

United Republic of Tanzania

May 2024

Tanzania hosts **237,997** 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, as of 31 May 2024.

In coordination with the Government, UNHCR and partners have been receiving asylum seekers fleeing violent clashes in the DRC since March 2023. As of 31 May 2024, a total of **14,619** Congolese new arrivals were received in Tanzania.

UNHCR continues to provide **protection** and **assistance** to refugees, asylum-seekers, and stateless persons. Material assistance also extends to the host community. In addition, UNHCR seeks **durable solutions**.

HIGHLIGHTS

2,388

refugees repatriated to Burundi this month, bringing the total number to 170,731 refugees assisted since the start of the voluntary repatriation exercise in September 2017

255

Congolese refugees were resettled to Australia, Canada, and the USA this month

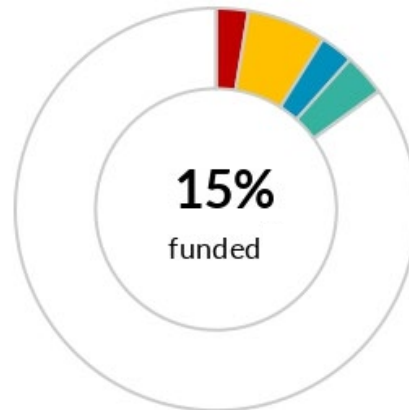
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Children aged 6-59 months were identified with severe acute malnutrition and admitted to the Stabilization Centre for treatment

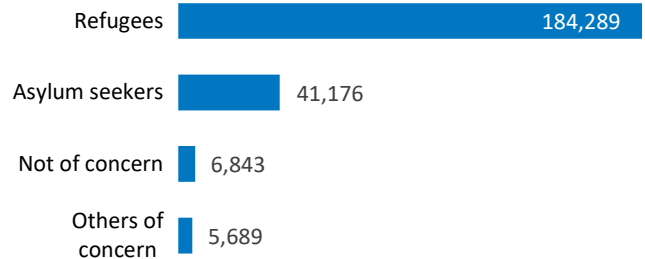
FUNDING (AS OF 31 MAY 2024)

USD 114.6 million

requested for the Tanzania operation



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UNHCR Tanzania Deputy Representative, Mr. George Masbay Kuchio visited refugees camps this month. © UNHCR/Maimuna Mtengela.

**PROTECTION**

- **Gender based violence (GBV):** UNHCR documented 109 GBV incidents in Nduta and Nyarugusu refugee camps, including physical assault, psychological abuse, rape, resources denial, and sexual assault. All survivors received comprehensive services, including legal counselling, medical assistance, psychosocial support, and other essential services. As part of GBV prevention and risk mitigation, UNHCR conducted GBV training from 21 to 22 May, 2024 for community groups including religious leaders, persons with specific needs (PSN), women and men committees for Congolese and Burundian refugees. The training raised awareness to the community on GBV concepts, referral pathways to service providers, and reporting mechanisms.
- **Capacity building:** On 9 May 2024, UNHCR facilitated a training in Kibondo for its partner the Danish Refugee Council on the latest version of UNHCR's registration and case management software 'ProGres version 4'. The training will enable Danish Refugee Council to update PSN data in the cloud-based system, improving data quality and guaranteeing a smooth access to services.
- **Support to host community:** On 27 May 2024, UNHCR donated ICT equipment, including a computer, printer, and UPS to the Police in Kasulu to strengthen access to justice for refugees and the host community. Supporting refugee-hosting communities is a cornerstone of UNHCR's work as it improves relations between the host and refugee communities and augments relations with our interlocutors in government.

