

Rwanda

October

HIGHLIGHTS

A. Rwanda hosted a total of 126,180 refugees and asylum seekers at the end of October 2021. The population of concern included mainly persons from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (60.8%) and Burundi (38.9%).

B. 28 October 2021, UNHCR handed over to the Gicumbi District the infrastructures (schools, playgrounds, health center, etc.) in the Gihembe camp to be used by the host community after relocating its residents to Mahama camp.

C. 14 October 2021, the MoU Addendum between the Government of Rwanda, the African Union, and UNHCR for the ETM Rwanda was renewed until 31 December 2023. The total number of evacuees to Rwanda from Libya at any given time has been increased to 700.

KEY INDICATORS

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Cases of COVID-19 were identified among refugees in October 2021 with a 0.5% positivity rate. 1,668 cases identified since the beginning of the pandemic. 7,584 refugees have been vaccinated against the COVID-19, at least one shot.

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Refugees departed for resettlement and complementary pathways in October 2021. 2,115 have been resettled since January 2021.

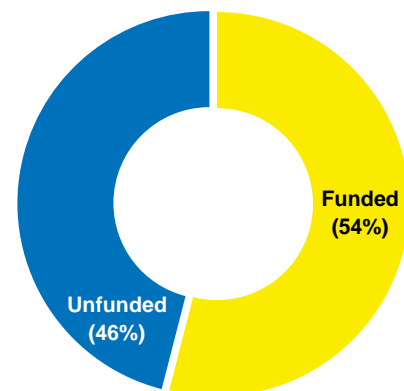
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Burundian refugees were repatriated in October 2021. 21,445 since January 2021 and 29,344 since August 2020.

FUNDING (AS OF 26 OCTOBER 2021)

USD 87 million

are requested for regular programmes, the Burundi and DR Congo situations, the Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM), and the COVID-19 emergency in Rwanda.



POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY LOCATION IN RWANDA

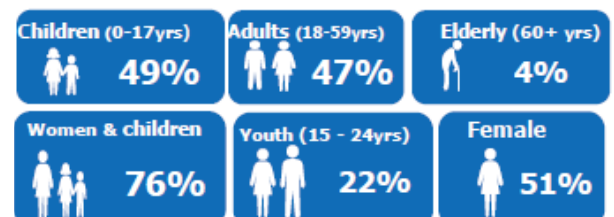


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MONTHLY POPULATION TRENDS | Nov 2020 - Oct 2021



DEMOGRAPHICS



Burundi Refugee Response



Access to water is a key priority for refugees in the Mahama camp. Rwanda @UNHCR

Achievements & Highlights



PROTECTION

- 190 refugee children in the Mahama camp received birth certificates from authorities.
- Three new child protection cases, with child neglect issues, were identified in the camp and the children were assisted accordingly.
- Seven Best Interest Assessments (BIA) were completed to assess the wellbeing of the children and find solutions for their concerns.
- 34 new GBV cases were identified in the camp, and 3 in Huye urban, including cases of early pregnancies. The survivors were assisted accordingly.
- Two Burundian refugees in the urban setting, Bugesera District, accessed legal services, i.e., counseling.
- 264 refugees with specific needs, (i.e., disability, older persons at risk, and persons with medical conditions) were assisted in the Mahama camp (245) and Huye urban (19) with assistive devices for people with disabilities, rehabilitation services for children, palliative cares, psychotherapy sessions, supplementary feeding, material assistance, and specialized medical assistance.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- 45 Burundian refugees from Mahama camp voluntarily repatriated to Burundi.
- 350 Burundian refugees arrived in Rwanda from Uganda and were facilitated to repatriate to Burundi. 1,325 Burundian refugees have arrived in Rwanda since August 2021 and 1,002 were facilitated to travel to Burundi.

- Two Burundian refugees departed for resettlement in October and 32 since January 2021.
- Two cases of 11 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries in October 2021. 19 cases of 80 individuals were submitted since January 2021.



EDUCATION

- 20,737 refugee students in the Mahama camp were enrolled in schools, 15,203 (73%) are school-aged, 4,255 in ECD, 7,830 in primary, and 3,118 in secondary, in the Mahama camp. 67% of the school-aged students are females. 161 are students with disabilities.
- UNICEF donated ICT teaching and reporting materials, such as 95 handsets, 2 droid pads, 3 laptops and 8 smartphones to ECD caregivers in the Mahama camp.
- 782 refugee students were provided with scholastic materials (notebooks, pens, and pencils).
- 14 ECD caregivers, 124 children with hearing and speech impairment, and 29 parents were trained on sign language to support the children's education.



