

UGANDA

UPDATE ON THE BURUNDI REFUGEE RESPONSE

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HIGHLIGHTS

- There has been a noticeable decline in new arrivals. This week, average daily new arrivals reduced to less than thirty per day. The majority of new arrivals are entering Uganda from Rwanda through the Mirama Hills border crossing.
- Kabazana is currently the only operational reception centre, and is close to its capacity as it also hosts new arrivals from the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) has agreed to deploy extra staff to assist with government-led registration in order to ease the overcrowding. Juru Reception Centre may also be re-opened.
- Many of the new arrivals at Kabazana Reception Centre are children under the age of eighteen. In light of this, ARC are to push forward with plans to develop child-friendly spaces at the centre.



New arrivals at Kabahinda village in Nakivale, Uganda receive their non-food items.

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KEY FIGURES

13,590*

Burundian refugees have fled to Uganda since November 2014

Further breakdown of the above figure:

10,535

Refugees in Nakivale Refugee Settlement

218

Refugees in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement

129

Refugees in Oruchinga Refugee Settlement

2,624

Urban refugees registered in Kampala

**statistics are provided by the Government of Uganda Office of the Prime Minister*

PRIORITIES

- Kabazana Reception Centre is nearing capacity. OPM are deploying additional staff to prevent congestion;
- Efforts are continuing to improve school enrolment rates;
- Border officials have been trained to ensure correct processes are followed for new arrivals;
- Water trucks continue to be utilized to maintain the quality and quantity of the water supply.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- There has been a noticeable increase of new arrivals, with majority entering Uganda through Rwanda at the Mirama Hills border crossing despite earlier restrictions from security officials. This week, there was an average of 57 daily new arrivals per day. New arrivals are citing insecurity and fears of attacks from armed groups as reasons for fleeing.
- The emergency response is facing additional pressures as there continues to be steady influx of new arrivals from the Democratic Republic of Congo, who are also arriving in Nakivale where the vast majority of Burundian refugees are being hosted.
- The number of new arrivals in Kabazana Reception Centre has increased by 37 to 1,044, close to its capacity of 1,500. Juru Reception Centre may be opened specifically to host Burundian refugees as, unlike other nationalities, they do not have to appear before Refugee Eligibility Committees and so can be relocated faster.

Achievements

Protection

- ARC and Child protection Committees, conducted home to home awareness community outreaches. The exercise found 53 children that are not currently attending school and referred them to Windle Trust Uganda for educational support. 3 female children not receiving adequate adult care were placed with care givers. 10 unaccompanied minors were placed with foster parents and 2 separated children were referred to MTI for medical support.
- ARC also conducted an awareness meeting for 20 newly established child protection committee members to strengthen their capacity in identifying and reporting children at risk.
- ARC attended to three cases of SGBV (2 rape and 1 physical assault) which occurred in the country of origin. The victims received psychosocial counselling and have been referred to MTI for further medical care.

Education

- In Nakivale, close to 50% of primary age children are now enrolled in schools. Windle Trust Uganda are conducting an analysis of those who are out of school to identify the reasons. Windle Trust Uganda also held a meeting with the District Education Office to arrange holiday tuition for those who have been missing out on their education.
- 54 university students are seeking scholarships in order to continue with their education that has been interrupted since their flight from Burundi.

Health

- MTI conducted outreaches at Nakivale Health Centre III following a health service monitoring exercise that revealed a problem of Jigger bug bites, misuse of treated mosquito nets and self-medication.
- A total of 318 children between 0-15 years were vaccinated against measles, oral polio, dewormed and or given vitamin A.

Food Security and Nutrition

- Fifteen moderate and five severe malnutrition cases were enrolled on the supplementary feeding and outpatient therapeutic program respectively.

Water and Sanitation

- ARC conducted hygiene awareness sessions for 242 refugees on how to install latrine poles and slabs to address high stance-household ratios.

Working in partnership

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