

MALAWI

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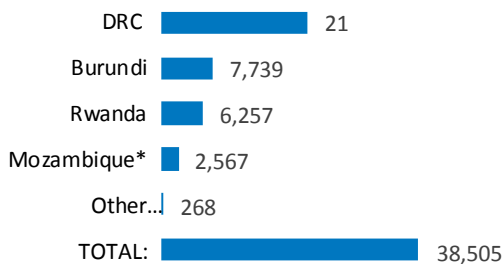
Total of **38,505 refugees and asylum-seekers** are residing in camps in Malawi as of 31 August. A total of **3,029** new arrivals have been registered this year alone mainly from the DRC.

Total of **2,567 Mozambican asylum-seekers** are planning to **return spontaneously** from Luwani camp in September.

A total of **313** refugees were resettled from Malawi to Canada, Finland, Sweden and the US by end of August.

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 31 AUGUST)

Country of Origin

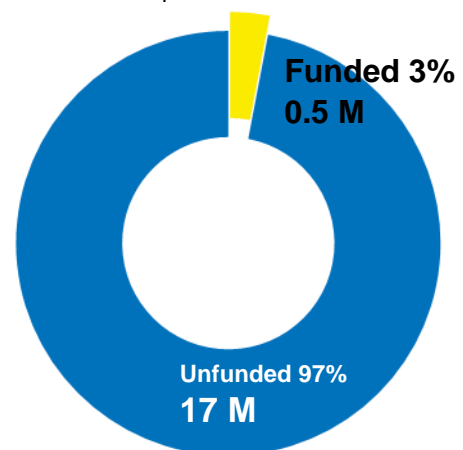


* UNHCR will be supporting 2,567 asylum-seekers with spontaneous return from Luwani camp to Mozambique in September.

FUNDING (AS OF 31 AUGUST)

USD 17.5 M

requested for UNHCR operation in Malawi



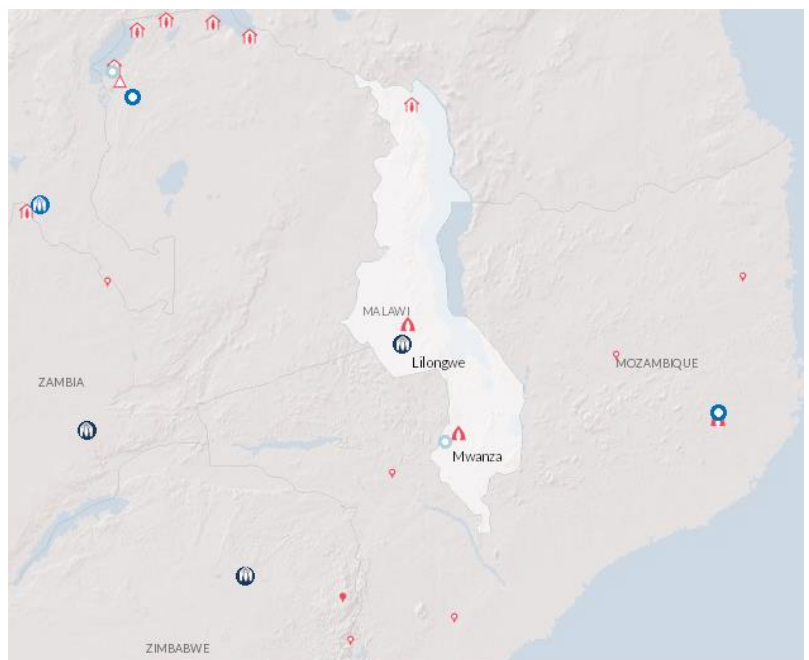
UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 24** National Staff
- 09** International Staff
- 15** Affiliated Staff
- 01** TA National

Offices:

- 01** Country Office in Lilongwe
- 02** Field Offices in Mwanza and Dzaleka



Working with Partners

- Under the Refugee Coordination Model, UNHCR coordinates activities with the following partners: Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security (MHA); Ministry of Health (MoH); Plan International Malawi; Jesuit Refugees Services (JRS); JWL (Jesuit Worldwide Learning); Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD); World Vision International, Care International and Act Alliance. UNHCR also collaborates with the UN sister agencies.

