

# United Republic of Tanzania

January 2023

Tanzania hosts some **242,525** refugees and asylum-seekers mainly from Burundi and DRC, who live in two camps, while some refugees from the 1972 Burundian population live in villages and three old settlements in Kigoma, Katavi and Tabora Regions.

In coordination with the Government, UNHCR and partners have been receiving asylum seekers fleeing violent clashes in DRC since March 2023. As of 31 January, a total of **14,496** Congolese new arrivals were received in Tanzania.

UNHCR continues to provide **protection** and **life-saving assistance** to refugees, asylum-seekers, stateless people, and host community members, as well as pursuing **durable solutions**.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**108**

**refugees repatriated** to Burundi with support from Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, UNHCR and partners.

**1,301**

**Burundian refugee students** sat for their final exam with support from the Government of Switzerland.

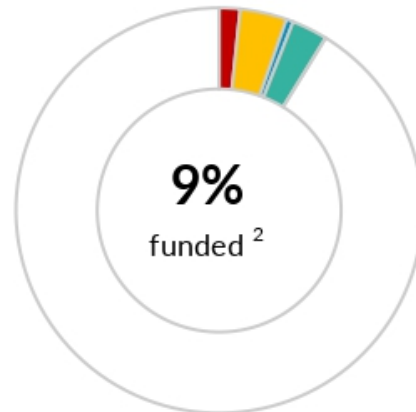
**49,729**

**medical consultations** conducted for refugees and host community members in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps.

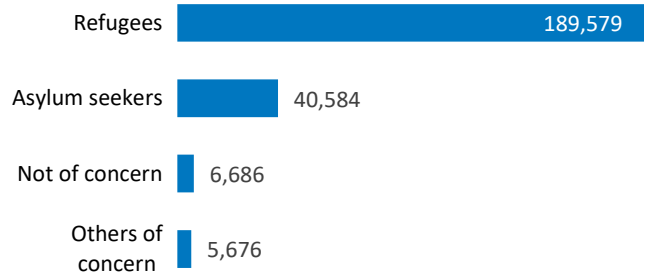
## FUNDING (AS OF 31 JANUARY 2024)

**USD 114.6 million**

requested for the Tanzania operation.



## POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 31 JANUARY)



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Government of Tanzania, UNHCR and partners supported 108 refugees to voluntarily repatriate to Burundi. © UNHCR/Maimuna Mtengela

**PROTECTION**

- **Persons with Specific Needs (PSN):** UNHCR, through HelpAge Tanzania, supported 276 PSN with food items (cooking oil, nutritious flour, peanut butter, powder milk, rice, and sugar), especially persons with serious medical conditions, frail elderly persons, and children with disabilities while 308 PSN received mattresses and blankets, 70 women with specific needs received dignity kits and 45 individuals with disabilities received food.
- **Gender Based Violence (GBV):** UNHCR documented 59 GBV incidents in the two camps, including denial of resources, psychological /emotional abuse, physical assault, rape, and sexual assault. All survivors were provided with comprehensive case management services and psychosocial support.
- **Community outreach:** UNHCR and partners conducted eight outreach sessions on the effects early marriage, child pregnancy, harmful traditional practices contributing to GBV, and referral pathway, reaching a total of 1,665 Congolese and Burundian persons we serve in Nyarugusu camp.

**EDUCATION**

- **Enrolment:** This month, 82,353 children of school age were enrolled in 54 camp-based schools. Net enrolment rates stood at 62 percent for Early Childhood Care Development, 138 percent for primary schools, and 41 percent for secondary schools across the two camps.
- **Teachers:** In collaboration with the Ministry of Education in the DRC, UNHCR and its partner IRC provided 600 teaching manuals to Congolese refugee teachers in Nyarugusu camp, ensuring teachers use updated teaching materials that reflect curriculum changes in their country of origin.
- **Examinations:** With Government of Switzerland support, UNHCR and its partner IRC administered exams to 1,301 Burundians students in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps for grades 9, 13, and 14.

