

# Zimbabwe

01 – 28 February 2019

88 asylum seekers arrived during the month of February of which 85% were from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

U.S Department of Immigration and four RSC (Resettlement Support Centre)-Africa case workers held a two week long Circuit Ride in Chipinge

Between 19 – 20 February 2019, UNHCR conducted a verification exercise. 137 individuals (62M: 75F) were verified.

## TOTAL POPULATION:

**20,129** persons of concern

### KEY INDICATORS:

**13,595**

**Registered** refugees, asylum seekers and other persons of concern as of 28 February 2019

**61.6**

**Percentage** of registered persons of concern were granted refugee status by the Government of Zimbabwe as of February 2019.

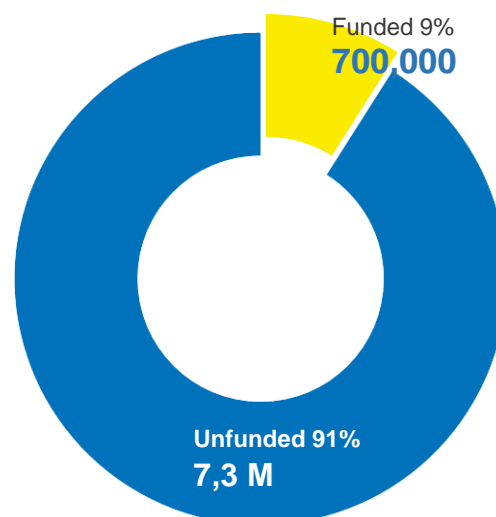
**8,048**

**Mozambican asylum seekers** are living in Zimbabwe out of whom 1,502 are living in Tongogara refugee camp and 6,546 among Zimbabwean host communities in the Manicaland province.

## FUNDING (AS OF 28 FEBRUARY)

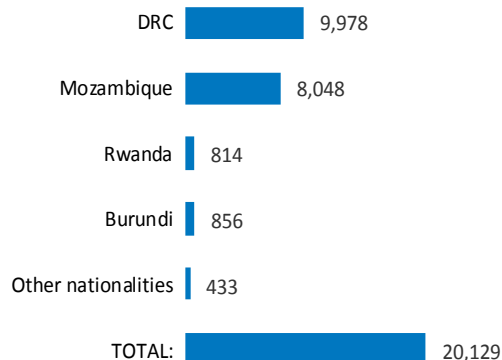
**USD 8 M**

requested for the Zimbabwe operation



## POPULATION OF CONCERN

### Countries of origin



**PROTECTION****Achievements and Impact**

- **Civil documentation:** 27 new Identity Cards were issued to refugees through the Registrar General's Office in Harare. In addition, 34 identity cards were renewed and two birth certificates issued. To support registration of marriages, 27 marriage support letters used to register marriages through the Courts of marriage were provided to refugees.
- **Prevention and Response of Sexual and Gender Based Violence:** UNHCR's partner; Terre des Hommes (TDH) facilitated a training workshop for 71 (30M: 41F) Early Childhood Development (ECD), primary and secondary teachers on SGBV surveillance, response and referral pathways on 27 February 2019. The workshop was conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Women Affairs, refugees and the government department of Small and Medium Enterprises Developments. One (F) case of SGBV was reported. Counselling services were provided to the survivor and relates to alcohol abuse by the perpetrator.
- **Child Protection:** UNHCR's partner; TDH conducted 24 (10 M, 14F) home visits for unaccompanied and separated children and distributed core relief items (CRIs) to the identified children. Home visits to verify previously identified children revealed that nine (4M: 5F) children registered as Unaccompanied Asylum-seeking Children (UASC) were living with their biological parents.
- **Under-Secretary - General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator mission to Zimbabwe and launch of the Flash Appeal:** Mr. Mark Lowcock, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, visited Zimbabwe from 27 February to 1 March 2019. The Under-Secretary- General made field visits to Epworth and Rushinga on February 27 and 28 respectively. Mr. Lowcock met with Heads of UN agencies, international and local NGOs on the evening of 27 February 2019. The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs underscored the need to have targeted interventions particularly programmes promoting better nutrition and protection for women and girls among others. He emphasised that strengthening the One UN was also key for the Secretary General. The UN Ambassador to Zimbabwe, Mr Bishow Parajuli at the meeting appreciated the strong collaboration of all UN agencies and commended the various UN working groups which remained committed and had proven to be quite effective. Funding however continued to be a constant challenge. On 28 February, the Under-Secretary-General launched the Zimbabwe Flash Appeal at a ceremony attended by Senior Government Officials, the UN and other humanitarian partners.

- **Resettlement: United States of America Refugee Admission Programme:** A delegation of five Officers comprising one Immigration Officer from the U.S Department of Immigration and four RSC-Africa case workers (Pretoria) arrived in Zimbabwe on 10 February 2019, for a two week long Resettlement mission in Chipinge.  
105 persons (31 cases) were interviewed and final decisions deferred for further review.
- **Verification:** A verification exercise was conducted in Harare on 19 and 20 February. The population now stands at 20,129. The drop in the population figures could be as a result of persons absent from the exercise in 2018/2019.  
In recent months, there have been significant decline in numbers of Mozambican asylum seekers. This could be attributed to improved security situation combined with better-quality Biometrics Identity Management System (BIMS) and registration processes in Tongogara refugee camp. On the other hand, numbers of asylum seekers from the Democratic Republic of Congo continue to rise despite the peaceful elections.



