

# Rwanda

January 2022

## HIGHLIGHTS

**A. Rwanda hosted a total of 127,012 refugees and asylum seekers** at the end of January 2022. The population of concern included mainly persons from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (60.7%) and Burundi (38.9%).

**B. A total of 981 individuals were return to Burundi through voluntary repatriation**, including 69 Burundian Person of Concern (PoCs) in Rwanda and 912 Burundian PoCs from Uganda.

**C. The European Union Delegation conducted a visit to the Emergency Transit Mechanism Centre (ETM) in Gashora**, where they were briefed on the ETM operation, visit to the various Protections services provided, the livelihoods centre, construction site, and ended their mission by meeting with a refugee family.

## KEY INDICATORS

# 174

Cases of COVID-19 were identified among refugees in January 2022. 1,852 cases identified since the beginning of the pandemic. So far 62.5% of eligible refugees have received second vaccination dose.

# 16

Refugees departed for resettlement and complementary pathways in January 2022. A total of 16 departed thus far in 2022.

# 981

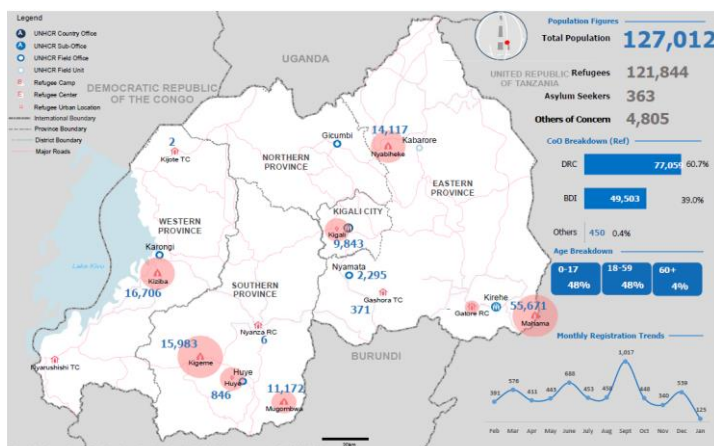
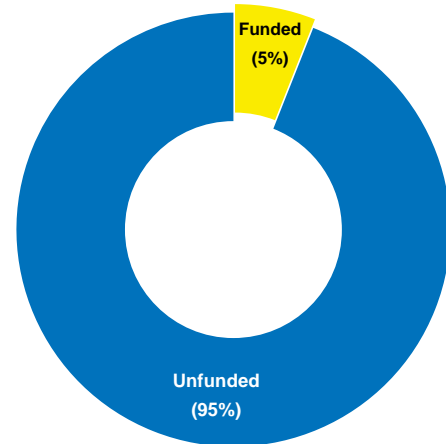
 (69 from Rwanda & 912 from Uganda)

Burundian refugees were repatriated in January 2022. A total of 29,593 Burundians have thus far been repatriated

## FUNDING (AS OF 31 JANUARY 2022)

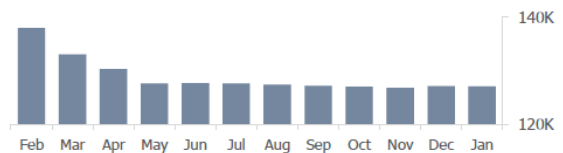
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were needed for regular programmes for the refugee situation in Rwanda.

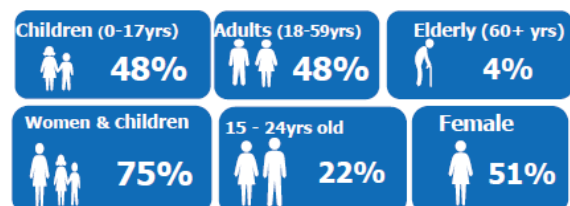


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### MONTHLY POPULATION TRENDS | Feb 2021 - Jan 2022



## DEMOGRAPHICS



# Rwanda Refugee Response – Burundian and Congolese Response

## Achievements & Highlights



Connected Learning Project, implemented by UNHCR and partners – ADRA and WVI, helps refugee and host students to access information technology tools and improve the quality of their education. Rwanda @UNHCR/Eric Didier Karinganire



