

ZIMBABWE

August 2018

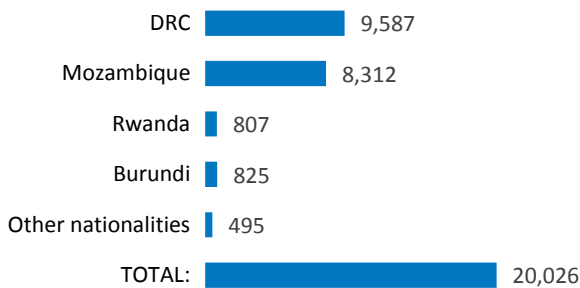
Total of **92** new asylum-seekers arrived during the month mainly from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Cumulative total of new arrivals since January 2018 stands at **1,073**.

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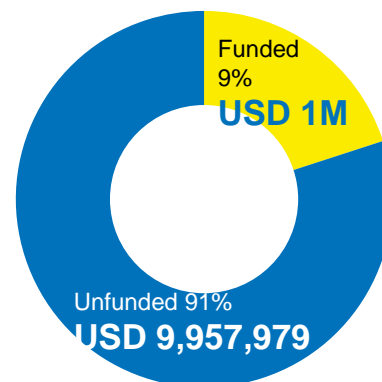
Country of Origin



FUNDING (AS OF 31 AUGUST)

USD 10,957,979

requested for the Zimbabwe operation



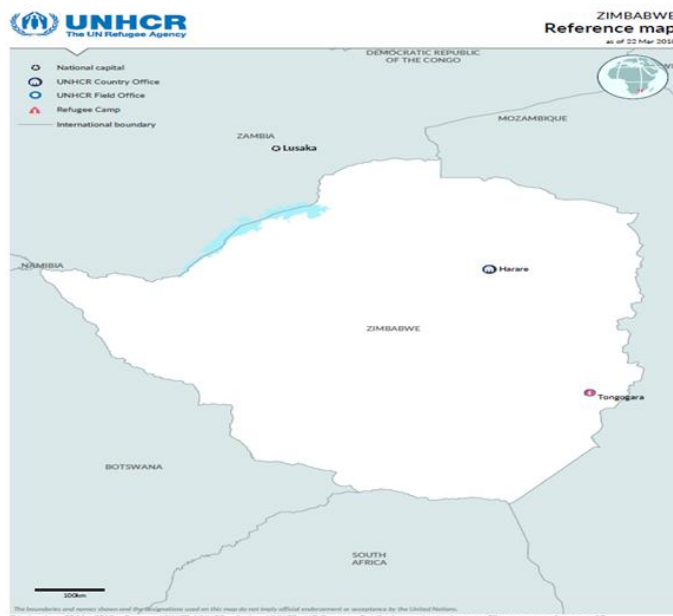
UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 20 National Staff
- 4 International Staff

Offices:

- 1 Branch Office in Harare
- 1 Field Office in Chipinge, Tongogara Refugee Camp



Working with Partners

- UNHCR participates actively in the United Nations Country Team as well as in Humanitarian Country Team in Zimbabwe. UNHCR's partners, GOAL Ireland and Terre des Hommes (TDH), implement protection and assistance activities in Tongogara Refugee Camp. The Government of Zimbabwe, through the Department of Social Welfare, provides transit centre reception facilities, warehouses, social services and amenities as well as documentation.

Main Activities

Protection

- UNHCR supports the Government of Zimbabwe, through the Office of the Commissioner for Refugees, in protection and assistance of refugees, asylum-seekers and other persons of concern in Zimbabwe.
- UNHCR provides capacity building and training to Zimbabwean authorities and civil society on refugee protection in close coordination with relevant partners. In August, UNDP and UNHCR facilitated a joint training at the Zimbabwe Defence College in Harare. In addition, IOM and UNHCR provided training to the District Civil Protection units of Masvingo, Beitbridge, Chipinge and Mutare.
- UNHCR is supporting the Government of Zimbabwe, through the Registrar General's Office in planning of a comprehensive qualitative and quantitative study on statelessness in Zimbabwe to be rolled out in 2019. UNHCR also supports the identification of stateless persons in Zimbabwe and cooperates with the Registrar General's Office and diplomatic representations in finding appropriate solutions for them.
- UNHCR continues to strengthen its partnerships with academia. UNHCR has currently formal arrangements with all four faculties of law in Zimbabwe and it organizes annual Nationality and Statelessness Moot Court Competition with them.

Education

- UNHCR supports early childhood, primary and secondary school education to persons of concern residing at Tongogara Refugee Camp in Chipinge District. High school level education is made available in public schools, however, there is a need to increase the number of teachers and classrooms. University level education is only available for a limited number of refugee students due to insufficient funding for tertiary education and prohibitive costs that are beyond the reach of most refugees.

Health

- The clinic at Tongogara Refugee Camp provides 24-hour outpatient and referral services to refugees, asylum-seekers and the host community. Screening, treatment and referrals to major government hospitals are provided free of charge. The clinic also provides reproductive health and HIV services.

Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR works with TDH and World Food Programme to ensure refugees and asylum seekers attain food security and adequate nutritional status. Cash rations are distributed to refugees on a monthly basis. Newly arrived asylum-seekers are assisted with in-kind food commodities during the first three months.

Water and Sanitation

- UNHCR implements WASH through a partnership with GOAL Ireland. Activities are aimed at maintaining supply of potable water and increasing knowledge on WASH practices.

Shelter and NFIs

- Access to shelter remains a challenge due to funding constraints and increasing refugee population in Tongogara Refugee Camp. UNHCR is exploring environmentally friendly and low cost shelter models. UNHCR distributes Core Relief Items including blankets, jerry cans, mosquito nets, soap, sanitary pads, kitchen sets and solar lamps to person of concern in the camp.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- The office of the Commissioner for Refugees continues to provide leadership and coordination with other government ministries/agencies to the refugee programme in Zimbabwe.

Access to Energy

- Access to energy remains very low with a monthly provision of 270 metric tonnes of firewood. UNHCR is exploring to introduce more innovative/sustainable energy solutions.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR continues to support the irrigation scheme. UNHCR is currently implementing a Graduation approach to increase self-reliance among a selection of refugees.

Durable Solutions

- Government and UNHCR continue to promote the implementation of the comprehensive Solutions Strategy for Rwandan Refugees in Zimbabwe. Three refugees were resettled to Canada and twenty refugees to Finland.

Financial Information

EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

UNHCR is grateful for the contribution of **the Government of the People's Republic of China** of USD 1,000,000 for food security and access to non-food items for refugees in Tongogara Refugee Camp for 2018.

BROADLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

United States of America 56.2 million | **Private donors Australia** 8.2 million | **Canada** 3.3 million | **Sweden** 3.1 million

Andorra | Denmark | Finland | Germany | Norway | Private donors

UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Sweden 98.2 million | **Private donors Spain** 52.8 million | **Norway** 42.5 million | **Netherlands** 39.1 million | **United Kingdom** 31.7 million | **Denmark** 25.5 million | **Private donors Republic of Korea** 25.4 million | **Switzerland** 15.2 million | **France** 14 million | **Germany** 13.7 million | **Private donors Italy** 13.5 million | **Private donors Japan** 13 million | **Italy** 11.2 million | **Private donors Sweden** 10.2 million

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