**EDUCATION**

- **Documentation support:** UNHCR and its partner IRC supported 299 refugee students (173 female, 126 male) in Nduta and Nyarugusu refugee camps who are either in the repatriation or resettlement process to receive their academic records. With the right documents, the refugee students can smoothly continue their education in Burundi when repatriated or in the third country when resettled.
- **Scholarships:** UNHCR, in collaboration with IRC, supported 13 qualified refugee students from Nduta and Nyarugusu camps with various undergraduate and Master's scholarships. Of the 12 students, six students were interviewed for UNICORE 6.0 scholarship in Italy, five students were accepted for the Mastercard Foundation scholarship for studies in Kenya, and two students were awarded the DAAD scholarship to pursue their Master's degree in Germany.

**HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

- **Health services:** This month, skilled healthcare workers delivered 98 percent of 1,069 live births in Nduta and Nyarugusu refugee camps, including the host community.
- **Nutrition:** UNHCR's partners identified 48 children aged 6-59 months with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and admitted them to the Stabilization Centre. Some 98 children with SAM were treated through the outpatient therapeutic feeding program in Nyarugusu and Nduta health facilities. With support from the World Diabetes Foundation (WDF), UNHCR and partners distributed complementary food to 355 refugees living with non-communicable diseases in Nduta Refugee Camp.

**FOOD SECURITY**

- **Food distribution:** Refugees residing in Nduta and Nyarugusu refugee camps received 60 percent of dry food rations. UNHCR's partner the Danish Refugee Council continued providing hot meals to Burundian refugees repatriating and Congolese new arrivals residing at the reception and departure centres.

**WATER AND SANITATION (WASH)**

- **Water:** Water supply coverage was above global standards for the persons we serve in Nduta Refugee Camp, receiving 24.5 liters per day, with Nyarugusu Refugee Camp providing 25 liters per day. Maintenance and replacement of taps is ongoing, and this month UNHCR and its partners installed 84 taps in the two camps.

**SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS**

- **Shelter:** UNHCR and partners built 27 emergency family shelters for Congolese asylum seekers in Nyarugusu Camp and maintained 11 shelters in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps.

**RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE**

- **Kitchen gardening:** With the support from the European Union (EU) and the Kingdom of Belgium, UNHCR's partner the Danish Refugee Council provided technical assistance on kitchen gardening to 3,455 individuals (2,530 female, 925 male), helping refugees improve their dietary diversity and mitigate the impact of reduced food rations. The Danish Refugee Council also established four mushroom production centres in Kibondo and Kasulu to equip communities with advanced mushroom farming techniques and thus improving their livelihoods.

**DURABLE SOLUTIONS**

- **Resettlement:** UNHCR submitted 452 refugees to Australia, Canada, Sweden and the USA this month for resettlement. A total of 2,163 individuals have been submitted since the beginning of the year. In addition, 255 refugees, all Congolese, departed for Australia, Canada, and the USA, bringing the total number of refugees who departed for resettlement in the year 2024 to 2,725.
- **Return:** The Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, UNHCR, and partners facilitated the voluntary repatriation of 2,388 refugees to Burundi this month, to the provinces of Bujumbura Mairie, Bujumbura Rural, Bururi, Cankuzo, Karuzi, Kayanza, Kirundo Makamba, Muramvya, Muyinga, Ngozi, Rumonge, Rutana, and Ruyigi. This brings the total number of refugees who have been assisted to return to Burundi this year to 5,887 individuals.

**ACCESS TO ENERGY**

- **Energy:** On 28 May 2024, UNHCR's partner completed the installation of a new 30-kilowatt-hour solar photovoltaic panel at the hospital in Nyarugusu Refugee Camp.

- **Environment:** This month, UNHCR and partners maintained 321 acres of woodlots in the two camps through weeding and bush clearance to enhance the growth of young trees and attain an 80 percent survival rate.

GAPS AND NEEDS

Shortage of funds continued to severely impact the lives of the persons we serve in Tanzania. 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. Implementation of WASH activities such as improving the water supply system and coverage of household latrines are limited. There is a shortage of soap, medicines, medical supplies, and insecticide-treated nets, among other critical areas.

DONORS

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