OPERATIONAL UPDATE

United Republic of Tanzania

June 2026

As of 30 June 2026, Tanzania hosts **131,034** refugees and asylum seekers, mainly from Burundi and the DRC. Of these, 89,808 live in Nyarugusu Camp, while 41,226 (mostly Burundian) refugees live in urban areas, villages, and old settlements in Dar es Salaam, Kigoma, Katavi, and Tabora regions.

In collaboration with the Government, UNHCR, and partners, have been receiving asylum seekers fleeing violent clashes in the DRC. In June 2026, a total of **62** new arrivals were received in Tanzania, bringing the total number of arrivals to **4,391** since renewed violence in eastern DRC in January 2025.

UNHCR continues to provide **protection** and **assistance** to persons of concern. Some services, including primary health care and education, are also extended to the host community. In addition, UNHCR seeks **durable solutions for refugees**.

HIGHLIGHTS

15,800

refugees repatriated to Burundi to the provinces of Bujumbura Mairie, Bururi, Cankuzo, Karuzi, Kirundo, Makamba, Muyinga, Rumonge, Ruyigi, and Rutana.

12,933

refugees and Tanzanians received health services in Nyarugusu Camp.

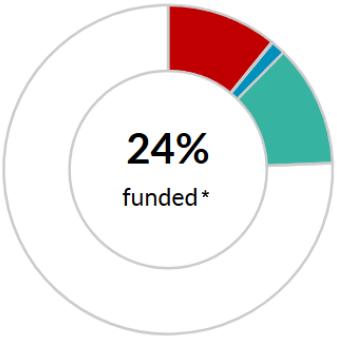
4,064

refugees attended legal awareness sessions at Nyarugusu Camp.

FUNDING (AS OF 30 JUNE 2026)

USD 81.1 million

Requested for the Tanzania operation.



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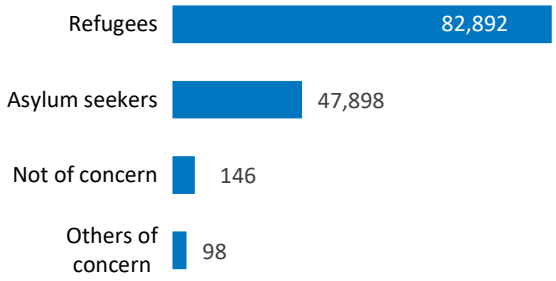
Congolese refugees performing during the World Refugee Day celebrations at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. ©UNHCR/Maimuna Mtengela

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 30 JUNE 2026)



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PROTECTION

- **World Refugee Day:** On 19 June 2026, UNHCR, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), partner organizations, and refugees and asylum seekers commemorated World Refugee Day in Dar es Salaam, Kigoma, and Nyarugusu Camp under the theme, "Until Everyone is Safe." In Dar es Salaam, the event was attended by the Minister for Home Affairs, Hon. Patrobas Katambi, who engaged refugees and asylum-seekers from Sudan, the DRC, Yemen, and other countries in an interactive dialogue, providing a platform to share their experiences and aspirations. Across Tanzania, refugees shared their talents, strength, and hope through songs, drumming, poetry, and personal stories, promoting solidarity, inclusion, and shared humanity. As part of the commemorations, refugee volunteers in Kigoma conducted community service activities at a local hospital, demonstrating solidarity with and support for the host community.
- **DRC situation:** The Government of Tanzania and UNHCR continued to receive new arrivals from the DRC and recorded 62 individuals seeking safety in Tanzania this month. This brings the total number of arrivals since renewed violence in Eastern DRC in January 2025 to 4,391 individuals. In collaboration with the Government, UN agencies, and NGO partners, UNHCR provided the new arrivals with comprehensive protection and lifesaving assistance, including support to unaccompanied and separated children, shelter, food, core relief items, counselling, and medical care.
- **Legal awareness:** From 1-25 June 2026, UNHCR and partners provided legal awareness sessions to 4,064 individuals (2,750 female, 1,314 male) in Nyarugusu Camp. Participants received information on compliance with camp regulations and Tanzanian law, including the consequences of unauthorized movement, providing false identities when detained, violations of child protection laws, and other legal protection issues.

