

KEY FIGURES

14,965*

Burundian refugees have been received in Uganda since November 2014 (As of 6th October)

Further breakdown of the above figure:

11,309

Refugees received in Nakivale Refugee Settlement

243

Refugees received in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement

160

Refugees received in Oruchinga Refugee Settlement

81

Refugees received in Kisoro Refugee Settlement

3,172

Urban refugees received in Kampala

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

PRIORITIES

- School enrolment levels remain low. Community outreach programmes are being run to assist refugee students with the enrolment process.
- All villages are now above the minimum emergency standard for water supply except Nyarugugu. A team is being deployed to find out how water supply in Nyarugugu can be improved.

UGANDA

UPDATE ON THE BURUNDI REFUGEE RESPONSE

October 2-October 08, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- Compared to last week, there was a drop in the number of new refugees seeking protection in Uganda. A total of 69 Burundian refugees arrived in the country through Mirama Hills, Kisenyi Police Post, Mutukula and Rubaale border points, less than half of last week's 147 individuals. The new arrivals cite increased insecurity in Burundi and family reunion as reasons for fleeing.
- UNHCR Uganda sub office in Mbarara, launched distribution of a firewood-substitute-appropriate-technology known as 'safe mass briquettes (SMB)' as part of a sustainable environment and livelihood campaign dubbed Safe Access to Fuel Energy (SAFE) in Oruchinga settlement. Currently, a record 100% briquette (plus accompanying energy saving stove) coverage of Oruchinga's 5,723 population where some of the newly arrived Burundian refugees have been settled, has been achieved. Made by compacting biomass waste into a mould, the SMBs are made from timber, farm and household bio-degradable waste like charcoal and timber dust, banana peelings, maize cobs, and groundnuts, coffee or bean husks. UNHCR together with partners, set up a mass briquette production plant in Nakivale settlement with over 290 tons produced so far. The distribution process, where UNHCR provides a 75% subsidy to enable refugees and host communities to purchase the SMBs at an affordable 300 Uganda shillings per kilogram (\$0.08) started in Oruchinga because of its smaller population. A kilo of briquettes can cook all days' meals.



L-R (clockwise): Produced SMBs in the final stage of production-sun drying, ready for use; SMB production plant in Nakivale refugee settlement; a female distributor weighing the briquettes for sale; and a refugee moulding clay for lining the metallic iron sheets fabricated into energy saving stoves. © UNHCR/E.Ohanusi, August 2015.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational context

- UNHCR and partners (OPM, ARC) conducted the routine joint physical headcount at Kabazana Reception Centre on 02 October. The current population now stands at 1,292 individuals (619 Burundians, 424 Congolese and 168 Rwandese). This indicates a small increase from last week's figure of 1,033 individuals. An average of 20 individuals continue to arrive daily. There remains sufficient capacity for new arrivals as the centre has a total capacity for 1,500.
- In Nakivale, 181 Burundians (91 households) who had arrived at Nakivale Refugee Settlement or had been referred from Kampala were registered by the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM). This represents an increase in the overall new arrivals from Burundi from last week's 141 individuals (70 households).

Protection

Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs)

- At Kabazana Reception Centre, ARC identified 11 PSNs, all of whom were elderly, without any means of identification, and without their families. They were transported to OPM for registration.

Child Protection

- In Nakivale, UNHCR and partners (OPM, ARC) held a community meeting on child protection at Misiera B village. The District Child Protection Officer, Refugee Welfare Committee and 58 refugees attended. Key issues raised included the lack of scholastic materials, particularly books, pens, pencils, and uniforms; students having to walk long distances to and from the only secondary school in Nakivale; the lack of a specific school for children with disabilities; language barriers in learning; and the long distances to health centres. Windle Trust Uganda (WTU) agreed to distribute the more scholastic materials to support learning. The community were encouraged to enroll their children in school and were also advised to make use of the bi-weekly community health outreach programmes conducted by Medical Teams International (MTI).
- In Nakivale, UNHCR in conjunction with UNICEF, ARC and Isingiro district organized a three-day training at Nakivale Youth Centre on child protection covering identification of child protection cases, follow-up, reporting and referral pathways. Some 29 individuals, comprised of police officers, Child Protection Committee and Refugee Welfare Committee members committed to be more vigilant in monitoring child protection issues.
- In Nakivale, Uganda Red Cross conducted home visit follow-ups on six unaccompanied minors placed under foster care at Misiera B, Ruhoko A and Base Camp II. The children were found to be living well and two of them were registered for family tracing in Burundi. The remaining four are still undergoing screening.
- In Nakivale, Uganda Red Cross conducted an outreach to identify secondary-school Burundian students who have not yet enrolled in school due to a lack of supporting documents. Around 120 students were identified and enrolled. Uganda Red Cross is following up on the request to have refugee students' documents from Burundi transferred to Uganda to enable them to register for Ugandan National Examinations.

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)

- ARC conducted ongoing community awareness sessions on sexual gender-based violence in Kabazana Reception Centre with a screening of the 'Start Awareness, Support Action (SASA)' video documentary. Over 290 individuals watched the documentary, which was so well-received that the community asked for such screenings to happen on a regular basis. ARC noted that screening of such films is an effective tool for disseminating SGBV prevention messages, and that its entertainment value makes it an effective tool for community mobilization.

Education

- There was an increase in enrolment at child development centres, primary schools and secondary schools of 134 children, 44 pupils and 73 students respectively. A total of 1, 577 children have been enrolled in the six early childhood development centres supported by UNHCR/Windle Trust Uganda and the four centres in Kabazana, Kashojwa, Nyarugugu and Nakivale primary schools supported by UNICEF, up from last week's 1,143. Primary school attendance increased from 1,257 to 1,301, while secondary school attendance increased from 129 to 192.99 youths have been identified for enrollment at the vocational training centre for carpentry, tailoring, brick laying and agronomy, however currently only 33 are in training due to limited scholarship funding. Similarly, only 23 of the 29 youths identified for ICT are currently taking part in training. UNHCR and partners are canvassing for more support.

Health

Immunization

- Some 669 people at Kabazana, Kashojwa and Misiera were informed about immunization in preparation for the mass measles campaign scheduled for next week.

Food Security and Nutrition

- At Kabazana Reception Centre, MTI conducted malnutrition screening for 170 children aged between 0-15 years during their weekly health outreach. Five cases were found to be moderately malnourished and were enrolled on the supplementary feeding program while two, who were severely malnourished were put on outpatient therapeutic programs.

Water and Sanitation

- In Nakivale, water access in the Burundian refugee hosting villages has increased above the emergency standard of 15 l/p/d, with the exception of Nyarugugu which is at 14 l/p/d. A UNHCR team is to be dispatched to the villages to assess the causes for Nyarugugu continuing to be under the standard level and to gain a better understanding of how the community are utilizing the available water facilities.

Working in partnership

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