



UNHCR Burundi Operations Overview

December 2022

TOTAL POPULATION
(thousand)

304.4

84.6

refugees in camps and
urban areas

3.9

asylum seekers

207.6

assisted returnees

7.6

internally displaced
persons

0.7

persons at risk of
statelessness

Statistics as of 31 December
2022 or latest available

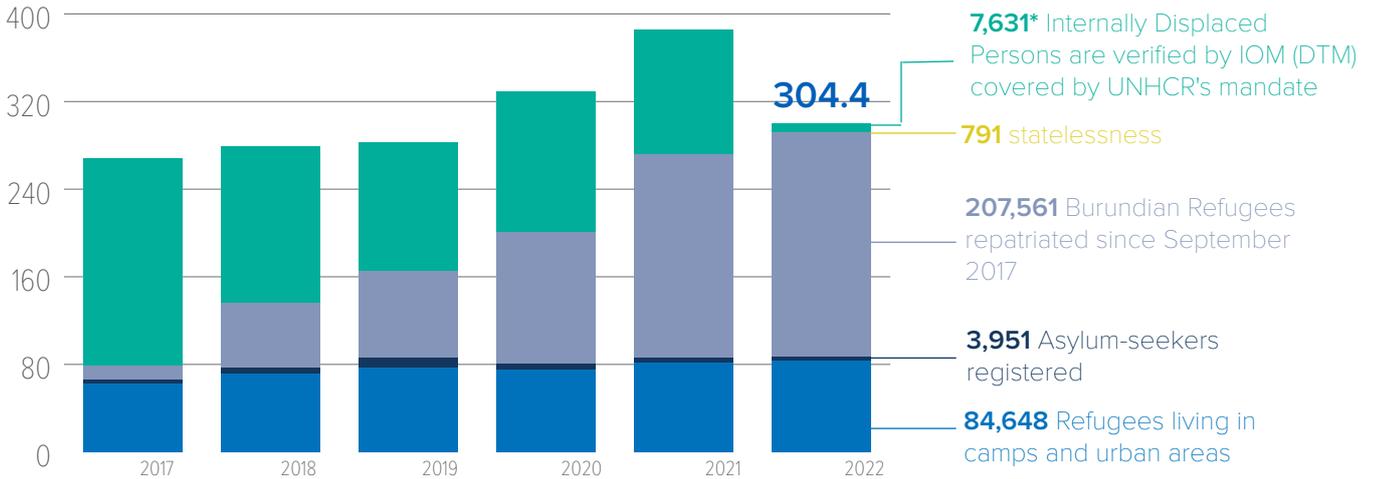


OPERATION OVERVIEW

While the number of people for whom UNHCR has been entrusted with a responsibility by the international community to protect and assist in Burundi continues to increase, the UN Refugee Agency continues to face an unprecedented funding gap. As of 31 December 2022, there were **304,400** persons in need of life-saving aid, while the funding levels stood at only **38%**.

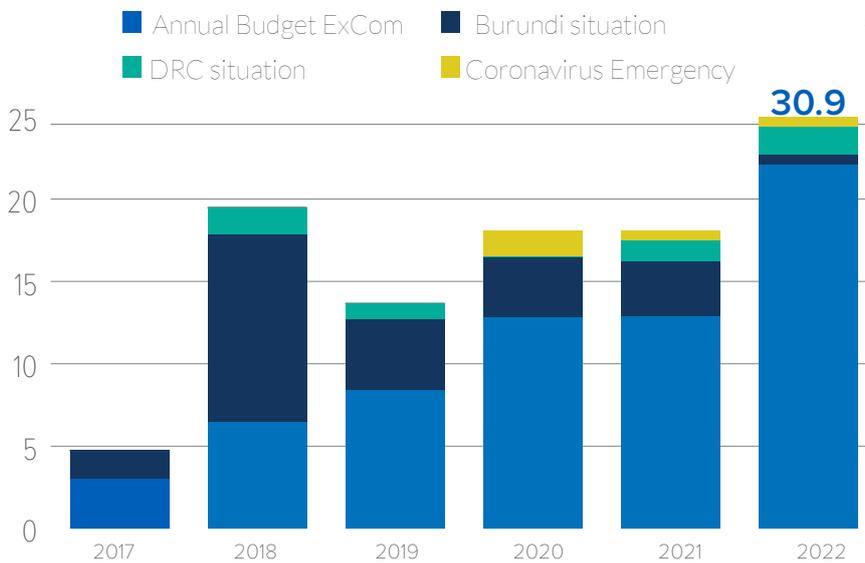
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People number (thousand)



