

HIGHLIGHTS:

- UNHCR launched a new program replacing non-food items with cash as support for Rwandan returnees upon their return to their home country to help them reintegrate into their communities after spending years—in some cases decades—in asylum abroad. UNHCR provides a mobile phone and a sim card to each returnee family so that the cash assistance can be delivered in the form of money transfers through mobile phones. In the midst of an escalating refugee crisis globally, UNHCR is working to close one of the world's most protracted and large-scale refugee situations by launching a cash-based assistance program that will help Rwandan returnees make an informed choice to come home and support their reintegration into their communities. On 18 November UNHCR, the Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs (MIDIMAR) and ADRA inaugurated the first modern transit centre in Rwanda to replace the 22 year old Nyagatare transit centre in Rusizi to initially host former Rwandan refugees returning home.
- The Permanent Water Treatment Plant in Mahama Refugee Camp is now fully functional and was inaugurated on 30th November by UNHCR, MIDIMAR, UNICEF, Oxfam and DFID. This newly constructed water treatment system is especially important in Rwanda as it is a solution not only for Mahama's refugees, but for the neighboring community as well. *Story continued at www.unhcr.org/rw*



Inauguration of Permanent Water Treatment Plant in Mahama refugee camp.



The Permanent Water Treatment Plant will serve both the local community and refugees in Mahama camp.

KEY STATISTICS (30 NOVEMBER 2016)

165,919

Total population of concern (*Refugees & Asylum Seekers*)

2,113

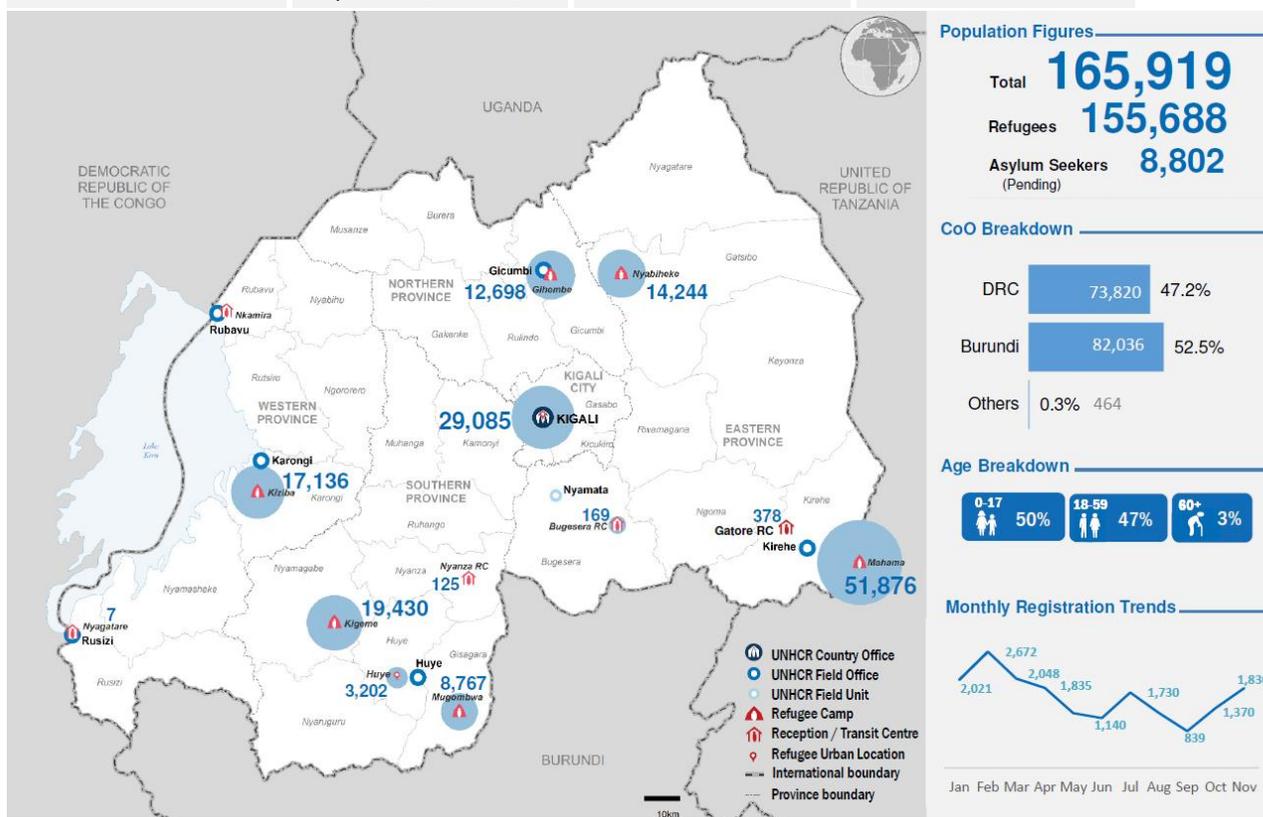
Refugees who are unaccompanied or separated from their parents (*Burundian*)

