

# United Republic of Tanzania

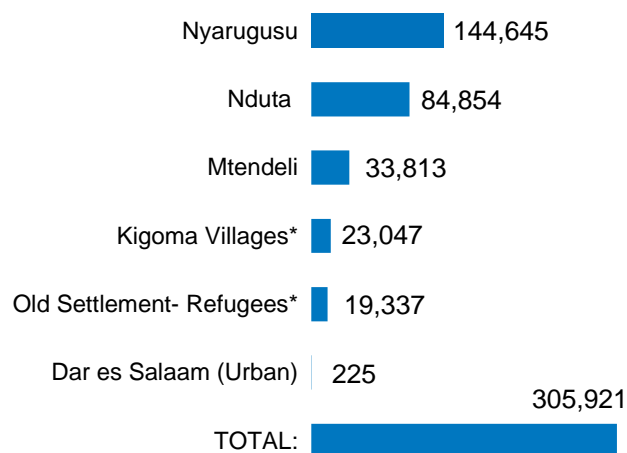
April – July 2019

For over 60 years Tanzania has played a key role in providing asylum and finding solutions for people fleeing unrest who arrive at the country's borders.

Over 86 per cent of the **305,921 refugees** in Tanzania live in camps where UNHCR and partners provide assistance. As the situation protracts and out-of-camp solutions are few, thousands risk aid dependency.

Tanzania is also a country of solutions. In the first half of 2019 over 2,800 refugees were resettled, mostly to the USA and Canada, while 14,000 Burundians voluntarily returned to areas of origin.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN AS OF 31 JULY 2019

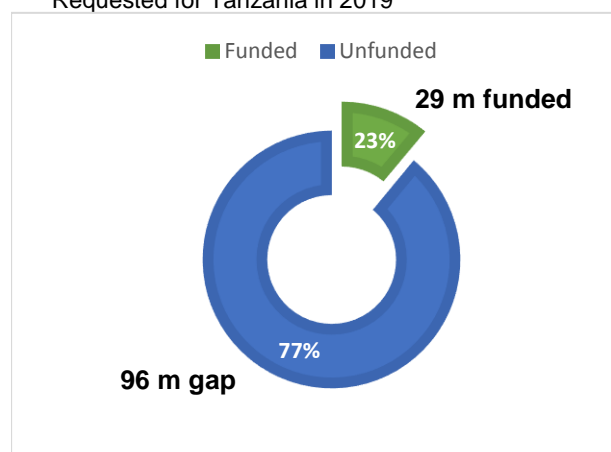


\* This number comprises Burundian refugees who fled to Tanzania in 1972 and live in the Old Settlements and settled in villages in Kigoma region.

## FUNDING LEVEL AS OF 30 JULY 2019

# USD 126.1 M

Requested for Tanzania in 2019



## UNHCR PRESENCE

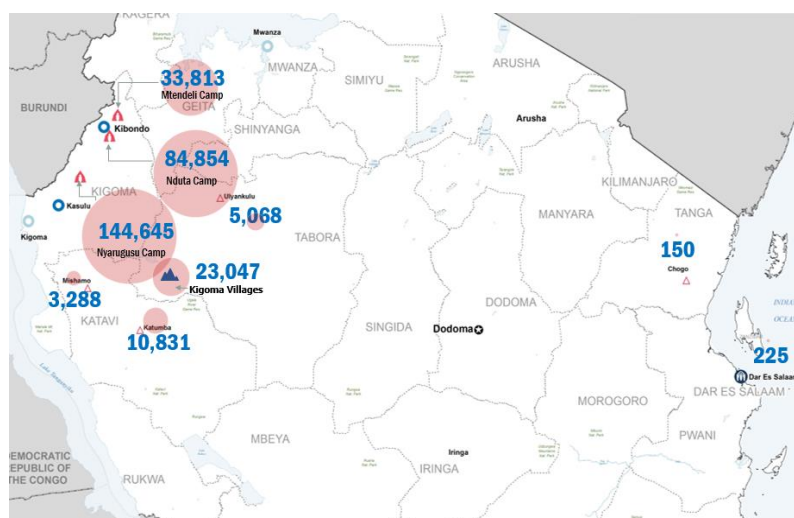
### Staff:

- 162 National Staff
- 45 International Staff
- 43 Individual Contractors
- 13 International UNVs

### Offices:

- 1 Representation Office in Dar es Salaam
- 1 Field Office in Kibondo
- 1 Field Office in Kasulu
- 2 Field Units in Kigoma & Mwanza

## REFUGEE PRESENCE





The Minister for Home Affairs and Canadian High Commissioner join UNHCR Representative and staff, refugees and civil society to 'step with refugees' on World Refugee Day in Dar es Salaam on 20 June. ©UNHCR/Clemence Eliah

### Main Highlights

- The response faces the complex challenges of an unpredictable protection environment and chronic underfunding in the context of regional emergencies compounding local development needs.
- UNHCR is actively seeking sustainable energy solutions for refugees in Tanzania. Almost 62,000 camp-based refugee families and over 4,400 families in the villages close to the camps received new fuel-efficient stoves in the first half of 2019. This

amounts to 84 per cent of refugee families in camps with access to a more sustainable methods of cooking. On average, the stoves use 50 per cent less firewood than the older stoves, contributing to efforts to combat deforestation in the Kigoma region. As refugees need to take half as many firewood-collection trips, their exposure to possible attendant protection risks also drops.

- The Tanzania operation has one of the highest resettlement rates globally. Some 2,128 refugees were resettled this quarter, bringing the total number of refugees resettled from Tanzania to 6,248 since January 2018.
- Voluntary returns to Burundi have slowed across the region, with 8,826 people assisted to voluntarily repatriate from Tanzania this quarter. While UNHCR does not promote voluntary repatriation, it supports the exercise to ensure all returns are safe, dignified and the result of a free and informed choice, and retains a presence on both sides of the border to assist people who choose to return.

### Working with partners

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of Tanzania through the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), UN agencies and humanitarian and development NGO partners.

- 16 different UN agencies are involved in the Kigoma Joint Programme, which was developed in cooperation with the regional and district authorities based on the development needs of the Kigoma region and the capacities of the UN in Tanzania. The Kigoma Joint Programme was launched on 20 September 2017 and runs for four years.



Members of the host and refugee communities, Government, UN, NGOs and UNHCR staff join in the global 'step with refugees' campaign in Kigoma on World Refugee Day. ©UNHCR/Rogers Lucas

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