



UNHCR Burundi Operations Overview

November 2023

TOTAL POPULATION

329 900

85 400

refugees in camps and
urban areas

2 300

asylum seekers

233 200

assisted returnees

8 200

internally displaced
persons

800

persons at risk of
statelessness

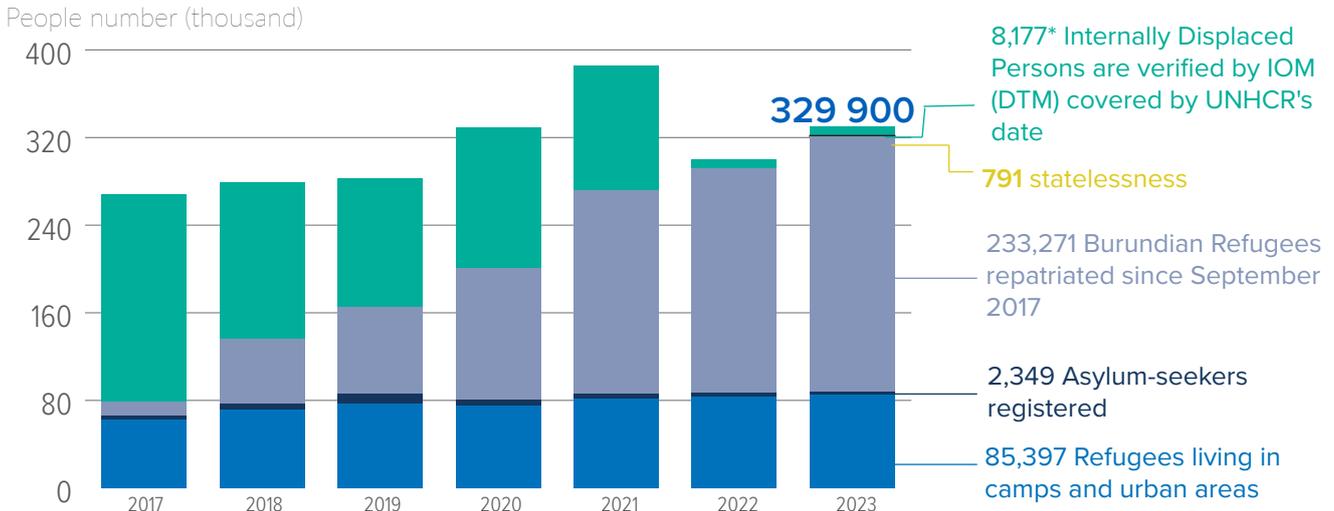
Statistics as of **30 November**
2023 or latest available



