

KEY FIGURES

22,330*

Number of registered and active Burundian refugees and asylum-seekers who have arrived in Uganda since November 2014 (As of 01 March 2016)

Further breakdown of the above figure:

16,730

Refugees received in Nakivale Refugee Settlement

473

Refugees received in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement

264

Refugees received in Oruchinga Refugee Settlement

177

Refugees received in Kisoro district

4,686

Urban refugees received in Kampala

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

PRIORITIES

- Enrolment of children in schools.
- Community health education on malaria prevention and control.

Uganda

UPDATE ON THE BURUNDI REFUGEE RESPONSE

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HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of new arrivals from Burundi remains stable, though with weekly fluctuations. This week, a total of 344 individuals were received in Nakivale, a decrease from last week's 637 individuals. Another 37 individuals (14 households) arrived in Kyaka II through Mirama Hills.
- Most of the arrivals came from Bujumubura and neighboring areas, with others from a new area called Ngagara.
- The new arrivals said they were fleeing politically motivated violence characterized by killings, rape, looting and kidnap of youths. The opposition movement militia is reported to kidnap individuals suspected to be wealthy and demand ransoms from their families.



Burundian refugees receiving Core Relief Items in Bukere, Kyaka II Refugee Settlement. © UNHCR/A. John

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

- In Nakivale, UNHCR/OPM/ARC conducted a joint physical headcount at Kabazana Reception Centre in Nakivale to ascertain the true number of residents to guide relocations. A total of 573 individuals were residing there, among them 388 Burundians, 178 Congolese, and 7 Rwandese. Currently the registration and plot allocation process is taking about seven days for the Burundian prima facie refugees. However the challenge remains with the extensive stay at the reception centre, of Congolese and Burundian asylum seekers awaiting REC.
- In Nakivale, ARC conducted a meeting with eleven Child Protection Committee (CPC) members from Misiera A, B, Kabazana A, B, Kashojwa B, C to assess areas of concern in protecting children in the community. Child bartering, neglect, and labor were highlighted as pressing vices relating to child protection. Members observed that there was an increasing number children hawking merchandise, when they should otherwise be in school. Irresponsibility of parents, who have lost themselves to drunkenness was also noted to be fueling school dropout rates, with learners spending class hours in cinema halls and video games centres. ARC committed to embark on community awareness of violence against children and to caution owners of film halls and computer businesses against admitting minors.

Protection

Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs)

- In Nakivale, ARC identified seven Burundian PSNs at Kabazana Reception Centre, including three albinos, three elderly persons and one person with a physical impairment-who has already been reunited with his sister already residing in the settlement.

Child Protection

- In Nakivale, ARC conducted Best Interests Assessments (BIAs) for three separated siblings of ages 2, 6 and 14 years; who fled to Uganda with their paternal uncle. They were referred to Windle Trust Uganda (WTU) for educational support and Ugandan Red Cross Society (URCS) for tracing of their parents
- In Nakivale, Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) successfully traced the parent of an unaccompanied minor in Rwamwanja Refugee Settlement. The father of the child was traced in Isanja B village, Nakivale settlement and the child was located in Nkoma children centre in Rwamwanja. URCS is making arrangement for the child and father to re-unite.

Education

- In Nakivale, WTU identified four children with disabilities with educational needs in Ngarama village. The children were referred to Medical Teams International (MTI) for medical examination to ascertain whether they qualify to be enrolled for special needs education, which will inform WTU's decision to enroll the children in schools in Nakivale or refer them to schools for children with special needs outside the settlement. Since January 2016, 10 children requiring special needs education have been identified.
- There is ongoing registration of Burundian pupils at primary, secondary and vocational training centres; 31 children were registered in four primary school supported by UNHCR; six children were registered in Nakivale Secondary School and five children were enrolled at the VTC.

Health

- In Nakivale, 1,325 consultations were made as compared to 944 previously reported. Malaria accounted for (43%) and still remained the highest disease burden, followed by urinary tract infections (22%). MTI continues with community sensitization outreaches on malaria prevention and control.

Immunization

- In Nakivale, MTI immunized a total of 578 children against measles, tetanus, TB and pneumonia, and also dewormed them besides giving them Vitamin A supplementation.
- In Nakivale, MTI in partnership with ACORD is conducting regular health education with pregnant mothers in the new villages. Pregnancy mapping and linkage to care are some of the interventions conducted to promote antenatal care attendance.



Food Security and Nutrition

- In Nakivale, Samaritan's Purse through the support of MTI screened 359 children for malnutrition at Kabazana Reception Centre.



Water and Sanitation

- In Nakivale, ARC WASH team supplied 1,318,285 liters of water to the new Burundian villages; average consumption of water per person per day was 19.8 liters which is an increase from 17.12 l/p/d reported in the previous week. The increase was attributed to increased number of water trucking up to four times in a week to the villages. However, Kahabinda C, Kashojwa C and Kabazana continued to receive less than 15 l/p/d because of the increased population in the respective areas as more people continue to relocate from their villages to these villages because of the social development there.

Sanitation and Hygiene

- In Nakivale, household latrine coverage still stands at 64.5% as reported in the previous week. Interventions such as training of PHAST groups and community hygiene education sessions are being conducted to promote hygiene and sanitation plus consequent improved latrine coverage. This will be supported with a planned rapid assessment on hand washing practices after latrine use.



Shelter / Infrastructure

- In Nakivale, some 322 individuals (167 households) received core relief items. These were newly settled persons of concern in Kashojwa A. All these settled refugees have constructed shelter and now live in fairly decent houses. A pre-distribution awareness creation exercise was conducted to sensitize the new arrivals about what entails the CRI package, and how they should utilize the shelter and household items.
- In Kyaka II, OPM settled and allocated plots of land for construction of shelters to Burundians in Bwiriza and Sweswe Zones. The plot of land given to each household is 50 by 100 metres. However, Burundian refugees are not agricultural oriented and prefer doing small businesses to generate income. The challenge is that livelihood support services are not sufficient for the newly settled families. DRC is making arrangements to link Burundian refugees to the nine established income generating activities for refugees in the settlement.

Livelihoods and Environment

- In Nakivale, Nsamizi Training Institute conducted a two-day sensitization session on use of briquettes at Kabazana Reception Centre in order to equip the new arrivals with knowledge on charcoal briquettes. Some 400 residents at the centre attended. One ton of briquette was delivered to ARC to distribute to asylum seekers residing at the centre.

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