

ZIMBABWE

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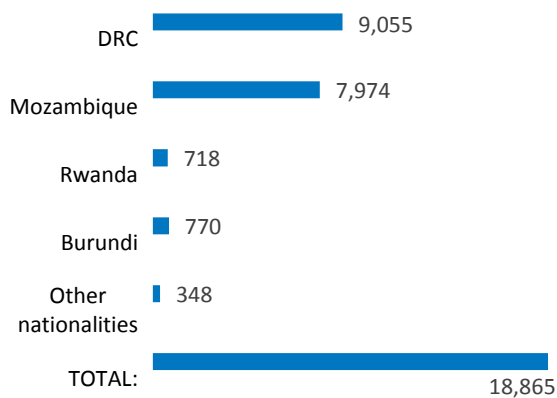
Cumulative total of new arrivals since January 2018 stands at **1,529**. This brings the total number of persons of concern to 18,865.

Lack of class rooms and teachers impacts the **access of refugees and asylum-seekers to high school education** provided in local schools in host communities.

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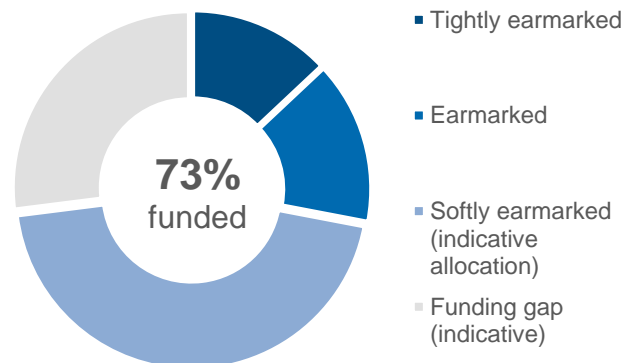
Country of Origin



FUNDING (AS OF 4 DECEMBER 2018)

USD 7.8 M

requested for the Zimbabwe operation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 20 National Staff
- 3 International Staff
- 2 Affiliate Workforce (International)

Offices:

- 1 Branch Office in Harare
- 1 Field Office in Chipinge, Tongogara refugee camp



Working with Partners

- UNHCR participates actively in the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) as well as in Humanitarian Country Team in Zimbabwe. UNHCR's partners, GOAL Ireland and Terre des Hommes (TDH), implement protection and assistance activities in Tongogara refugee camp. The Government of Zimbabwe, through the Department of Social Welfare, provides transit centre reception facilities, warehouses, social services and amenities as well as documentation.
- The office of the Commissioner for Refugees continues to provide leadership and coordination with other government ministries/agencies to the refugee programme in Zimbabwe.

Main Activities

Protection

- UNHCR supports the Government of Zimbabwe, through the Office of the Commissioner for Refugees, in protection and assistance of refugees, asylum-seekers and other persons of concern in Zimbabwe.
- UNHCR provides capacity building and training to Zimbabwean authorities and civil society on refugee protection in close coordination with relevant partners. In December 2018, UNHCR supported the Government of Zimbabwe, through the Registrar General's Office to issue birth certificates to refugee children born in Zimbabwe as well as provide refugee identity cards to refugees.
- UNHCR in collaboration with the Government of Zimbabwe conducted the periodic verification of refugees from 27 November to 20 December 2018. The population now stands at 18,865 persons of concern. In 2019, refugees residing in Harare will continue to be verified as not all persons of concern benefitted in 2018.
- UNHCR continues to strengthen its partnerships with academia. Through the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI Programme), refugees continue to benefit from various institutions of higher learning in Zimbabwe.

Education

- UNHCR supports early childhood, primary and secondary school education to persons of concern residing at Tongogara refugee camp in Chipinge District. High school level education is available in public schools, however, there is a need to increase the number of teachers and classrooms. University level education is only

available for a limited number of refugee students due to insufficient funding for tertiary education and prohibitive costs that are beyond the reach of most refugees.

Health

- The clinic at Tongogara refugee camp provides 24-hour outpatient and referral services to refugees, asylum-seekers and the host community. Screening, treatment and referrals to major government hospitals are provided free of charge. The clinic also provides reproductive health and HIV services.

Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR works with Terre Des Hommes (TDH) and World Food Programme (WFP) to ensure refugees and asylum seekers attain food security and adequate nutritional status.
- Cash rations are distributed to refugees on a monthly basis.
- Newly arrived asylum-seekers are assisted with in-kind food commodities during the first three months.

Water and Sanitation

- UNHCR implements WASH principles through a partnership with GOAL Ireland. Activities are aimed at maintaining supply of potable water and increasing knowledge on WASH practices.

Shelter and NFIs

- Access to shelter remains a challenge due to funding constraints and increasing refugee population in Tongogara refugee camp. UNHCR is exploring environmentally friendly and low cost shelter models. UNHCR distributes Core Relief Items (CRI) including blankets, jerry cans, mosquito nets, soap, sanitary pads, kitchen sets and solar lamps to persons of concern in the camp.

Access to Energy

- Access to energy remains very low with a monthly provision of 270 metric tonnes of firewood. UNHCR is exploring the option to introduce more innovative and sustainable energy solutions.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR continues to support the irrigation scheme.
- UNHCR is currently implementing a [graduation approach](#) to increase self-reliance among a selection of refugees.

Durable Solutions

- Government and UNHCR continue to promote the implementation of the Comprehensive Solutions Strategy for Rwandan Refugees in Zimbabwe.
- UNHCR has held meetings with Government to discuss accessible alternatives for the affected population. UNHCR continues to advocate for direct engagement with refugees not exempted from cessation and not willing to return.

Financial Information

EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

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BROADLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

United States of America 152.3 million | **Private donors Australia** 13.3 million | **Canada** 3.3 million | **Private donors Republic of Korea** 2.6 million | **Private donors Sweden** 2.4 million

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UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

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