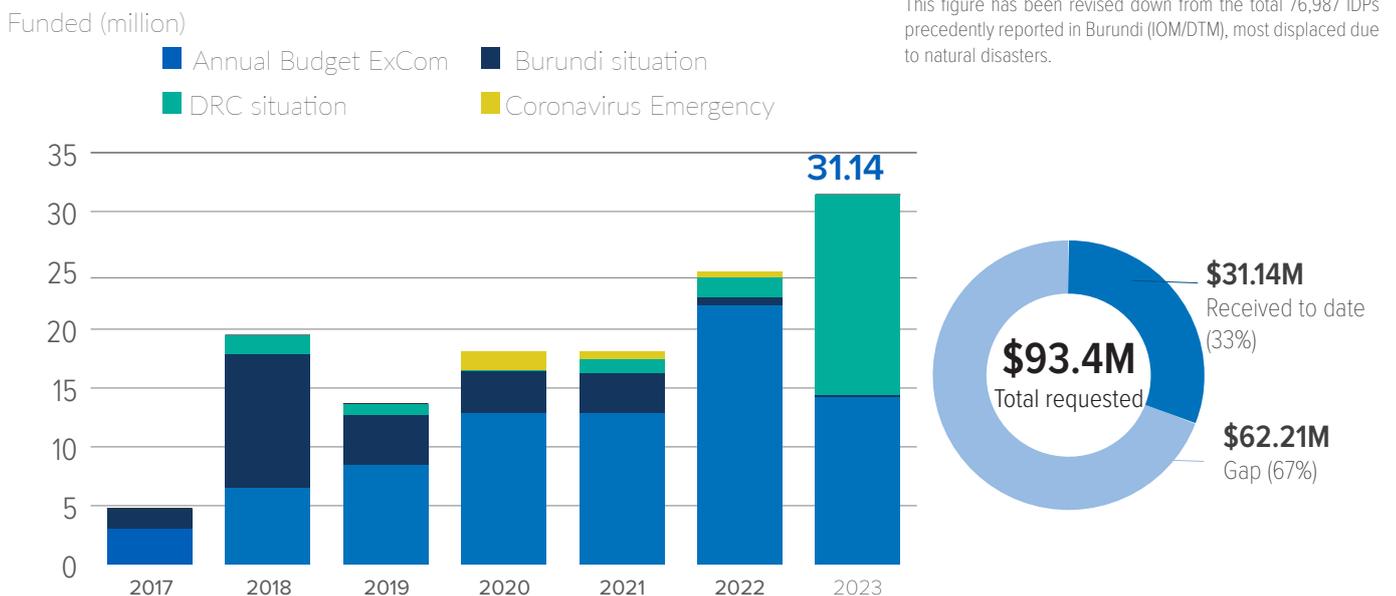
OPERATION OVERVIEW

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 faces an unprecedented funding gap. As of 30 November 2023, there were **329 900** persons needing life-saving aid, while the funding levels stood at only **31%**.

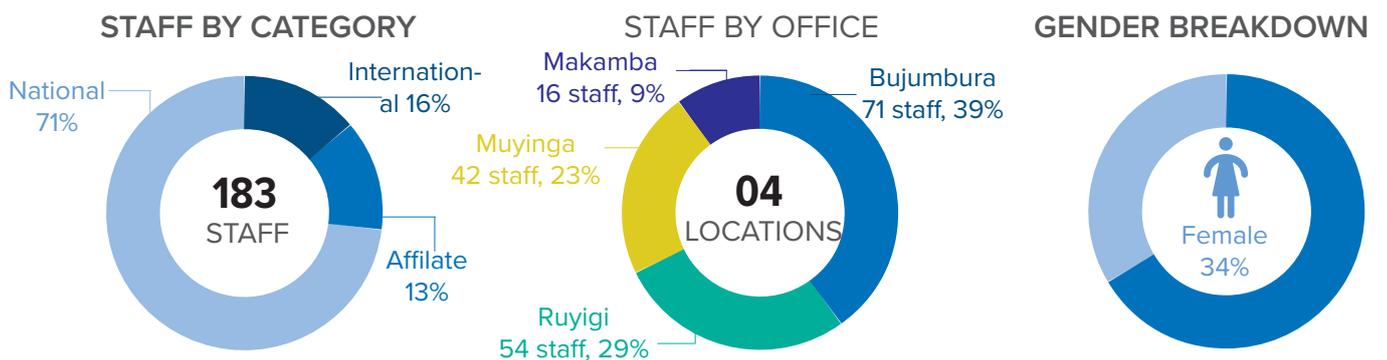
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FUNDING



STAFFING



Summary by Donor | 2017 - 2023 | 2024

Donor	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	130,413	-
Central Emergency Response Fund	-	2,527,999	150,092	-	1,200,231	-	-	-
China	-	-	-	-	14,761	-	-	-
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	275,060	-
ECHO	-	-	-	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
Emirates Red Crescent	-	-	-	230,000	-	-	-	-
European Union	-	-	-	1,209,429	1,483,671	4,109,415	2,634,122	-
France	434,311	580,720	200,000	284,414	293,083	-	873,362	-
Germany	-	-	-	-	1,242,246	2,713,349	317,692	-
Latter-day saint charities	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,025	-
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	-	2,300,000
Monaco	-	-	-	-	-	-	103,413	100,000
Priv. Donors France	-	-	-	-	-	746	1,127	-
Priv. Donors Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	-	191,000	-	-
Priv. Donors Italy	-	-	-	-	-	341,402	277,308	-
Priv. Donors Switzerland	-	-	-	-	-	439	-	-
Priv. Donors Thailand	-	31,846	-	-	-	-	-	-
Republic of Korea	-	200,000	100,000	-	-	450,000	4,000,000	-
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	16,696,672	-
UNO-Fluechtlingshilfe	-	-	-	-	-	413,039	-	-
World Diabetes Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	1,718,910	1,736,781	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	31,195,975	4,150,000
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	2,567,355	- 52,670	-
Grand Total						30,743,919	31,143,305	4,150,000