FUNDING

Funded (million)

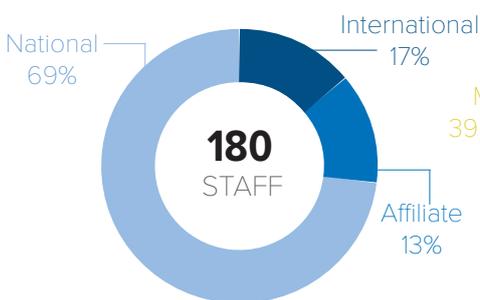


*The 7,631 IDP figure refers to the IDPs of concern to UNHCR. This figure has been revised down from the total 83,588 IDPs reported in Burundi (IOM/DTM), the majority who are displaced due to natural disasters

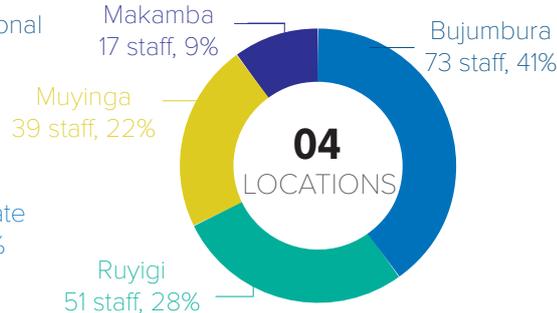


STAFFING

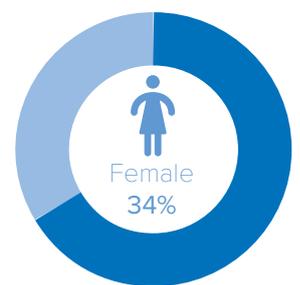
STAFF BY CATEGORY



STAFF BY OFFICE



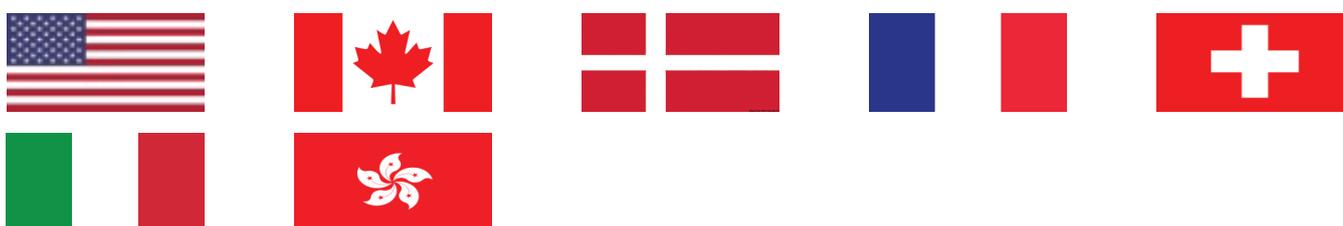
GENDER BREAKDOWN



Summary by Donor | 2017 - 2022 | 2023-2024

| Donateur | Funded | | | | | | Prevision | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| African Development Bank | - | 589,667 | 825,533 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Belgium | 696,428 | 156,814 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Canada | - | - | - | - | - | 261,643 | - | - |
| Central Emergency Response Fund | - | 2,527,999 | 150,092 | - | 1,200,231 | - | - | - |
| China | - | - | - | - | 14,761 | - | - | - |
| ECHO | - | - | - | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 |
| Emirates Red Crescent | - | - | - | 230,000 | - | - | 250,000 | - |
| European Union | - | - | - | 1,209,429 | 1,483,671 | 4,109,415 | 1,773,000 | - |
| France | 434,311 | 580,720 | 200,000 | 284,414 | 293,083 | - | - | - |
| Germany | - | - | - | - | 1,242,246 | 2,713,349 | - | - |
| Italy | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,000,000 | - |
| Japan | - | 1,500,000 | - | - | 627,809 | - | 2,400,000 | - |
| Joint United Nations Programmes on HIV/AIDS | 25,000 | - | - | - | 64,200 | 80,000 | - | - |
| KOICA | - | - | - | - | - | 450,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,300,000 |
| Monaco | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Priv. Donors France | - | - | - | - | - | 746 | - | - |
| Priv. Donors Hong Kong | - | - | - | - | - | 191,000 | 191,000 | - |
| Priv. Donors Italy | - | - | - | - | - | 341,402 | 260,000 | - |
