

# United Republic of Tanzania

September 2023

Tanzania hosts some **250,000** refugees and asylum-seekers mainly from Burundi and DRC, who live in two camps, while some 70,000 refugees from the 1972 Burundian population live in villages and three old settlements in Kigoma Region.

In coordination with the Government, UNHCR and partners have been receiving asylum seekers fleeing violent clashes in DRC since March 2023. As of 30 September, total of **13,560** Congolese new arrivals were received in Tanzania.

UNHCR continues to provide **protection** and **life-saving assistance** to refugees, asylum-seekers, stateless people, and host community members, as well as pursuing **durable solutions**.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**71,897**

refugee children aged 0-8 years were **vaccinated against Polio** in the camps

**3,965**

Burundian refugees **voluntarily returned home** this month

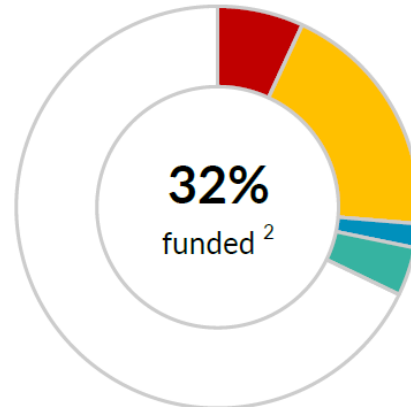
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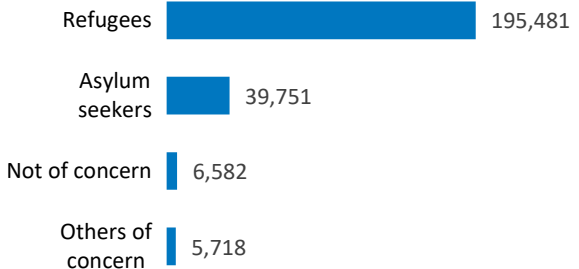
## FUNDING (AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2023)

**USD 115.9 million**

requested for the Tanzania operation



## POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER)



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Congolese new arrival relocation to family shelters in Nyarugusu Camp.  
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**PROTECTION**

- **Legal assistance:** UNHCR's partner the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) provided legal assistance to 176 Congolese and Burundian refugees in Nyarugusu camp related to camp services, legal representations, immigration detention visits, police detention visits, and prison visitations.
- **Gender-based violence (GBV):** UNHCR received reports of 138 GBV cases this month (95% females, 5% males), for which 100% of all survivors received comprehensive case management services. UNHCR and its partners continued GBV awareness sessions in both camps.
- **Birth registration:** On 4 September, a high-level birth registration stakeholders' meeting took place in Kigoma to discuss the decentralization of birth registration and a simplified model for the Kigoma region. Stakeholders agreed to continue implementing the current UNHCR and Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) led program of birth registration process in the camp. In September, UNHCR's partner DRC distributed 982 birth certificates in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps.

**EDUCATION**

- **Examinations:** Some 1,521 refugee students who sat for the exams in June 2023 received their DRC Grade 4 exam results, of which 775 students (51%) passed the exams. Those who failed have been requested to register for future exams. Additionally, 892 certificates were distributed for all students who passed the 2023 TENASOSP (The National Selection and Educational and Professional Orientation Test) DRC Grade 8 exams.
- **Teacher training:** UNHCR's partner Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) trained 234 teachers and the incentives coordination team on the Burundian curriculum and teaching methodologies, focusing on techniques of teaching in an inclusive environment.

**HEALTH**

- **Health services:** UNHCR's health partners conducted 41,515 consultations for refugees and host community members at outpatient departments in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps. This month, five health posts were closed in Nyarugusu camp due to underfunding.
- **Nutrition survey:** On 28 September, UNHCR in coordination with WFP, the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC), the Ministry of Health (MoH), MoHA, and partners completed the Standardized Expanded Nutrition Survey (SENS) in both Nduta and Nyarugusu camps. The survey, which began on 28 August, aims to identify the nutritional status of the children under the age of 5.
- **Polio vaccinations:** WHO in collaboration with MoH, MoHA, UNHCR and health partners conducted a polio vaccine campaign in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps from 21-24 September. A total of 71,897 refugee children in the age group 0 – 8 years were vaccinated in the camps.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

- **Food distribution:** UNHCR's partner DRC provided hot meals for 2,603 persons we serve, including 1,103 Burundians refugees voluntarily repatriating and 1,500 Congolese new arrivals residing at the reception and departure centres.



## WATER AND SANITATION (WASH)

- **Water supply:** Water supply coverage is above global standards in the camps. In Nduta camp, persons we serve received 28 litres per day, while in Nyarugusu camp, persons we serve received around 22.8 litres per day. Maintenance and replacement of taps is ongoing and this month UNHCR and its WASH partners installed 107 taps in the two camps.
- **Sanitation:** The latrine coverage ratio currently stands at 4.8 person per latrine in Nduta camp and around 5.9 persons per latrine in Nyarugusu camp. The coverage of households with latrines remains below standard in the two camps.



## SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- UNHCR and its partners provided Congolese new arrivals with essential items including 249 sleep mats, 176 mosquito nets, and 74 kitchen sets, also from UNICEF, 150 bars of soap, 75 reusable pads, 75 wrappers, and 75 pants.



## RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE

- To enhance food security and nutrition, UNHCR's partner DRC provided technical support to 765 persons we serve engaged in vegetable production in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps through established Farm Training Centres and at the household level – part of the kitchen garden program.
- DRC facilitated technical and vocational education and training, including information and communication technology, business and entrepreneurship, and financial literacy, among other skills for 477 persons we serve and host community members in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps.
- On 19 September, MoHA, UNHCR, and DRC organized a meeting between host and refugee communities in Nduta camp to enhance peaceful co-existence. Both communities expressed concerns about child labour and the need for road signs, zebra crossings, and road bumps.



## DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- This month, UNHCR submitted 1,955 individuals for resettlement to the USA and Canada. Some 812 persons we serve departed for resettlement – 788 to the USA and 24 to Canada.
- UNHCR, in collaboration with the Governments of Tanzania and Burundi and support from the international community and partners, assisted 3,965 Burundian refugees to voluntarily return home. So far in 2023, a total of 12,131 Burundian refugees were assisted to voluntarily return.
- On 5 September, UNHCR facilitated a monitoring mission from World Diabetes Fund (WDF) to Nyarugusu camp to see WDF-funded non-communicable diseases activities. The delegation met with health partners and persons we serve.



## ACCESS TO ENERGY

- UNHCR's partner DRC reached 16,162 refugees and 2,639 local people with environmental conservation awareness raising messages through home visits, meetings, and regular patrols in the camps and surrounding host communities.
- DRC supported the fabrication of 2,091 mud fuel-efficient stoves in the camps and 445 in the host communities as part of its energy-saving awareness campaign in the camps and hosting communities aimed at reducing deforestation and environmental degradation.
- To conserve and preserve the environment, some 468 people with special needs received 24,960 kgs of bio briquettes, and 12 tree nurseries were established – 4 in the camps, 8 in the host community to raise over 1.8 million trees.

## GAPS AND NEEDS

Shortage of funds continued to severely impact the lives of the persons we serve in Tanzania. Soap distribution and household latrine coverage is below minimum standards. Food rations have been reduced to 60% leading to negative coping mechanisms. Dilapidated classrooms in schools cannot be repaired. Alternative cooking energy sources cannot be scaled up to the larger refugee population, exposing them to protection risks while collecting firewood in the host community.

## DONORS

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