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Donor and country contributions | 2022 - 2023



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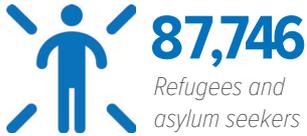
Korea International
Cooperation Agency



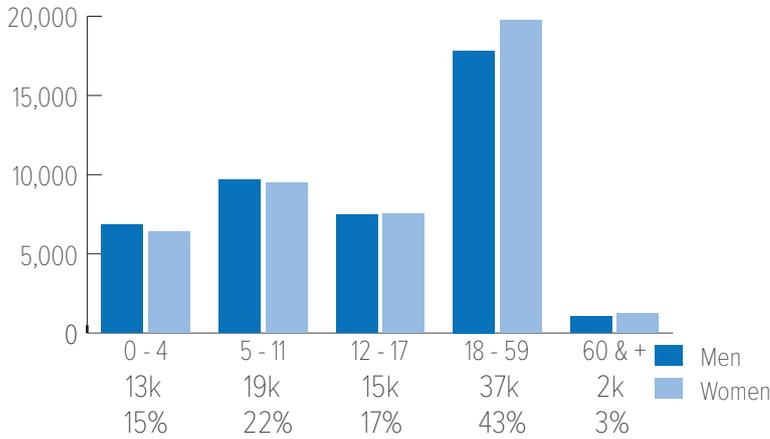
Implementing partners | 2022 - 2023

Partners name	Partner type	Projet title	Pillar/area of intervention
COMMISSION NATIONALE INDEPENDANTE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME	GOVT	Coordination des activités de protection des Personnes Déplacées Internes, Rapatriées	Pillar 4 - IDP Project
INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, Inc	INTLNGO	Assistance aux PBS et Logistique (Gestion du carburant et Garage)	Pillar 1,3 - Refugee Programme and Reintegration Project
CED - CARITAS BURUNDI	LOCALNGO	Distribution des vivres et non vivres dans les camps et aux rapatriés de l'Est	Pillar 1,3 - Refugee Programme and Reintegration Project
MINISTERE DE L'INTERIEUR, DU DEVELOPPEMENT COMMUNAUTAIRE ET DE LA SECURITE PUBLIQUE	GOVT	Accueil et Accompagnement des Rapatriés	Pillar 3 - Reintegration Project
CONSEIL POUR EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT, BURUNDI	LOCALNGO	Assistance camps de réfugiés en abris, infrastructures, WASH et énergie/ construction centre Covid19	Pillar 1,3 - Refugee Programme and Reintegration Project
OFFICE NATIONAL DE PROTECTION DES REFUGIES ET APATRIDES	GOVT	Accueil, Enregistrement, Documentation, DSR, Administration et Gestion des camps des réfugiés	Pillar 1,2 - Refugee and Stateless Programme
RET INTERNTIONAL	INTLNGO	Appui à l'autonomisation des réfugiés dans les camps et bourses d'études universitaires réf./rap.	Pillar 1,3 - Refugee Programme and Reintegration Project
COMMISSION EPISCOPALE JUSTICE ET PAIX	LOCALNGO	Monitoring de protection des rapatriés Burundais	Pillar 3 - Reintegration Project
STICHTING RED EEN KING (Help a Child)	INTLNGO	Distribution vivres/non vivres aux Réfugiés des camps Musasa et Kinama, aux Rapatriés et aux IDPs	Pillar 1,3,4 - Refugee Programme and Reintegration and IDP Project
WE WORLD - G.V.C. Organizzazione Non lucrativa di Utilita Sociale	INTLNGO	Assistance santé/nutrition aux Réfugiés, screening et assistance médicale aux Rapatriés dans les CTs	Pillar 1,3 - Refugee Programme and Reintegration Project
ICIRORE C'AMAHORO	LOCALNGO	Assistance Legale pour les Réfugiés dans les camps et en milieu urbain et les Rapatriés.	Pillar 1,3 - Refugee Programme and Reintegration Project
SAVE THE CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL	INTLNGO	Prévention des GBV et PE pour les réfugiés dans les camps et en milieu urbain et Monitoring de Prot.	Pillar 1 - Refugee Programme
JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE	INTLNGO	Appui à l'Education des Réfugiés dans les camps et en Milieu Urbain	Pillar 1 - Refugee Programme
AFRICAN INITIATIVE FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT	INTLNGO	Assistance en abris et NFIs et Appui logistique aux opérations du HCR au Burundi	Pillar 1,3 - Refugee Programme and Reintegration Project
WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL	INTLNGO	Soutien des rapatriés dans les domaines WASH, PBS, SGBV, Child Protection, Education	Pillar 3 - Reintegration Project
MINISTERE DE LA SANTE PUBLIQUE ET DE LA LUTTE CONTRE LE SIDA DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU BDI	GOVT	Depistage COVID-19 des Rapatriés dans les centres de transit	Pillar 3 - Reintegration Project

