

# United Republic of Tanzania

February 2024

Tanzania hosts some **242,942** refugees and asylum-seekers mainly from Burundi and DRC, who live in two camps, while some refugees from the 1972 Burundian population live in villages and three old settlements in Kigoma, Katavi and Tabora Regions.

In coordination with the Government, UNHCR and partners have been receiving asylum seekers fleeing violent clashes in DRC since March 2023. As of 29 February, a total of **14,608** Congolese new arrivals were received in Tanzania.

UNHCR continues to provide **protection** and **life-saving assistance** to refugees, asylum-seekers, stateless people, and host community members, as well as pursuing **durable solutions**.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**947**

refugees voluntarily repatriated to Burundi with support from Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, UNHCR and partners.

**113**

asylum seekers from the DRC were received.

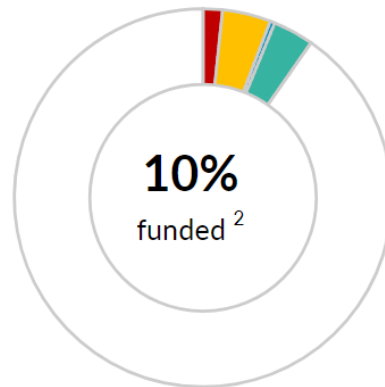
**4,023**

individuals in the camps and host community were trained on how to make fuel-efficient stoves.

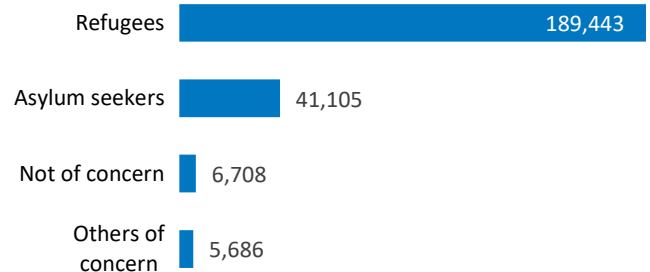
## FUNDING (AS OF 29 FEBRUARY 2024)

**USD 114.6 million**

requested for the Tanzania operation.



## POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 29 FEBRUARY)



A delegation from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) visited for the first time Nyarugusu Camp. © UNHCR/Maimuna Mtengela

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**PROTECTION**

- **Inactive cases:** As part of the agreement of the Tripartite Commission meeting in November 2023, UNHCR organized a training with protection staff on 9 February focusing on the reactivation of inactive Burundian cases. The team reviewed the operation guidelines and terms of reference and shared these plus recommendations with Refugee Services Department (RSD) for its consideration.
- **New arrivals:** The Government, UNHCR, and partners received 113 individuals from the DRC.
- **Gender Based Violence (GBV):** UNHCR documented 57 GBV incidents (88 percent female) in Nduta Camp, including resources denial, psychological/emotional abuse, physical assault, rape, and forced marriages. All survivors received comprehensive services and psychosocial support.
- **Capacity building:** On 13 February in Nyarugusu Camp, UNHCR, IRC, and DRC trained 50 partner national staff and incentive workers, including police and Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) officials on GBV mainstreaming, including prevention, safe disclosure, PSEA, and reporting mechanisms.
- **Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA):** From 21-22 February, the UN Resident Coordinator's Office, UNHCR, and partners organized Under-Secretary General Mr. Christian Saunders mission to Kigoma and Nyarugusu Camp, focusing on improving the UN's response PSEA. Mr. Saunders met the PSEA Network and discussed achievements, priorities and challenges.
- **Donor mission:** From 26-29 February, UNHCR organized the first visit to Nyarugusu Camp of JICA Chief Representative Mr. Hitoshi Ara. Mr. Ara spoke with refugee community leaders, aid workers, and visited critical services like health, education, new arrivals reception, and voluntary repatriation.

**EDUCATION**

- **Examinations:** UNHCR received examination results for the 2023 cohort and disseminated them across all schools in the camps. Some 84% of refugee children who attended the exam from grades 9, 13, and 14, passed their exams.
- **Scholarship:** UNHCR facilitated travel to Dar es Salaam for a visa appointment at the German Embassy for a refugee student who won a DAAD scholarship for tertiary studies starting May 2024.

