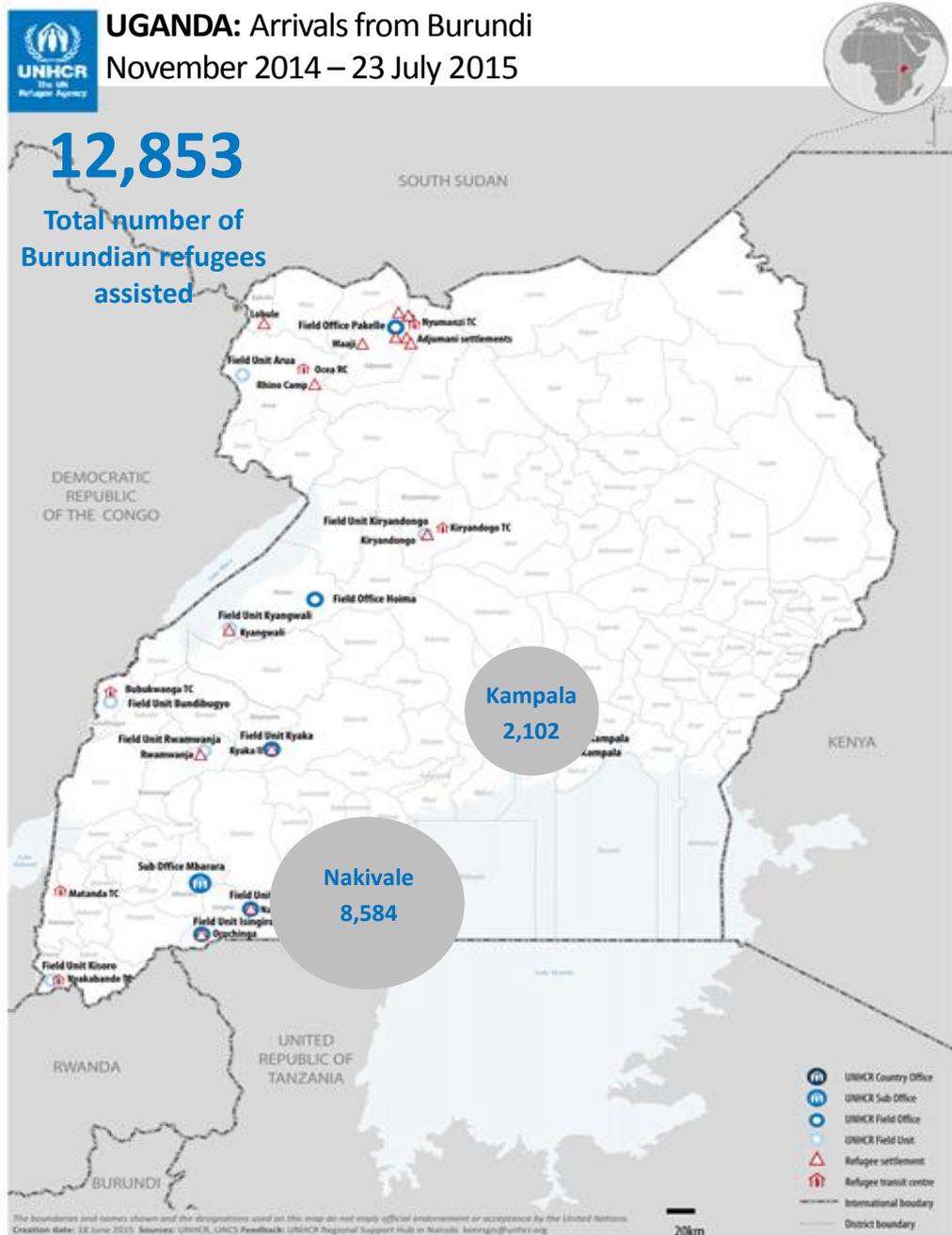
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UPDATE FOR THE BURUNDI EMERGENCY

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HIGHLIGHTS

- According to Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), between November 2014 and 20 July 2015, **12,853** Burundian refugees have arrived in Uganda, including **8,584** in Nakivale and **2,102** in Kampala, with the remaining number in Oruchinga and Kyaka II. New arrivals are crossing into the country at a rate of 100-200 per day.
- Nakivale Refugee Settlement is nearing its capacity, after which new arrivals will be resettled at Oruchinga. This will present additional challenges in ensuring service provision is at the required standard.
- Ensuring adequate provision of clean water in Nakivale remains a challenge. Currently, water is being delivered by water truck and this is provided basic sanitation, hygiene and household water supply however, this situation is unsustainable due to the prohibitively high cost.