Key figures



Breakdown of refugees and asylum seekers by gender and age

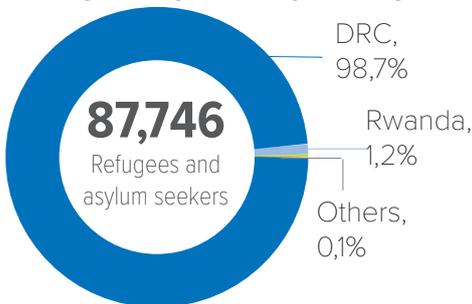


Refugees by location type

Location	Number	Percentage
Urban	32,570	37%
Kavumu	18,187	21%
Nyankanda	11,329	13%
Bwagiriza	9,656	11%
Musasa	8,582	10%
Kinama	7,422	8%
Grand Total	87,746	



Refugees by country of origin



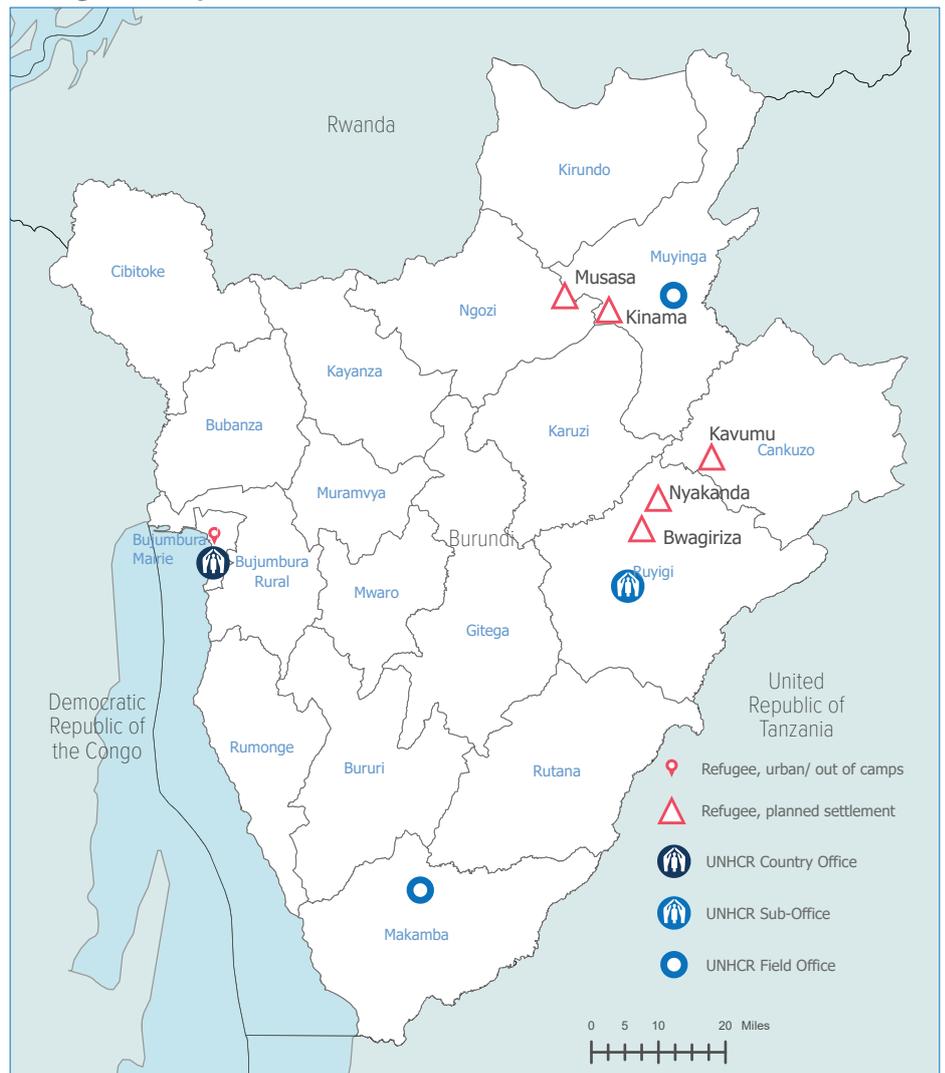
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Refugee camps and urban areas



