United Republic of Tanzania

October 2025

As of 31 October 2025, Tanzania hosts **230,139** refugees and asylum seekers, mainly from Burundi 143,242 and the DRC 86,212, and 685 from other countries who live in two camps, while some refugees live in villages and three old settlements in Kigoma, Katavi, and Tabora regions.

In collaboration with the Government of Tanzania, UNHCR and partners have been receiving asylum seekers fleeing violent clashes in the DRC since January 2025. As of 31 October 2025, a total of **3,634** new arrivals were received in Tanzania.

UNHCR continues to provide **protection** and **assistance** to persons of concern. Some services, including primary health care and education, are also extended to the host community. In addition, UNHCR seeks **durable solutions for refugees**.

HIGHLIGHTS

27,015

refugees and Tanzanians in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps received health services in Kasulu and Kibondo districts.

1,874

refugees and Tanzanians were trained on good agronomic practices in Kasulu and Kibondo districts.

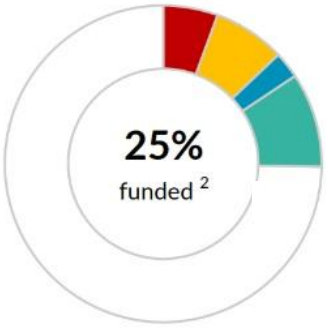
570

refugees voluntarily repatriated to Burundi to the provinces of Bujumbura Mairie, Bujumbura Rural, Cankuzo, Cibitoke, Gitega, Kayanza, Karuzi, Kirundo, Ngozi, Makamba, Muyinga, and Ruyigi.

FUNDING (AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2025)

USD 114 million

requested for the Tanzania operation.



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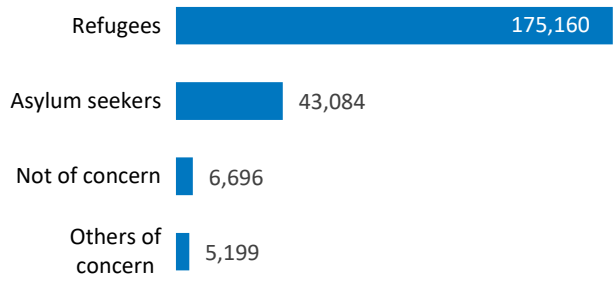
Burundian refugees in Nyarugusu Camp gather for a livestream session on reintegration services in Burundi. ©UNHCR/Maimuna Mtengela

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2025)



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PROTECTION

- **DRC situation:** The Government of Tanzania and UNHCR continued to receive new arrivals from the DRC and recorded 164 individuals seeking safety in Tanzania this month. This brings the total to 3,634 individuals received from January to October 2025. In collaboration with the Government, UN agencies, and NGO partners, UNHCR provided comprehensive protection and lifesaving assistance, including shelter, food, core relief items, counselling, and medical support to the new arrivals.
- **MoHA-UNHCR joint mission to refugee camps:** From 16 – 17 October 2025, MoHA and UNHCR conducted a joint mission to Nduta and Nyarugusu camps to brief refugees on the Comprehensive Protection and Solutions-based Assessment findings recommending voluntary repatriation as the most viable solution. During the mass meetings with refugees in both camps, the Government announced plans to close Nduta Camp by 31 March 2026 and the Burundian section of Nyarugusu by 30 June 2026.

EDUCATION

- **Congolese exams:** On 6 October 2025, the Ministry of Education in the DRC announced the results of the Grade Eight examinations conducted in June 2025 at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. Out of 1,208 candidates (603 female, 605 male), a total of 915 students (472 female, 443 male) passed, giving an overall pass rate of 76%, and advanced to Form One in the camp's four secondary schools.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- **Health services:** UNHCR's health partners conducted 27,015 consultations for refugees and host communities at outpatient departments in the two camps (10,973 in Nduta, 16,042 in Nyarugusu). Around 7% of outpatient services were used by Tanzanians in both camps. A total of 25 urban refugees were also supported with health services and referrals in various facilities in Dar es Salaam.
- **Comprehensive safe motherhood services:** A total of 837 live births were delivered in the camps, including refugees and the host community (177 in Nduta, 660 in Nyarugusu), with 99% of deliveries conducted by skilled healthcare workers. Out of the 837 live births, 101 live births were delivered by host community women inside the camps.
- **Medical referrals:** A total of 25 health referrals (10 from Nduta Camp, 12 from Nyarugusu Camp, three from Kigoma Transit Centre) were conducted this month to secondary and tertiary level referral hospitals through partners to save the lives of refugees and asylum seekers.
- **Nutrition:** UNHCR's partners and nutrition community volunteers identified a total of 26 children under five years old (18 refugees, 8 Tanzanians) with Severe Acute Malnutrition, providing all children with the necessary treatment.
- **Complementary feeding:** UNHCR and partners distributed complementary food to 110 chronically ill patients in Nduta Refugee Camp.
- **Blood donation:** UNHCR's health partners collected 50 units of blood at a blood donation drive in Munanila Secondary School, Buhigwe District, to supply medical facilities in the refugee camps.

