

A. New Arrivals and Reception:

- The reporting week has witnessed a slight decrease from last week in the average number of new arrivals seeking asylum in Rwanda. The daily arrival rate is recorded at 90 individuals compared to 102 individuals last week.
- Those who continue to flee claim continued deterioration in personal security with killings, sexual violence and cattle plundering largely caused by the Nyatura rebel group in the Masisi region. Women continue to claim that their husbands will be joining them in due course. This trend is being witnessed already.
- As of 26 January, 6,703 individuals had entered Rwanda through the Grand Barriere since the second wave begun in November and who were registered by the Immigration Authorities.
 - Of these 6,417 have been transferred to Nkamira Transit Centre (TC).
 - The difference of approximately 300 individuals between those who arrived in November 2012 and who were transferred to Nkamira TC is explained by the fact that Immigration and MIDIMAR are conducting a screening at the border whereby Rwandans falsely posing as Congolese are vetted out. UNHCR is present at the border to ensure no refoulement is occurring.
- As of 26 January 2013, the population at the TC stands at 4, 556 individuals. In addition, 1,861 individuals have already been transferred mostly to Kigeme and few to other existing camps.
- Women and children continue to represent over 80% of the overall TC population that is made up of 60% females and 40% males.

Registration

- The biometric (photos and fingerprints) based registration continued throughout the reporting period. Thus far 6,270 (98%) have been admitted into the process. At the end of the reporting period 5,463 (85%) of the admitted population had finished the process and obtained a proof of registration certificate and ration card.
- Thus far almost 2,000 individuals of the 6,417 (31%) have been identified during the registration process as persons with specific needs which include Unaccompanied minors and Separated Children (UAM/SC), elderly, women at risk, children at risk and persons with disabilities.

B : Sectoral Issues

1. Protection and Community Services

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV):

- A total of 13 SGBV cases have been reported since the beginning of the second wave emergency. All reports have come from women, who were received in consultation by the AHA doctor in Nkamira TC and then transferred to the One Stop service at Gisenyi Hospital. No new cases have been identified in the past week.

Child Protection:

- As of 25 January 2013, there were 2,743 children at Nkamira TC, which represent 61% of the overall population. In the past week, 178 Best Interest Assessments (BIA) were conducted for separated and unaccompanied minors in Nkamira TC.
- Since the start of the second wave emergency, 95 unaccompanied and separated children have been transferred to Kigeme camp for family reunification (87 in the past week alone).
- This week, ICRC has successfully traced the family members of 49 unaccompanied minors in Nkamira TC.
- Out of 521 remaining separated and unaccompanied children (313 girls and 208 boys), 124 are unaccompanied and 397 separated. 86 children were directed to AHA, the health implementing partner, for medical referral during the reporting week.
- Under the auspices of UNICEF, the organization VJN (Vision Jeunesse Nouvelle) continued their activities in Nkamira TC this week, including karate lessons, football matches, traditional and modern dance classes, volleyball and acrobatics. Animators used each session as a platform to engage the children and youth on the development of positive values including the consequences of drug use, the fight against HIV/AIDS, children's rights and SGBV.
- Eleven (11) members of Aberengerabana (Child Protection Committee) and 19 other adult refugees received training from VJN on children's rights, with the intention of supporting their activities and continuing as animators in Nkamira and Kigeme after VJN leave.

2. Health and Nutrition

- **Morbidity & Essential drugs:** The dispensary had a daily average consultation rate of 132 individuals. The main causes of morbidities are acute respiratory infections, watery diarrhoea and pneumonia. Essential drugs and other medical supplies are available.
- **Vaccination, Vitamin A Supplementation and Deworming:** 67 children between 6 months and 15 years were vaccinated against measles. 44 children between 0-59 months received polio vaccine. 36 children between 6-59 months and 32 children between 12-59 months received Vitamin A and Mebendazole respectively.



DRC refugee children vaccinated against measles in Nkamira TC, 17/01/13, © G. St-Martin



A Community Health Workers and a registration clerk registering recently vaccinated children in Nkamira TC, 17/01/13, © G. St-Martin

- **Nutrition:** During the week, screening of children under 5 using Measuring Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) was also conducted. Nutrition screening for 132 under 5 children was conducted which showed that 8 were moderately malnourished while 4 were severely malnourished. Severely malnourished children without medical complication are being given therapeutic milk (obtained from the Government of Rwanda's Gisenyi hospital) as well as nutritional feeding - Plumpy'nut.

3. Shelter and Infrastructure

- The rehabilitation of 32 hangars started during the reporting period and is nearing completion.
- The capacity of the TC is surpassed by over 1,000 individuals and with refugees continuing to arrive, shelter remains the major concern.
- The possibility of erecting additional hangars in the TC is being discussed.

4. Supply, Food and NFIs

- Food Distribution is being distributed to new arrivals on a daily basis.

5. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- ACAPE Company contracted by ADRA continued with emptying of garbage bins at the rate of 3 times a week.
- UNICEF jointly with OXFAM and Aqua Virunga came on an assessment visit to Nkamira TC. A meeting was held with UNHCR to share the way forward mainly on WASH sector and UNICEF explained the division of tasks as follows: Aqua Virunga will continue the maintenance of sanitation facilities whilst OXFAM will handle the area of hygiene promotion.

C. High level external visits

- The reporting period witnessed a visit by The Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department of the European Commission (ECHO) Rapid Response Coordinator (Regional Support in Nairobi) as part of a mission to better understand the needs in Nkamira TC as well as Kigeme refugee camp.

D. Challenges

- With the recent influx of refugee from DRC, the issue of space has become critical :
- Nkamira over its capacity by 1000 individuals and there is little additional room in Kigeme.
- Counselling sessions for children have not yet begun, due to the lack of a confidential space for VJN (Vision Jeunesse Nouvelle), the child protection to use.

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