HEALTH

- The crude and under-5 mortality rates were 0.1 and 0.08 deaths/1,000/month, respectively.
- 10,519 refugees and the host community accessed primary health care services in the Mahama camp.
- 356 refugees and the host community members were referred for secondary and tertiary health services.
- 577 refugees with HIV/AIDS received antiretroviral treatment, nutritional and psychosocial support.
- 22,147 male condoms were distributed to prevent new HIV/AIDS, STIs, and unwanted pregnancies cases.
- 194 newborn babies were delivered in the camps.
- 3,75 women of reproductive age attended family planning services.

- Seven positive cases of COVID-19 were identified from 757 refugees tested in the Mahama camp.
- 957 Burundian refugees in urban setting, Bugesera District, were assisted to enroll in the national Community-Based Health Insurance (CBHI).



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- Refugee families in the Mahama camp received food assistance through monthly support in cash provided by the WFP following their eligibility criteria.
- 231 refugees in the camp, pending enrollment into Cash-Based Intervention (CBI), received in-kind food assistance.
- School feeding program support 17,506 refugee and host community students in ECD, primary and secondary schools around the Mahama camp.
- 2,735 children aged 6-23 months and 5,953 with nutrition needs in the Mahama camp were supported through a supplementary feeding program to reduce their exposure to malnutrition issues and improve their health conditions.



WATER AND SANITATION

- Potable water supply was above standards with 22.7 liters/person/day in the Mahama camp and 160.7 m³/day in the host community.
- 9,192 liters of liquid soap were distributed in all public handwashing stations to enhance good sanitation practices in the camp.
- The construction of public handwashing facilities (8x12 basins) at marketplaces and public areas was at a 90% completion rate.
- The Global Handwashing Day was celebrated in Mahama camp on 15 October 2021. The theme of the year was “Our future is at hand. Let us move forward together”. On the day, refugees and partners conducted different activities promoting personal hygiene and demonstrated best practices of handwashing.



SHELTER, INFRASTRUCTURES, AND NFI

- 289 semi-permanent shelters were repaired in the Mahama camp.
- 10 families in the Mahama camp, pending bank registration, were provided kitchen sets and jerry cans.

- 26,512 face masks were distributed to Burundian returnees from the Mahama camp, students, and inmates in Nyagatare Juvenile Collection Center. The latter were also provided clothes and blankets.

- Construction of 10 ECD classrooms, kitchen, and office was at 90% completion rate.

- Refugees in the Mahama camps received the third quarter cash assistance for non-food items.



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- 15,502 refugee families in the Mahama camp were provided with domestic cooking gas.
- 219 trees were planted in the camp.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- 1,432 refugees in the Mahama camp received support, i.e., loans, to expand or formalize their businesses.
- 464 refugee youths in the camp were involved in vocational training, including tailoring, leather craft at the camp Elite Center, and others in TVET schools around the country.
- 13,822 refugees from the camp were engaged in income-generating activities, employed or self-employed.
- GIZ is supporting 300 refugees from the camp and host community to study in different TVET school

Needs & Gaps

- 37 Burundian asylum seekers in the Mahama camp are pending Refugee Status Determination (RSD).
- 13 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 78 children with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) were admitted to the nutrition program.
- Family planning prevalence was at 26% in the Mahama camp.



Congolese Refugee Response



Convoy of refugees from Gihembe to Mahama camp. Rwanda @UNHCR

Achievements & Highlights



PROTECTION

- 5,845 refugees from Gihembe camp were relocated to Mahama camp during the final relocation exercise of the 9,729 camp residents. Eight families opted from the relocation and registered as urban refugees.
- 112 refugees in Kiziba (54), Gihembe (13), Mugombwa (5), Kigeme (15), and Nyabiheke (25) camps accessed legal services, including legal representation, advocacy, counseling, and detention monitoring.
- 20 new cases of child protection, including neglect, and psychological abuse, were identified in Mugombwa, Kigeme, and Huye urban (18), Nyabiheke (1), and Gihembe (1) camps. The assistance to the children includes case management, psychosocial counseling, material support, medical services, and others.
- 35 new cases of GBV, including rape, child defilement, sexual assault, psychological/emotional abuse, denial of resources, and physical assault, were reported in Kigeme (6), Mugombwa (4), Kiziba (15), and Nyabiheke (10) camps. The survivors were assisted accordingly.
- 1,198 refugees with specific needs, (i.e., disability, older persons at risk, and persons with medical conditions in Kiziba (306), Kigeme (269), Mugombwa (37), Gihembe (36), and Nyabiheke (550) were assisted with assistive devices for people with disabilities, rehabilitation services for children, palliative cares, psychotherapy sessions, supplementary feeding, material assistance and specialized medical assistance.

DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- 103 refugees departed for resettlement in October and 1,843 since January 2021.
- 91 cases of 329 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries in October and 537 cases of 1,834 individuals since January 2021.



EDUCATION

- On 29 October, Minister for MINEMA and the Governor for Eastern Province, the Gatsibo District delegation, and other education stakeholders visited 22 classrooms under construction at GS Nyabicwamba to witness its progress. Construction progress was at 30% and is scheduled to be completed by 31 December 2021.
- Nyagahanga Catholic Parish donated school materials (school bags, pens, and schoolbooks) to 349 students, refugees, and host community, in primary 1 in Nyabiheke.
- 3,260 refugee students in Mugombwa and Kiziba camps received scholastic materials. The exercise is ongoing with the start of the 2021-2022 academic year.



HEALTH

- Crude and under 5 mortality rates were 0.15 and 0.35 deaths/1,000/month, respectively.
- 13,220 Congolese refugees in camps and their host communities accessed health services at the camp-based health posts.
- 439 refugees and the host community were referred for secondary and tertiary health services.
- 146 newborn babies were delivered in the camps, 99% assisted by trained health professionals.
- 523 refugees with HIV/AIDS received antiretroviral treatment, nutritional and psychosocial support.
- 57,217 male condoms were distributed as a preventive measure of new cases of HIV/AIDS, STIs, and unwanted pregnancies.
- 7,892 adolescents and young people aged 10-24 were targeted with HIV/SRH information.

FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- Refugee families in camps received monthly cash assistance for food, according to the eligibility criteria.



WATER AND SANITATION

- Supply of potable water was maintained within the standards in Kiziba, and Mugombwa camps at 28, and 22 liters per person per day, respectively.
- 31 new portable handwashing facilities were provided at different communal latrines in Nyabiheke (11) and Kigeme (20) camps.
- The construction of 39 new handwashing facilities at the camp-based school and different communal latrines was at a 60% completion rate.
- 2,482 liters of soaps were distributed in all public handwashing stations in Kiziba (170 liters), Gihembe (155 liters), Nyabiheke (275 liters), Mugombwa (682 liters), and Kigeme (1,200 liters) camps.
- The Global Handwashing Day was celebrated in Mahama camp on 15 October 2021. The theme of the year was “Our future is at hand. Let us move forward together”. On the day, refugees and partners conducted different activities promoting personal hygiene and demonstrated best practices of handwashing.



SHELTER, INFRASTRUCTURES, AND NFIS

- 34 families Kigeme (26) and Mugombwa (8) camps were assisted to rehabilitate their shelters with materials for doors and walls.
- 91 shelters were transformed from plastic sheeting roofing to corrugated iron sheets roofing in the Nyabiheke camp.
- The construction of 46 new shelters in the Nyabiheke camp was completed.
- The construction of 12 classrooms in the Kiziba camp was at a 95% completion rate.
- Refugee families in the camps received cash assistance for non-food items.



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- All refugee families in the camps received monthly cooking energy assistance, cooking gas in Mugombwa, and cash for the rest of the camps.
- Three new Solar Home Systems were installed for refugee families in the Kigeme camp.

- 15 terraces in Mugombwa camp and 8 in Kigeme camp were constructed to protect shelters from floods and landslides.
- 1,200 fruit trees were planted in the Kigeme camp for environmental protection.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- 50 youths from Kiziba and Mahama camps were engaged in the community-based influencers training, as part of the Innovation for Digital inclusion project. This project aims to better engage and communicate with communities, especially youths, via community-based influencers. The project will also equip community-based influencers with skills to write articles, postings on SNS and edit photos and videos.
- On 5 October 2021, Honourable Minister, Dr. Gerardine Mukeshimana, in the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI) visited the Misizi Marshland Joint Agriculture Project between refugees from Mugombwa camp and host community in Gisagara District and launched the national agriculture Season A 2022.
- Rwanda Agriculture Board (RAB) and Gisagara District trained the members of the Misizi Marshland Joint Agriculture Project between refugees from Mugombwa camp and host community on livestock and disease control.