### PROTECTION

- A total of 1,249 spontaneous Burundian returnees from Uganda were received by UNHCR Kabarore Field Office during the period, out of which 912 were repatriated.
- 26 Asylum seekers who were recently voluntarily repatriated to their Country of Origin (Burundi) returned to seek asylum in Rwanda, and they are currently hosted at Nyanza Transit Center. RSD Committee has interviewed five, and 21 were pending, scheduled for another date.
- As of 31st January 2022, 24 individuals, comprising of five (5) registered refugees awaiting repatriation, and 19 individuals who had voluntarily repatriated to their Country of Origin (Burundi) and who returned to seek asylum to Rwanda, are currently hosted at Nyanza Transit Centre.
- 74 refugee children in the Mahama Camp received birth certificates from authorities.
- 31 new Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases were identified in the Mahama Camp and the survivors were assisted accordingly. In Kigeme refugee camp, 5 new cases including 2 cases of old rape, 1 case of child defilement, 1 case of denial of resource and one (1) case of psychological abuse, were also reported. Three (3) GBV incidents were received from the Huye urban refugee population and appropriate interventions, such as psychosocial support is being provided. Two (2) new cases (2 rape, emotional abuse and physical assault) were received from Karongi. Five (5) new GBV incidents were received in the Mugombwa camp. And finally, one (1) GBV Case was received in Nyanza Transit Centre. Appropriate interventions have been provided for all the new cases reported, while continuous interventions are being made to previously recorded cases.
- In Kigeme refugee camp, 30 white canes were provided to 30 individuals (9 female and 21 male) with visual impairments, these individuals were comprised of 8 refugees and 22 persons from host communities.
- 1,101 persons with specific needs (446 male and 655 female) in Kigeme and Mugombwa Refugee camp, received targeted mental health and psychosocial services.
- Children with specific needs in Mugombwa – The Special Needs Education project supported 15 children with disabilities including three (3) children with hearing and speech impairment, five (5) children with multiple disabilities and seven (7) children with mental and intellectual disabilities, to study in different specialized schools or centers according to their disabilities.
- In Kigeme refugee camp, birth registration for 22 children were recorded under regular birth registration process and 1 child under late birth registration process. 6 birth certificates were also issued by using Irembo system while other certificates are in process. In Mugombwa, 25 children were registered this last month.
- A joint visit with Plan International and World Vision was carried out for 250 students who had dropped out of school. The objective of the visit was to assess the causes of abscondment from school and to offer psychosocial support to the students.
- 21 new Child Protection cases were enrolled in case management process in Kirehe, while 17 BIAs for children with protection concerns were completed and recommendations/referrals made based in their best interest. 3 new Child Protection (CP) cases have been documented in Kigeme. And 5 new CP cases were recorded in Mugombwa refugee camp.
- In Kigeme RC, refugees have started receiving ID cards in exchange to the expired cards.



## DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- 912 Burundian Persons of Concern (PoC) that crossed to Rwanda from Uganda and were assisted to travel to Burundi, while 69 Burundian PoCs from Rwanda were also assisted for voluntary repatriation.
- 50 refugees from Karongi Camp have since January 2022 been submitted for resettlement to third countries of asylum during this reporting period. While 73 cases of 258 refugees from Mahama were identified for resettlement.
- 11 refugees departed for resettlement during January of 2022.



## EDUCATION

- In Mahama, 11,703 students were enrolled in Primary School while 5,029 were enrolled in secondary level.
- In Early Childhood Development (ECD), a total of 910 children (470 girls and 440 boys) were registered. The Second term was started on 10 January 2022 and the attendance of refugee children in ECD Center is 86.5%.
- Children with specific needs: In Special Needs Education, the ECD project support 15 children with disabilities including 3 children with hearing and speech impairment, 5 children with multiple disabilities, and 7 children with mental and intellectual disabilities, to be able to study in different specialized schools or centers according to their disabilities.
- In Kirehe, 11,703 refugee students have been integrated into the Rwanda education system for primary schools, while 5,029 refugee students have been included into the secondary school.
- 1,435 students (591 in secondary and 844 in primary) whose age ranged between 12-17 years old received COVID-19 vaccine, through the Kiziba camp health centre.
- In Kigeme Refugee Camp (RC), primary Education registration of 3,336 pupils (1,682 boys and 1,654 girls) were recorded in January. The attendance for primary pupils was at an average of 92.2%.
- Primary Education: 2,367 pupils (1,182 girls, 1,185 boys) are registered in Groupe Scolaire (G.S.) Mugombwa and Mugombwa Primary School. The school attendance of refugee children in primary is at 95.1% of all registered refugee children in primary level. Sports equipment (Volleyballs, basketballs, footballs, socks, and Jerseys) have been distributed to Mugombwa schools in order to help pupils to participate in Interschool tournament.



