



UNHCR Burundi Operations Overview

February 2024

TOTAL POPULATION

332 800

85 600

refugees in camps and
urban areas

2 600

asylum seekers

235 600

assisted returnees

8 200

internally displaced
persons

800

persons at risk of
statelessness

Statistics as of **29 February**
2024 or latest available

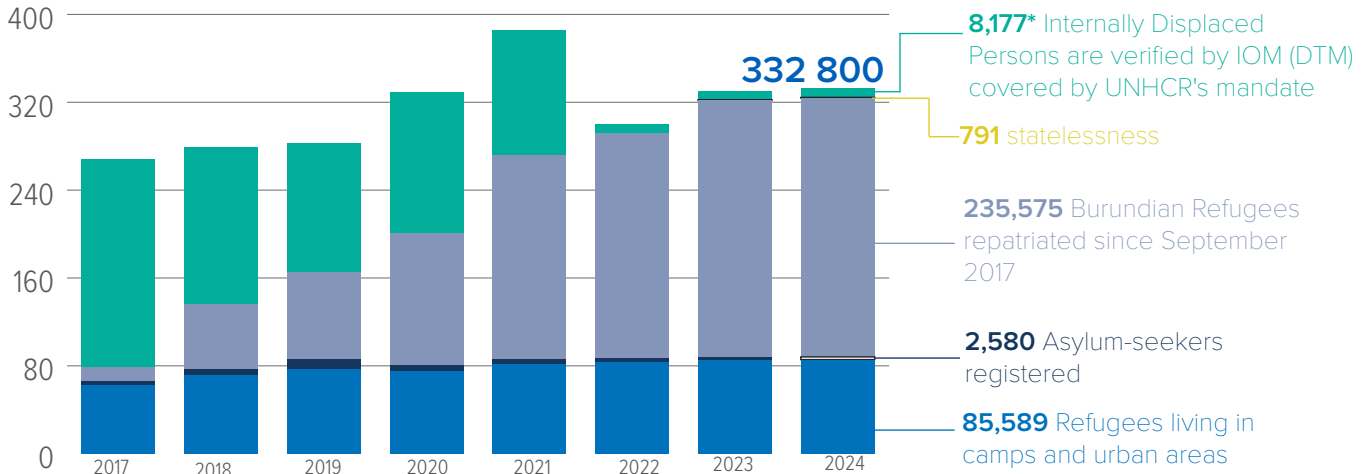


OPERATION OVERVIEW

While the number of people for whom UNHCR has been entrusted with a responsibility by the international community to protect and assist in Burundi continues to increase, the UN Refugee Agency faces an unprecedented funding gap. As of 29 February 2024, there were **332 800** persons needing life-saving aid, while the funding levels stood at only **7%**.

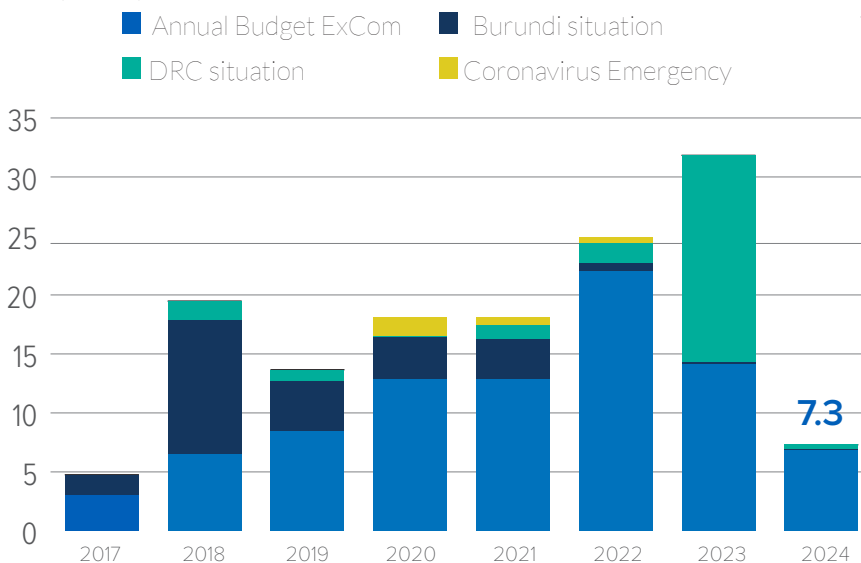
PEOPLE OF CONCERN

People number (thousand)

