

KEY FIGURES

16,266 *

Burundian refugees have been received in Uganda since November 2014 (As of 17 November, 2015)

Further breakdown of the above figure:

12,265

Refugees received in Nakivale Refugee Settlement

291

Refugees received in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement

165

Refugees received in Oruchinga Refugee Settlement

78

Refugees received in Kisoro Refugee Settlement

3,467

Urban refugees received in Kampala

**statistics are provided by the Government of Uganda Office of the Prime Minister*

PRIORITIES

- Responding to the increasing numbers of refugees arriving.
- Improvement of water systems to increase access to safe drinking water.
- Road rehabilitation to improve access to refugee settlements.

Uganda

UPDATE ON THE BURUNDI REFUGEE RESPONSE

NOVEMBER 12-19, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- In the reporting period, a total of 278 Burundian refugees arrived in Uganda, higher than last week's 179 new arrivals.
- Of these, 79 refugees were received at Kabazana Reception Centre, up from 36 new arrivals reported last week. Eight individuals were transported from Mirama Hills and Bugango border points, 16 were referred from Kampala and 55 individuals directly arrived at the reception centre.
- The new arrivals are mainly coming from Bujumbura, Muyinga, Kirundo, Kibitoke and Bubanza province, citing insecurity in Burundi as reason for fleeing. The arrival trend is increasing and more people are expected to arrive should the reported insecurity in Burundi continue.
- UNHCR's Deputy High Commissioner Kelly Clements was in the country from 14-16 November as part of a three-day regional mission. She was accompanied by Commissioner for Refugees David Apollo Kazungu, UNHCR Africa Bureau Director Valentin Tapsoba and UNHCR Country Representative Neimah Warsame to Nakivale Refugee Settlement, where they met with refugees at Kabazana Reception Centre and Kashojwa village, and attended an arts and crafts exhibition showcasing refugee livelihoods at the Vocational Training Centre. Ms. Clements commended the Government of Uganda and partners for addressing refugees' welfare, particularly through the promotion of sustainable livelihoods and food security. Upon her return to Kampala, Clements addressed a meeting of representatives from the Government, donor community and UN agencies.



UNHCR Deputy High Commissioner Kelly Clements inspecting the Safe Access to Fuel Energy exhibition and the biodegradable waste used in making briquettes. © UNHCR/Eunice Ohausi

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational context

- At Kabazana Reception Centre, UNHCR/OPM and the American Refugee Committee (ARC) conducted the weekly joint physical headcount to ascertain the number of residents. A total of 1,148 individuals are currently residing at the centre (923 Burundians, 172 Congolese, 46 Rwandese and seven Sudanese). This is up from last week's 1,336 individuals (Burundians-876, Congolese-376, Rwandese-64 and 20 Sudanese). The centre can accommodate up to 1,500 individuals.

Protection

Child Protection

- In Nakivale, American Refugee Council (ARC) received three cases of child abuse in Kashojwa C village. They include child neglect, child battering and child marriage. The child neglect case was resolved through mediation and the other two cases were referred to the police.
- In Nakivale, the Isingiro District Probation Office held a child protection dialogue in Nyarugugu C village to identify and respond to child protection issues in the village. UNHCR, OPM, UNICEF, Windle Trust Uganda (WTU) attended the meeting that attracted 40 participants. Key issues raised included lack of scholastic materials, long distances for children attending secondary school and lack of early child development centres in the village. WTU committed to support learners with more scholastic materials and promised to include the other related education needs in the 2016 budget.

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)

- In Nakivale, two Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases that occurred in Burundi were reported. The two female survivors received psychosocial support and were referred to MTI for further medical assistance and follow up is ongoing.