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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 233 200 Burundian refugees had been recorded as having returned by the end of November 2023. Most are from Tanzania, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, and other countries. 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.

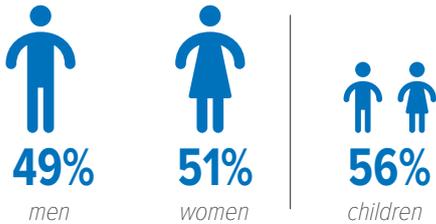
Key figures

 **233,271**
since 2017

25,710
in 2023 (87 convoys and flights)

 **699**
convoys and flights (since 2017)

Breakdown by gender and age



Returnees by country of asylum

Countries of asylum	2023	Since 2017
Tanzania	19,413	164,700
Rwanda	325	32,126
D. R. Congo	4,504	17,397
Kenya	157	3,238
Uganda	944	15,144
Mozambique	48	207
Others	319	459
TOTAL	25,710	233,271

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).

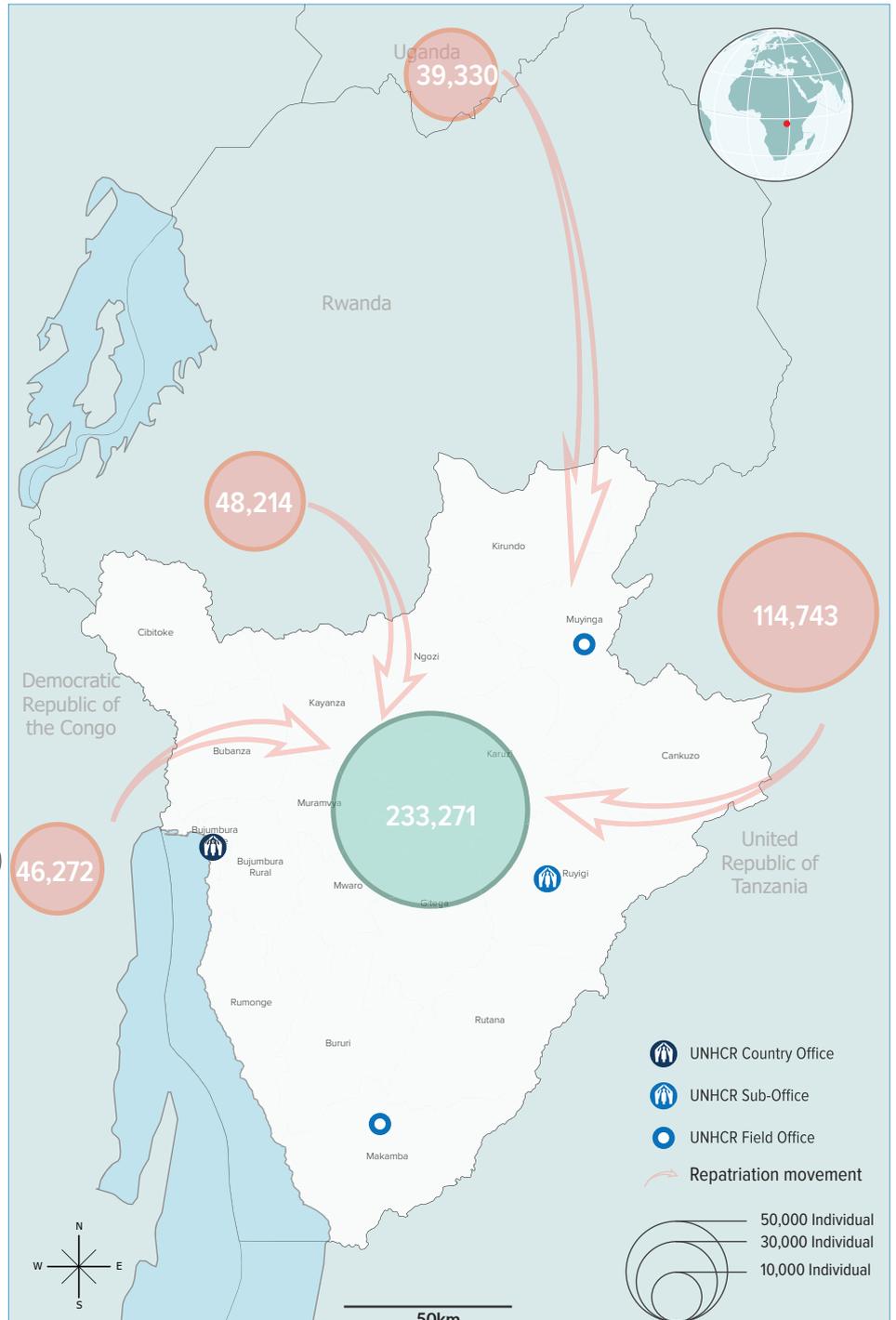
Cash grant

Cash assistance provided by UNHCR through mobile cash. The equivalent of 200 USD (560,778 BIF) per person.

Secondary trans.

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

