

# Zimbabwe

01 – 30 September 2018

175 asylum seekers arrived during the month of September of which 92.6% were from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

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

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

## TOTAL POPULATION:

**20,236** persons of concern

### KEY INDICATORS:

**13,690**

**Registered** refugees, asylum seekers and other persons of concern as of 30 September 2018.

**57.2**

**Percentage** of registered persons of concern granted refugee status by the Government of Zimbabwe in August.

**8,318**

**Mozambican asylum seekers** living in Zimbabwe. 1,772 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.

**1,243**

**Asylum seekers** who arrived in Zimbabwe between 01 January 2018 and 30 September 2018.

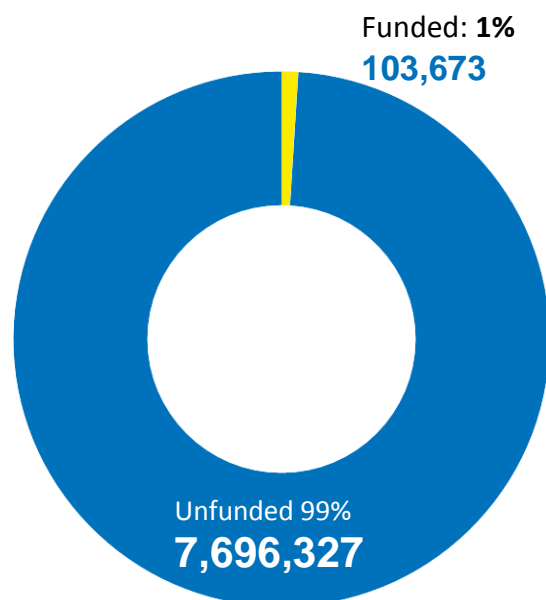
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**Host nationals** (Zimbabweans) are **spouses and children** to persons of concern.

## FUNDING (AS OF SEPTEMBER)

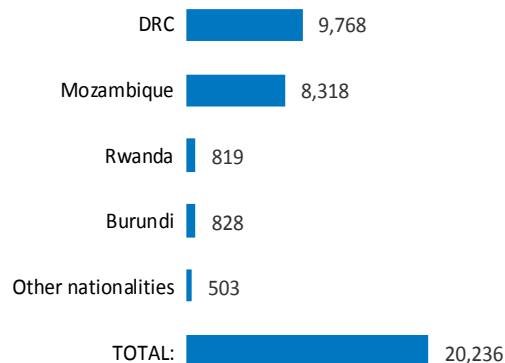
**USD 7.8 M**

REQUESTED FOR THE ZIMBABWE OPERATION)



## 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 to 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 Dr. Sekai Nzenza:** On 24 September 2018, the UNHCR Representative paid a courtesy call to the new Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, Dr. Sekai Nzenza. UNHCR 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, and the need for more teachers in Tongogara refugee camp and others matters.
- **Meeting with Registrar General:** The UNHCR Representative met the Registrar General (RG) Mr. Tobaiwa Mudede to discuss civil registration of refugees. UNHCR, 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. UNHCR 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 RG 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 RG also informed UNHCR that his office will deploy officers to conduct the civil

registration exercise in. Mr Mudede was subsequently retired from government the following day on 30 September 2018 and a new RG, Mr. Clemence Masango was appointed.

- **Statelessness:** Following a meeting with the RG's offices 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) visited New Year's Gift, Tanganda in Chipinge, where Regional Service Center (RSC) pre-screening interviews are held for refugees submitted for resettlement 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.
- **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. UNHCR 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 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. UNHCR 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 and indicated that UNHCR would provide return packages to the returnees.



## Education

### Achievements and Impact

- The Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre received, through UNICEF donation, (A) reading books, four teachers' ECD books and 861 equipment articles (Mass Display - 171, Physical Education - 171, ICT - 171, Visual Performing Arts - 171 and Maths and Science - 177) for ECD learners. By 17 September 181 children (93M: 88F) had been registered for 2019.
- An administration block, whose construction was supported by UNHCR as part of measures to upgrade St Michael's Tongogara Secondary School to Advanced level, was officially opened on the 20 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 Swiss Development and Cooperation (SDC) and neighbouring school headmasters.



*Administration block of the St Michael's Tongogara Secondary School ©UNHCR Zimbabwe*



## 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 14,153 persons (6,922M: 7231F) 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 new arrivals (49M: 39F) passed through the screening tests at the reception centre with no signs being detected.
- Water purification tablets were distributed to 1,329 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 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 to 20 September and attended to 61 persons (31M: 30F) 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 ten houses constructed for the vulnerable refugees; the beneficiaries have since moved into the new houses.



## WATER AND SANITATION

### Achievements and Impact

- 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 30 September 2018 (Registered at Tongogara Refugee camp)

Country Population Age Disaggregation	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	779	806	980	1031	674	799	1902	2718	51	29	9,769
Burundi	42	41	76	69	74	77	185	257	5	2	828
Rwanda	45	43	73	64	62	69	211	221	11	20	819
Mozambique	183	177	255	253	133	126	320	223	54	30	1,754
Mozambique, profiled but not yet biometrically registered											6,546
Other Nationalities	36	27	40	46	30	16	121	200	1	3	520
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>2,739</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>20,236</b>

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



# Financial Information

## EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

UNHCR is grateful for UNIQLO's contribution of USD 103,673.

## BROADLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

**United States of America** 124.3 million | **Private donors Australia** 9.7 million | **Canada** 3.3 million

Norway | Sweden | Private donors

## UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

**Sweden** 98.2 million | **Private donors Spain** 52.8 million | **Norway** 42.5 million | **Netherlands** 39.1 million | **United Kingdom** 31.7 million | **Denmark** 25.5 million | **Private donors Republic of Korea** 25.4 million | **Switzerland** 15.8 million | **France** 14 million | **Germany** 13.7 million | **Private donors Italy** 13.5 million | **Private donors Japan** 13 million | **Italy** 11.2 million | **Private donors Sweden** 11.2 million

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