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context



UNHCR Country Representative, Ms. Neimah Warsame and Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration Regional Refugees Coordinator Joshua Fischel address newly arrived Burundians Basecamp in Oruchinga Refugee Settlement. ©UNHCR/E. Ohanusi

- New arrivals are citing increasing tension and insecurity as the main reasons for fleeing Burundi.

Protection

Achievements and Impacts

- In Nakivale, a total of 148 households of 341 Burundian refugees have been assigned plots and been settled by the Office of the Prime Minister.
- A total of 159 individuals were transported by UNHCR and OPM from Mirama hills, Kazinga border, Rwentobo and Rubare police posts.
- UNHCR and OPM carried out joint planning and identification of focal persons for the refugee leadership election. 5 new electoral villages were also established to cater for the various interest groups among the Burundian refugee community.
- Sanitation and hygiene has improved in Kabazana Reception Centre. ARC is working with Kabazana residents to inform on how to continue to improve hygiene standards.

Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs)

- A total of 66 PSNs were identified and provided with core relief items and shelters. Community services have built 5 houses for PSNs in Kashojwa B and mobilization is still ongoing to provide the remaining needs.

Child Protection

- Out of the 124 children at risk, 84 are unaccompanied minors, 33 are separated and 7 are persons with disabilities. UNHCR and child protection groups have initiated family tracing, foster care placements and protection assistance.

Education

Achievements and Impacts

- Windle Trust Uganda (WTU), has continued to sensitize new arrivals on the Ugandan education system. New arrivals between 6-13 years old have been encouraged to enrol in primary schools close to their refugee villages.
- Primary school enrolment has increased from 779 to 1,176; of these 1,013 pupils have been registered in Nakivale, Kashojwa, Kabazana, Nyarugugu, Ruhoko Primary Schools and 163 students have been registered in Nakivale Secondary School.
- 5 tents donated by UNICEF are being used as temporary classrooms and staff office space.
- WTU will deploy 20 newly recruited teachers for the schools affected by the emergency. 8 are auxiliary teachers from Burundi whereas 12 are trained teachers from Uganda. These teachers are expected to address the challenge of language barriers and improve teacher to pupil ratios.
- Community meetings were conducted in Misera, Kashojwa B, Kabahinda, Nyakagando and Ngarama village to discuss the establishment and sustainability of Early Childhood Development Centres.

Health

Achievements and Impacts

- Nutrition screening: 145 children (under 5 years) underwent health and nutrition screening at Kabazana Reception Centre: 06 were found to be moderately malnourished and enrolled in the supplementary feeding program.
- A total of 557 consultations were carried out at Kabazana Reception Centre; 132 individuals were treated for malaria, 87 for upper respiratory tract infection, 39 for skin diseases, 23 for lower respiratory tract infection, 11 for dental condition, 22 for watery diarrhoea, 24 for eye disease, 18 for intestinal worms, 03 for sexually transmitted infections, 01 for HIV, and 18 for urinary tract infection.
- Malaria still remains the leading cause of morbidity among new arrivals. 23.3% of the 557 consultations in Kabazana are receiving treatment for malaria. MTI recommends increasing health campaign coverage for new arrivals.
- UNHCR health sector conducted field monitoring to verify diarrhoea cases in Ngarama village. The sector found out that poor sanitation practices were factors affecting the health of the community. The findings were discussed at the interagency meeting and resolutions were reached to immediately readjust opening times for the motorized water tank, construct superstructures for the latrines and distribute sanitation tools and poles.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impacts

- 05 water users committee were formed in Kabahinda C and Kashojwa villages where they were given basic training on water source management at water collection points.
- The motor for the submersible pump which serves Basecamp and Kabahinda distribution pipeline as well as a water level sensor was installed to distribute water to Nakivale Secondary School, Kabahinda Vocational Training Centre and Nyarugugu primary school.
- In Kabahinda, 6 blocks of communal latrines and bathing shelters were completed and now in use, in Ngarama 4 blocks of communal latrines and bathing shelters were completed, in Mirambira village excavation of 5 pits, 2 latrines and bathing shelters were completed and in Kashojwa B village the excavation of 6 pits were completed.

Identified Need and Gaps

- 5 additional 10,000 litre tanks are required in the new settlements.

■ Working in partnership

OPM and UNHCR are being supported by partners in the field:

ARC- American Refugee committee, SP- Samaritan's purse, WFP- World Food Programme, AIRD- African Initiative for Relief and Development, ICRC- International Committee of the Red Cross, URCS-Uganda Red Cross Society, UNHCR-United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, OPM-Office of the Prime Minister, NSAMIZI and Windle Trust Uganda.

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