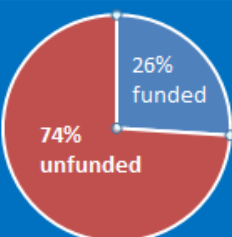


HIGHLIGHT

On the day before his birthday, Mr. Howard G. Buffett visited Gihembe Refugee Camp to witness livelihoods projects such as mushroom growing for HIV positive women (pictured bottom left) and refugee artisans (pictured bottom right), and to interact with refugee families and hold discussions with beneficiaries of his girls' education program (pictured top). The Howard G. Buffett Foundation will be donating an additional \$380K to extend the girls scholarship program.



2014 Funding Gap:



STATISTICS

74,337

Persons of concern in Rwanda

5,686

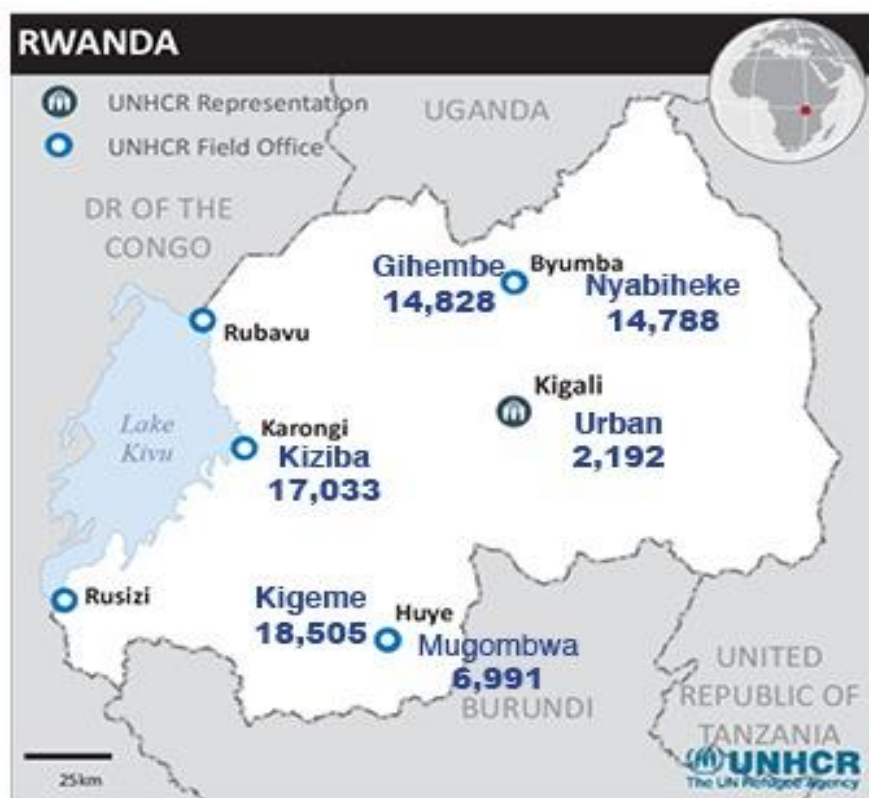
Returnees since the beginning of 2014

2,664

Submissions for resettlement in 2014

2,569

Resettlement Departures in 2014



MAJOR NATIONAL & REGIONAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

- Two Rwandan refugees from Uganda and two Rwandan refugees from Niger participated in the **12th National Dialogue**, known as Umushyikirano, which took place at the National Parliament in Kigali, under the theme "Common Vision, New Momentum". The National Dialogue is a platform where Rwanda's officials at central and local level, discuss with communities from around the country and the Diaspora, issues regarding national development and social welfare.
- Since October, **more than 250 people have been killed in attacks in the area of Beni** in North Kivu province. Attacks have been blamed on the rebel group from Uganda, the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF).
- At least **35 people are now confirmed to have been killed** in clashes between Burundi's army and members of an unidentified rebel group near the DRC border.
- **60 camps for displaced people in the Kivu region of eastern DRC are being shut down** by authorities, arguing that arms are being concealed inside.
- DRC has begun **repatriating M23 ex-combatants** from Uganda and Rwanda in hopes of preventing future regrouping.
- **Brussels withdrew funding from Rwanda** citing the country's failure to ensure freedom of the press and governance targets agreed upon four years ago under a 160 million euro (\$195 million) financing agreement.
- The head of the UN Ebola Response Mission in West Africa believes there is **still a "huge risk" that Ebola could spread to other parts of the world.**