## HEALTH

- 12,764 refugees and members of the host community accessed primary health care services in the Mahama camp. While 3,041 persons of concern approached the health post at Kigeme, Mugombwa Reception Center (RC) and Nyanza Transit Center (TC).
- 151 patients (107 refugees and 44 nationals) were admitted at the Kiziba Health Center. The diagnosis for these admissions were – ten (10) LRTI (pneumonia) cases, 13 Fever of unknown origin, one (1) Skin Disease, one (1) HIV/AIDS, six (6) Watery diarrheas, two (2) Malaria Confirmed, 11 Injury/ accident, 29 others and 78 Obstetrician and Gynaecological issues.
- 658 persons with specific needs (268 male and 390 female) were assisted to get various services. Extended therapeutic sessions have been provided to 203 persons of concern (59 male and 144 female), including 107 (18 male and 89 female) new cases.
- In Mugombwa, Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) services were provided to 30 children with disabilities (16 male and 14 female) at a CBR Centre and at their home. Occupational therapy services have been provided to 87 beneficiaries (40 male and 47 female), among them 30 are children with disabilities (15 male and 15 female), 40 persons (17 male and 23 female) are persons with severe disabilities and elderly persons at risk, and 17 persons (8 male and 9 female) with mental health issues.
- 243 refugees and the host community members were referred for secondary and tertiary health services.
- 602 refugees with HIV/AIDS received antiretroviral treatment, nutritional and psychosocial support. 49,896 male condoms were distributed to prevent new HIV/AIDSs, STIs

(Sexually Transmitted Infections), and unwanted pregnancies cases.

- 174 newborn babies were delivered in the camps, incl. 97% of births attended to by trained health professionals.
- 2,378 COVID-19 tests were done for the refugee community, both in camp and urban settings, and 174 tested positive.
- A total of 17 deaths were reported from the various refugee camps during January.



### FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- 53,064 refugees in the Mahama camp received food assistance through monthly support in cash by the WFP following their eligibility criteria.
- In the Kigeme refugee camp, Supplementary feeding (SOSOMA) has been provided to 154 persons of concern (86 male and 68 female). This includes 22 children with severe disabilities (13 male and 9 female) and 132 persons (73 male and 59 female) with mental health issues who are under neuroleptic and epileptic treatment.
- In Mahama 3,101 children aged 6-23 months and 5,992 individuals with nutrition needs in the Mahama camp were supported through a supplementary feeding program to reduce their exposure to malnutrition issues and improve their health conditions.
- In Karongi, Supplementary Feeding was provided to 40 children of 6 months of age, 44 pregnant, and 37 lactating mothers.
- Bank registration activity was conducted in the Mahama camp during the month, where 1,708 HH were issued bank cards for Cash based assistance (CBI) assistance.
- In Kiziba refugee camp, CBI Bank Re-registration exercise was completed. 2,177 expired cards were replaced by Equity Bank with the support of World Food Program (WFP), UNHCR, and Ministry of Emergency Management (MINEMA).
- 972 Burundian refugees from Uganda transiting through Rwanda were hosted in Gatore Transit Centre and provided with hot meals.
- 65 Burundian returnees were provided with hot meals at the Departure center before travel.
- In Mahama 996 vulnerable refugees received Beans, Rice Maize flour, and Soap donated by Caritas Rwanda.