| Priv. Donors MENA | - | - | - | - | - | - | 250,000 | - |
| Priv. Donors Netherlands | - | - | - | - | - | - | 150,000 | - |
| Priv. Donors Switzerland | - | - | - | - | - | 439 | - | - |
| Priv. Donors Thailand | - | 31,846 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Republic of Korea | - | 200,000 | 100,000 | - | - | 450,000 | - | - |
| Sweden | 583,363 | 1,539,978 | 827,267 | - | - | - | - | - |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | - | - | 522,104 | 519,519 | - | 54 | - | - |
| United Nations Great Lakes Regions Cross-Border Fund | - | 169,359 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| United Nations Peacebuilding Fund | - | 933,333 | 466,667 | - | - | - | - | - |
| United States of America | 3,000,000 | 11,223,930 | 10,142,000 | 15,558,850 | 11,915,753 | 16,196,566 | - | - |
| UNO-Fluechtlingshilfe | - | - | - | - | - | 413,039 | - | - |
| World Diabetes Foundation | - | - | - | - | - | 1,718,910 | 782,090 | 500,000 |
| World Food Programme | - | 23,891 | 423,573 | 17,482 | - | - | - | - |
| Sub-Total | 4,739,102 | 19,477,537 | 13,657,236 | 19,069,694 | 18,091,754 | 28,176,564 | 11,406,090 | 4,150,000 |
| Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments | - | - | - | - | - | 2,567,355 | - | - |
| Grand Total | | | | | | 30,743,919 | 11,406,090 | 4,150,000 |

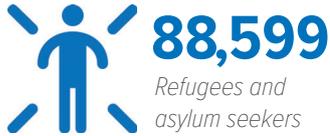
Donor and country contributions | 2022



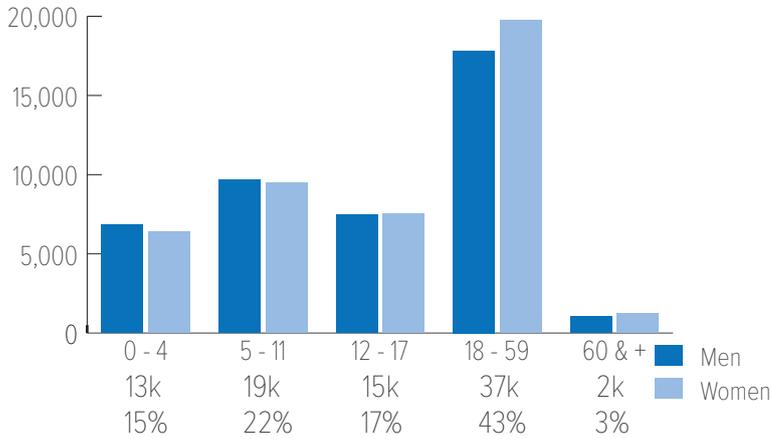
UNAIDS



Key figures



Breakdown of refugees and asylum seekers by gender and age

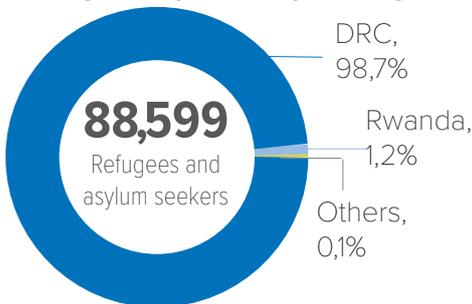


Refugees by location type

| Location | Number | Percentage |
|--------------------|---------------|------------|
| Urban | 32,958 | 37% |
| Kavumu | 17,656 | 20% |
| Nyankanda | 11,035 | 13% |
| Bwagiriza | 10,015 | 11% |
| Musasa | 9,176 | 10% |
| Kinama | 7,726 | 9% |
| Grand Total | 88,599 | |