Protection

Resettlement:

- 2,664 Individuals were submitted in 2014 (89% of target). 70% of the cases were submitted in the last four months. Most cases had been put on hold in the first half of the year due to protection referrals mainly linked to registration issues.
- Resettlement departures totaled 2,569 individuals (71% over the projected target of 1,500).
- **Key highlights:**
 - Completion of Interview spaces in all camp locations
 - Increased departures surpassing planned targets
 - Deployment of RefugePoint Caseworkers for the first time in Rwanda
 - Development of video for refugees to explain the resettlement process and clarify and misconceptions (to be finalized in 2015)
 - Enhanced anti-fraud awareness campaigns were conducted country-wide
 - International publicity on RST work in Rwanda through BBC and Finland radio service

Registration:

- 9,182 refugee ID cards were produced in December by Rwandan immigration service (NIDA) in the first phase of card production.
- Between 8-12 December a regional support mission to Rwanda by UNHCR RSH Nairobi and WFP Regional Office Nairobi assessed the current food distribution procedures in Rwanda as a basis for drafting a plan, timeline and budget for implementation of biometric checks at food distribution centres.

Age, Gender, Diversity Mainstreaming and community participation:

- UNHCR has adopted an age, gender and diversity mainstreaming (AGDM) approach and targeted actions to address protection gaps. On December 2-3, a participatory assessment was conducted with urban refugees to discuss the main issues they face. A specific methodology based on child protection was used to facilitate a focus group with refugees 12-17 years of age. Priority issues identified by the community included the following:
 - Documentation and refugee status determination: travel documents; legal aid to asylum seekers
 - Livelihoods: employment/business opportunities; livelihoods skills/vocational training, education and financing schemes

- Education: support for secondary and tertiary education; large number of out-of-school children requiring appropriate follow-up actions
- Persons living with disabilities: specific care for empowerment and autonomy; specialized training to better communicate and participate
- Elderly: support with supplementary food
- Health: advocacy for eye glasses and coverage of costs; support to cover additional costs for patients suffering from chronic diseases (e.g. diabetes) that require special diet

Sugar donation:

- In celebration of the yearend festivities, UNHCR, WFP and MIDIMAR distributed sugar to the most vulnerable elderly refugees.

16 Days of Activism against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence:

- UNHCR held an event for urban refugees in Kigali to showcase poems related to SGBV, under the theme: **Protecting Rights and Preserving Childhoods: Working Together to Address Child Marriage**. Five students won the poem competition; below is a poem by an 11 year old girl.

Mariage précoce (Early Marriage)

Etre pour toujours avec lui, grâce à une loi
 Je n'aurais pas le courage, je crois
 Une fille au regard précoce
 Avec son âge prématuré
 Parée aux couleurs de la vie
 Jusqu'au lever du soleil
 Annonçant une mauvaise nouvelle
 Etre Uni à lui pour cette vie
 Je ne le porte pas dans mon cœur
 Ni dans mes nuits
 La déception, les souffrances, ses mains me font peur
 L'branlement d'un avenir proche me donne envie d'arracher mon cœur
 Mon amour se referme peu à peu à ceux qui m'imposent cela
 Mais pouvais-je refuser ? Non, je ne le pense pas
 J'avoue que la frayeur d'être seule toute ma vie
 M'a évidemment effleuré l'esprit
 J'ai dû assurer mes arrières ainsi que ceux de l'honneur familial
 Je le regrette déjà, je ne peux revenir en arrière, ni bafouer l'autorité parentale
 Je n'ai plus envie d'ouvrir les portes du temps
 Que vais-je découvrir derrière celle de demain, du sang ?

Lorsque les portes d'hier se refermeront, et que le seuil sera franchi

Est-ce un monstre qu'ils m'auront emmené ici dans mon lit ?