## Education

### Achievements and Impact

- The ECD School Development Committee (SDC) met on 12 February 2019 to plan parental dialogues and discuss operationalization of the supplementary feeding program. Four members (2M: 2F) of the SDC and 3 (3F) teachers attended the meeting. A total of 140 (35M: 105F) parents helped to clean ECD premises and appreciated the establishment of the new Play Centre to facilitate recreation.
- The Education Officer met 29 parents of children (18M: 11F) who qualified to enrol for lower 6<sup>th</sup> form on 8 February 2019 at the ECD Center. A total of 21 ordinary level graduates (15M: 6F) attended the meeting were expected behaviour in boarding school was discussed and learners were given stationery and taken through a life skills session on expected behaviour, peer pressure and the importance of education.
- Laboratory construction at St Michael's Secondary School progressed well during the month. Contractors were working on floors and ceilings for all rooms.



Laboratory construction at St Michael's Secondary School ©UNHCR Zimbabwe



## Health

### Achievements and Impact

- In February, the clinic recorded a 28% increase in Malaria cases. A meeting was held with district Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC) who then sent (MoHCC) Environmental Health Technicians (EHTs ) to assess the situation in the camp. They conducted an entomological survey leading to a set of recommendations including indoor residual spraying, bipolarising, mosquito nets distribution and good housing for PoCs.
- The preventive health sector distributed 28 mosquito nets to pregnant women to prevent malaria complications.
- Following the prescription of assistive devices (3-wheel chairs and 16 crutches) by the district hospital physiotherapist in January, TDH distributed 14 crutches to 11 persons (7M: 4F) and 3-wheel chairs to 3 persons (3F), exhausting stocks in the warehouse. The assistance helped persons with disability to improve mobility around their homes and in the settlement.



## Food security and nutrition

### Achievements and Impact

- No food deliveries were conducted by WFP in February 2019. January and February 2019 food allocations were delivered in December 2018. Food commodities in store were adequate to feed the population throughout the month. The Department of Social

Welfare (DSW) added maize grain to the monthly food basket and the January 2019 Cash Distribution cycle was conducted in February 2019 following delays in securing cash. A total of 11, 495 persons from 3,377 households received the much anticipated entitlements.

- **Livelihoods:** Temperatures continued to soar above 40 °C, during the month, only one single week of rainfall were recorded. Electricity supply became erratic for a period of two weeks after the rains but however, normalized in the last week of the month.
- Farmers in the irrigation scheme have started harvesting their maize crop, as of February, 65% of the farmers had ferried their harvest to their homesteads for safe keep and completion of other post-harvest processes like drying, shelling, winnowing and bagging.
- Poultry groups are taking advantage of the improved supply of day-old chicks on the market. Grace poultry group managed to acquire 200-day old chicks whilst WFP poultry group added 100 indigenous chickens to their stocks. The project has sold a total of 324 birds this month with poultry farmers realizing a total of 4,860 bonds. The population of pigs increased slightly from 402 last month to 413 in February. Chipinge Rural District Council team visited the camp to capture roaming pigs in a bid to enforce by-laws that outlaws the free-range model of keeping pigs, a total of 21 pigs were captured.



## **SHELTER**

### **Achievements and Impact**

- Refugee shelter construction was in progress with 57 blocks/114 units at roof head level at the end of the February 2019. The contractor had started roofing the shelter units and plastering internal walls. Roofing sheets (IBR) for all 190 shelter units were delivered to the construction site. However limited cooperation from the persons of concern in back filling, fuel and electricity challenges continue to derail the pace of construction.



*Refugee shelter construction ©UNHCR Zimbabwe*



#### **WATER AND SANITATION**

- Electricity supply became erratic for a period of two weeks after the rains but however, normalized in the last week of the month. This inadvertently had huge negative bearing on the water supply of the camp for the period and refugees had to rely on hand pumps to ensure they collect enough water for their daily needs.
- A total of 754 beneficiaries have registered for the 2019 latrine construction program and more are expected to register as the demand for toilets has equally increased in the camp thanks to the health and hygiene education sessions being facilitated by these health promoters.
- The project emphasized on the need to keep the camp environment clean by supporting and spearheading National Clean-up campaign observed on the first Friday of the month. Partners, refugees' leadership and the general refugee's population were mobilized to clean up their environment for two hours on 1 February 2019.

## Population Overview as at 28 February 2019 (Registered at Tongogara Refugee camp)

Country Disaggregation	Age	00-04 Female	00-04 Male	05-11 Female	05-11 Male	12-17 Female	12-17 Male	18-59 Female	18-59 Male	Female 60 and over	Male 60 and over	TOTAL
Democratic Republic of the Congo		801	820	1003	1063	712	810	1961	2719	55	34	9,978
Burundi		44	43	76	78	77	76	188	267	5	2	856
Rwanda		44	48	74	60	51	74	215	216	11	21	814
Mozambique		148	148	217	219	114	113	284	170	45	26	1,484
Mozambique, profiled but not yet biometrically registered												6,546
Other Nationalities		29	25	37	46	25	15	107	165	0	2	451
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,066</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>3,537</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>20,129</b>

*6,546 Mozambican asylum seekers are living among host communities along the Zimbabwe-Mozambique border*

## External / Donors Relations

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