Needs & Gaps

- Water shortages remained a challenge in Nyabiheke and Kigeme camps (11.6 and 13.7 liters/person/day, respectively) due to the limited capacity of the water boreholes and the low capacity of the national supply grid.
- Four children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 39 children with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) were admitted to the nutrition program in the camps.

Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM)



Achievements & Highlights



PROTECTION

- ETM Gashora Transit Center hosted 214 refugees and asylum seekers evacuated from Libya by the end of October: 115 Eritreans, 79 Sudanese, 13 Somalis, 4 Ethiopians, 1 Chadian, 1 South Sudanese, and 1 Cameroonian. 13% children, and 29% unaccompanied and/or separated children.
- 29 individuals were provided with individualized legal assistance, including legal representation and legal counseling.
- 10 male peer educators, including five Sudanese and five Eritreans, were trained on GBV, Adolescent and Sexual Reproductive health (ASRH), and HIV to reinforce other existing community-based protection structures to prevent GBV, unplanned pregnancies and promote safe sex.
- 43 individuals in the Center participated in awareness sessions on issues that may affect mental health.
- 33 persons with disability from the host community in the vicinity with the Center received assistive devices (elbow and axillary crutches), and wheelchairs.
- World Mental health Day was commemorated in the Center and host community.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- 29 participants in the Voluntary Saving and Loaning (VSAL) groups completed financial management training.



EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

- 87 refugees participated in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) classes.
- 161 refugees attended literacy and language classes (English, French, and Kinyarwanda).
- 115 refugees and 50 persons from the host community attended vehicle driving lessons.
- 100 persons, including 31 refugees and 69 from the host community, were engaged in tailoring and hairdressing training classes.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- 304 medical consultations were recorded at the Health Post in the Centre.
- 13 medical cases were referred for secondary and tertiary health care services.
- 1,152 male condoms were distributed as a preventive measure of new cases of HIV/AIDs, STIs, and unwanted pregnancies.
- 10 females of reproductive age from the Center participated in reproductive health activities, including family planning.
- 14 children in the Center aged 6-23 months are supported in the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program (BSFP).
- 29 refugees with specific needs, including pregnant and lactating women, persons with HIV and TB patients in the Center received supplementary nutrition support, such as CSB+ and CSB++.
- One case of COVID-19 was identified from 75 tests conducted in the Center.



FOOD SECURITY AND COOKING ENERGY

- All the refugees were provided with three hot meals a day.
- 21 families with special nutrition needs were provided cooking gas.



WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

- The average adequate potable water supplied was at 103.8 liters/person/daily. The water supply is accessible to the host community in the vicinity of the Center with 10.3 m³/month.
- The improvement of sanitation facilities (latrine blocks and bathrooms) was completed.

- 300 liters of soaps were distributed in all public handwashing stations in the Center.



SHELTER, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND NFI

- The Center had an additional accommodation capacity of 171 individuals.
- The construction of the accommodation block was at an 81% completion rate. It is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2021.
- The construction of a clinic in the Center was at a 20% completion rate. It is scheduled to be completed by March 2022.
- All refugees received monthly cash assistance.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- 36 refugees departed for resettlement in October, 240 since January 2021, and 443 since the establishment of the Center.
- 44 cases of 57 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries in October and 315 cases of 366 individuals since January 2021.
- Belgium Resettlement Team conducted cultural orientation, medical and social screening for 21 cases of 24 individuals between 4-5 October 2021.
- Finland conducted a selection mission on 25-29 October 2021 and interviewed 26 cases of 30 individuals.
- Canada conducted a selection mission from 26 October – 03 November 2021 and interviewed 34 cases of 38 individuals.

Needs & Gaps

- Need for refugee ID cards for the refugees and asylum seekers in the Center to undertake driving tests and receive licenses.

Return and Reintegration

Achievements & Highlights

- 152 Rwandan returnees arrived in Rwanda from DRC in October 2021, and 1,419 since January 2021. They were accommodated in Kijote and Nyanza Reception Centers and received reintegration packages, including cash assistance and transport to their place of origin.

