

Zimbabwe

01 – 31 October 2018

139 asylum seekers arrived during the month of September of which 76.2% were from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The Zimbabwe Refugee Committee (ZRC) held its third session for Refugee Status Determination of 2018 from 3- 6 September 2018 at Tongogara.

The population verification exercise for the Zimbabwe operation that was scheduled from 1- 16 October was postponed due to the cholera epidemic.

TOTAL POPULATION:

20,410 persons of concern

KEY INDICATORS:

13,864

Registered refugees, asylum seekers and other persons of concern as at 31 October 2018

57.9%

Percentage of registered people of concern were granted refugee status by the Government of Zimbabwe as of October.

8,324

Mozambican asylum seekers living in Zimbabwe of whom 1,778 live in Tongogara refugee camp and 6,546 a profiled but not yet biometrically registered asylum seekers live among Zimbabwean host communities in Manicaland province.

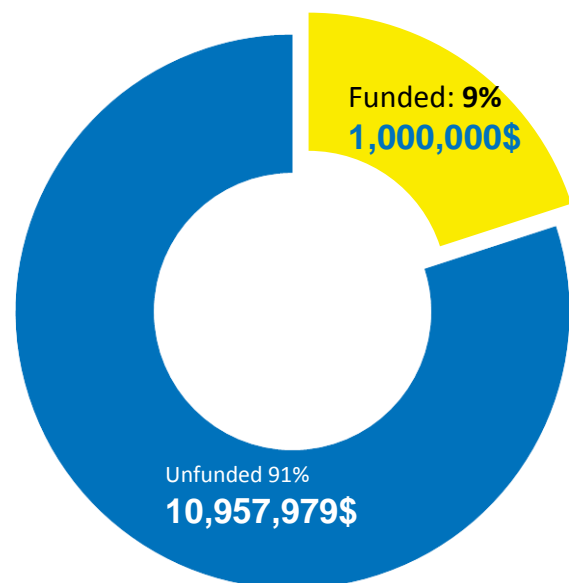
1,382

Asylum seekers who arrived in Zimbabwe between 01 January 2018 and 31 October 2018.

147

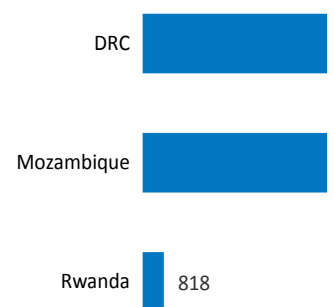
Host nationals (Zimbabweans) are **spouses and children** to persons of concern.

FUNDING (AS OF 31 AUGUST 2018)



POPULATION OF CONCERN

Countries of origin



Update on Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Third ZRC Session of 2018:** The Zimbabwe Refugee Committee deliberated on a total of 90 cases of asylum applications of which 26 cases were granted refugee status, 11 were rejected at the first instance while 53 cases were deferred for various checks of their refugee claims. UNHCR attended the session in its capacity as an Observer and technical advisor to the committee, giving updates and clarifications on Country of Origin Information (COI), as well as addressing the committee on procedural and substantive issues as the need arose.
- **Population Verification Exercise postponed:** The population verification exercise for the Zimbabwe operation that was scheduled from 1- 16 October was postponed due to a restriction on public gatherings by the Manicaland Provincial authorities as a result of the on-going cholera outbreak. UNHCR will engage the authorities to put in measures to allow for the exercise to proceed.
- **Meeting with the Minister responsible for Refugees:** On 24th September 2018, the UNHCR Representative paid a courtesy call on the new Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Dr. Sekai Nzenza. The Representative raised pertinent issues for the minister's attention including review of rejected asylum seeker cases, Rwandan cessation, the repatriation of Zimbabweans from Botswana, a Go and See visit to Mozambique to assess potential for return, the need for more teachers in Tongogara Refugee camp among others.
- **Meeting with Registrar General:** The UNHCR Representative met the Registrar General (RG) Tobaiwa Mudede to discuss civil registration of refugees. The UNHCR Representative, based on previous discussion, requested for the RG to reconsider the downward pricing of the Refugee I.D cards which currently stand at \$10 for replacement fee after the expiry of the 2 year validity date as the costs had proved to be prohibitive. Representative appealed to the RG for a cost reduction (from \$10 to \$5) for birth certificates issued to asylum seeker children born in Zimbabwe. In addition, there was an appeal for RG to conduct a civil documentation registration exercise in Tongogara Refugee Camp in the first 2 weeks of October. The Registrar General informed the UNHCR Representative that his office will look into the costs of the I.D cards and birth certificates to see the feasibility of implementing UNHCR's request. The Registrar General also informed the UNHCR Representative that his office will

deploy officers to conduct the civil registration exercise in Tongogara and advised UNHCR to contact the Director in the RG's office for feedback on the details of the staff to be deployed. Mr Mudede was subsequently retired from government the following day 30 September 2018 and a new RG Mr Clemence Masango was appointed.

