

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Ambassadors' visit:** Ambassadors, heads of diplomatic missions and representatives of international organizations in Rwanda had the chance to meet refugees face-to-face to understand their daily struggles during a one-day visit to one of Rwanda's refugee camps, Nyabiheke. **Delegates from the USA, Japan, EU, UK, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland, Uganda, Sweden, and representatives of the JICA and USAID** visited Nyabiheke refugee camp in the Eastern Province (pictured top right). *Continued on page 2*



- **Launch of UMUGANDA:** The launch of "Umuganda"—monthly community service in Rwanda—was inaugurated in the refugee camps by the Honorable Minister of MIDIMAR and UNHCR Representative (pictured bottom right). Celebrations took place with the host community and refugee population of Kiziba camp (Western Province) with tree planting and mud plastering of a vulnerable refugee's house.



STATISTICS

74,210

Persons of Concern in Rwanda

5,325

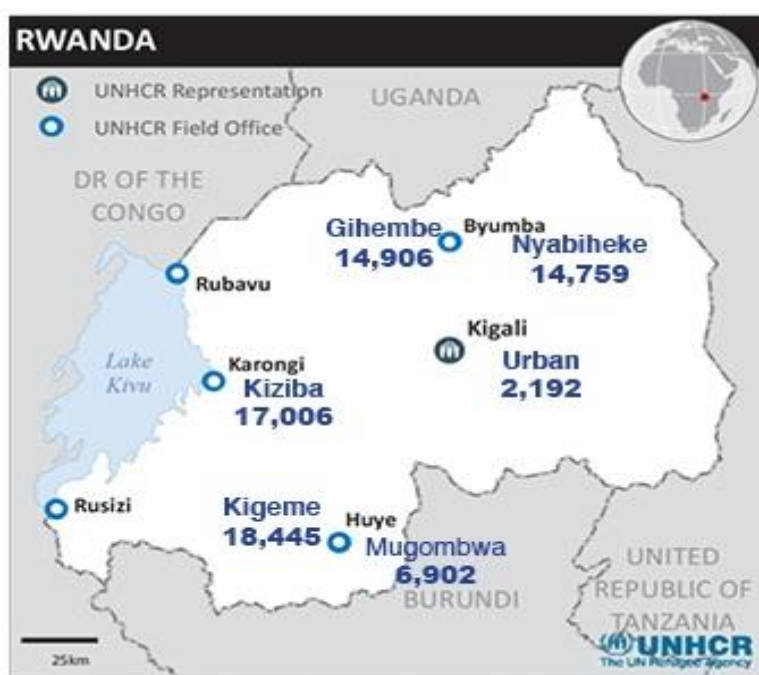
Returnees since the beginning of 2014

2,140

Submissions for resettlement in 2014

2,418

Resettlement Departures in 2014



MAJOR NATIONAL & REGIONAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

- **DRC's M23 rebels warn of possible renewed conflict.** M23 president Bertrand Bisimwa said that if Kinshasa does not fulfil its side of the deal, he could not guarantee “what will happen tomorrow.”
- **Militia FDLR are allegedly regrouping in DRC** despite facing a deadline from the UN Security Council and regional African governments to fully demobilize or face military operations by 2 January 2015.
- **200 Ugandan Muslim rebels known as ADF have been arrested in DRC in connection with massacres** in the troubled east of the country, Beni.
- **Six U.N. peacekeepers from Ukraine have been detained in Goma after Congolese military uniforms were found in their luggage.** Officials fear the incident could stoke mistrust of the peacekeepers.
- **Denial of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi is on the rise,** Christine Tuyisenge, National Commission for the Fight against Genocide (CNLG) vice chairperson has said.
- After news of violent attacks in the city, **foreigners in Burundi are increasingly worried.** Some choose to not go out at night or walk on the streets.
- The head of the UN Ebola response mission in West Africa believes there is **still a "huge risk" that Ebola could spread to other parts of the world.**

Achievements

- The 2014 **Kigali International Conference Declaration Annual General Meeting** was held on 24-25 November. UNHCR, under the One UN, supported security organs from 40 African countries to meet in Kigali to strengthen measures to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). The theme this year was “Turn back crime against women and children”.
- **The annual 16 Days of Activism against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence** campaign was launched this year with camp-based and urban refugees on the theme of Protecting Rights and Preserving Childhoods: ‘Working Together to Address Child Marriage.’
- The National Identification Agency and UNHCR embarked on a **biometric capture exercise** of all refugees aged 16 years and above. The purpose of this exercise was the production of refugee IDs for all refugees who had not received IDs in the past. A total of 15,900 refugees were fingerprinted and their photos captured by NIDA. Distribution of IDs by MIDIMAR/UNHCR is expected to start in January 2015.
- **WFP Biometrics Mission:** The objective of this regional support mission from Nairobi was to assess the current food distribution operations in Rwanda as a basis for drafting a plan, timeline and budget for implementation of biometric checks at food distribution centres. The new system will ensure that UNHCR and WFP are fully aware of the identity of those collecting food or not collecting food, to avoid identity fraud at food distribution, and to ensure accurate tracking of those consecutively missing food distribution.
- A MIDIMAR-contracted company started terracing work on the **recently acquired 5.5 hectares of land** for the **extension of Mugombwa Camp** on November 29th, after which other infrastructure constructions such as shelter will commence.

