

## KEY FIGURES

**17,645 \***

Burundian refugees have been received in Uganda since November 2014 (As of 16 December, 2015)

*Further breakdown of the above figure:*

**13,204**

Refugees received in Nakivale Refugee Settlement

**292**

Refugees received in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement

**208**

Refugees received in Oruchinga Refugee Settlement

**98**

Refugees received in Kisoro Refugee Settlement

**3,843**

Urban refugees received in Kampala

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

## PRIORITIES

- Efforts are underway to place Burundian refugee arrivals in their new shelters in a timely manner. Teams remain prepared for an increased influx.
- Road rehabilitation to improve access to refugee settlements.

## Uganda

### UPDATE ON THE BURUNDI REFUGEE RESPONSE

DECEMBER 11-17, 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 292 Burundian refugees sought safety and protection in Uganda this week, up from 253 last week.
- Almost all the new Burundian arrivals (291) were received in Nakivale settlement-three individuals were transported from Mirama Hills, 16 were referred from Kampala, 180 walked to Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)'s registration office and 92 walked into Kabazana Reception Centre directly.
- Mainly coming from Bujumbura, Muyinga, Kirundo, Kibitoke and Bubanza provinces, the new arrivals are citing insecurity in Burundi quoting new fights as reason for fleeing. They also mention that many Burundians are being blocked at the Rwanda border points. New arrivals picked from Mirama Hills used Kagyezi border neighboring Burundi and Rwanda.
- The inter-agency Contingency Plan for the Burundi refugee situation has been finalized with a worst case scenario of 100,000 refugees (83,000 new arrivals over the next six months).



*Distribution of non-food items and clothes at Kabazana Reception Centre in Nakivale © UNHCR/Joyce Achan*

## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

### Operational context

- At Mirama Hills where most Burundians cross into Uganda, UNHCR, OPM, AIRD, plus Isingiro Resident District Commissioner, District Police Commander and Assistant Chief Administrative Officer conducted a joint border monitoring mission to establish immigration conditions for refugees. The team held a meeting with border officials from Uganda Revenue Authority (URA), the Criminal Military Intelligence, Immigration and the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Uganda Police Force in Mirama Hills. One of the key issues highlighted was need for accommodation for new arrivals especially those who come late. UNHCR committed to provide two family tents while partners promised to speed up their response in picking up newly arriving refugees. There were also reports that immigration officials at Kagitumba border in Rwanda often block Burundians from crossing, on grounds that they might seek asylum in Rwanda instead of continuing to Uganda. As a result, new Burundian arrivals use other 'risky' routes. UNHCR Kampala to discuss with their counterparts in Rwanda to conduct relevant training for the Rwanda Border officials.

### Protection

- At Kabazana Reception Centre, UNHCR, OPM and ARC conducted the weekly joint physical headcount to establish the number of residents. A total of 512 individuals, of which 444 are Burundians are currently residing at the centre. This is a slight decrease from last week's 536 individuals. ARC will be including individual/household dates of arrival on the excel data list for residents at the reception center in the next head count to facilitate the settlement process on a 'first come, first serve' basis.

#### Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs)

- In Nakivale, ARC received seven protection cases (two male, five female) with insecurity and medical issues. These issues originated from their country of origin but still affect them. Psychosocial support was provided to all the cases. Four of the cases were referred to the Police for follow-up while three were referred to Medical Teams International (MTI) for further management. Continuous follow up and support will be conducted for all reported cases through home visits by ARC.
- In Nakivale, ARC, WTU, FRC, ACORD and UNHCR conducted two consultative meetings with the youths in new Burundian villages of Kashojwa C and Kabahinda D to assess their needs. They requested for youth-friendly spaces in the villages.

#### Child Protection

- In Nakivale, ARC conducted Best Interest Assessments for two Burundian children (a male and a female) who were abandoned by their biological mother in the Nakivale after finding their father. The children were referred to OPM for registration and are living with their father. He was given psychosocial support on how to cope as a single parent.

#### Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)

- In Nakivale, ARC, OPM, and UNHCR engaged 25 Burundian youth in Kashojwa C under their umbrella drama group- 'Together We Can,' to pass on messages on GBV prevention and response using riddles and plays as part of the activities to commemorate '16 days of activism against GBV.' The youth committed to carry on the GBV awareness in families, schools and the general community.

