United Republic of Tanzania

July 2025

As of 31 July 2025, Tanzania hosts **231,884** refugees and asylum-seekers, mainly from Burundi 144,476 and from the DRC 86,736 and 672 from other countries who live in two camps, while some refugees live in villages and three old settlements in Kigoma, Katavi, and Tabora regions.

In collaboration with the Government of Tanzania, UNHCR and partners have been receiving asylum seekers fleeing violent clashes in the DRC since January 2025. As of 31 July 2025, a total of **3,205** new arrivals were received in Tanzania.

UNHCR continues to provide **protection** and **assistance** to persons of concern. Some services, including primary health care and education, are also extended to the host community. In addition, UNHCR seeks **durable solutions**.

HIGHLIGHTS

3,945

Congolese refugee students in Nyarugusu Camp sat for examinations administered by the National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA).

326

refugees and Tanzanians in Kasulu District graduated from the Nyarugusu Vocational Training Centre.

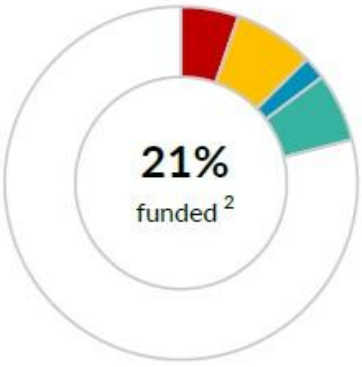
262

refugees voluntarily repatriated to Burundi to the provinces of Bujumbura Rural, Bujumbura Mairie, Cankuzo, Gitega, Makamba, Muyinga, Ngozi, Rumonge, Rutana, and Ruyigi.

FUNDING (AS OF 31 JULY 2025)

USD 114 million

requested for the Tanzania operation.



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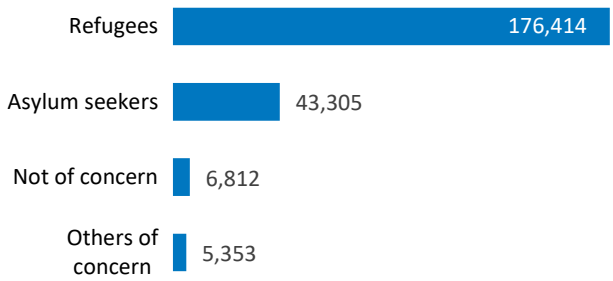
The Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) and UNHCR continue with the Comprehensive Protection and Solutions-based Assessment for Burundian refugees in Katumba Settlement. ©UNHCR/Maimuna Mtengela

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 31 JULY 2025)



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PROTECTION

- **Comprehensive Protection and Solutions-based Assessment:** On 21 July 2025, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) and UNHCR launched an information campaign about the Comprehensive Protection and Solutions-based Assessment for Burundian refugees residing in the old settlements in Tabora and Katavi regions. The information campaign covered seven wards (3 in Katumba, 4 in Mishamo). The campaign aimed to counter misinformation and to manage expectations among the Burundian refugees. Following community engagement, FAQs in English and Swahili were developed and distributed to address key concerns. The official assessment began in Katumba Settlement on 28 July 2025.
- **DRC situation:** The Government of Tanzania and UNHCR continued to welcome new arrivals from the DRC and received 78 individuals seeking safety in Tanzania this month. This brings the total to 3,205 individuals received from January to July 2025. In collaboration with the Government, UN agencies, and NGO partners, UNHCR provided comprehensive protection and lifesaving assistance, including shelter, food, core relief items, counselling, and medical support to the new arrivals.

EDUCATION

- **Congolese exams:** From 1-31 July 2025, UNHCR in collaboration with NECTA, the Ministry of Education of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and funded partners, oversaw the administration of Grade 6, Grade 8, and Form 4 national examinations for a total of 3,945 students in Nyarugusu Camp (1,937 female, 2,008 male).