**HEALTH**

- **Health services:** UNHCR's health partners conducted 47,394 consultations for refugees and host community members at outpatient departments in the two camps. Crude mortality rate (CMR) for this month was 0.26 and under five mortality rate was 0.58 which is within the global standards.
- **Vaccination:** From 15-18 February, Ministry of Health (MoH), MoHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, and partners conducted a Measles Rubella Vaccination Campaign for children 9 months-5 years in the camps, vaccinating 24,115 (96.46%) children in Nyarugusu and 12,751 (100%) children in Nduta.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

- **Food distribution:** Refugees residing in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps continued to receive 60 percent of dry food ration. UNHCR's partner DRC continued providing hot meals for Burundian refugees repatriating and Congolese new arrivals residing at the reception and departure centre.

- **Nutrition:** UNHCR's partners identified 25 children aged 6-59 months with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and admitted them to the Stabilization Centre. Some 80 children with SAM were treated through the outpatient therapeutic feeding program in Nyarugusu and Nduta health facilities.



### WATER AND SANITATION (WASH)

- **Water:** Water supply coverage was above global standards with the persons we serve in Nduta Camp receiving 24.65 litres per day and in Nyarugusu camp provided with 22.85 litres per day. Maintenance and replacement of taps is ongoing and this month UNHCR and its partners installed 151 taps in the two camps.
- **Sanitation:** Latrine coverage ratio stands around five persons per latrine in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps. Coverage of households with latrines remains below standard in the two camps.



### SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- **Shelter:** UNHCR and partners built 108 emergency shelters for Congolese asylum seekers and maintained 84 shelters in Nyarugusu Camp, while 144 shelters were maintained in Nduta Camp.
- **Essential items:** UNHCR and partners provided 250 grams of soap, below the global standard, to 46,459 Burundians and 86,460 Congolese persons we serve in Nyarugusu Camp. Monthly soap distribution in Nduta Camp is ongoing for 64,457 Burundian refugees and expected to be completed on 22 March. TCRS donated sanitary materials to 3,672 women in Nyarugusu Camp.



### RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE

- **Cross-border market assessment:** UNHCR with DRC, ICCA, and IRC, under the EU cross-border project, completed a comprehensive cross-border market assessment in two provinces of Burundi – Muyinga and Ruyigi. The assessment included focus group discussions and key informant interviews with 384 participants to gain insights into the employment landscape, identify potential skills gaps, and specific needs within the job market. The assessment report is being finalized.
- **Kitchen gardening:** With support from the EU, UNHCR's partner DRC enrolled 1,638 individuals (1,205 female, 433 male) in theoretical instruction and hands-on practical training on kitchen gardening at the Farm Training Centre (FTC), household backyard gardens, and communal garden spaces. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive essential seeds and tools.
- **Access to technical and vocational education and training (TVET):** This month, UNHCR's partner DRC enrolled 457 Congolese and Burundian refugee youth (229 female, 228 male) in the TVET program that focus on building vocational skills, fostering entrepreneurship, and enhancing financial literacy among the refugees to improve their prospects and socioeconomic empowerment.



### DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- **Resettlement:** This month UNHCR submitted 946 refugees to various countries for resettlement consideration. Some 1,382 refugees have departed to Australia, Canada, Finland, and the USA.

- **Return:** The Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, UNHCR, and partners facilitated the voluntary return of 947 refugees to Burundi in the provinces of Bujumbura Mairie, Cankuzo, Gitega, Karuzi, Makamba, Muyinga, Ngozi, Rumonge, Rutana, and Ruyigi.
- **Promotion of return:** On 20 February, MoHA, UNHCR, and DRC officially launched the promotion phase of voluntary repatriation in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps, sharing key information with Burundian refugees to enable them to make an informed decision to return to their country of origin.



## ACCESS TO ENERGY

- **Energy:** UNHCR and partners trained 4,023 individuals in the camps and host community on how to make fuel-efficient stoves. Participants fabricated 1,113 fuel-efficient stoves.
- **Environment:** UNHCR and partners conducted 59 environmental meetings in the camps and host community with 3,235 participants. At the meetings, participants discussed environmental challenges and solutions, including enhancing environment conservation through initiatives such as joint patrols, soil erosion control, and conservation of water sources, as well as tree growing.

## GAPS AND NEEDS

Shortage of funds continued to severely impact the lives of the persons we serve in Tanzania. Alternative cooking energy sources cannot be scaled up to the larger refugee population, exposing them to protection risks while collecting firewood in the host community. Implementation of WASH activities such as improving the water supply system and coverage of household latrines are limited. There is a shortage of medicines, medical supplies, family planning items, and insecticide-treated nets.

## DONORS

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