- **Statelessness:** On 19 September, UNHCR met with Mr. Mudede, Registrar General and Mr. Pasipamire, Director RG's Office to discuss the way forward post-election period and the planned activities for the remainder of the year. There was agreement on: Stakeholders' Statelessness workshop (from 06 to 08 November); Embassy Consular Clinic review meeting together with the RG's Office; RG agreed to nominate 2 participants to attend the Statelessness course in Sanremo, Italy in October 2018. The Embassy of Zambia agreed to participate in the consular review meeting and collaborate with UNHCR on future consular clinics.
- **Resettlement support mission:** The Regional Office in South Africa (ROSA) supported resettlement activities in Zimbabwe by deploying a Resettlement Expert, on a two week support mission. A total of 28 cases of 93 persons were interviewed for resettlement (17 cases of 75 persons in Tongogara Refugee Camp; and 11 cases of 18 persons in Harare).
- **CWS support mission:** A delegation from Church World Service (CWS) comprising of the Security Coordinator, Mr. Robert Onyinge and Staff Security Officer, Mr. Basil Netshifhire visited New Year's Gift, Tanganda in Chipinge, where RSC pre-screening interviews are held for refugees submitted to the United States of America. They also visited Tongogara refugee camp and met with UNHCR staff and the Camp Administrator. The CWS team assessed the camp office, UNHCR staff compound and toured the camp in light of the possibility of holding RSC circuit rides in the camp and their findings will be shared with UNHCR.
- **Representatives meeting with the Commissioner for Refugees:** On 10 September 2018, the UNHCR Representative met the Commissioner for Refugees and informed him of the interest expressed by some 275 Zimbabwean refugees in Botswana to return to Zimbabwe. The UNHCR Representative informed the Commissioner for Refugees that UNHCR Botswana had advised that the interest in voluntary repatriation followed a visit to Dukwi refugee camp by the former Zimbabwean Minister of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage, Dr Obert Mpofu during an official visit to Botswana when he was still the Minister. The Commissioner advised that his office will contact the Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage to get an update on the former minister's visit as a starting point and then engage all other relevant government stakeholders in consultation with the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare. The Commissioner indicated that there would be a need for government to assess the situation in the areas of return to ascertain the sustainability of return, whether people are actually from the areas they claim to be from and the level of support required in those communities.

The UNHCR Representative informed the Commissioner that there was momentum on the Botswana side wherein an exchange of letters had taken place between the Botswana government and UNHCR. UNHCR Representative indicated that UNHCR would provide return packages to the returnees funded and paid by UNHCR Botswana.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- The Early childhood Development centre received, through UNICEF donation, ECD (A) reading books, 4 teachers' books and 861 (Mass Display - 171, Physical Education - 171, ICT - 171, Visual Performing Arts - 171 and Maths and Science - 177) for ECD learners. By 17 September 181 (93M: 88F) children had been registered for 2019
- An administration block, whose construction was supported by UNHCR as part of measures to upgrade St Michaels Tongogara Secondary School to Advanced level, was officially opened on the 20th of September 2018 by Bishop Paul Horan from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Mutare. In attendance were various stakeholders including district Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education (MoPSE) officials, JRS and the Roman Catholic Church, the SDC and neighbouring school headmasters.





HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- The Environmental Health sector, led by the Environmental Health Technician (EHT), ensured all corners of the camp were reached to disseminate education on cholera the disease and prevention measures. Through clinic morning education sessions, a cumulative 14153 (6922M: 7231F) persons received education on Ebola, Typhoid, cholera and diarrhea disease pictures. The screening of new arrivals was intensified to detect early symptoms of communicable diseases. A total of 88 (49M: 39F) new arrivals passed through the screening tests at the Reception Centre with no signs being detected.
- Water purification tablets were distributed to 1329 households, urging all to purify water for diarrhoeal disease prevention. The sector roped in the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) to stop the sale of home cooked and unpacked food at distribution gatherings and at unhygienic places in the settlement. Regular checks and raids were conducted to ensure compliance with public health laws. Community Based Rehabilitation Assistants (CBRAs) facilitated a parental club session with caregivers and parents of persons with disabilities on 8 September 2018. Parental dialogue sessions and psychosocial support activities were conducted with children and adults with disabilities in the settlement. The key thrust was to build resilience among people with disabilities and their caregivers. The Physiotherapist from Chipinge District Hospital conducted his scheduled camp outreach at the local clinic from 19-20 September and attended to 61 (31M: 30F) persons with disabilities. Assistive devices for six persons with eye problems were procured during the month.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- On livelihoods, 120 participants were trained in Internal Savings and Lending (ISAL). This was done as a precursor to the Graduation Approach coaching and capacity building. The participants have already formed 10 groups and are working on their savings group's constitutions.



SHELTER

Achievements and Impact

- The Department of Social Welfare office managed to select 13 beneficiaries of the 10 houses constructed for the vulnerable refugees; the beneficiaries have since moved into the new houses.



