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BURUNDI

Influx out of Eastern D.R. of Congo

as of 26 Mar 2025

Key figures

69,978
Estimated New Arrivals from DRC since Jan 2025

13,190
Relocated

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Refugees from DRC in Burundi prior Jan 2025

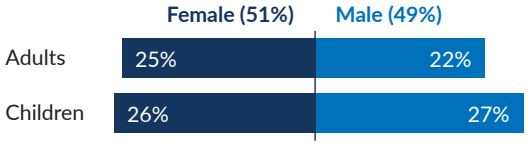
1,650
Assisted Refugee Returnees

26,707
Registered Refugees Level 1

39,877
Not yet verified

1,744
No Show

Demographic

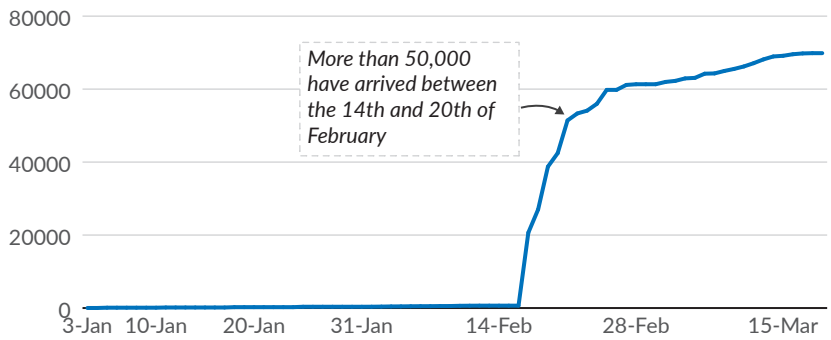


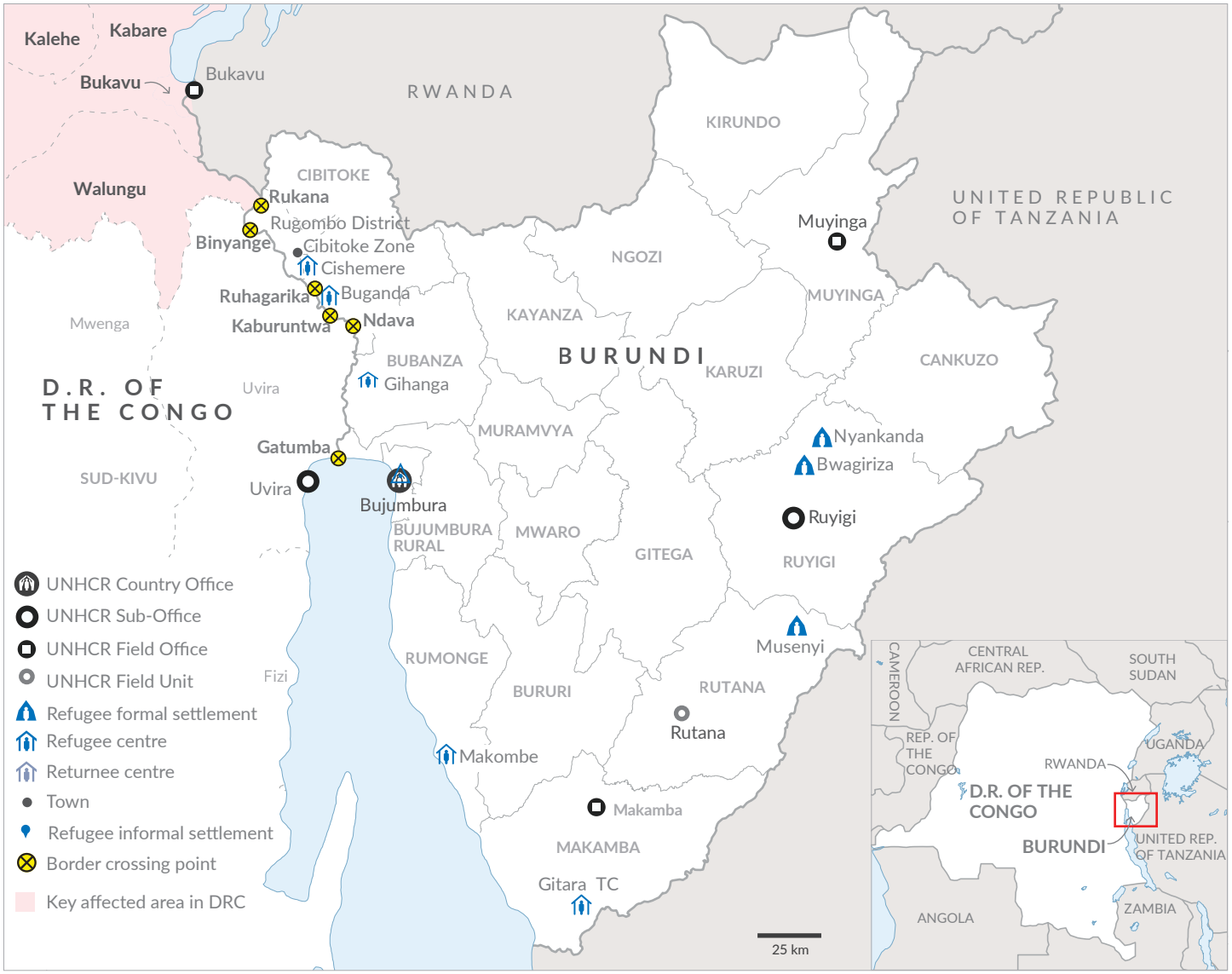
Context

Since January 2025, over 69,000 people arriving in Burundi from the Democratic Republic of Congo are in need of international refugee protection. The refugees include rural and urban populations fleeing conflict from the DRC, and some returning Burundians. Most arrivals are from Bukavu, Saké, Minova, and Goma. In response, the Minister of the Interior has granted prima facie refugee status to those seeking protection.

Total new arrivals (cumulative since 3 Jan. 2025)

Number of people





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Arrival & relocation

Border entry points

Rukana
Binyange
Ruhagarika
Kaburantwa
Ndava
Gatumba

Transit Centers/Locations

	Current population
Rugombo Commune	45,680
Cibitoke Zone	2,000
Surronding Cibitoke Zone areas	4,166
Gitara	2,237
Cishemere	909
Makombe	1,336
Gihanga	65

Protection

- Protection screening and counselling
- Level 1 Registration
- Protection & Border Monitoring
- Organized relocation
- Community engagement, outreach and feedback
- Protection desks