Refugees by country of origin



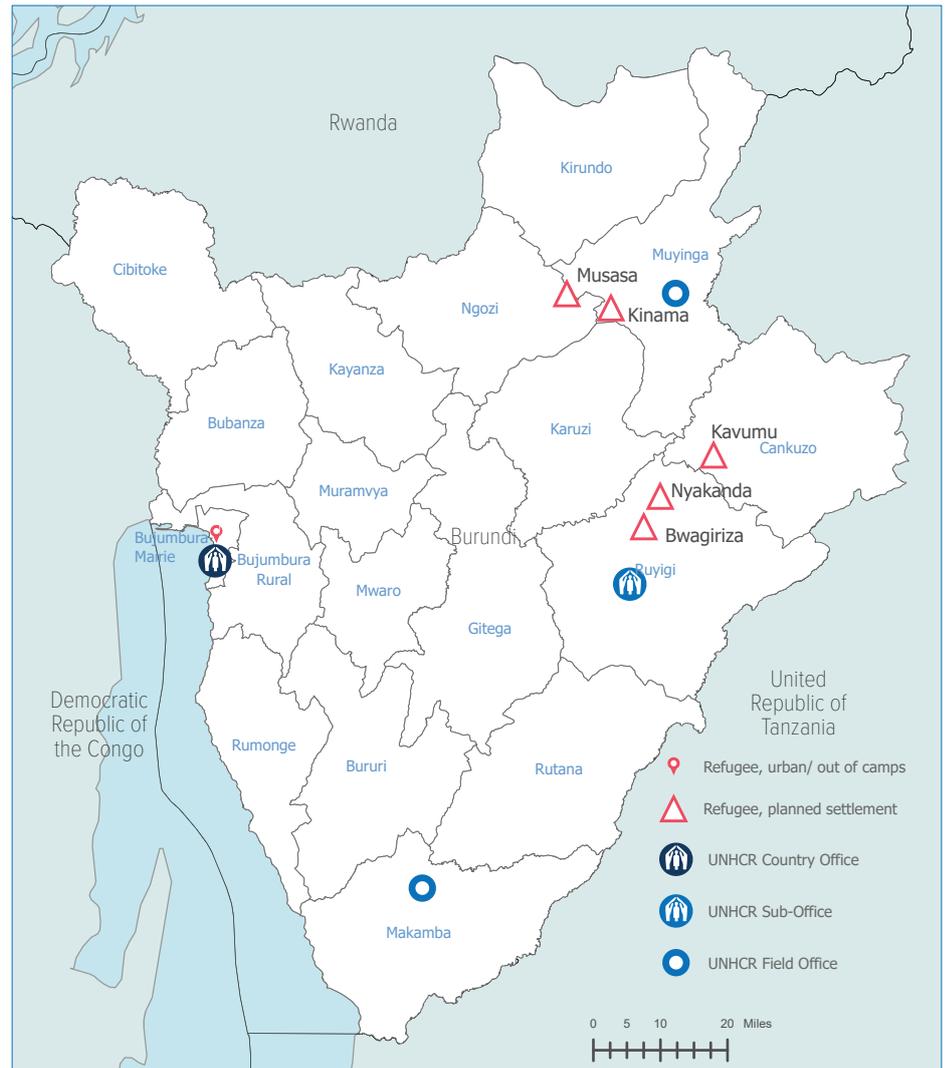
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Refugee camps and urban areas



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* They are mainly in urban areas.

