

UNHCR UGANDA

UPDATE FOR THE BURUNDI EMERGENCY

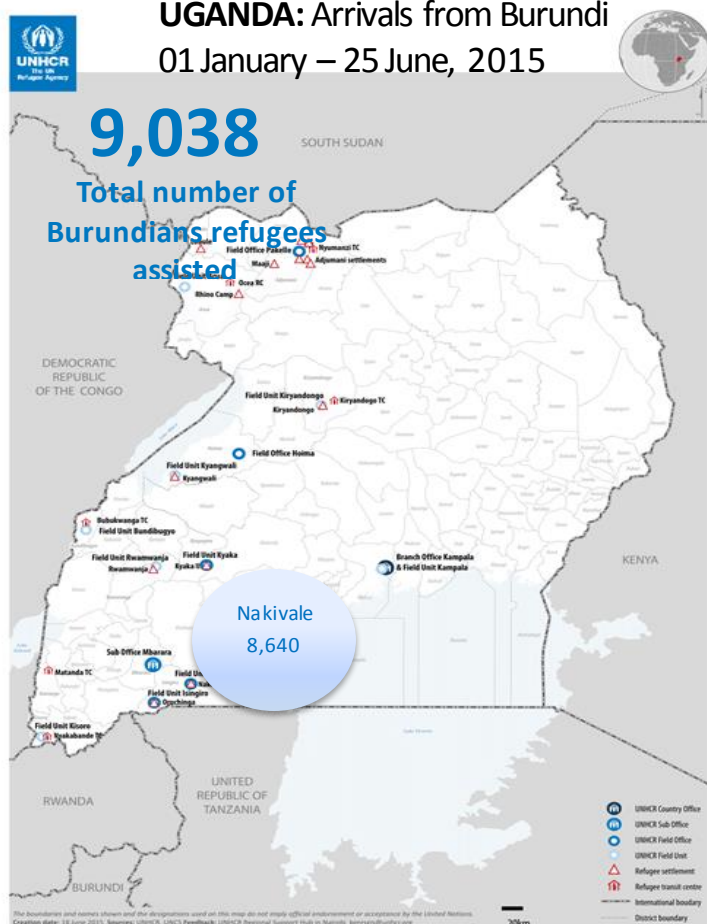
19th-25th June, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of Burundian refugees arriving Uganda since November 2014 to 25th June 2015 is **9,038**, with **2,605** refugees arriving in June so far.
- The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) and UNHCR held a joint meeting to review the inter-agency planning figure for an estimated 15,000 new arrivals by the end of 2015, given that over **9,000** refugees have already arrived.
- UNHCR built **2** emergency structures at Kabazana Reception Centre (RC) in Nakivale refugee settlement to accommodate the Burundians.

UGANDA: Arrivals from Burundi

01 January – 25 June, 2015



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- The Burundians are arriving through Mutukula village between Uganda - Tanzania borders which is about 641 km from Nakivale in Isingiro District.
- All the **9,038** new arrivals have been granted refugee status by OPM.



Emergency structure for the Burundians built by UNHCR at Kabazana Reception Centre in Nakivale. Photo: ©UNHCR/E. Ohanusi

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- OPM, in an effort to decongest Kabazana RC, is allocating land and moving persons to settlements.



Protection

Achievements and Impacts

- In Nakivale refugee settlement, the cumulative numbers of Burundian refugees who have had their family links restored are 962.

Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs)

- 17 PSNs from Kashojwa B and Kabahinda C villages who were assessed and ear-marked for community participation activity.

Child Protection

- In Nakivale, 12 unaccompanied minors and separated children were followed up at Nyakagando B village.
- Another 12 minors were identified and referred to Ugandan Red Cross for tracing of their parents or family members. 11 are at Kabazana RC and 1 is at Kashojwa B village.
- Three Burundian children have traced their parents.
- 6 children were referred to UNHCR's partner American Refugee Committee (ARC) for assistance and identification of potential foster parents. The children are currently being taken care of by the identified foster parents.

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)

- In Nakivale, 2 focus group discussions were conducted with 100 women and 33 men on rape and the GBV referral pathway. It was earlier noted that some women had been survivors of rape experienced during the conflict and flight. Women were encouraged to report SGBV cases in order to access services. A total of 20 women participated in the discussions.
- 3 SGBV cases were identified and include 1 physical assault and 2 rape cases at Kabazana RC.