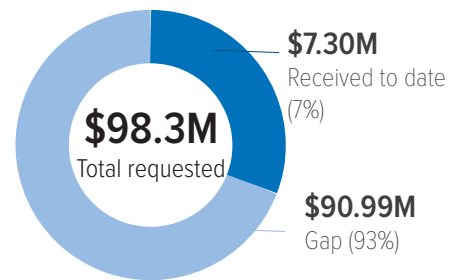


FUNDING

Funded (million)

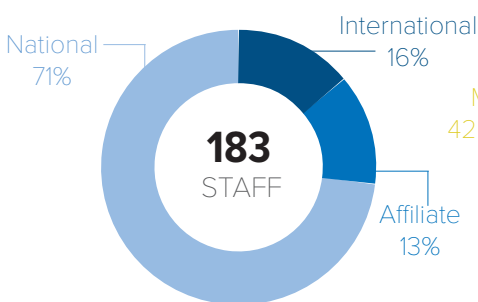


*The 8,177 IDP figure refers to the IDPs of concern to UNHCR. This figure has been revised down from the total 73 931 IDPs precendently reported in Burundi (IOM/DTM), most displaced due to natural disasters.

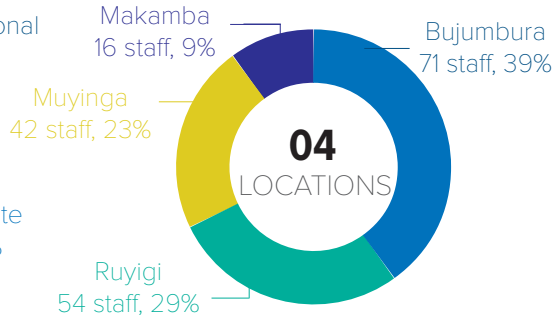


STAFFING

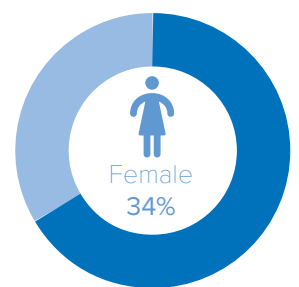
STAFF BY CATEGORY



STAFF BY OFFICE



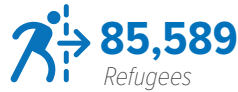
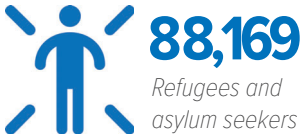
GENDER BREAKDOWN