32,287

Refugees living in urban areas

5,082

Rwandan returnees received in 2016



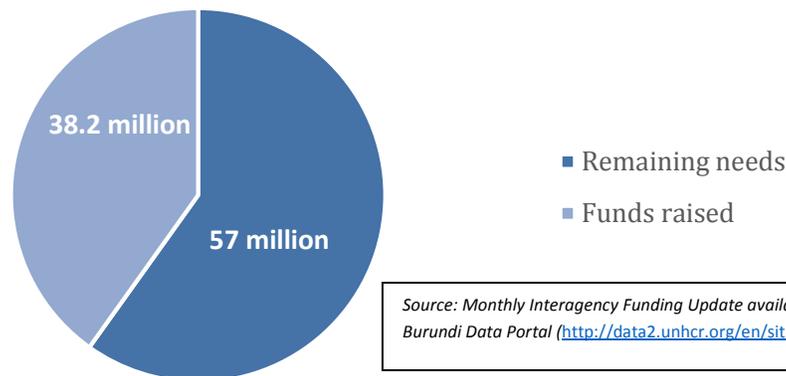
BURUNDI EMERGENCY UPDATE

New arrivals:

- The rate of new arrivals of refugees has considerably decreased over the last two weeks of November to 286 as compared to 368 in the first two weeks of the month (22% decrease). 75% of the new arrivals in the last two weeks have been women and children.

Burundi Refugee Response Plan (RRP) – Funding Status

The comprehensive needs for the 2016 interagency Burundi refugee response in Rwanda are estimated at over **USD 95.2 million**, however as of September only **USD 38.2 million** had been received by all appealing agencies – representing a gap of **USD 57 million**. **This means the 2016 RRP for Rwanda is only 40% funded.**



Source: Monthly Interagency Funding Update available on UNHCR Burundi Data Portal (<http://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/burundi>)



Protection

Child Protection:

- There are currently **2,113** registered unaccompanied and separated Burundian children (UASC). Out of the UASC identified and assisted by UNHCR and partners since the beginning of the emergency, there have been **1,113** known cases of UASC reunited with their parents/customary caregivers or relatives.
- Several children's committees in Mahama camp visited unaccompanied children (UAC) who are now living with foster families to understand their situation. During the visit, child representatives from children's committees and UAC discussed the importance of being raised in a family as the UAC expressed their gratitude for the chance to be considered like other children and are no longer seen as being street children within the community. They also mentioned that, since living in foster families, their self-esteem has improved as they can play with other children without any suspicion, go to school and eat without any problem because they find food at home.
- Save the Children organized a meeting with 50 foster parents and fostered children in all villages of Mahama II to raise awareness on the importance of the family environment, the rights of children and their responsibilities in general.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) prevention and response

- Plan International conducted field visits to monitor the progress of interventions done by Abazimyamuriro ("fire stoppers"), a group of refugee spouses committed to disseminating information on preventing domestic abuse among families. The idea to form such a group came after several spouses received psychosocial support and education on sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) prevention. Abazimyamuriro are meeting twice a week to share their experience and see how they can support other families. As couples who used to face SGBV problems, they now act as role models in the community as well as share success stories, identify other families in conflict and orient them if necessary.



Shelter and NFIs

- In November, UNHCR's partners ARC and Global Humanitarian Development Fund (GHDF) have completed 625 semi-permanent shelters, while 532 shelters are currently under construction. UNHCR has already relocated families to occupy 400 of the shelters. UNHCR's private contractors have been allocated space to construct 280 duplex shelters.
- In addition to the semi-permanent shelters, GHDF has completed 24 communal hangars, 26 emergency toilets and shower blocks, and 20 communal kitchen in the new Village 26 to accommodate refugees from the reception sites/transit sites and also to be used as transitional shelters during shelter construction.