Burundian refugees in the region



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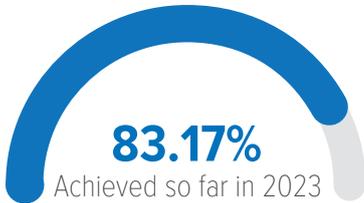
Context

With increased resettlement needs for Congolese refugees in Burundi, which currently stands at 18,500, UNHCR Burundi processes resettlement cases from three locations: Ruyigi, Muyinga, and Bujumbura. The quota allocation for Burundi for 2023 was increased to 5400 -USA (4,950), Australia (250), and Canada (200). The increased quota is pegged on the Group resettlement for Burundi approved by the USA in January 2023.

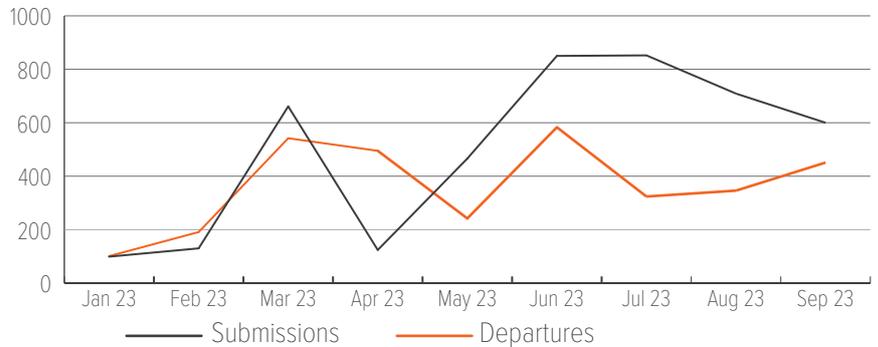
Under the objectives of the Global Compact for Refugees (GCR) and the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), Burundi continues efforts to broaden refugee access to solutions in third countries by seeking complementary pathways such as family reunification, humanitarian corridors, education, and labor mobility programs.

Submission target 4,950 **Referral 973** **Submission 4,491** **Departures 3,271***