- Assistance to person with specific needs

Refugee Camps / Settlements

	New Arrivals	Current population
Musenyi	10,187	13,223
Nyankanda	8	11,975
Bwagiriza	1	9,457

Key sectorial indicator (border transit locations)

Locations	Litres of Water Provided/Day	Emergency Latrines(Communal)	Global Acute Malnutition (kids 6-59 month)	Global Acute Malnutition (pregnant women)	Individuals with SPN Identified	UASC Identified/ Referred/ Assisted
Rugombo Stadium*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cibitoke Zone	15,000	25	3%	1%	124	157
Cishemere	20,000	12	1%	1%	83	32
Gihanga	1,000	12	1%	1%	-	-

* *Rugombo Stadium is no longer used as a transit center as of 24 March 2025.*

3 W (border transit locations)

Coordination	DGRRR, ONPRA, UNHCR	3
Food	AIRD, CARITAS, NGO RCF, SAD, WFP	5
Health/ Nutrtion	AFM/MWA, Concern, Global Health, Health District, HNTPO, PRONIANUT, Midwives in Action Association, MSF, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, Women's Solidarity	12
Logistic	AIRD, COPED, IRC, OIM, UNHCR	5
Livelihood	FVS, World Vision International	2
NFI/Shelter	Burundi Red Cross, COPED, UNHCR, UNICEF	4
Protection	ACPDH, AIRD, Burundi Red Cross, CGM, DGRRR, Finbank, JRS, Local volunteers, ONPRA, SAD, Save the Children, SCI, Spring Communities, Terre des Hommes, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, World Vision International	18
Reintegration for Returnees	DGRRR, IOM, UNHCR	3
Security	Burundian National Police	1
WASH	Burundi Red Cross, COPED, Fondation Stamm, MSF, UNICEF, World Vision International	6

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