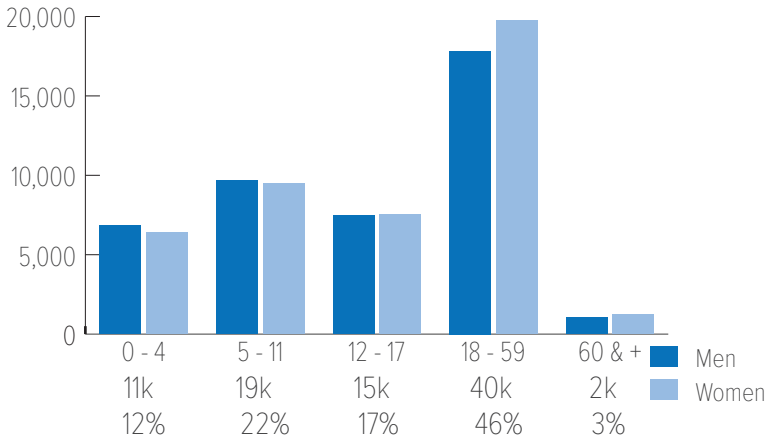
Summary by Donor | 2017 - 2024

Donor	Funded							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
African Development Bank	-	589,667	825,533	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium	696,428	156,814	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada	-	-	-	-	-	261,643	130,822	-
Central Emergency Response Fund	-	2,527,999	150,092	-	1,200,231	-	-	-
China	-	-	-	-	14,761	-	-	-
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	275,060	565,941
ECHO	-	-	-	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	722,207
Emirates Red Crescent	-	-	-	230,000	-	-	-	-
European Union	-	-	-	1,209,429	1,483,671	4,109,415	2,634,040	-
France	434,311	580,720	200,000	284,414	293,083	-	873,362	-
Germany	-	-	-	-	1,242,246	2,713,349	317,692	-
Japan	-	1,500,000	-	-	627,809	-	2,400,000	-
Joint United Nations Programmes on HIV/AIDS	25,000	-	-	-	64,200	80,000	-	-
KOICA	-	-	-	-	-	450,000	-	-
Monaco	-	-	-	-	-	-	103,413	110,132
Priv. Donors France	-	-	-	-	-	746	1,004	-
Priv. Donors Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	-	191,000	-	-
Priv. Donors in Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,736,781	-
Priv. Donors Italy	-	-	-	-	-	341,402	277,308	-
Priv. Donors Switzerland	-	-	-	-	-	439	-	-
Priv. Donors Thailand	-	31,846	-	-	-	-	-	-
Republic of Korea	-	200,000	100,000	-	-	450,000	4,000,000	350,000
Sweden	583,363	1,539,978	827,267	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	-	-	522,104	519,519	-	54	-	-
United Nations Great Lakes Regions Cross-Border Fund	-	169,359	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Nations Peacebuilding Fund	-	933,333	466,667	-	-	-	-	-
United States of America	3,000,000	11,223,930	10,142,000	15,558,850	11,915,753	16,196,566	16,696,672	-
UNO-Fluechtlingshilfe	-	-	-	-	-	413,039	-	-
USA for UNHCR	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,025	-
World Food Programme	-	23,891	423,573	17,482	-	-	-	-
Sub-Total	4,739,102	19,477,537	13,657,236	19,069,694	18,091,754	26,457,654	31,196,179	1,748,280
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	2,567,355	1,316,547	5,546,664
Grand Total						29,025,009	32,512,726	7,294,944

Key figures

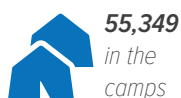


Breakdown of refugees and asylum seekers by gender and age

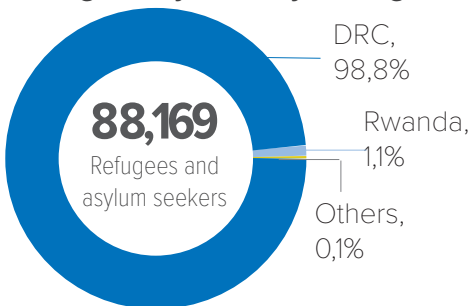


Refugees by location type

Location	Number	Percentage
Urban	32,820	37%
Kavumu	18,183	21%
Nyankanda	11,419	13%
Bwagiriza	9,688	11%
Musasa	8,727	10%
Kinama	7,332	8%
Grand Total	88,169	