** More than 3/4 of the people who are not fingerprinted are children under the age of 5 (as this is not a requirement).

HIGHLIGHTS

UNHCR and partners have been facilitating the voluntary repatriation of Burundian refugees since 2017. These refugees have been returning after making free and informed decisions. More than 200,000 Burundian refugees had been recorded as having returned by the end of December 2022. Majority of them are from Tanzania, followed by Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya and other countries in the region. These returns take place under the framework of the Tripartite Agreements between the Government of Burundi, the Governments of countries of asylum, and UNHCR, with all parties having committed to respect the voluntary nature of these returns.

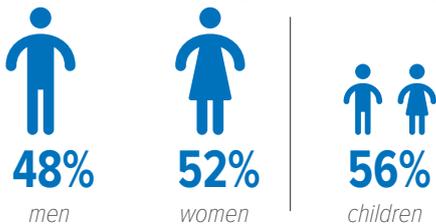
Key figures


207,561
 since 2017

21,788
 in 2022 (148 convoys and flights)


611
 convoys and flights (since 2017)

Breakdown by gender and age



Returnees by country of asylum

| Countries of asylum | 2022 | Since 2017 |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Tanzania | 5,807 | 145,287 |
| Rwanda | 932 | 31,801 |
| D. R. Congo | 3,474 | 12,893 |
| Kenya | 1,255 | 3,081 |
| Uganda | 10,111 | 14,200 |
| Mozambique | 112 | 159 |
| Others | 97 | 140 |
| TOTAL | 21,788 | 207,561 |

Reintegration package (for 3 months)

Non-Food Items

Basic NFI (kitchen set, soap, blankets, loincloths for women, jerrycans, buckets, mosquito nets, plastic mat, plastic sheet, flannel, travel bag, ...) provided by UNHCR.

Food assistance

Food rations for 3 months provided by WFP (beans, oil, corn flour, salt).

Cash grant

Cash assistance provided by UNHCR through mobile cash. The equivalent of 150 USD (277,000 FBU) per adult and of 75 USD (138,500 FBU) per minor.

Secondary trans.

The returnees are transported to their return commune then the returnee covers transport to the hills.

Note that the cash grant in 2017 was 75 USD for an adult and 40 USD for a minor. In 2020, it has been increased to 150 USD for an adult and 75 USD for a minor.

