

KEY FIGURES

18,427 *

Burundian refugees have been received in Uganda since November 2014 (As of 05 January, 2016)

Further breakdown of the above figure:

13,864

Refugees received in Nakivale Refugee Settlement

313

Refugees received in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement

211

Refugees received in Oruchinga Refugee Settlement

80

Refugees received in Kisoro Refugee Settlement

3,959

Urban refugees received in Kampala

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

Uganda

UPDATE ON THE BURUNDI REFUGEE RESPONSE

JANUARY 1-7, 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 151 individuals were received in Nakivale this week; four were received at Kamwema Police Post near the Mutukula border point, 61 were referred from Kampala, 56 walked to Kabazana Reception Centre and another 30 arrived at the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) registration offices. The number of new arrivals is low compared to the 255 that arrived the previous week, reflecting a downward trend in Burundian new arrivals.
- Most of the new arrivals in Nakivale are fleeing from Bujumbura, Muyinga, Kirundo, Kibitoke and Bubanza citing insecurity resulting from clashes between the government and opposition. They express concern over deteriorating security in Burundi and fear that the situation could remain unstable for some time to come.
- In Kyaka II, there were 17 new Burundian arrivals seeking asylum but were not granted prima-facie because they did not pass through the official transit centre. This process has been instituted to avoid double registration and also taking into account the freedom of movement. As such, some 13 individuals are currently staying with friends and relatives and four are residing in Sweswe Reception Centre while awaiting Refugee Eligibility Committee interviews. The asylum seekers say they come to Kyaka II because of the family and friends living there who gave them information about the settlement.



ARC distributing relief items: blankets, Jerricans, saucepans, cutlass, plastic sheeting, bowls, etc to the new arrivals settled in Juru. © UNHCR/S.Kulu

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Protection

- In Nakivale, American Refugee Committee (ARC) supported five Burundians requiring protection; three cases citing insecurity and two with medical issues, originating from their country of origin. Files were opened for them accompanied by psychosocial support and referral to Police, OPM, and Medical Teams International (MTI) for further management. Continuous follow-up, monitoring and support will be conducted for all the cases through home visits.

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)

- In Nakivale, ARC received two SGBV cases, one case of rape which occurred in the country of origin and one case of denial of resources to support wife and children. Files were opened, medical referral was given to the rape victim and psychosocial support given to the victims and follow up is ongoing through home visits.
- In Nakivale, ARC conducted an SGBV awareness session for 65 Burundians living in Mugenyi village. The session covered forms, causes, and effects of SGBV, referral pathways and how to respond to emergencies within the community.
- In Nakivale, ARC conducted home visits in Kashojwa C and Nyarugugu C village to assess the living conditions of two female survivors of SGBV that occurred in their country of origin. Psychosocial support was given to the survivors, supportive counseling was conducted for family members and one of the survivors was referred to MTI for psychological support.

Health

- In Nakivale, Village Health Teams (VHT) held sensitization outreaches with over 660 individuals on causes, prevention, and management of malaria cases in Misiera and Kashojwa C villages, in response to the rising cases of malaria in the communities. Some 24 individuals were referred to health facilities in Nakivale for proper screening and management. Malaria remains a leading cause of morbidity in the settlements, followed by respiratory tract infections and diarrhea.
- In Nakivale, MTI vaccinated 32 children under five years, dewormed and gave them Vitamin A supplementation.

Food Security and Nutrition

- In Nakivale, MTI screened a total of 133 children under five years for malnutrition. The number decreased from 571 reported in the previous week because of temporary closure of the mobile clinic in Ruhoko and Misiera villages during the Christmas holiday. Moderate Acute Malnutrition is at 0.030% and Severe Acute Malnutrition is at 0%.

Water and Sanitation

- In Nakivale, the average daily water consumption for Burundians stands at 17l/p/d. However this dropped to 16l/p/d because of the need to service one of the water delivery trucks.
- In Nakivale, ARC WASH committee monitored the construction of a water tank at Kabahinda C Hill, Kabazana Water Booster Station and distributed sanitation kits-42 pick axes, 16 wheel barrows, 42 spades, 19 excavation buckets and 18 ropes to around 100 households of new arrivals settled in Saza, Mugenyi and Gambera villages. The tools are in the custody of Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) groups and Refugee Welfare Council for easy management.
- In Nakivale, household latrine coverage continues to stand at 68 percent and this is attributed to continuous monitoring and follow up visits to ensure that households meet minimum standards for latrine coverage in the new villages. ARC distributed 1,168 treated logs to 292 households in Mugenyi B, Gambira and Seza villages to increase household latrine coverage in these communities. Pre-distribution objectives were discussed on how the logs are to be utilized with strong reprimands for individuals who fail to use them within the stipulated time.

- In Nakivale, seven model homes, built with moulded bricks by refugees to provide durable, sustainable shelters for their families have been constructed in Ngarama and Kabazana A villages as a result of PHAST group activities that are ongoing in the communities to sensitize refugees on using durable solutions for their shelters.

Shelter and NFIs

- In Kyaka II, construction of one block of nine rooms to improve the accommodation for new arrivals in Sweswe Reception Centre was completed in December 2015. The building was constructed to increase the capacity of the reception centre from 100 to 160. Six people will be accommodated in each room. The building has been handed over to Danish Refugee Committee.

Durable Solutions

- In Nakivale, Nsamizi conducted a follow-up on post-harvest management in Misiera A & B and Kabahinda D villages for 43 households to assess the improved practices of drying and proper storage of grains such as beans, maize and groundnuts. The households were supported with tarpaulins and sacks to facilitate drying and storage of grains. Home visits conducted revealed that Burundian beneficiaries have been able to harvest between 50 -75kgs of beans from the initial 4kgs served as inputs, which is commendable.

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