Refugees by country of origin



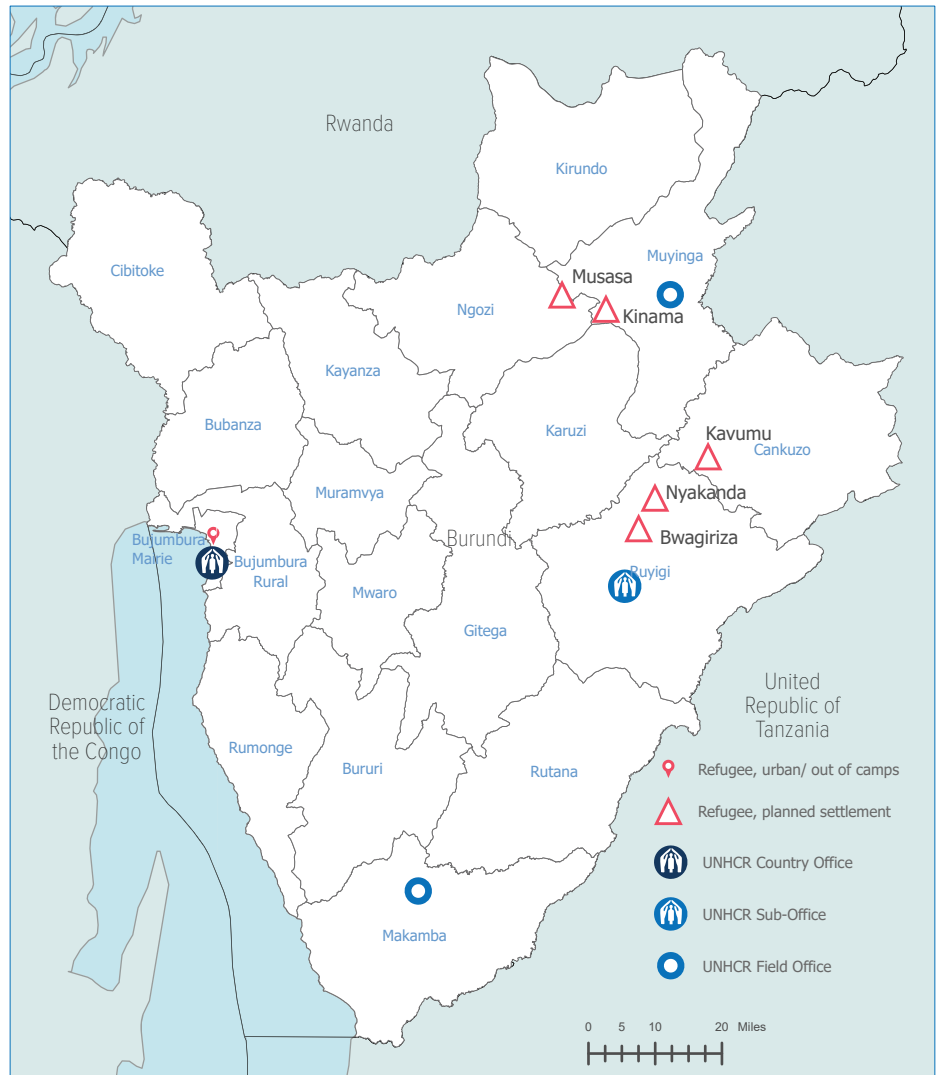
Donor and country contributions



Co-funded by European Union

WORLD DIABETES FOUNDATION

Refugee camps and urban areas



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* They are mainly in urban areas.

** More than 3/4 of the people who are not fingerprinted are children under the age of 5 (as this is not a requirement).

HIGHLIGHTS

UNHCR and partners have been facilitating the voluntary repatriation of Burundian refugees since 2017. These refugees have been returning after making free and informed decisions. More than 235 600 Burundian refugees had been recorded as having returned by the end of February 2024. Most are from Tanzania, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, and other countries. These returns take place under the framework of the Tripartite Agreements between the Government of Burundi, the Governments of countries of asylum, and UNHCR, with all parties having committed to respect the voluntary nature of these returns.

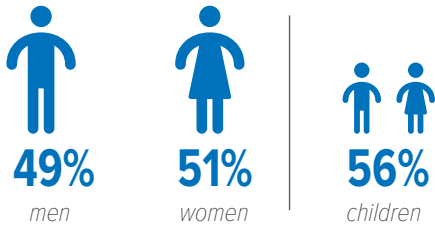
Key figures

 **235,575**
since 2017

1528
in 2024 (3 convoys and flights)

 **724**
convoys and flights (since 2017)

Breakdown by gender and age



Returnees by country of asylum

Countries of asylum	2024	Since 2017
Tanzania	1055	165,869
Rwanda	95	32,221
D. R. Congo		17,397
Kenya	107	3,461
Uganda	213	15,859
Mozambique		207
Others	58	561
TOTAL	1528	235,575

Reintegration package (for 3 months)

Non-Food Items

Basic NFI (kitchen set, soap, blankets, loincloths for women, jerrycans, buckets, mosquito nets, plastic mat, plastic sheet, flannel, travel bag, ...) provided by UNHCR.

Food assistance

Food rations for 3 months provided by WFP (beans, oil, corn flour, salt).