Donor and country contributions



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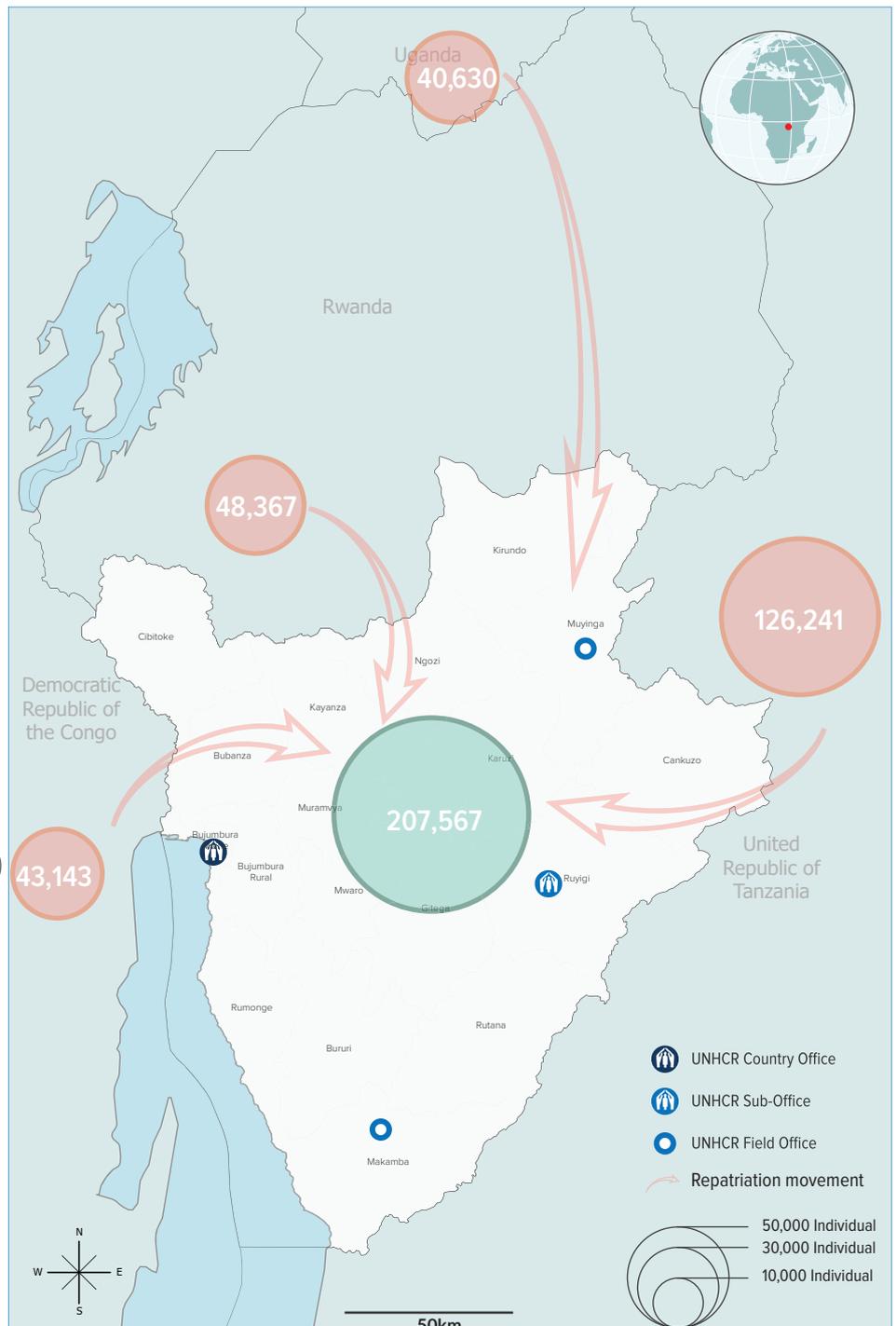


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KOICA
 Korea International Cooperation Agency

Burundian refugees in the region



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Context

UNHCR processes resettlement cases from three locations (Bujumbura, Muyinga and Ruyigi) in Burundi. The initial quota allocation for Burundi is 4100; of which 4,000 were for the USA and 100 for Canada, out of the 18,500 refugees identified as needing resettlement to Burundi in 2022. By the end of the year, a total of 4,264 refugees, representing 100.04%, have been submitted for resettlement consideration in 2022, while 1,298 have departed for the USA, Canada, Australia, Sweden, Norway and France in 2022.

In accordance with the objectives of the Global Compact for Refugees (GCR), Burundi continues efforts to broaden refugee access to solutions in third countries, by seeking complementary pathways, such as family reunification, humanitarian corridors, education and labour mobility programs.