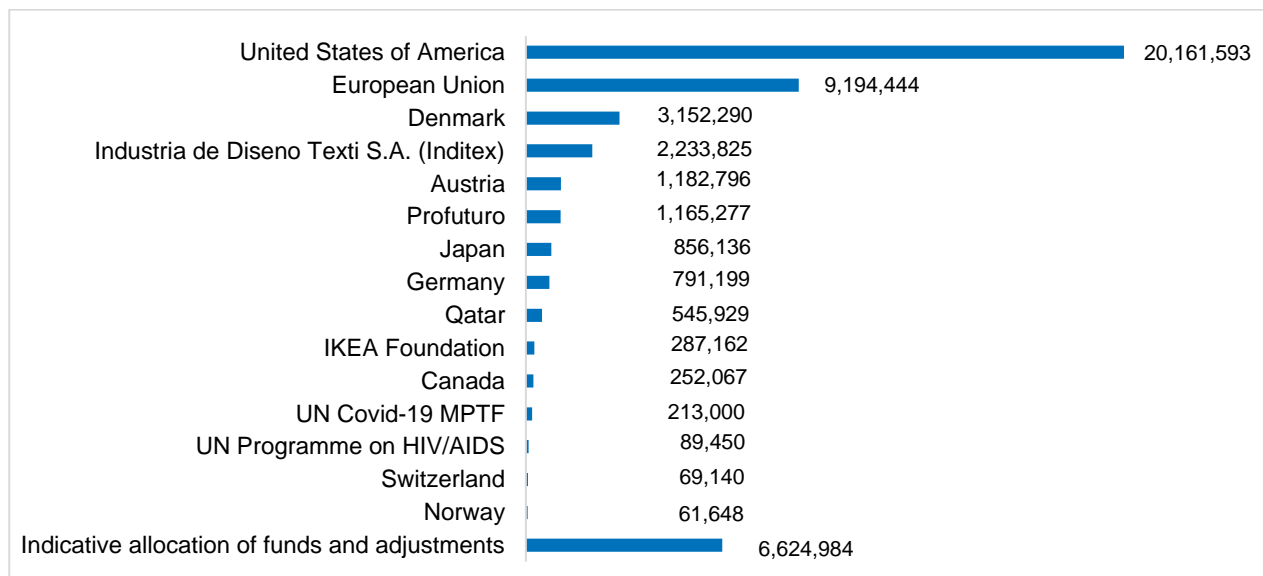
Development & Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF)

- MINEMA convened the Energy and Environment technical committee meeting with participants from the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Infrastructure (MINIFRA), Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA), Rwanda Energy Group (REG), Water and Sanitation Corporation (WASAC), Rwanda Housing Authority, Rwanda Water Resource Board, representatives of districts hosting refugee camps, UNCDF, FAO, WFP, World Bank, Practical Action, World Agroforestry (ICRAF), Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF), OffGridBox, and UNHCR. Discussions focused on Rwanda Global Refugee Forum pledges. Some of the achievements include activities of refugee cooperatives in camps, mostly in Mahama, active in environmental protection. 70,000 seedlings were produced. A USD 40 million joint project proposal between UNHCR, FAO, ICRAF, VSF, UNCDF, and Practical Action on “Greening the Humanitarian Response” is pending funding.
- The Ministry of Youth and Culture and MINEMA organized the technical committee meeting on Youth Connekt. UNDP, KOICA, and MINEMA are organizing the second phase Youth Refugee Business Competition & Award, for youth (ages 16 to 30) to boost existing businesses of refugee youth and support new business ideas and innovations as a way of enabling them to get access to markets within and outside the camps; and helping refugee youth business awardees to contribute to Rwanda’s development. This edition will be carried out at the local level, not at the national level, due to budgetary and COVID-19 limitations. The final selection and project presentation will be completed by 15 December and followed by training for the selected candidates. Other participants in the meeting were Inkomoko, Indego Africa, GIZ, FH Association Rwanda, Caritas Rwanda, Maison Shalom, and GiveDirectly.
- Findings from the Stakeholder’s mapping project were presented to agencies in Gatsibo and Kirehe Districts in two consultation meetings on 14 and 19 October 2021. Chaired by the Mayors in both districts and jointly organized by MINEMA and UNHCR, the consultations highlighted the link between activities and projects in the communities to the broader objectives of the CRRF or any of the nine pledges made by the Government of Rwanda at the Global Refugee Forum. Such initiatives encourage refugee inclusion in ongoing activities by various agencies in refugee-hosting districts.

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