Education

Achievements and Impacts

- An estimated 1,100 children from Burundi have joined primary and secondary schools in Nakivale refugee settlement and this is leading to serious congestion in classrooms.
- UNHCR met with its partners, Windle Trust Uganda (WTU) and American Refugee Committee (ARC) to plan for the establishment of temporary classrooms space and recruitment of teachers from Burundian community as teaching assistants.
- UNHCR is planning to build 3 blocks of 3 class rooms and a multi-purpose hall in Nakivale secondary school to increase its capacity.
- 188 children of school age were identified with support by WTU as part of profiling. 109 are from primary, 14 from secondary, 65 from university level and 67 out of the total figure are females.
- The nearest primary school for the Burundians is at Kabazana Primary School and it is about 1-2km on average from where they are settled.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Congested classrooms, especially from Primary 1-3 in Nakivale Primary School.
- Some secondary school students from Burundi fail to continue with education due to overcrowding in the Nakivale Secondary School.
- A primary and secondary school close to the villages for the Burundians is required.

Health

Achievements and Impacts

- In Nakivale, UNHCR's partner, Medical Teams International (MTI) received UNICEF nutrition supplies (Plumpy nuts) and has commenced nutrition therapy programs.
- At Kabazana RC in Nakivale settlement, 220 consultations were made, and 3 patients were referred to health centre III. Malaria still ranks number one on morbidity.

Immunization

- The immunization program handled 33 children for measles and 19 for oral polio vaccine.
- In Nakivale, UNHCR and MTI commenced health visits to particularly follow-up on persons enrolled in feeding programs. The visit also covered pregnancy mapping.

Reproductive Health

- 447 females of reproductive age in Kabazana RC received 6 packs of sanitary napkin and 6 pieces of soaps.



Food Security and Nutrition

- In Nakivale, UNHCR and World Food Program (WFP) are experiencing challenges in estimating food quantity requirements for preparation of cooked meals in the Reception Centers as numbers of persons registered and present for meals fluctuates at each meal. An average of 2,500 individuals receive hot meals 3 times daily at the Kabazana Reception Centre in Nakivale. With the increasing number of cooking pots (saucepans), extension of kitchen and manpower, there has been an improvement in timely meals preparation in Kabazana RC.
- UNHCR and WFP discussed pre-position food stocks to allow better flexibility particularly on weekends when registration teams do not work yet new arrivals require cooked meals.

Nutrition

- 74 cases were screened for malnutrition and 70 of them were certified green while 4 were found with MAM (Yellow). Two out of the 4 are children under 1 year whereas the other 2 are between 1-5 years.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impacts

- 41,000 litres of water were trucked to Kabazana RC.
- General cleaning is frequently carried out by the refugees in Kabazana RC
- UNHCR assessed the distance of tanks to the various villages. After the exercise, the locations of the tanks were changed so that a fair equitable water access points will be achieved in the Burundian settlements.
- 50,000 litres of water were trucked to Kashojwa, Ngarama and Kabahinda C villages where Burundian refugees are settled. Water access stands at 18 litres/person/ per day.
- 45 mothers participated in food, hand cleaning and hygiene education.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Population at Kabinda C village is too large to be supplied with only 1,000 litres of water daily and there is a need to increase water trucking as interim measure.
- More hygiene promotion is needed to ensure children use latrine facilities in the villages and Kabazana RC.



Water Trucking in Kabinda C village. Photo: ©UNHCR/E. Ohanusi

Shelter / Infrastructure / CRIs

- In Nakivale, 2 new temporary structures were constructed at Kabazana RC to accommodate 2,000 Burundians.
- UNHCR and ARC assessed Kabahinda C village to plan water and other WASH facilities in the area. Three 10,000 liter tanks will be installed to provide emergency water supply.
- UNHCR's partner, ARC have commenced the construction of communal latrine blocks as there are currently no latrines or sanitation pits in the area.

Core relief Items (CRIs)

- Distribution of CRIs took place in Kabahinda C village for the newly settled refugees and 277 households of 360 individuals were served.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Water, electricity and an accessible road are not available either in Kabahinda C villages or its nearby villages.
- Construction of road to Kabahinda C village is required to access the village.