Submission target
4,100

Referral
3,851

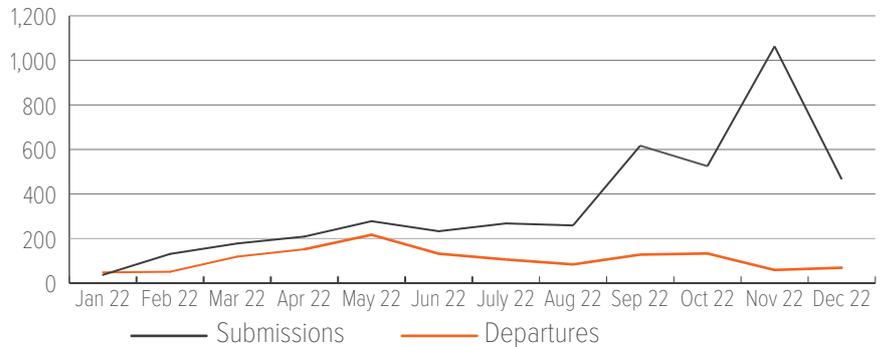
Submission
4,264

Departures
1,298*

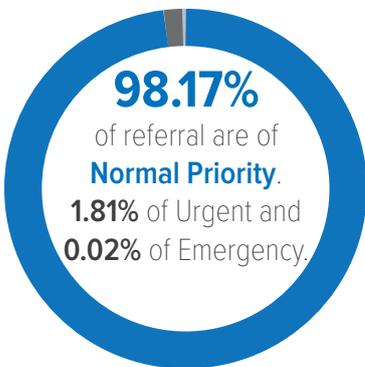
Submission indicator



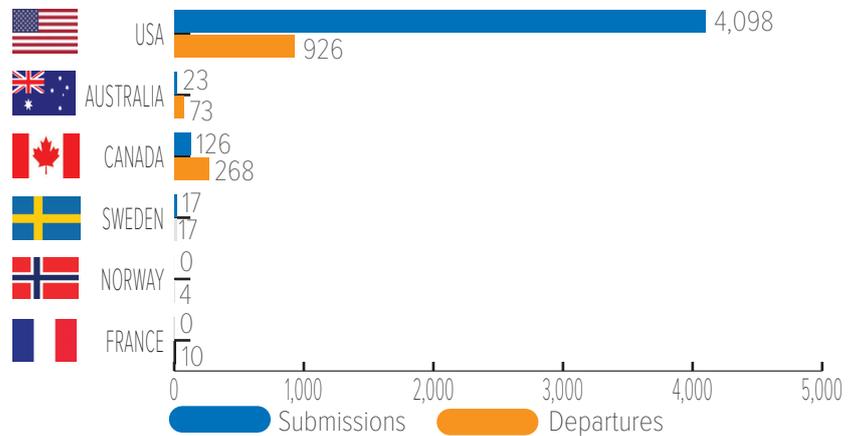
Submissions and departures trends



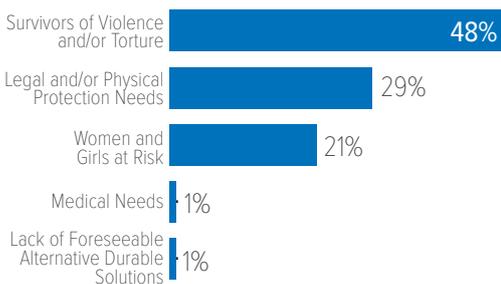
Submission priority



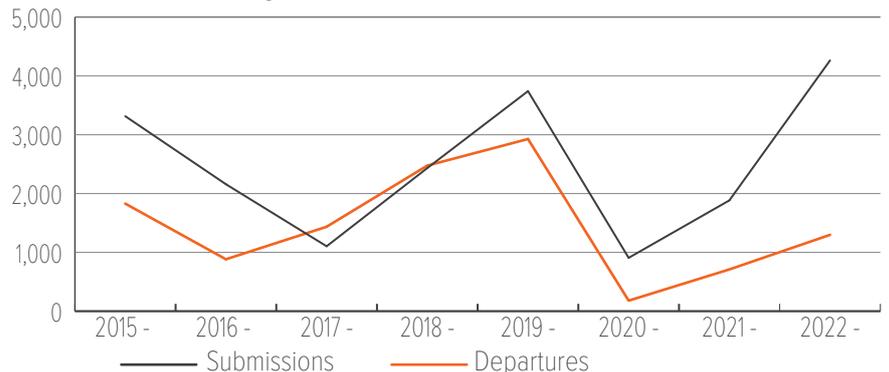
Submission and departure by country of resettlement



Submission criteria



Submissions and departures trends 2015 - 2022



* 1,276 Congolese, 19 Burundian and 3 Rwandan. Of these people, 17 individuals were submitted this year.

Since 2017, UNHCR has supported the voluntary repatriation of over 200,000 returnees, including 65,000 in 2021 and 16,621 in 2022. Upon arrival of returnees in their areas of return, UNHCR and its partners conduct follow-up activities to review their level of reintegration. Monitoring data indicates a low capacity of returnees to access basic social services, which makes some refugees reluctant to return. Despite efforts by the Government of Burundi with support from humanitarian and development actors, access to housing, land, and employment remains a major challenge. For example, over 70 percent of returnees are not satisfied with their level of food security. Nevertheless, there have been improvements in the security and justice sectors (land dispute resolution) compared to previous years.