Health

- UNHCR, through its partners American Refugee Committee (ARC) and Save the Children (SCI), provided primary level medical care from camp health facilities. A total of 12,105 refugees in Mahama refugee camp received the services during the reporting period, representing an average of 62 patients per clinician a day.
- The preliminary result for Reproductive Health Assessment exercise has been shared with UNHCR, MIDIMAR, UNFPA, Partners and concerned colleagues at UNHCR. The findings from the baseline exercise helps understand the current status of service provision and recommendations will be implemented for the improvement of quality of services.

CONGOLESE REFUGEE PROGRAM UPDATE



Protection

- Through the 2016 Youth Initiative Fund (YIF) supported by UNHCR Division of International Protection (DIP), a group of youth in Kiziba refugee camp has been developing a project aiming at providing them and their peers with regular Kung Fu classes, holding monthly group discussions about selected topics (i.e. anti-drugs, anti-gangs, children's rights, etc.) and conducting community sensitizations through Kung-Fu exhibitions and competitions. On 27th November 2016, 14 of these youth took part in the Rwanda National Kung Fu Championship in Kigali and won two medals (one gold and another silver), a wonderful inspiration for the refugee community.
- In all refugee settings in Rwanda, the Government, UNHCR and partners launched the 16 Days of Activism Against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) on 25th November 2016, which was the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Specific activities, including awareness-raising on SGBV based on this year's theme "Healthy Relationships at Home, in Schools, and in the Community", will be carried out with the active participation of refugee men, women, boys and girls until 10th December 2016, which will be the closing day of the 16 Days of Activism as well as Human Rights Day.

Resettlement to a third country:

- Total submissions in November 2016: 981 individuals (248 cases)
- Total submissions in 2016: 3,475 individuals (1,128 cases)
- Total departures in November 2016: 315 individuals (94 cases)
- Total departures in 2016: 2,905 individuals (788 cases)



Health

- 13,861 Congolese refugee patients from all Congolese refugee camps were provided with medical care at camp refugee health facilities. Refugees were provided with secondary and tertiary health care on prioritized basis by AHA

(African Humanitarian Action) and ARC with the support of UNHCR. Consultation number per clinician per day was 43.

- Respiratory Tract diseases continued to be the leading cause of morbidity in all Congolese refugee camps during the reporting period, which represented 46% of the total proportional morbidity. Malaria constitute 4%.
- There were total 189 births and 98% of deliveries conducted at health facility. Refugee women also have access to antenatal and postnatal care services through UNHCR health partners.
- HIV services provided to a total of 527 patients. UNHCR Health partners, AHA and ARC provides treatment, care and services to the patients with collaboration of district health hospitals.



Water and Sanitation

- With many thanks to LDS, the first phase of constructing dischargeable latrines (8 blocks) in Gihembe camp has been completed in November. LDS has already started construction of an additional 8 blocks of dischargeable latrines.



Shelter and NFIs

- 198 shelters were rehabilitated (roofed with plastic sheet) in Nyabiheke camp, 12 were transformed with iron sheet in Gihembe camp.
- In addition to UNHCR core relief items distributed in both Gihembe and Nyabiheke camps (soap, kitchen set, jerry cans and sanitary pads), a donation made of basin, soap and body ointment (Vaseline) was received from a local NGO “**UMBRELLA FOR VULNERABLES**” and distributed to Gihembe refugee population.

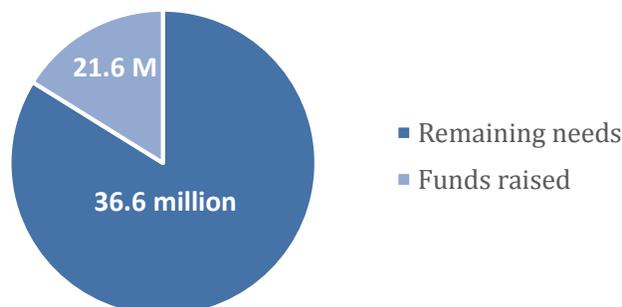


Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Inkomoko consultants are encouraging entrepreneurs to explore new customer opportunities beyond the camps, fostering integration with the host community.
- Business owners in the camps often do not track incoming revenues or outgoing expenses related to their business. Inkomoko will introduce simple bookkeeping tools and provide additional consulting time to ensure entrepreneurs implement basic bookkeeping systems.

Financial Information – CONGOLESE REFUGEE PROGRAM

The comprehensive needs for the 2016 Congolese program amount to **USD 58.2 million**. Approximately **USD 4.5 million** has been raised by WFP and **USD 17.1 million** has been raised by UNHCR Rwanda for its Congolese operation, **leaving a funding gap of almost 37%**.



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