Cette peur-là est unique dans mon corps

Je ferme les yeux mais les bleus sont plus forts

La douleur du mariage forcé

De la fille devenue objet

Le procès est sans appel

Car c'est papa qui parle :

« Je t'offre à un tel

C'est un mari idéal » sans sentiment ni amour

Le mariage est consommé

Par l'arme de la poésie

Je dénonce la folie

Du drame des mariages précoces

Où la main de la fille est forcée

Attachée à un démon de mari

J'espère, je prie, je supplie et j'implore

De toute mon âme que celui-ci ne chavirera pas

KANAMPONGA MUSEME MADELEINE, Age 11



Updates on Rwanda's newest camp, Mugombwa

Umuganda:

- Since this month's Umuganda (community service in Rwanda) took place during the 16 Days of Activism Against SGBV campaign, participants engaged in group discussions in every camp district (*quartier*) around the campaign's 2014 theme: "Protecting Rights and Preserving Childhoods: Working Together to Address Child Marriage";
- On the same occasion, World Vision Rwanda distributed Christmas gifts to children and persons living with disabilities, which included shoes for children, 13 wheelchairs (**pictured right**), and 3 tons of sugar;
- The financial value for this month's Umuganda activity of cleaning open drainages throughout the camp was totaled to 428,400 RWF (over \$600).



Toy donations:

- CARE International organized an end of the year programme for children attending ECD programs in the new camps (Kigeme and Mugombwa) on 24 December, including a donation of assorted gifts to children.

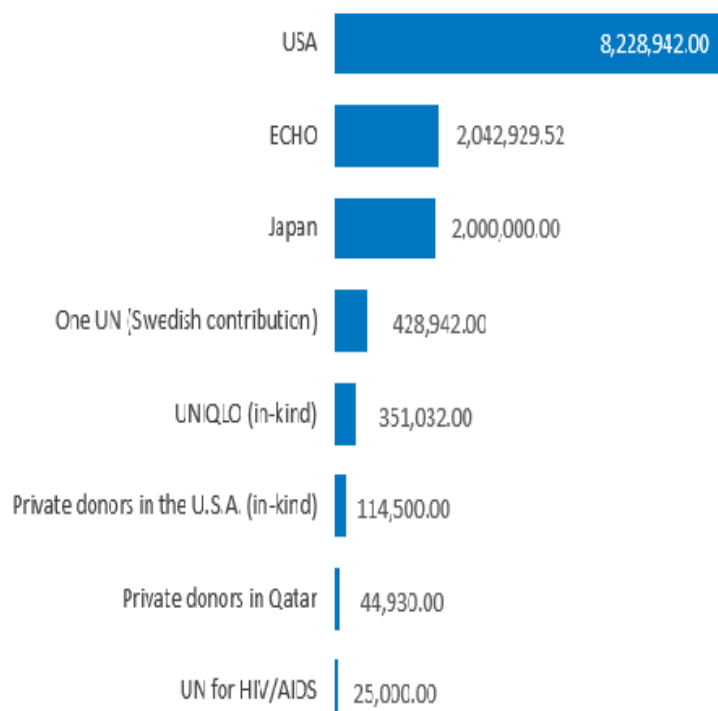
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2014 comprehensive needs:

US\$ 52.3 million

2014 operations funding received:

US\$ 13.4 million



Partners	Sectors	Sites
 <p>Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs, Immigration and Rwanda National Police http://www.gov.rw/</p>	Security, Camp Management and Coordination	All Refugee Camps
 <p>https://plan-international.org/</p>	Protection, including Children, GBV and persons with special needs	
 <p>ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY RWANDA http://www.adra.org.rw/</p>	Logistics, Warehousing, Distribution, Fleet Management, and Education	
 <p>American Refugee Committee http://www.arcrelief.org/</p>	Shelter	
	Infrastructures	
	Livelihood and Economic Recovery (complementary support from BPRM)	
	WASH	Gihembe, Nyabiheke and Kiziba Refugee Camps
	Health, HIV/AIDS and Nutrition	Gihembe and Nyabiheke camps
 <p>http://www.africahumanitarian.org/</p>	Health care services, Nutrition, Reproductive Health (HIV/AIDS prevention and care)	Kiziba, Kigeme and Mugombwa Refugee Camps, and Nkamira and Nyagatare Transit Centres
 <p>http://pajer.org.rw/</p>	WASH	Kigeme
 <p>http://www.wvi.org/rwanda</p>	WASH	Mugombwa

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