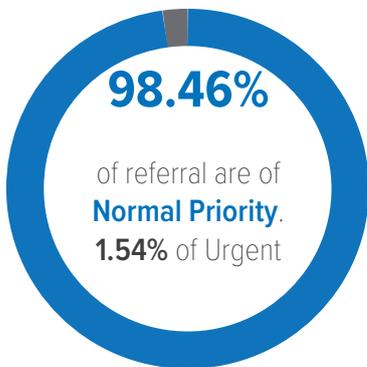
Submission indicator



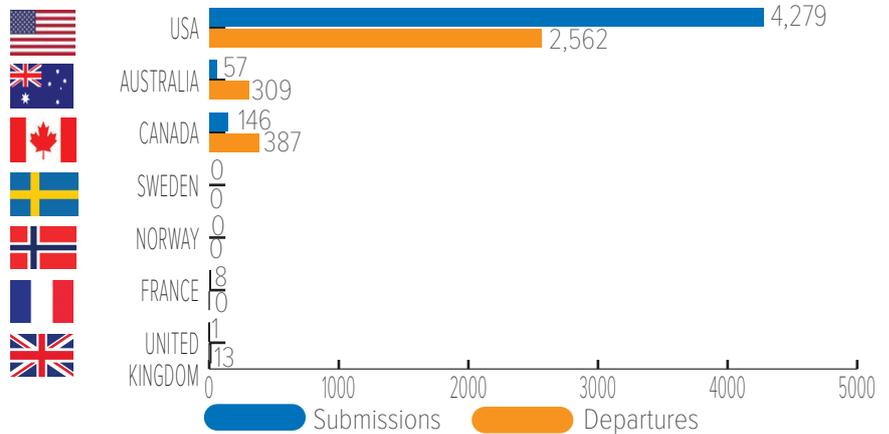
Submissions and departures trends



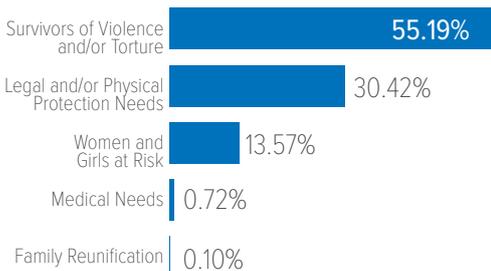
Submission priority



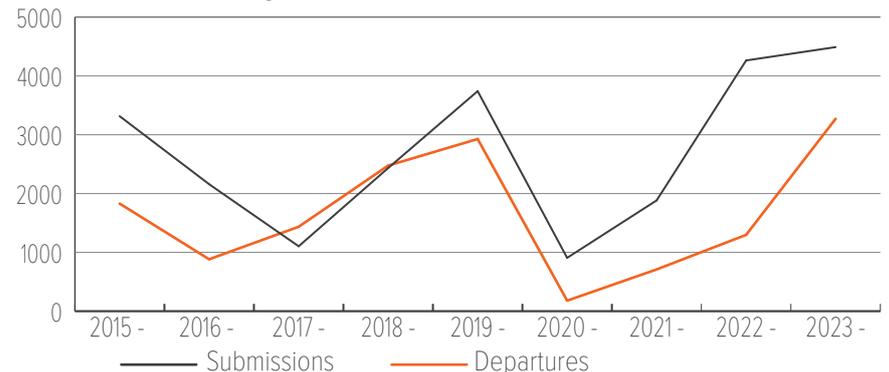
Submission and departure by country of resettlement (2023)



Submission criteria



Submissions and departures trends 2015 - 2023



* 3,226 Congolese, 3 Rwandans and 42 Burundians. None of them were submitted for resettlement this year.

Since 2017, UNHCR has supported the voluntary repatriation of over 225,300 returnees, including 65,000 in 2021 and 21,788 in 2022. Upon the arrival of returnees in their province 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 essential 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 significant challenge. For example, over 69% 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		<p>The respondents reported that at least 73% of adults in households have national identity cards. 75% of children received birth certificates in 2023 (compared to 69% in 2022), a significant improvement resulting from registration campaigns.</p>
EDUCATION		<p>47% of the children who arrived this year, compared to 52% in 2022, are enrolled in school. The observed decrease is due to the fact that the majority of children arrived during the second semester and experienced difficulties in enrolling and adapting to the Burundian education system.</p>
HEALTH		<p>67% of returnee households do not have a health insurance card compared to 70% in 2022. 79% of returnee children arriving in 2022 are vaccinated against measles from asylum countries. The major challenge is accessing quality healthcare services in the return areas.</p>
WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION		<p>85% of households in 2022 reported having access to safe water. More than 90% 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.</p>
SHELTER		<p>26% of returnees live in their own homes. 37% live in rented houses; 70% of this group are in Muyinga, Cibitoke, Kirundo, and Ruyigi provinces. The returnee community is in great need of support in terms of shelter kits and building materials.</p>
FOOD SECURITY		<p>64% 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.</p>
ACCESS TO LAND		<p>In 2023, 39% of repatriated households used their cash allowance for the acquisition of land (fields), but only 18% were able to practice farming during the last cropping season. The challenges are the lack of seeds and agricultural tools.</p>
LIVELIHOODS		<p>89% of returnee households report living on less than USD 3 per month on average. Many returnees living in border areas cross the border back and forth to engage in temporary labor.</p>

DONORS