### Education

- All schools are currently on holiday after successfully closing for the third term on 4th December 2015. Schools will re-open on the 22nd February 2016.
- In Nakivale, the District Local Government and UNICEF conducted a Joint review meeting with 36 Early Childhood Development caregivers at Kashojwa Primary School to discuss their progress, achievements and some of the challenges affecting functionality of the ECD Centers. The main issue highlighted was congestion at the ECDs and the need for additional care givers. UNHCR and UNICEF will be meeting before the schools re open in February 2016 to discuss the possibility of increasing an additional care giver in each of the ECDs.

- In Nakivale, Windle Trust Uganda (WTU) coordinated two community meetings in Kabahinda and Ngarama village to discuss fencing of the ECD Centre with Live fence. The community agreed to support the fencing to be done during the holiday period.



## Health

- In Nakivale, Malaria remains highly reported and this is partly attributed to communities not clearing bushy surroundings, plant crops so close to housing and not clearing mosquito breeding sites. MTI is continuing with community awareness outreaches on malaria prevention and control measures besides general early health seeking behaviors.

## Reproductive Health

- In Nakivale, through UNFPA/ACORD, 53 pregnant women were mapped and continuously followed up by Village Health Teams (VHTs), who encouraged them to seek antenatal care services and deliver at Health facilities. Twelve Burundian deliveries were reported at Nakivale Health center III and all the women were supported with dignity kits. Eight referrals were made from Nakivale Health Center (seven to Rwekubo Health Center and one to Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital).



## Food Security and Nutrition

- In Nakivale, Samaritan's Purse with support from World Food Program, OPM and UNHCR served food to some 272 new Burundian arrivals. Prior to the distribution exercise, a sensitization meeting was held to support the food committees to create awareness on the continued absence of Corn Soy Blend (CSB) in the food basket as WFP/Samaritan purse strive to avail it.
- In Nakivale, a total of 750 children were screened for malnutrition –higher than 452 in the previous week. Some 14 children had moderate malnutrition and were all enrolled on supplementary feeding programme (SFP) while one was severely malnourished hence admitted into inpatient therapeutic care (ITC).



## Water and Sanitation

- In Nakivale, ARC supplied a total of 1,029,469 litres of water to the new Burundian villages leaving the average water consumption at/ 17L/D/P, save for five villages which received less water than the minimum sphere standard of 15 liters/per/day. The WASH team is upgrading the water production and pipeline system to increase the water coverage in these villages.
- In Nakivale, ARC WASH sector hosted a Ministry of Water consortium teams. Key issues raised during the tour included exploring possibility of sand filtration systems for base camp water plant to see how it impacts on water treatment processes, how to enhance community contributions using prepaid cards and metering of all water systems.
- In Nakivale, latrine coverage increased from 57% to 60% at household level because of continued sanitation and hygiene improvement campaigns and monitoring visits to ensure that every household meets minimum sphere standards for latrine coverage in the new villages.

## Livelihoods and Environment

- In Nakivale, Nzamizi conducted a three-day capacity building training for 120 Burundian refugees in saloon and hairdressing, entrepreneurial skills, retail business and poultry keeping at the Vocational Training Centre. The trained teams will be provided with start-up kits. The training was opened by UNHCR representative who encouraged the team to work together to ensure that the training boost their house incomes and also work together to support one another. Nsamizi promised to tailor more skills building activities to promote sustainable household incomes.

## Shelter and NFIs

- In Nakivale, OPM settled 150 Burundians in Kabazana "A" and allocated them 15X20m plots of land for construction of shelters. The settlement exercise was closely monitored by the UNHCR emergency team.

- In Nakivale, ARC, OPM, and UNHCR distributed Non Food Items to 289 individuals. Pre distribution sensitization was conducted to inform the beneficiaries of the missing slabs on the Non Food Items lists. There is high demand of loading trucks as many activities are ongoing in the settlement. ARC is liaising with AIRD and to hire trucks to facilitate the transportation of NFIs.

## Working in partnership

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### Info-graphic and statistics

