

SOUTH KIVU PROVINCE, DR CONGO

EMERGENCY UPDATE - BURUNDIAN REFUGEES

1-15 SEPTEMBER 2016

KEY FIGURES

28,906

(as of 15 September 2016)

Burundian refugees registered in DRC (new caseload of 2015/2016)

21,017

(as of 15 September 2016)

Refugees transferred to Lusenda refugee camp

27,024

(as of 15 September 2016)

Burundian refugees biometrically registered in South Kivu (new caseload)

PRIORITIES

- Identify new sites for refugees, as Lusenda camp is saturated.
- Promote and implement peaceful coexistence activities between refugees and host community
- Provide adequate protection and assistance to people with specific needs.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 699 Burundian refugees were registered biometrically during the period under review. In addition, as of September 15th, 400 newly arrived asylum seekers were waiting for registration in the Transit Centers.
- The number of newly registered Burundian refugees has increased sharply since July 2016. 3,925 refugees were registered between July and mid-September. This compares to 1,773 from April-June.
- 620 Burundian refugees have been transferred to Lusenda camp, which had reached its maximum capacity. Technical evaluations on potential new sites were ongoing.
- “Save the Children” took over from AIRD as UNHCR’s partner for protection activities in Lusenda camp (including Child Protection and Protection from Sexual and Gender-based Violence), as well as education activities.
- **Unmet needs:** 700 additional latrines and 1,000 showers would be required to meet UNHCR standards in Lusenda camp. Other gaps in terms of Water and Sanitation include the distribution network or the replacement of tank liners need to be addressed urgently. 54 additional classrooms, with 887 desks, as well as additional teachers are required in the host-community schools near Lusenda camp attended by refugee pupils. This would bring the students/classroom ratio down to the standard of 50 students per classroom.



Children play with makeshift kites in Lusenda camp @C.Cavalcanti/UNHCR

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- In Fizi territory, attacks against civilians and humanitarian actors were reported, namely in the area at the border with Maniema Province.
- On September 3rd, at Lusenda camp, a policeman injured seriously a child aged 7 months when he accidentally fired his weapon. The baby was immediately transferred to Nundu Hospital, before being evacuated to Bukavu General Hospital for appropriate treatment. Thanks to collaboration between UNHCR's medical partner ADES with ICRC and MONUSCO, the child's life was saved and its condition is improving. The Congolese National Police has opened an inquiry. The policeman is under custody by military justice at MSF hospital in Baraka, where he was transferred after being beaten up by refugees.



Protection

Achievements and Impact

- From August 31st to September 3rd, a mission of UNHCR with its partners, the National Commission for Refugees (CNR) and INTERSOS assessed protection risks and access to education, healthcare and other services in areas with high concentration of refugees in hosting families (Sange, Katogota, Kamanyola, Lubarika). Preliminary results of the mission show that peaceful coexistence between refugees and hosting families is functioning but the risk of protection incidents is high due to the presence of armed groups. Access to services is difficult as refugees lack means to pay for them.
- On September 7th- 8th, a joint UNHCR-CNR mission was conducted in Fizi Territory in order to identify refugees detained in prison, and assess the detention conditions and protection risks. Four refugees were detained under poor sanitary conditions. Advocacy has been made for improvements.
- 71 children (37 girls and 34 boys) who were stigmatized by their community after abuses received psychological support from Save the Children.
- Save The Children held a training in Lusenda on child protection and the referral system for children. 130 persons participated, among them AIRD and CNR staff as well as police and army officers.
- During the reporting period, one rape case between minors has been reported in Lusenda camp and was followed up by Save the Children. Other pending SGBV cases have been handed over to Save the Children from AIRD for follow-up.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR's partner AIRD continued construction and rehabilitation works at Lusenda camp and Kavimvira Transit Center. Namely, 268 individual shelters have been rehabilitated, 85 emergency shelters are under construction and the space for other 100 shelter is under preparation at Lulinda extension.
- 30 semi-durable shelters out of the 220 planned have been completed by AIRD for the most vulnerable refugee households.
- AIRD is building 9 huts for the police and rehabilitating other 5 huts and the hangar.
- 11,450 treated mosquito nets donated by the UN Foundation were received; their distribution to refugees and members of the host community was prepared.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is a need to transition to semi-durable shelters, as plastic sheeting need to be exchanged regularly. Moreover, transitional shelters also mitigate protection risks as they provide better physical protection from aggressions.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- In Lusenda camp, 288 latrine blocks are under construction and 116 are under rehabilitation. 100 shower blocks are under construction.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 484 latrines and 232 showers are operational in Lusenda camp about sexually-transmitted diseases and family planning. 1,635 condoms were distributed.
- 155 refugees were supported by UNHCR's partner ADES and counselled on family planning.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- On September 5th, 5,648 refugee students (among whom 2,966 girls) started their school year 2016/2017, together with 2,809 Congolese students, in the five primary school surrounding Lusenda camp.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 54 additional classrooms, with 887 desks, as well as additional teachers are required in the host-community schools near Lusenda camp attended by refugee pupils. This would bring the students/classroom ratio down to the standard of 50 students per classroom.
- 5,500 school kits, two uniforms per student as well as 72 didactic kits are needed.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- CNR conducted a verification of occupied shelters, cross-checking information from distributions, information from exit permits and physical control of presence.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR coordinates its assistance with a variety of humanitarian actors, working together to ensure refugees benefit from dignified and efficient protection mechanisms.
- For this operation, UNHCR implementing partners are: AIRD, CNR, ADES, INTERSOS and SAVE THE CHILDREN. Other partners are ADE, ADED, AFPDE, AHADI, EBEN EZER, FAO, ICRC, MSF, NRC, OCHA, OXFAM, RHA, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNWOMEN, WAR CHILD HOLLAND, WFP, WHO and WORLD VISION.

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