

# United Republic of Tanzania

July 2026

As of 31 July 2026, Tanzania hosts **130,924** refugees and asylum seekers, mainly from the DRC and Burundi. Of these, 89,574 live in Nyarugusu Camp, while 41,350 (mostly Burundian) refugees live in urban areas, villages, and old settlements in Dar es Salaam, Kigoma, Katavi, and Tabora regions.

In collaboration with the Government, UNHCR, and partners, have been receiving asylum seekers fleeing violent clashes in the DRC. In July 2026, a total of 175 new arrivals were received in Tanzania, bringing the total number of arrivals to **4,566** since renewed violence in eastern DRC in January 2025.

UNHCR continues to provide **protection** and **assistance** to the people we serve. Some services, including primary health care and education, are also extended to the host community. In addition, UNHCR seeks **durable solutions for refugees**.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### 175

**Congolese asylum seekers** were received in Tanzania this month.

### 85,876

**Congolese refugees and asylum seekers** were verified through a verification exercise in Nyarugusu Camp.

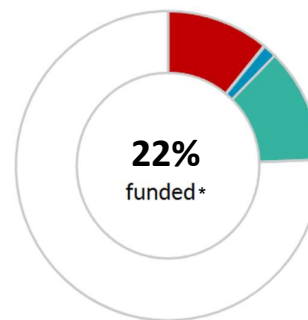
### 17,877

**Refugees and Tanzanians** received health services in Nyarugusu Camp.

## FUNDING (AS OF 31 JULY 2026)

### USD 81.1 million

Requested for the Tanzania operation.



\* Figure may be adjusted subject to reconciliation.



A refugee accessing health services at the pharmacy at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. ©UNHCR/Maimuna Mtengela

## POPULATION (AS OF 31 JULY 2026)

Refugees **82,682**

Asylum seekers **48,095**

Not of concern **72**

Others of concern **75**

\*Source: Government of Tanzania/UNHCR proGres v4

**PROTECTION**

- **Congolese Verification Exercise:** From 6 to 31 July 2026, UNHCR, in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), conducted a verification exercise for Congolese refugees in Nyarugusu Camp. The primary objective was to assess refugees' willingness to voluntarily return to safe areas in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). In addition, the exercise collected updated household information, removed duplicate and inactive records, recorded births, deaths, arrivals, and departures, and ensured the accuracy of population statistics. A total of 19,194 households, comprising 85,876 individuals, were assessed. The results of the verification exercise are currently being finalized.
- **Child Protection:** On 27 July 2026, a meeting was held to review and update the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in preparation for the resumption of continuous birth registration activities. Participants included the Kasulu District Administrative Secretary, Zonal Coordinator, Deputy Zonal Coordinator, Kasulu Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) Registration Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs Nyarugusu, UNICEF, UNHCR, and Dignity Kwanza. The SOPs were revised to align with the current operational context, particularly changes in the camp population and the roles of implementing partners.
- **GBV Capacity Building:** From 27 to 29 July 2026, UNHCR organized a three-day refresher Gender Based Violence (GBV) Case Management training for the GBV partner staff, with a focus on newly recruited staff. The training enhanced participants' understanding and practical skills in GBV case management, strengthening their ability to provide quality support to GBV survivors in the camp. Participants valued the knowledge and skills gained and are now better equipped to implement GBV case management interventions. They also expressed interest in the upcoming GBV Information Management System (GBVIMS) training, which will further strengthen their capacity to collect, manage, store, analyse, and monitor GBV-related data.
- **Legal awareness:** From 1 to 28 July 2026, UNHCR and partners provided legal awareness sessions to 16,674 individuals (10,802 female, 5,872 male) in Nyarugusu Camp. Participants received information on compliance with camp regulations and Tanzanian law, including the consequences of unauthorized movement, providing false identities when detained, violations of child protection laws, and other legal protection issues.