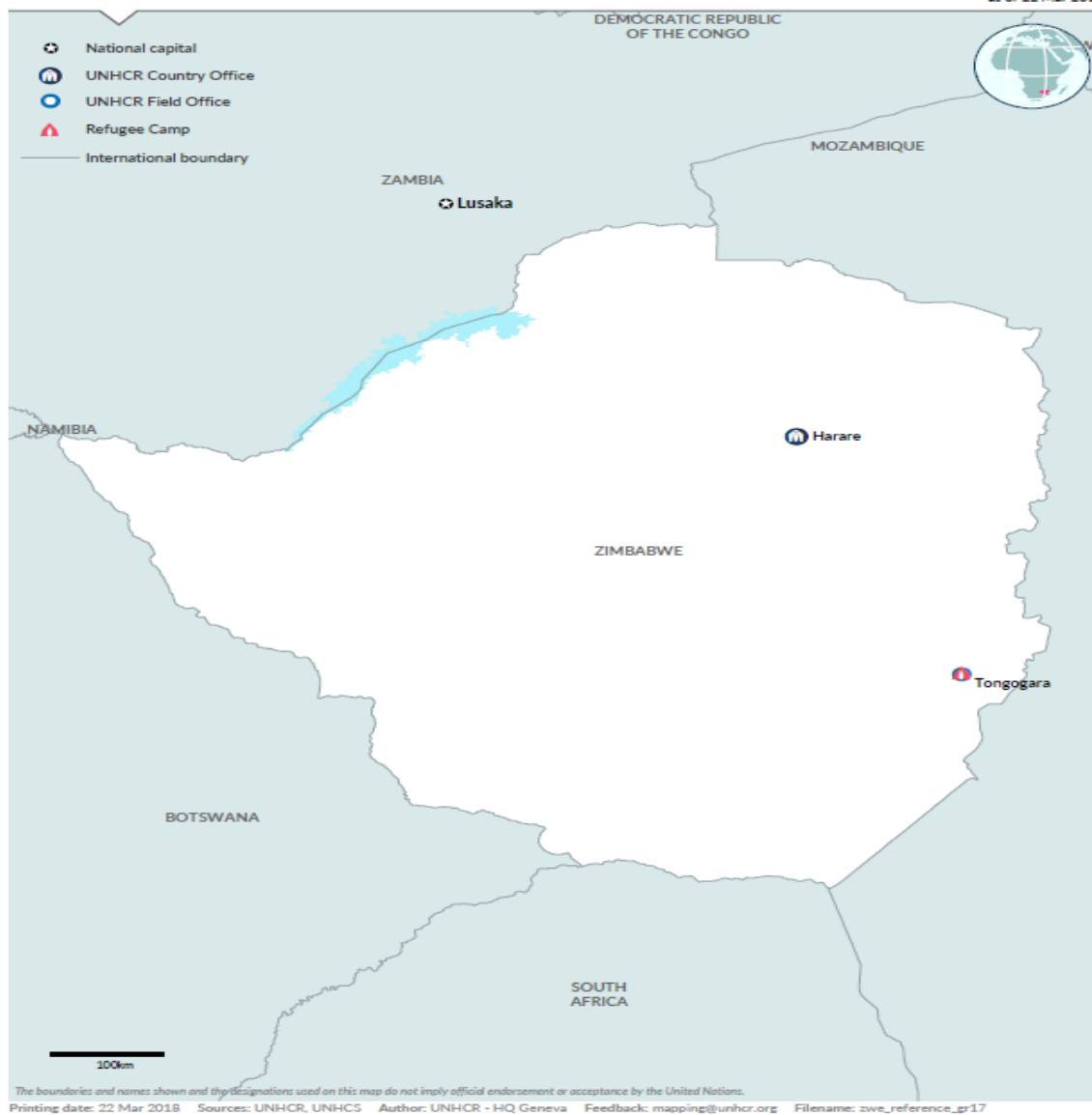
WATER AND SANITATION

- Water supply was consistent with all sections with piped water receiving three hours of water piped supply. All partners in the camp were involved in hygiene education, disseminating health and hygiene information across the camp. Though cholera cases were reported in Buhera, a district adjacent to the camp, not a single case was recorded within the camp. All partners are on high alert until this reporting. The project supported the creating of a cholera isolation site where a two squat-hole latrine was constructed. UNHCR procured two cholera kits for the camp and the host community.

Population Overview as at 31 October 2018 (Registered at Tongogara Refugee camp)

Country Population Disaggregation	Age	00-04 Female	00-04 Male	05-11 Female	05-11 Male	12-17 Female	12-17 Male	18-59 Female	18-59 Male	Female 60 and over	Male 60 and over	TOTAL
Democratic Republic of the Congo		801	831	990	1043	679	804	1921	2751	51	30	9,901
Burundi		45	47	79	73	76	83	190	261	5	2	861
Rwanda		46	43	72	64	61	70	210	220	11	20	817
Mozambique		184	183	254	253	133	126	321	222	54	30	1,760
Mozambique, profiled but not yet biometrically registered												6,546
Other Nationalities		36	27	40	46	30	17	121	203	1	3	524
Grand Total		1,112	1,131	1,435	1,479	979	1,100	2,763	3,657	122	85	20,410

- 6,546 Mozambican asylum seekers are living among host communities along the Zimbabwe-Mozambique border



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