### WATER AND SANITATION

- Supply of potable water was maintained within the standards in Kigeme RC, Nyanza TC, and Mugombwa RC camps at 15.3 l/p/d, 20 l/p/d and 24 liters per person per day, respectively.
- Supply of hand soap was also provided to Kigeme RC, Nyanza TC, and Mugombwa RC camps at 1200, 30l and 660 liters, respectively.
- Potable water supply in the Mahama camp was 22.4 liters/person/day, as well as 102 m<sup>3</sup>/day in the host community.
- 12,560 liters of liquid soap were distributed in all public handwashing stations to enhance good sanitation practices in the Mahama camp.
- 1,440 m<sup>3</sup> of sludges from 194 blocks of latrines were transported to dumping sites, and 532 tons of garbage from 60 refuse pits areas were evacuated to dumping site.
- Water supply was at 29.6litres/person/day as compared to the standard of 20l/p/d in the Karongi camp.



### SHELTER, INFRASTRUCTURES, AND NFI

- 20 semi-permanent shelters were repaired in the Mahama camp.
- In the Karongi refugee camp, construction of G+2, 12 classrooms block B was completed with handover, construction of Ground plus two (G+2), 12 classrooms laboratory and toilet block A was completed with handover, construction of retaining wall and the kitchen at Community center were completed with handover.
- In Kabarore, 753 iron sheets were distributed for roof transformation (from plastic sheeting to corrugated iron sheets) with 1469 timber beams for roof making, for 82 shelters.
- Rehabilitation of public market in the Kiziba camp was completed and handed over.
- In the Mahama camp, 71 cartons of cloths composed of 3,395 pieces were distributed to 972 refugees transiting in Gatore.
- 162 pieces of soap were distributed to 312 households composed of 999 individuals (one (1) piece per two (2) households) in the Mahama camp.





### ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- 1,575 Kg of briquette was used as part of the school feeding program.
- Renewable Energy for Refugees Project (RE4R): In total 1,358 Solar Home Systems (743 from BELECOM, 149 from SOLEKTRA, and 466 from BBOX) have been installed.
- 211 bamboos have been planted inside the camp and in the host community. 1,175 avocados have been grafted to increase their value.
- In Mahama camp, 15,499 cylinders equivalent to 92,994 kilograms were refilled and exchanged with empty cylinders to PoCs and 6,114 kgs for school feeding to prepare hot meals and for departure centre.
- 1,050g of seeds have been collected from seed heads of senna spectabilis to be germinated.



### COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- 110 beneficiaries, both refugee and host communities were trained on BCC/Empowered World View (Hinduka wigire) and life skills as well as 25 Saving Groups (500 farmers: 17 refugee groups & 8 HC groups/20 individuals per group).
- Mushishito marshland project: The list of shortlisted 360 beneficiaries has been published and registration of the additional members have been completed. The District Office has proposed land parcellation plan, which will allow the targeted 1,427 beneficiaries to access to farming plots (at least 1 plot of 3 acres per farmer).
- 323 refugees in Mahama are enrolled in different TVET schools to enhance their capacity for self-reliance, while TVET corrected certificates, Entrepreneurship and Business training certificates were issued to relevant graduates.
- Caritas continued to monitor and mentor 197 supported businesses and 7 Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC) groups.
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is partnering with Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT) Rwanda for complementary training on digital tools for entrepreneurship (customized training ranging

from online marketing to use of USSD based mobile money services). Community-based trainers ("Digital Champions", 3 in the district and 3 in Mahama camp) have now been selected and will be prepared by DOT.

- Certificates from various previous trainings in Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Entrepreneurship and Business trainings, are being handed over to relevant graduates.

### DONOR AND PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

- On 19th of January, a delegation from Toyota Cooperation conducted a mission to the Mahama refugee camp, where they visited the ECDs to observe school feeding programs, as well as SCI's nutritional center and programs.
- On 19th of January, the Latter-Day Saints Charities (LDS), also conducted a mission to the Mahama camp, as an operational Partner of UNHCR Rwanda in the WASH Sector. During a visit of the implementation processes, a commitment to construct 25 additional blocks of dischargeable latrines (300 drop holes) in the refugee camps was made.

