Rwanda
PROFILE OF MAHAMA REFUGEE CAMP

SEPTEMBER 2023

As of September 2023, the camp's population stood at **62,486 Persons we Serve**. 51% of the population is under 18, and women/girls also account for half the camp's population. Priority needs include ensuring refugees over 16 years old have state-issued identity cards, supporting refugee livelihoods, constructing/maintaining refugee shelters and infrastructure, provision of sanitation, health, nutrition and education.

Key Facts

62,486 individuals
16,941 households

Administrative:
Province: Eastern Province
District : Kirehe
Sector : Mahama

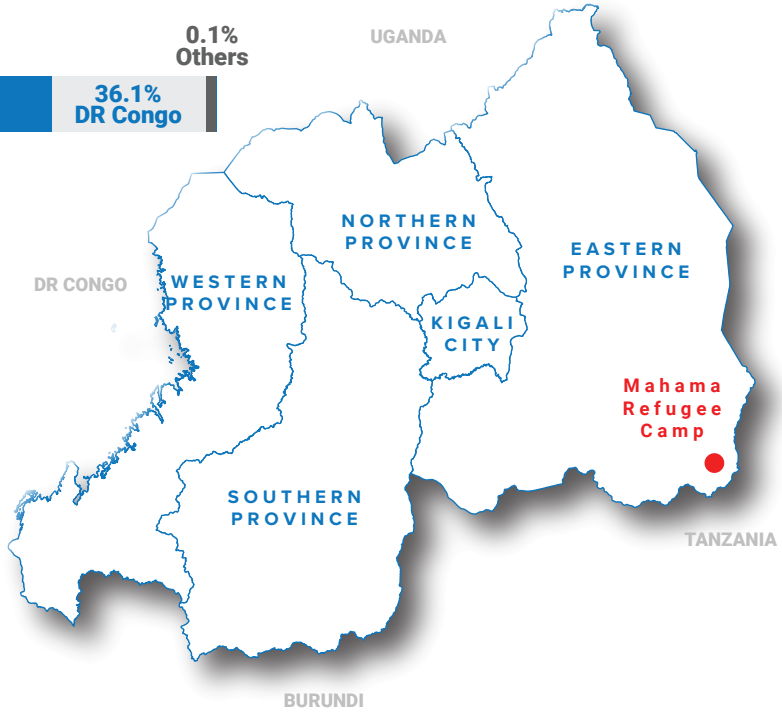
GPS Coordinates:
Latitude : 2°18'40.5"S
Longitude: 30°50'36.5"E

Area:
160 Ha

Number of villages/divisions:
18 villages and 09 Quartiers

Distance to Tanzania border :
02 kilometres

Total humanitarians organizations:
33



Other specifics information

Persons with Specific Needs:
8% of Persons with Specifics Needs

Area of Origin
39% from Kirundo in Burundi and 34% from North Kivu in DR Congo

Education level:
No education level : 36% ; Primary : 40%; Secondary : 22% ; University : 2%

Main occupation:
Small trade, Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Labourers

Main Challenges

Protection

Lack of funding for community caregivers. Managing expectations for the Burundian and minority nationalities in regard to resettlement. Supporting Burundian refugee return.

Health & Nutrition

Limited funding for medical referrals to secondary and tertiary health care. Malnutrition cases.

Shelter

Lack of sufficient lighting in refugee shelters. Inability to connect all shelters with National Electricity Grid. Need for maintenance of old shelters.

Livelihoods

Insufficient livelihood opportunities due to few employment opportunities and limited funding for refugee entrepreneurship. Insufficient banking facilities and financial services around Mahama.

Education

Lack of science facilities at school. Lack of sanitation facilities in early childhood development centres. Limited support for special needs education. Overcrowding of classrooms. Insufficient scholastic materials.

Water, Hygiene and Sanitation

Challenges in keeping WASH facilities operational due to age. Low community involvement in sanitation activities. Outdated water taps and difficulty in accessing spare parts the Water Treatment Plant.

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Indicators Monitoring

Indicators	Value	Standards	Sources
% of person with specific need assisted	100	100%	UNHCR
% children under 12 months with birth certificate delivered by authorities	90	100%	MINEMA
% unaccompanied children identified and referred to host family	98	100%	UNHCR
# person per latrine	17	<10	WVI
# person per bathroom	17	<10	WVI
# person per water point	74	400-500	AYATEKE
water litre / person / day	21	>=20	AYATEKE
% of refugee household with access to standard and appropriate shelter	15,435	100%	UNHCR
Mortality rate (/1000pers/month)	0.3	<1	SCI, MOH
Under 5 years mortality rate (/1000pers/month)	0.06	<2	SCI, MOH
% of households with access to durable and renewable energy	15435	100%	UNHCR
Moderate acute malnutrition rate (MAM)	99	<10%	SCI, MOH
Severe acute malnutrition (SAM)	37	<2%	SCI, MOH
% of school-aged children enrolled in primary school	99%	100%	World Vision
% of school-aged children enrolled in secondary school	98%	100%	World Vision

Committees

- Executive Committee
- Chef de Quartier (09)
- Chef de Village (18)
- Nyuma Kumi (250)
- In Charge of Social Affairs
- Youth Committee
- Religious leaders
- Mediators committee
- Market Committee
- Committee in charge of PWD
- Children committee from every village
- Girls Platform
- Child Protection Committee
- Volunteers Leaders - Protection, CWD, PWD, WASH, Health sectors etc
- Security Committee

Facilities

Name	Quantity	Observations
ECD	3	Good
Primary and Secondary schools	5	Good
Health centre (Mahama 1 &2)	2	Very Good
Police Station	1	Good
Public library	1	Good
Community centre	1	Deteriorating
Water Treatment Plant	1	Good
Playground	2	Averafe fair
Play park	1	Need repair
Women and Girls centre	1	Used for ideas box
Children and Youth friendly space	14	Deteriorating
Distribution site	2	Good
Elite Training Centre	1	Good

33 Partners

Government	UN	INGO	NNGO	Private
7	6	9	8	3

- **Government :** MINEMA, RIB, DGIE, RNP, RDF, Mahama Sector, Kirehe District
- **UN** : UNHCR, WFP, IOM, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO
- **INGO** : SCI, Alight, HI, ICRC, World Vision, Plan Internatioal, GIZ, World Vision, Pratical Action
- **NNGO** : PFR, ADRA, Rwanda Red Cross, Maison Shalom, Impact Hope, CARITAS Rwanda, Inkomoko, Indego
- **Private** : Ayatake, Umutanguha, Profemmes TH/Educfemmes

Partners by Sector

PFR	WFP	World Vision	SCI	World Vision	UNHCR	MINEMA	CARITAS Rwanda
SCI	ADRA	Ayatake	Plan International	Maison Shalom			World Vision
Alight			WFP	Rwanda Red Cross			Inkomoko
HI			Rwanda Red Cross	GIZ			Indego
ICRC			WHO	Impact Hope			Umutanguha
RIB and Police				Profemmes TH			Rwanda Red Cross
IOM							Maison Shalom
UNHCR							Plan International
							Practical Action
							GIZ
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