MEASURABLE RESULTS BY SECTOR

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| PROTECTION |  | Respondents reported that at least 72% of adults in households have national ID cards. 69% of children have received birth certificates in 2022 (48% in 2021), a significant improvement following registration outreach. |
| EDUCATION |  | 52% of children who arrived this year, compared to 50% in 2021, are enrolled in school. This decrease is explained either by birth certificates or by the fact that some children arrived towards the end of the year (second semester). |
| HEALTH |  | 70% of returnee households do not have a health insurance card compared to 65% in 2021. 84% of returnee children arriving in 2022 are vaccinated against measles from asylum countries. The major challenge is access to health services in the return areas. |
| WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION |  | 81% of households in 2022 reported having access to safe water. More than 50% of them find water within two kilometers. During the drought period, there is an increased need for containers to store sufficient quantities of water at the household level. |
| SHELTER |  | 30% of returnees live in their own homes. 47% live in rented houses; 70% of this group are in the northeastern provinces (Muyinga, Kirundo, and Cankuzo). The returnee community is in great need of support in terms of shelter kits and building materials. |
| FOOD SECURITY |  | 69% of returnee households eat only once a day. 73% of the returning households reported never having received food aid after the one they received upon arrival at the transit center. |
| ACCESS TO LAND |  | 54% of returnees in 2022 have spent their cash allowance to buy land (fields). 69% of those who have land cannot cultivate them due to lack of seeds and farming tools. |
| LIVELIHOODS |  | 70% of returnee households report living on less than \$0.5 per day on average. 60% of returnees are employed as agricultural laborers in the host community's fields. Many returnees living in border areas cross the border back and forth to engage in temporary labor. |

DONORS



Since its introduction in 2019, the Joint Refugee Return and Reintegration Plan (JRRRP) has brought the Government of Burundi, UNHCR, UNDP and partners together. UNHCR has indicated to donors the need for resources to support the process and urged stakeholders to amplify resource mobilization. The annual JRRRP implements the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, bringing together actors to support voluntary repatriation and build the resilience of returnees and host communities to ensure the sustainability of reintegration.

RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS | 2021 - 2022



SHELTER, LAND AND PROPERTY

2,500 construction kits distributed in 6 of the largest communes hosting returnees. **4,320** returnees and the local community assisted with rental support for three months.

1,599 households received land certificates to secure their property.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

228 returnees assisted with latrines and **788** households benefited from a new constructed water system.



EDUCATION

5,111 returnees children (**2,560** girls and **2,551** boys) attended catch-up classes and returned to school.



LIVELIHOOD

1,787 returnees supported with the combination of financial and non-financial assets to rebuild their livelihoods.

1,440 households assisted to improve socio-economic resilience through a partnership with the Ministry of National Solidarity, Human Rights and Gender.



SOCIAL COHENSION

2,700 returnees, **4,121** host community members benefitted from community dialogues and social cohesion activities.



CASH ASSISTANCE

\$2,135,000 of cash assistance disbursed to support reintegration (benefitting **19,141** returnees).

- Returnees who arrive in 2022 are receiving a **three-month food ration and core relief items** per household, depending on the family size.
- Burundi officially submitted pledges on 21 January 2022 in support of the **Global Compact on Refugees**, including on refugee return and sustainable reintegration.

CHALLENGES AND UNMET NEEDS

PROTECTION/DOCUMENTATION



Access to civil documentation and justice for returnees is challenging due to the weak infrastructure and limited capacity of formal and informal justice mechanisms in Burundi.

HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY



Challenges remain for returnees to access housing and/or land. Limited supply of renewable household construction materials often impact the environment as well.

REBUILDING/LIVELIHOODS



There are gaps in support to reintegration and broader development efforts in the main areas of return, leading to low absorption capacities.

EDUCATION



Differences in the education systems provided in the countries of asylum cause children to drop out of school, due to educational challenges as well as administrative hurdles.