### Needs & Gaps

- 11 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM), as well as 78 children with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) were admitted to the nutrition program.
- In Kigeme, there are no scientific laboratory at G.S Gasaka school and the existing classrooms are overcrowding. There are also insufficient ECD classrooms, wireless internet, and hand washing facilities. There's no electricity at ECD in site B. And finally, boarding students and students with disabilities hosted in special school do not have medical insurance.

## Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM)



176 refugees and asylum seekers arriving in Rwanda from Libya through the ETM. Kigali @UNHCR/Eric Didier Karengamire

## Achievements & Highlights



### PROTECTION

- Since the inception of the ETM Centre in Gashora, 824 persons of concern have been evacuated from Libya to Rwanda. With 467 refugees resettled for durable solutions, the birth of 11 babies at the ETM and death of two (2) persons of concern from the ETM, currently, the Transit Centre is hosting 366 refugees and asylum seekers. The 366 PoCs include 209 Eritreans, 128 Sudanese, 15 Somalis, 7 Ethiopians, 1 Chadian, 5 South Sudanese, and 1 Cameroonian. By end of January 2022, 20% were females, 14% children including 6% of the population are unaccompanied and separated children.
- For Unaccompanied Children (UACs), 26 were received, with 13 Best Interest Determination (BIDs) case processing completed in Libya, while 07 aged out. 03 pending (Nationality issues) referred to Refugee Status Determination (RSD) for credibility assessment. 07 BIDs completed in Rwanda.
- 24 Persons of Concern/PoCs (01 female and 23 male) received legal assistance (legal Advice, referral, advocacy, mediation, and accompanied to RIB or court).
- Seven (07) PoCs were legally represented during criminal case processing at Rwanda Investigation Bureau (RIB) and 78 individuals were reached during legal awareness sessions.
- 142 (63 female and 79 male) PoCs were reached through individual counselling sessions, healing groups, occupational therapy, and music therapy sessions.
- 143 POCs (20 female and 123 male) participated in computer lab services, contributing to access to information and recreational facilities, psychosocial well-being, and information through proper use of internet connectivity.
- Psychological and disability specific needs assessment for 166 PoCs (31 female and 135 male) from the 7th evacuation was conducted. The aim was to identify mental health, psychosocial and specific needs, findings to inform appropriate provision of interventions.
- Protection assistance provided to 91 PSNs identified during monitoring visits include women

at risk, lactating mothers, PoC with serious medical conditions, pregnant mothers, single parents, people with legal and protection needs, and they received the required support.

- 462 home visits were undertaken, and psychosocial support was provided. In addition, 03 elderly PoCs and 03 PWDs were supported.



### COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- 167 participants benefitted from driving lessons during January.
- Six (6) participants attended computer/ICT training.
- One (1) PoC was employed or self-employed/engaged in income generating activities, in the form of airtime selling while another PoC was supported with running his hair salon business.
- Entrepreneurship and business training was provided to members of the host community where 12 participants were trained on how to run a business, how to manage financial income and on how to design its business plan to sustain the business initiated.
- 164 PoCs (26 female and 138 male) attended language literacy/education for English, French, and Kinyarwanda, learning in 3 levels: 1st level of beginners, 2nd level of lower-intermediates and 3rd level of intermediates.
- 14 persons have attended domestic electricity training.



### HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- 521 visits at primary health care services (including members of the host communities).
- 100 persons received secondary and tertiary health care services.
- 257 lab exams were performed including Malaria, HIV, and Tuberculosis (TB).
- Eight (8) of the nine (9) pregnant women and young women are receiving Antenatal Care (ANC) support.
- Nutrition support programme has 41 beneficiaries, which include distribution of premix of CSB+ for pregnant women, lactating women, Person living with HIV (PLHIV) and TB

Patients in Blanket supplementary feeding program, as well as provision of CSB++ for children under the age of two years twice a day.

- 15 children in Post Natal Care (PNC) receiving support through the health post.
- 16 children aged 6-23 months were supported through the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program (BSFP).
- 20 women of a reproductive age are currently provided with contraceptive services.



### FOOD SECURITY AND COOKING ENERGY

- As of the end of January, 100% Persons of Concern were provided with three hot meals a day.
- All the 33 PoCs that were recommended to receive Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) due to their status i.e., pregnant, lactating or families with an under 5-year-old child were assisted.



### WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

- Safe water is supplied daily, from the district water authority (WASAC), and currently 105 litres are consumed per person per day.
- Water storage and distribution for the Transit Centre, as of 31st of December is 1,720 m3 of water.
- Supplying 270 liters of liquid soap to be used for handwashing and cleaning the sanitation facilities and washing hands at handwashing station to limit the spread of COVID -19 among the PoCs community in Gashora.



### SHELTER, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND NFI

- The construction of the new accommodation block was at a 92% completion rate. To be completed by March 2022.
- The construction of a clinic in the Center was at a 65% completion rate. To be completed by March 2022.
- The Construction of a child-friendly space was at 85%. To be completed by January 2022.
- All PoCs in the Center received monthly cash assistance. The new group was assisted in registering with the bank for cash assistance transfer.

- Refugees in the Center received different non-food items, including soaps, sanitary pads, mats, mattresses, blankets, face masks, mosquito nets, and others.



### DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- Five (5) refugees departed for resettlement in the reporting period, and 467 refugees departed since the establishment of the Center.
- During the reporting period, 16 cases of 16 individuals were finalized through case processing for durable solutions and referred to the Regional Bureau for submission to resettlement countries.
- Six (6) cases of six (6) individuals were submitted to resettlement countries by the Regional Bureau.
- The ETM prepared and coordinated the Finnish and Norwegian cultural orientations. The Finnish was conducted remotely and covered 30 individuals. The Norwegian was conducted face to face and covered 7 individuals.
- There was also a Finland remote selection mission which will take place on 2-3 Feb 2022 and will cover 15 individuals.

### Needs & Gaps

- Need for refugee ID cards for the refugees and asylum seekers in the Center to undertake driving tests and receive licenses.



Vehicle Driving Lessons is one of the life skills provided to refugees and asylum seekers in ETM Rwanda, Gashora. ©UNHCR/Eric Didier Karinganire



## Return and Reintegration

### Achievements & Highlights

In the reporting period, no new Rwandan returnees have been reported.

### Development & Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF)

- UNHCR, MINEMA, and the Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB) continued to enrol urban refugees and students in boarding schools, in the national Community Based Health Insurance (CBHI) plan, where refugees typically pay 10%

of the cost of their treatments, the same as Rwandan nationals do. UNHCR field teams now are also actively involved in continuous enrolment of eligible refugees in CBHI--- this concerted effort helped 96% of the target population access public healthcare. The enrolment rate is expected to increase with more issuance of refugee identity cards---a necessary pre-requisite to enrol in CBHI--- to those over the age of 16 years.

*A new health center was constructed in the Mugombwa camp to provide access to primary and secondary health services to both refugees and host communities. Rwanda @UNHCR\_Eric Didier Karinganire*

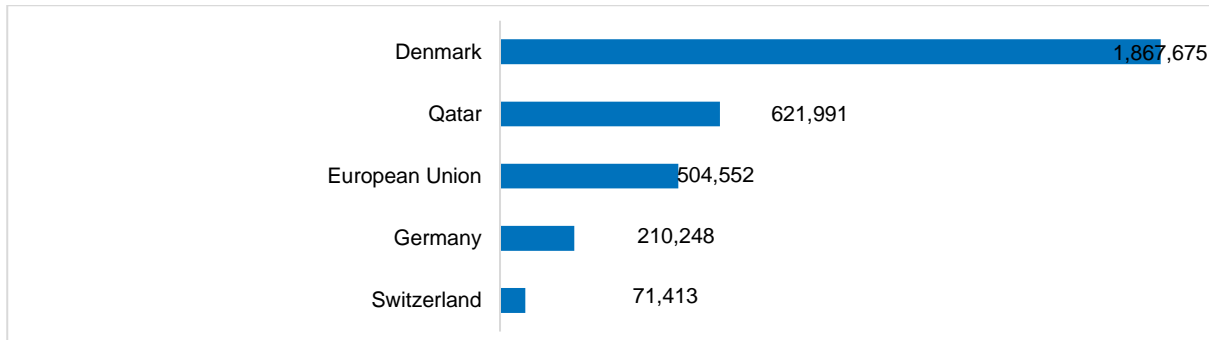




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