**EDUCATION**

- **Congolese national examinations:** On 30 July 2026, the Ministry of Education of the Democratic Republic of Congo announced the results of the Grade Six examinations conducted in June 2026 at Nyarugusu Camp. Out of the 2,377 candidates (1,150 male and 1,227 female), a total of 2,133 students (1,043 males and 1,090 females) passed the exams and advanced to Grade Seven in the four secondary schools in the camp. This represents an overall pass rate of 89.7 percent (90.7% male and 88.8% female).
- **AI Innovation Incubator Lab Project:** On 16 July 2026, the Tanzania AI innovation incubator project in Nyarugusu Camp and the host community received formal acceptance of the project endorsement from UNHCR Headquarters. This is an innovative initiative aimed at reducing the digital divide among refugees and host communities around Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. It addresses limited access to technology, low digital literacy, and the shortage of AI learning resources in Swahili and French. The project is expected to start in September 2026, with 600 direct beneficiaries from Nyarugusu camp and the host community.

**HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

- **Health services:** UNHCR's health partners conducted 17,877 consultations for refugees and host communities in Nyarugusu Camp (16,343 refugees and 1,543 Tanzanians). The top three leading causes of morbidities were upper respiratory tract infection (23%), urinary tract infection (19%), and Malaria (17%). The crude mortality rate was 0.43, and the under-five mortality rate was 0.73, both within global standards.
- **Comprehensive safe motherhood services:** A total of 524 live births were delivered in Nyarugusu Camp, including refugees and the host community, with 99 per cent of deliveries conducted by skilled healthcare workers. Out of the 524 live births, 51 live births were delivered by host community women inside the camp.
- **Medical referrals:** A total of 15 referrals from Nyarugusu Camp and Kigoma Transit Centre were conducted this month to primary and secondary level referral hospitals through partners to save the lives of refugees and asylum seekers (10 from Nyarugusu Camp, 5 from Kigoma Transit Centre). All referrals were emergency cases.
- **Nutrition:** UNHCR's partners and nutrition community volunteers identified a total of 11 children under five years old (7 refugees, 4 Tanzanian) with Severe Acute Malnutrition. All children were provided with the necessary treatment. Additionally, 16 new refugee cases were enrolled in the Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) for continued treatment.

**FOOD SECURITY**

- **Food distribution:** Refugees residing in Nyarugusu camp received 51 per cent of the dry food rations in July 2026, which follows the addition of oil from 12 per cent to 15 per cent provided by WFP. UNHCR's partner, the Tanganyika Christian Refugees Services (TCRS), continued to provide hot meals for Burundian refugees repatriated and Congolese new arrivals residing at the departure and reception centres at 51 per cent and 82 per cent respectively.

**WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)**

- **Water:** Water supply coverage was at an average of 23.3 litres per person per day in Nyarugusu Camp, which is above the global standard of 20 litres per person per day.
- **Sanitation:** Household latrine coverage was at an average of 73 per cent in Nyarugusu Camp, a small increase from the previous month of 72 per cent, though it remains a substantial gap as it falls below the 85 per cent global standard for household latrine coverage.
- **Hygiene:** UNHCR, WASH partners, and refugee hygiene promoters continued hygiene promotion activities this month, reaching a total of 80,000 refugees in Nyarugusu Camp. However, each hygiene promoter currently covers an average of 2,000 persons, exceeding the global standard of 1,000 persons per hygiene promoter and highlighting a gap in staffing and outreach capacity.

**SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS**

- **Shelter maintenance:** UNHCR and partners maintained 4 shelters for 21 Congolese refugees (11 female, 10 male) in the Congolese zone of Nyarugusu Camp.
- **Emergency family shelter construction:** UNHCR and partners constructed 21 shelters for 29 Congolese asylum seekers (17 female, 12 male) in zone 6.
- **Facilities maintenance:** UNHCR is rehabilitating a steel frame structure at the zonal coordinator's office to be used as an alternate reception centre for the new Congolese asylum seekers as part of emergency preparedness for the Ebola Virus Disease.

**DURABLE SOLUTIONS**

- **Resettlement:** UNHCR submitted 32 refugees for resettlement (25 to Canada, 7 to France), bringing the total to 92 refugees who were submitted for resettlement since January 2026. In addition, 31 refugees departed for resettlement to Canada, bringing the total to 172 refugees who departed for resettlement since January 2026.

**GAPS AND NEEDS**

Chronic funding shortfalls continued to impact services for forcibly displaced people in Tanzania. Additional resources are urgently needed to strengthen humanitarian services in Nyarugusu Camp.

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