**HEALTH**

- **Health:** UNHCR's health partners conducted 49,729 consultations for refugees and host community members at outpatient departments in the two camps. Some 1,931 non-communicable diseases patients received consultations with support from the World Diabetes Foundation. Crude mortality rate for this month was 0.8 while under 5 mortality rate was 1.6 which is within the global standards.
- **Medical referrals:** UNHCR and partners facilitated 32 referrals to secondary and tertiary level hospitals to save the lives of the persons we serve.
- **Capacity building:** UNHCR and partners trained 51 Community Health Workers (CHWs) on cholera symptoms and preventive measures through weekly medical education sessions. The aim was to provide CHWs with the knowledge to educate the community during their regular household visits.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

- **Food distribution:** UNHCR's partner DRC provided hot meals for 1,314 individuals, including Burundian refugees repatriating and Congolese new arrivals at the reception and departure centre.

**WATER AND SANITATION (WASH)**

- **Water:** Water supply coverage is above global standards in Nduta Camp where the persons we serve received 24.3 litres per day, while the persons we serve in Nyarugusu Camp received 19.7 litres per day, below the UNHCR recommended standard. Maintenance and replacement of taps is ongoing and this month UNHCR and its partners installed 12 taps in Nyarugusu Camp.
- **Sanitation:** Latrine coverage ratio stands at five persons per latrine in Nduta Camp and around six persons per latrine in Nyarugusu Camp. Coverage of households with latrines remains below standard in the two camps.

**SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS**

- **Shelter:** UNHCR and partners built 60 emergency shelters for Congolese asylum seekers and maintained 22 shelters in Nyarugusu Camp, while 230 shelters were maintained in Nduta camp to support households. Ongoing heavy rains and strong winds continued to threaten the lives and shelters of refugees in Nduta Camp with the number of damaged shelters anticipated to increase.
- **Essential items:** UNHCR's partner DRC distributed 123 sleeping mats, 155 mosquito nets, 58 kitchen sets, and 89 buckets to Congolese new arrivals.

**RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE**

- **Cross-border market assessment:** UNHCR with ICCA, DRC, and IRC, within the framework of the EU cross-border project, initiated a cross-border market assessment across three provinces in Burundi: Muyinga, Ruyigi, and Makamba. The objective of the assessment is to understand the employment landscape, identify potential skills gaps, and understand the specific needs of the job market to design effective skills development programs in Tanzania and Burundi aligned with market demands, ensuring returnees future employability.
- **Technical vocational education training (TVET) graduation:** UNHCR and its partner DRC organized the graduation ceremony of 338 individuals from the third cohort class of 2023 at Nyarugusu Camp, highlighting the positive impact of education initiatives on refugee livelihoods.
- **Access to TVET:** This month, significant progress was made in enhancing access to TVET through strengthened collaborations with UNICEF, who have extended support to UNHCR's partner DRC to expand enrolment of refugee youth in TVET programs. This initiative has successfully engaged 240 Congolese and Burundian refugee youth (135 female, 95 male). TVET trainings focus on imparting crucial vocational skills, fostering entrepreneurship, and enhancing financial literacy among the refugees to improve their prospects and socioeconomic empowerment.

**DURABLE SOLUTIONS**

- **Resettlement:** This month, 633 refugees departed for resettlement to Australia, Canada, Finland, and the USA. UNHCR submitted a total of 414 refugees for resettlement to third countries.

- **Return:** The Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, UNHCR, and partners facilitated the voluntary return of 108 refugees to Burundi in the provinces of Bujumbura Mairie, Cankuzo, Gitega, Karuzi, Makamba, Muyinga, Ngozi, Rumonge, Rutana, and Ruyigi.



### ACCESS TO ENERGY

- **Awareness raising:** UNHCR and partners conducted awareness raising with 4,814 refugees in the camps and 555 individuals in the host community on the importance of protecting the environment and adopting best cooking practices with the aim of reducing environment degradation and conserving trees and natural forests. Additionally, campaigns to create awareness and promote adoption of fuel-efficient stoves were conducted in the camps and host community reaching 11,000 individuals.

### GAPS AND NEEDS

Shortage of funds continued to severely impact the lives of the persons we serve in Tanzania. Soap distribution and household latrine coverage is below minimum standards. Food rations have been reduced to 60% leading to negative coping mechanisms. Dilapidated classrooms in schools cannot be repaired. Alternative cooking energy sources cannot be scaled up to the larger refugee population, exposing them to protection risks while collecting firewood in the host community. Lack of enough stock of plastic sheeting to support all the construction of shelters activities for the year.

### DONORS

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