Main Activities

Protection

- Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security is responsible for refugee status determination as well as camp management. Working closely with the Commissioner for Refugees' Office (under the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security), UNHCR delivers protection and humanitarian assistance to persons of concern in Dzaleka and Luwani refugee camps.
- The main protection challenge is the congestion of the Dzaleka camp which was initially designed to accommodate around 10,000 persons of concern but is currently a home to 35,938 refugees and asylum-seekers.
- Malawi was identified as Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) pilot programme. UNHCR is working with government of Malawi.

Education

- A total of 6,826 refugees and asylum-seekers are enrolled in education programmes representing 37 percent of all school-going age children in Dzaleka and Luwani camps. In Dzaleka camp, ten percent of children aged 4-5 are enrolled in pre-school with a 63 percent gross enrolment at primary school and 19 percent enrolment at secondary school. Higher education is provided by JRS and JWL. In Luwani camp, 85 percent of children between the years 6 - 16 are enrolled in primary school and currently there is no secondary education available in the camp. Total of 306 refugees and asylum-seekers are attending complementary basic education and 140 are attending adult literacy education.
- In June 2017, the Connectivity for Refugees Project opened AppFactory in Dzaleka camp through the Microsoft's 4Afrika Initiative. In 2017, 31 students were trained in software development, and another 28 students will initiate studies in September.
- Yetu Community Radio started broadcasting in Dzaleka Refugee Camp and surrounding areas following issuance of a Radio Broadcasting Licence and subsequent Radio Frequency by the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA).

Health

- In Dzaleka camp, the health centre is currently serving 60,000 persons (62 per cent from the host community). At Luwani camp, health services are provided to 7,000 persons (60 percent from the host community). UNHCR has strengthened delivery of health services through the procurement of drugs, an ambulance and capacity building.

Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR is working closely with the government, WFP and UNICEF to address the nutrition needs of the refugees and asylum-seekers. Food assistance is provided by WFP to all refugees and asylum-seekers in Dzaleka and Luwani camps. Dzaleka and Luwani health centers have also Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP).

Water and Sanitation

- In Dzaleka camp, there are 26 functional boreholes for approximately 35,000 refugees and asylum-seekers with water per person ratio at 1,350 per borehole (standard ratio is 300 persons per borehole). Currently there are 46 communal latrines for 35,000 persons with the latrine per person ratio at 750 (standard ratio 25 people per latrine). Household latrines are in place in Luwani camp.

Shelter and Core Relief Items

- Due to the encampment policy, the majority of persons of concern have limited income generation opportunities in camps. All refugees and asylum-seekers are in need of support with basic domestic items including soap, sanitary pads, mats, blankets, mosquito nets, clothes, kitchen sets, briquettes and solar lamps.

Access to Energy

- UNHCR and partners support energy conservation practices in and around the settlements through provision of energy saving stoves. UNHCR is also providing briquettes at Luwani camp.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- A range of agricultural and other livelihood activities are underway at Dzaleka camp aimed at promoting self-reliance and creating sustainable incomes. Current livelihood activities include the launching of new enterprise initiatives, including tomato and meat processing, dairy production and livestock production. Poultry, piggery and goats rearing initiatives that began in 2016 are also yielding positive results. In April 2018, New Finance Bank Malawi opened a service centre in Dzaleka to become the first bank offering services in a refugee camp.

Durable Solutions

- As local integration and voluntary repatriation is not feasible for most refugees in Malawi, resettlement continues to be the most viable durable solution.

- A total of 2,567 asylum-seekers are expected to return from Luwani camp to Mozambique in September.

External / Donors Relations

EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Fast Retailing Co., Ltd (UNIQLO) 431,480 | **UN Programme On HIV/AIDS** 60,000
| **United States of America** 17,427

BROADLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

United States of America 57.7 million | Private donors Australia
8.6 million | Canada 3.3 million

Norway | Sweden | Private donors

■ UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

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