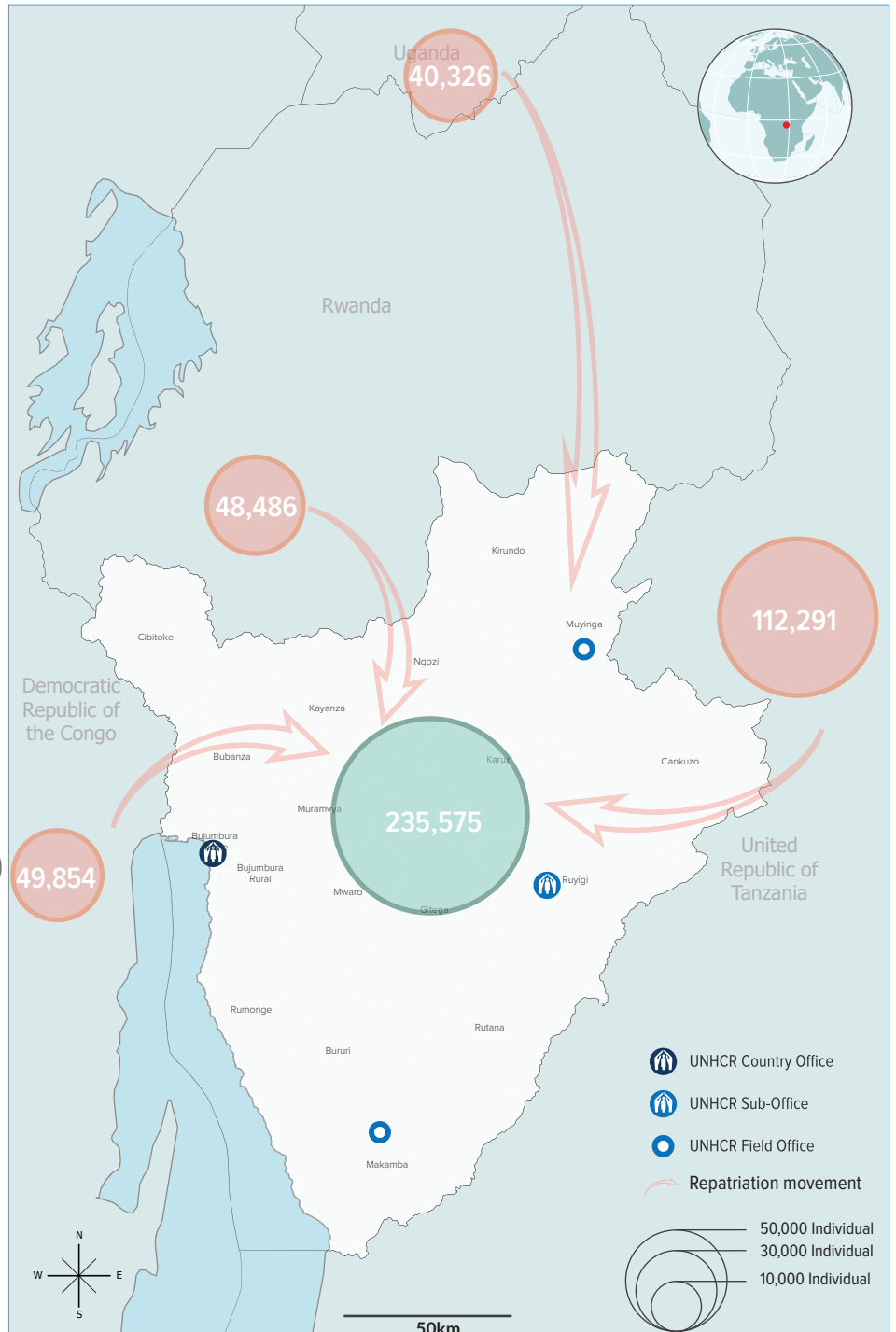
Cash grant

Cash assistance provided by UNHCR through mobile cash. The equivalent of 200 USD (560,778 BIF) per person.

Secondary trans.

The returnees are transported to their return commune then the returnee covers transport to the hills.

Burundian refugees in the region



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Since 2017, UNHCR has supported the voluntary repatriation of over 234 000 returnees, including 65,000 in 2021 and 21,788 in 2022. Upon the arrival of returnees in their province of return, UNHCR and its partners conduct follow-up activities to review their level of reintegration. Monitoring data indicates a low capacity of returnees to access essential social services, which makes some refugees reluctant to return. Despite efforts by the Government of Burundi with support from humanitarian and development actors, access to housing, land, and employment remains a significant challenge. For example, over 69% of returnees are not satisfied with their level of food security. Nevertheless, there have been improvements in the security and justice sectors (land dispute resolution) compared to previous years.

MEASURABLE RESULTS BY SECTOR



DONORS