Highlights cont.

- **Ambassadors’ visit:** The visit was organized by UNHCR with the objective to mobilize the international community to advocate for and assist refugees in Rwanda. The UNHCR Representative, Saber Azam, highlighted the main challenges impeding refugee welfare such as environmental degradation, lack of adequate shelter, limited education, health and nutrition services as the most critical areas where

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UNHCR needs considerable support for effective response.

Diplomats were impressed by the efforts of UNHCR and the Government of Rwanda to assist thousands of Congolese refugees accommodated in Rwanda, some for their entire lives.

“We all know Rwanda is a small country with a big population, the generosity of Rwanda to host such a big number of refugees is really commendable.” observed Belgian Ambassador Arnout Pauwels.

“We understand the challenges of education in Rwanda’s refugee camps, in which refugees are only able to reach grade nine. We are looking at how we can comprehensively support the country to assist the refugee population,” said Mr. Jonathan Howard, Political Officer at the US embassy in Kigali.

Mukantabana Seraphine, Minister of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs, reiterated the commitment of the government of Rwanda to support UNHCR and other humanitarian actors to ensure full protection of refugees.



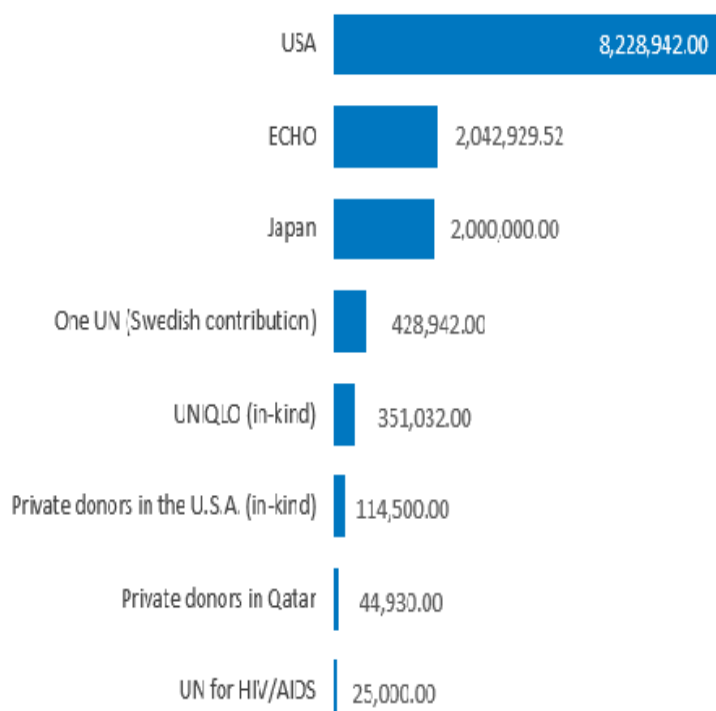
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2014 comprehensive needs:

US\$ 52.3 million

2014 operations funding received:

US\$ 13.4 million



Partners	Sectors	Sites
 <p>Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs, Immigration and Rwanda National Police http://www.gov.rw/</p>	Security, Camp Management and Coordination	All Refugee Camps
 <p>https://plan-international.org/</p>	Protection, including Children, GBV and persons with special needs	
 <p>ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY RWANDA http://www.adra.org.rw/</p>	Logistics, Warehousing, Distribution, Fleet Management, and Education	
 <p>http://www.arc relief.org/</p>	Shelter	
	Infrastructures	
	Livelihood and Economic Recovery (complementary support from BPRM)	
	WASH	Gihembe, Nyabiheke and Kiziba Refugee Camps
	Health, HIV/AIDS and Nutrition	Gihembe and Nyabiheke camps
 <p>http://www.africahumanitarian.org/</p>	Health care services, Nutrition, Reproductive Health (HIV/AIDS prevention and care)	Kiziba, Kigeme and Mugombwa Refugee Camps, and Nkamira and Nyagatare Transit Centres
 <p>http://pajer.org.rw/</p>	WASH	Kigeme
 <p>http://www.wvi.org/rwanda</p>	WASH	Mugombwa

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