FOOD SECURITY

- **Food distribution:** Refugees residing in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps received 65% of the dry food rations in October 2025 provided by WFP. UNHCR's partner, the Danish Refugee Council, continued providing hot meals for Burundian refugees repatriating and Congolese new arrivals residing at the departure and reception centres at 50% and 82% respectively.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

- **Water:** Water supply coverage was at an average of 23.6 litres per person per day in Nduta and Nyarugusu refugee camps, which is above the global standard of 20 liters per person per day.
- **Sanitation:** The household latrine coverage was at an average of 52% in the refugee camps (38% in Nduta, 58% in Nyarugusu), which is below the 85% global standard for household latrine coverage.

SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- **Shelter maintenance:** UNHCR and partners maintained five shelters in Nyarugusu Refugee Camp.
- **Emergency shelter**: UNHCR and partners constructed 41 emergency family shelters to accommodate the new Congolese asylum seekers in Nyarugusu Camp this month.
- **Non-Food Items:** In October 2025, UNHCR and partners distributed buckets, jerrycans, kitchen sets, laundry soap bars, and mosquito nets to 46 Congolese new arrival families in Nyarugusu Camp. From 7 – 16 October 2025, a total of 54,573 individuals in Nduta Camp were provided with clothes donated by USA for UNHCR.

RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE

- **Kitchen gardening:** In the two camps, UNHCR's partner, the Danish Refugee Council, trained 1,874 individuals from refugee and host communities (1,522 female, 352 male) on good agronomic practices, climate-smart agriculture, and kitchen gardening to strengthen food security and promote food diversification in the communities.
- **Vocational training:** From 5 – 28 October 2025, UNHCR supported the Danish Refugee Council in providing market-oriented and Technical Vocational Education Training to 281 refugees and host communities (177 female, 104 male). The participants were trained in bakery, carpentry, motorcycle repairing, welding, tailoring, and information and communication technology.

DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- **Resettlement:** UNHCR submitted 15 refugees to Canada for resettlement. In addition, 117 refugees departed for resettlement to Australia, Canada, France, and Sweden during the month, bringing the total to 818 refugees who departed for resettlement since January 2025.
- **Return:** The Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, UNHCR, and its partners facilitated the voluntary return of 570 individuals to Burundi this month to Bujumbura Mairie, Bujumbura Rural, Cankuzo, Cibitoke, Gitega, Kayanza, Karuzi, Kirundo, Ngozi, Makamba, Muyinga, and Ruyigi. This brings the total number of Burundian refugees repatriated to Burundi since 2017 to 181,394.
- **Repatriation promotion:** On 23 October 2025, Burundian refugees in Nduta and Nyarugusu camps participated in a livestreaming session on access to education back home with the Ministry of Education in Burundi and returnees in Burundi. The session, part of ongoing repatriation promotion activities in the camps, provided refugees clear and practical information to help families make informed decisions about their children's education upon return.

- **Complementary Pathways:** On 28 October 2025, two Burundian refugee students from Nduta and Nyarugusu camps departed to Italy to pursue their Master's degree through the UNICORE (University Corridors for Refugees) scholarship programme, supported by Laissez-Passer documents issued by the Italian Embassy in Dar es Salaam. The absence of electronic Convention Travel Documents for refugees in the country continues to pose administrative challenges for refugees who need to travel abroad for purposes such as higher education, medical referrals, family reunification, or other complementary pathways that support durable solutions.

ACCESS TO ENERGY

- **Environment:** To enhance environmental conservation, UNHCR and partners engaged 3,919 individuals (2,199 female, 1,720 male) from the refugee camps and host communities on environmental, water sources, soil conservation, and woodlot management in Kasulu and Kibondo districts.
- **Energy:** UNHCR and partners sensitized 4,951 individuals (3,021 females, 1,930 males) in both the refugee camps and host communities on the importance of fuel-efficient stoves and briquettes in environmental conservation and adaptation. In addition, sustainably sourced firewood was distributed to 6,428 refugees with specific needs, ensuring they had reliable access to energy for cooking and other essential daily activities.

GAPS AND NEEDS

The underlying shortage of funds continued to severely impact the lives of forcibly displaced people in Tanzania. Shortage of qualified health staff and insufficient HIV test kits are severely constraining health facilities' ability to provide timely and reliable services to refugees and host communities.

DONORS

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