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- **Health services:** UNHCR's health partners conducted 32,731 consultations for refugees and host communities at outpatient departments in the two camps (13,795 in Nduta, 18,936 in Nyarugusu). Around 7% of outpatient services were used by Tanzanians in both camps.
- **Comprehensive safe motherhood services:** A total of 977 live births were delivered in the camps, including refugees and the host community (238 in Nduta, 739 in Nyarugusu), with 99% of deliveries conducted by skilled healthcare workers. Out of the 977 live births, 136 live births were delivered by host community women inside the camps.
- **Medical referrals:** A total of 22 health referrals (12 from Nduta, 10 from Nyarugusu) were conducted this month to primary, secondary, and tertiary level referral hospitals through partners to save the lives of refugees and asylum seekers. All of the referrals were emergency cases. Additionally, 29 urban refugees accessed referral services in Dar es Salaam, including one individual who received home-based care.
- **Surgical campaign:** From 15-25 July 2025, UNHCR's partners the Tanzania Red Cross Society and Medical Teams International, together with Johns Hopkins University facilitated an Ear, Nose, and Throat surgical campaign in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps. A total of 159 individuals were reached, and 55 patients underwent surgical procedures.
- **Nutrition:** UNHCR's partners and nutrition community volunteers identified a total of 53 children under five years old (33 refugees, 20 Tanzanians) with Severe Acute Malnutrition, providing all children with the necessary treatment.

FOOD SECURITY

- **Food distribution:** Refugees residing in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps continue to receive 50% of dry food rations in July 2025. UNHCR's partner, the Danish Refugee Council, continued providing hot meals for Burundian refugees repatriating and Congolese new arrivals residing at the departure and reception centres at 50% and 82% respectively.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

- **Water:** Water supply in Nduta and Nyarugusu refugee camps was at 88 persons per tap this month, which is above the global standard of 100 persons per tap.
- **Sanitation:** The household latrine coverage in the camps was 53% (40% in Nduta, 59% in Nyarugusu), remaining below standards.

SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- **Shelter maintenance:** UNHCR and partners maintained 125 shelters in both camps.
- **Emergency shelter**: UNHCR and partners constructed 82 emergency family shelters to accommodate the new Congolese asylum seekers in Nyarugusu Camp this month.
- **Non-food items:** From 1-4 July 2025, UNHCR and partners distributed 18,858 pieces of treated mosquito nets to 46,200 refugees and asylum seekers in Nyarugusu Camp. The mosquito nets were donated by the Government of Tanzania, through the Ministry of Health in June 2025.

RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE

- **Kitchen gardening:** In the two camps, UNHCR and its partner the Danish Refugee Council trained 1,986 individuals from refugee and host communities (1,390 female, 596 male) on good agronomic practices, climate-smart agriculture, and kitchen gardening to strengthen food security and promote food diversification in the communities.
- **Vocational training:** On 9 July 2025, 326 students from Nyarugusu Refugee Camp and host communities (138 female, 188 male) graduated from the Nyarugusu Vocational Training Centre in Kasulu District and were issued with formal certificates. The graduates were trained in food processing, hairdressing, soap making, tailoring, and information and communication technology.
- **Cross-border market:** From 18-19 July 2025, UNHCR, the Danish Refugee Council, Local Government Authorities, and engineers conducted a joint monitoring visit in Buhigwe and Kasulu districts to assess progress on cross-border market construction under the EU refugee cross-border project. The initiative supports protection and resilience for displaced populations in Tanzania and Burundi.

DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- **Resettlement:** UNHCR submitted 19 refugees to Australia, Canada, and France for resettlement. In addition, 61 refugees departed for resettlement to Australia and Canada during the month, bringing the total to 472 refugees who departed for resettlement from January to July 2025.
- **Return:** The Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, UNHCR, and its partners facilitated the voluntary return of 262 individuals to Burundi this month to the provinces of Bujumbura Rural,

Cankuzo, Makamba, Muyinga, Rumonge, Rutana, and Ruyigi. This brings the total number of Burundian refugees repatriated to Burundi since 2017 to 179,425.

ACCESS TO ENERGY

- **Environment:** To enhance environmental conservation, UNHCR, partners, and members of the host communities filled 201,420 pots and planted 32,833 with seeds. Moreover, meetings, home visits, and patrols were organized, reaching 5,787 individuals in Nyarugusu Camp (3,401 female, 2,386 male) to encourage environmental stewardship and sustainable management of natural resources.
- **Energy:** To reduce the use of firewood in the camps and host community, UNHCR and partners trained 1,568 refugee and host community members on how to make fuel-efficient stoves. Participants of the training fabricated 366 stoves, contributing to environment conservation efforts. In addition, 95,934 kilograms of sustainably sourced firewood and 13,800 kilograms of charcoal powder were distributed to persons with specific needs.

GAPS AND NEEDS

Shortage of funds continued to severely impact the lives of forcibly displaced people in Tanzania. Malaria prevention activities, such as indoor residual spray, have been delayed, and access to household latrines and other essential WASH services remain critically low.

DONORS

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