

## KEY FIGURES

**17,645 \***

Burundian refugees have been received in Uganda since November 2014 (As of 16 December, 2015)

*Further breakdown of the above figure:*

**13,204**

Refugees received in Nakivale Refugee Settlement

**292**

Refugees received in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement

**208**

Refugees received in Oruchinga Refugee Settlement

**98**

Refugees received in Kisoro Refugee Settlement

**3,843**

Urban refugees received in Kampala

*\*statistics are provided by the Government of Uganda Office of the Prime Minister*

## PRIORITIES

- Efforts are underway to place Burundian refugee arrivals in their new shelters in a timely manner. Teams remain prepared for an increased influx.
- Road rehabilitation to improve access to refugee settlements.

## Uganda

### UPDATE ON THE BURUNDI REFUGEE RESPONSE

DECEMBER 18-24, 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 464 Burundian new arrivals were received in Nakivale, out of which 28 were transported from Mirama Hills border point, five from Kashenyi Police Post, one from Mutukula and another from Kisoro. Another 29 individuals were referred from Kampala while 400 individuals directly walked to OPM registration offices. The number of new arrivals has increased compared to 291 reported last week. The new arrivals are citing heightened insecurity in Burundi and family reunion as reasons for fleeing. The refugees are mainly coming from Bujumbura, Muyinga, Kirundo, Kibitoke and Bubanza provinces.



*Distribution of non-food items and clothes at Kabazana Reception Centre in Nakivale  
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## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

### Operational context

- At Kabazana Reception Centre, UNHCR, OPM and ARC conducted the weekly joint physical headcount to establish the number of residents. A total of 541 individuals, of which 382 are Burundians are currently residing at the centre. This is a slight increase from last week's 512 individuals.

### Protection

- In Nakivale, American Refugee Committee (ARC) conducted upgrading of electrical lighting systems at the reception centre. There Additional installations of security lights in the compound to improve on the lighting and security.
- In Nakivale, ARC conducted focus group discussions with the Burundian youth in Kabahinda D and Misiera A to ascertain their protection needs and concerns. The issues raised by the participants included high poverty levels, high school dropout rates for girls, teenage pregnancies and high levels of unemployment. The youth suggested creation of groups for income generating activities. A total of 46 Burundian youth attended the discussions.

#### Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs)

- In Nakivale, ARC received 12 protection cases (seven male, five females) with insecurity, gender based violence and medical issues from the villages of Kashojwa C, Kabahinda, Misiera, Ruhoko and Nyarugugu C. Psychosocial support was provided to all the cases. Four of the cases were referred to the health centre for medical care and two to Police for follow-up. Continuous follow-up and support will be conducted for all reported cases through home visits.

#### Child Protection

- In Nakivale, ARC conducted Best Interest Assessments for eight Burundian children to identify their needs and support them accordingly. They were three female unaccompanied minors; three separated (including one male) while two children had medical issues and are already on treatment from Mbarara Referral Hospital. They were all placed under foster care and referred to Windle Trust Uganda for education support next year.
- ARC conducted a follow-up home visit to three female unaccompanied minors in Kashojwa B that were placed under foster care to monitor their living conditions under foster care. The children were found to be relating well with their foster parents. ARC provided supportive counseling to both the UAMs and their foster parents.

#### Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)

- Ain Nakivale, ARC conducted home visits in Kashojwa C and Ruhoko A villages to ascertain leaving conditions of two female survivors of gender based violence that occurred from the country of origin Burundi. Both individuals and their families were counseled and one was referred to Medical Team International (MTI) for further management.

### Education

- All schools are currently on holiday after successfully closing for the third term on 4th December 2015. Schools will re-open on the 22nd February 2016.

### Health

- In Nakivale, malaria remains highly reported and this is partly attributed to communities not clearing bushy surroundings, plant crops so close to housing and not clearing mosquito breeding sites. In the period malaria morbidity accounted for 40.3 % as compared to (32%) last week. MTI is continuing with community awareness outreaches on malaria prevention and control measures besides general early health seeking behaviors.

- In Nakivale, MTI vaccinated 259 children between 0-15yrs, dewormed them and gave them Vitamin A supplementation.



## Food Security and Nutrition

- In Nakivale, a total of 445 children were screened for malnutrition –lower than the 750 reported last week. Some three children had moderate malnutrition and were all enrolled on supplementary feeding programme (SFP) while one was severely malnourished hence admitted into inpatient therapeutic care (ITC).
- In Nakivale, Samaritan's Purse with the support of WFP served food to a total of 122 Burundian new arrivals. Prior to the distribution exercise, a sensitization meeting was held to support the food committees to create awareness on the continued absence of Corn Soya Bean (CSB) in the food basket.



## Water and Sanitation

- In Nakivale, ARC supplied a total of 1,029,469 litres of water to the new Burundian villages leaving the average water consumption at/ 17L/D/P, save for five villages which received less water than the minimum sphere standard of 15 liters/per/day. The WASH team is upgrading the water production and pipeline system to increase the water coverage in these villages.
- In Nakivale, ARC Conducted pump testing for new submersible pump and surface pump as components of the new water systems upgrade at base camp water plant since most of the works were completed, all systems are functional but further monitoring of its efficiency is ongoing.
- In Nakivale, latrine coverage increased from 60% to 68% at household level. This is attributed to continued monitoring and follow up visits to ensure that every household meets minimum standards for latrine coverage in the new villages.
- In Nakivale, ARC conducted hygiene promotion sessions in the new villages and at the reception centre, 465 were reached with key hygiene awareness messages. As such this has increased number of sanitation facilities being erected in the various villages.
- In Nakivale, physical verification of PSN latrines constructed by IOM was conducted in the villages of Misiera A, B, Kabazana, all latrines 276 latrines constructed and hand washing facilities installed. Hand washing practice was assessed and households demonstrated the correct practice however, housing for PSNs need to be expedited as somewhere found to be sharing. IOM has so far supported 2,893 households since the intervention with latrine construction materials, sensitization and community dialogue

## Shelter and NFIs

- In Nakivale, OPM/UNHCR/ARC resettled some 159 individuals on 16X20 meters plots of land and served them full NFI package at Kabazana A village. Pre distribution sensitization was conducted to inform the beneficiaries on the Non Food Item scale per household.

## Working in partnership

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