Burundian refugees' construction activities at Kashojwa B village in Nakivale. Photo: ©UNHCR/ E.Ohanusi

Community Empowerment, Self-reliance and Environment

Achievements and Impacts

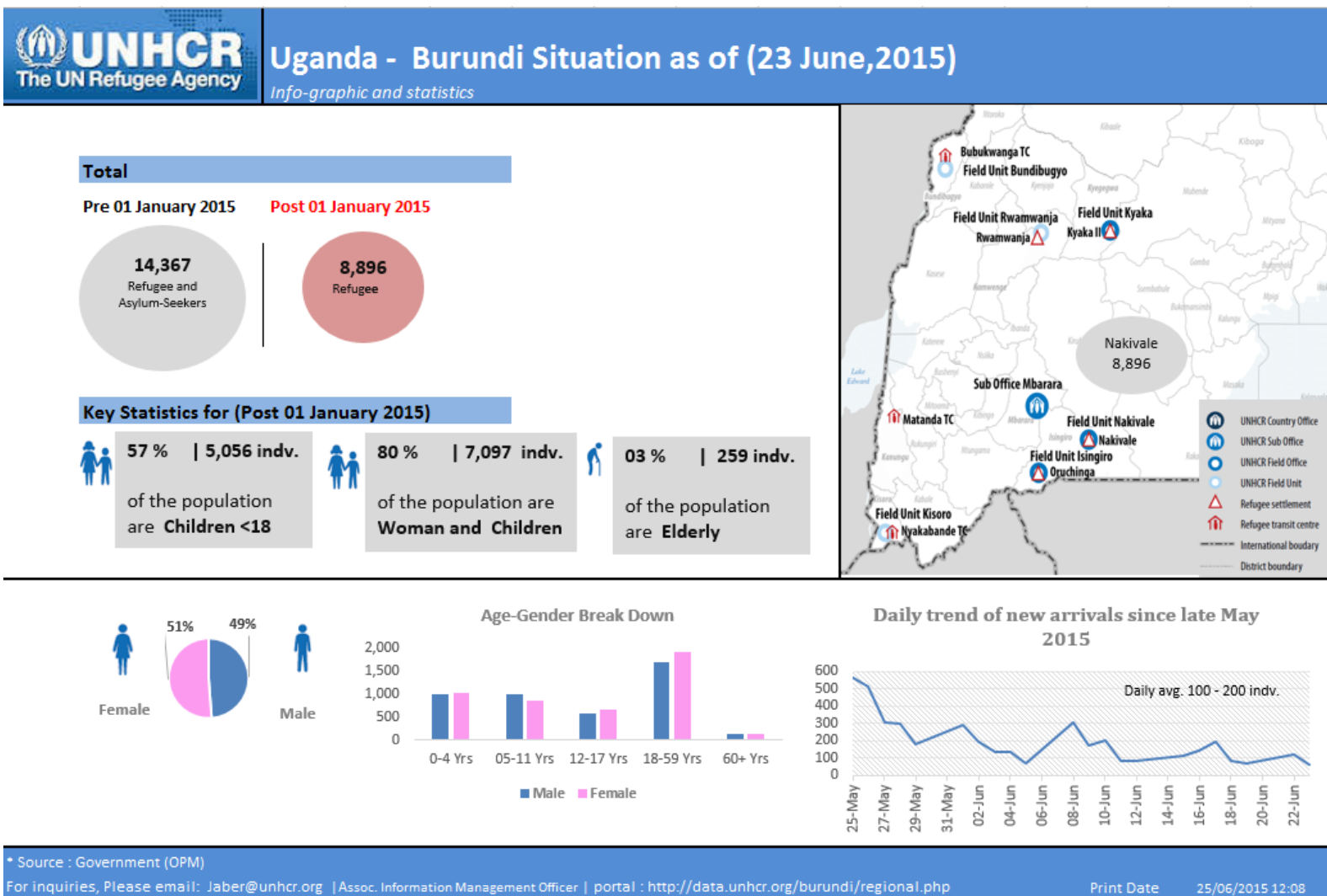
- In Nakivale, general cleaning of the latrines and bathrooms were conducted at Kabazana RC, 10 males, 8 females and 40 children participated in the compound cleaning.
- New arrivals at Kabazana RC were also sensitized on cleanliness and hygiene, they were informed about the possible dangers of poorly disposed wastes within the environment.
- Support for elderly people was given on how to access medical services from Medical Teams international (MTI).

Working in partnership

OPM and UNHCR are being supported by partners on the ground:

ARC- American Refugee Committee, SP- Samaritans' Purse, WFP- World Food Programme, AIRD- African Initiative for Relief and Development, ICRC- International Committee of the Red Cross, URCS-Uganda Red Cross Society, Nsamizi Technical Institute and WTU - Windle Trust Uganda.

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