EDUCATION

- **Congolese national examinations:** In June 2026, the National Exams Council of Tanzania (NECTA), in collaboration with the DRC Government, MoHA, UNHCR, and Caritas Tanzania, conducted three DRC national examinations for 4,147 refugee students (1,979 female, 2,168 male) in Nyarugusu Camp. From 4-5 June 2026, 2,377 candidates (1,209 female, 1,168 male) sat for the Grade 6 examinations. From 11-12 June 2026, 1,291 candidates (618 female, 673 male) took the Grade 8 examinations. The final session of the DRC Form Four national examinations was conducted from 22-25 June 2026, with 479 candidates (152 female, 327 male) sitting for the exams.
- **Kazakhstan Government university scholarships:** On 30 June 2026, the first-round selection results for the Kazakhstan Government Scholarship Program were released, with 10 refugee students from Nyarugusu Camp shortlisted to proceed to the online interview stage scheduled for 7-16 July 2026. Throughout the application and interview preparation process, UNHCR supported shortlisted students by providing laptops, internet access, and a dedicated space to facilitate their participation.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- **Health services:** UNHCR's health partners conducted 12,933 consultations for refugees and host communities in Nyarugusu Camp (12,032 refugees, 901 Tanzanians). The top three leading causes of morbidities were malaria (24%), upper respiratory tract infection (23%), and urinary tract infection (13%). The crude mortality rate was 0.30, and the under-five mortality rate was 0.73, both within global standards.

- **Comprehensive safe motherhood services:** A total of 449 live births were delivered in Nyarugusu Camp, including refugees and the host community, with 99 per cent of deliveries conducted by skilled healthcare workers. Out of the 449 live births, 42 live births were delivered by host community women inside the camp.
- **Medical referrals:** A total of 15 referrals from Nyarugusu Camp and Kigoma Transit Centre were conducted this month to primary and secondary level referral hospitals through partners to save the lives of refugees and asylum seekers (10 from Nyarugusu Camp, 5 from Kigoma Transit Centre). All referrals were emergency cases.
- **Nutrition:** UNHCR's partners and nutrition community volunteers identified a total of 13 children under five years old (12 refugees, 1 Tanzanian) with Severe Acute Malnutrition, all children were provided with the necessary treatment.

FOOD SECURITY

- **Food distribution:** Refugees residing in Nyarugusu camp received 50 per cent of the dry food rations in June 2026 provided by WFP. UNHCR's partner, the Tanganyika Christian Refugees Services (TCRS), continued providing hot meals for Burundian refugees repatriating and Congolese new arrivals residing at the departure and reception centres at 50 per cent and 82 per cent respectively.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

- **Water:** Water supply coverage was at an average of 24.4 litres per person per day in Nyarugusu Camp, which is above the global standard of 20 litres per person per day.
- **Sanitation:** Household latrine coverage was at an average of 73 per cent in Nyarugusu Camp, a small increase from the previous month of 72 per cent, though it remains a substantial gap as it falls below the 85 per cent global standard for household latrine coverage.
- **Hygiene:** UNHCR, WASH partners, and refugee hygiene promoters continued hygiene promotion activities this month, reaching a total of 80,200 refugees in Nyarugusu Camp. However, each hygiene promoter currently covers an average of 2,000 persons, exceeding the global standard of 1,000 persons per hygiene promoter and highlighting a gap in staffing and outreach capacity.

SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- **Shelter maintenance:** UNHCR and partners maintained 13 shelters for 51 Burundian refugees (34 female, 17 male) in the Congolese zone of Nyarugusu Camp.

DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- **Resettlement:** UNHCR submitted 32 refugees for resettlement (25 to Canada, 7 to France), bringing the total to 92 refugees who were submitted for resettlement since January 2026. In addition, 31 refugees departed for resettlement to Canada, bringing the total to 172 refugees who departed for resettlement since January 2026.
- **Return:** The Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, UNHCR, and its partners facilitated the voluntary return of 15,800 individuals to Burundi this month to Bujumbura Mairie, Bururi, Cankuzo,

Karuzi, Kirundo, Makamba, Muyinga, Rumonge, Ruyigi, and Rutana. This brings the total number of Burundian refugees repatriated to Burundi in 2026 to 96,446 and since 2017 to 282,863.

ACCESS TO ENERGY

- **Energy:** From 12-29 June 2026, UNHCR partners TCRS and Good Neighbors Tanzania provided cooking solutions to refugees and asylum seekers at institutional and household levels. A total of 16,937 individuals (8,484 female, 8,453 male) received liquefied petroleum gas-cooked meals at the departure center and main hospital in Nyarugusu Camp, and at the transit centre in Kigoma. Additionally, 314 refugees (186 women, 128 men) received bio-briquettes and 422,100 kg of firewood was distributed to 2,500 refugees with specific needs.

GAPS AND NEEDS

Chronic funding shortfalls continued to impact services for forcibly displaced people in Tanzania. Additional resources are urgently needed to strengthen Ebola preparedness and response capacity, including scaling up training for frontline health workers and increasing sanitation facilities in Nyarugusu Camp.

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