Education

- In Nakivale, there was a slight decrease in Early Childhood Development Centres (1,479 from last week's 1,566) and Primary school (from 1,191 to 1,151) attendance, due to the ongoing rains and general food distribution. Secondary school attendance has remained stable at 153, where students are partaking in Uganda National Examinations.
- In Nakivale, UNICEF is supporting Isingiro District Local Government to build three permanent structures for early childhood development centres in Nakivale, Kabazana and Kashojwa primary schools.
- In Nakivale, Windle Trust Uganda (WTU) together with Center Coordinating Tutors (CCT) and four refugee students from Bugema University Burundi (under WTU sponsorship) conducted guidance and counseling sessions in Nakivale secondary school to encourage Burundian students to concentrate on their studies. WTU also conducted community meetings with Burundian new arrivals to encourage them to participate in Education activities and to encourage parents to send their children to school.

Identified Need and Remaining Gap

- High ratio of children to caregivers at the early childhood development centre is affecting the quality of teaching. The current average ratio is one teacher to 123 children which falls significantly short of the recommended government standard of one teacher to 25 children. The children are not grouped according to age but are mixed which makes learning slower for some of them. WTU plans to put up more structures to separate the children according to age and also recruit more teachers but plan is pending due to budget constraints. Children attending Early Childhood Development Centres arrive late and leave the centre early because there is no feeding arrangement to satiate their

hunger through till closing period. WTU has made efforts to encourage parents to contribute for children's feeding during the school period but this has not been successful. WTU is continuing with community sensitizations for parents to contribute towards feeding of their children.

Health

- In Nakivale, medical consultations increased from 754 to 893 with respiratory tract infections accounting for the majority of the cases at 32.3%, overtaking the endemic malaria problem at 29.9%, then watery diarrhoea at 11.2% and skin infections at 4.1%. The high respiratory tract infections and malaria are attributed to the onset of the rainy (El-Nino) season which makes the ground too moist for refugees sleeping on mats to breathe fresh air and favours mosquito breeding in stagnant waters. Medical Teams international (MTI) and UNHCR community services are sensitizing refugees to clean their surrounding and to the settlement rid it of stagnant waters and bushy surroundings that encourage mosquito breeding, to sleep under insecticide treated mosquito nets and avoid sleeping on bare ground, as the primary preventive measures for malaria and respiratory tract infections. Village Health Teams (VHTs) also conducted weekly health monitoring and sensitization in Misiera, Ruhoko and Kasojwa C villages on the same.

Immunization:

- In Nakivale, UNFPA/ACORD/MTI distributed reproductive health dignity kits to mothers who delivered at the health centres to encourage pregnant women to produce at health facilities and provided antenatal care. Over 90 women benefited from the reproductive health services. MTI also supported three mothers who tested positive to syphilis with recommended treatment and counseled women/mothers on family planning.

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- There is a need to erect temporary structures in all the Burundian villages to support health outreach programmes and reduce the distant of accessing healthcare.
- In Nakivale Health Centre III There is a need to recruit two midwives to support reproductive health and stock HIV counseling and testing kits to support antenatal care mothers.

Food Security and Nutrition

- In Nakivale, Medical Teams International (MTI) conducted malnutrition screening for 156 children aged between 0-15 years during their weekly health outreach. Four children were found to be moderately malnourished and were enrolled on the supplementary feeding program while one child was severely malnourished and is receiving inpatient therapeutic care at the health centre. The moderate and severe acute malnutrition rates stands at 3.2 and 0.6 percent respectively

Water and Sanitation

- In Nakivale, water access is at 17 litres per day per person. This has significantly improved compared to the 13 l/p/d standard reported in the months of September and October.
- The Juru head tank supplying water to Juru A pipeline extension works was surveyed and pegged, and excavation works are ongoing.

- An upgrade to the water plant system production capacity is ongoing at Misiera village and Base Camp. The water plants are also undergoing treatment of basins and construction of distribution wells.

Shelter / Infrastructure

Livelihoods and Environment

- In Nakivale, Nsamizi conducted a needs assessment in Kashojwa C village to determine the livelihood opportunities for new Burundian arrivals. Of the 18 groups identified, two groups comprising of 24 members were mentored in tailoring and carpentry. A training space was erected for both groups and were supported with four sewing machines and other carpentry tools to support their work.

Working in partnership

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