



HIGHLIGHTS

35

Resettlement departures since January 2016

552

Children enrolled in primary and secondary schools

2,137

Refugees received monthly food distribution

312

Refugees received antiretroviral treatment

Population of concern

A total of **2,848** people of concern

Country of origin	Total population of concern
Burundi	119
Democratic Republic of the Congo	611
Namibia	941
Rwanda	29
Somalia	359
Zimbabwe	731
Others	58
Total	2,848

Funding

USD 3,333,215 requested, **2%** funded

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UNHCR Presence

Staff:

4 national staff
5 international staff

Offices:

2 offices located in:
OCM Gaborone, FO Dukwi



- UNHCR Chargé de Mission
- UNHCR Field Office
- Refugee Camp
- Refugee Urban Location

Map Sources: UNCS, UNHCR.
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WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR coordinates humanitarian, repatriation and integration assistance with: [Ministry of Defence, Justice and Security](#) | [Botswana Red Cross Society \(BRCS\)](#) | [Skillshare International Botswana](#). UNHCR also collaborates with UN Agencies, regional bodies, NGOs, local humanitarian institutes and academia.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Phase down

- UNHCR has begun implementing its phase-out plan and is scaling down office presence. UNHCR is engaged in discussions with the Government on the process. In line with the plan, UNHCR reduced the number of implementing partners and works closely with the Botswana Red Cross Society, which partners with Skillshare International Botswana in the provision of some services.

Protection

- UNHCR assists the Government through the provision of technical and material support on protection.
- The Refugee Advisory Committee (RAC) has met twice in 2016 to conduct refugee status determination interviews. UNHCR has presence in the RAC. Due to the application of *the first country of asylum* policy, the RAC has currently a high rejection rate.
- Asylum-seekers await for the determination of their cases for lengthy periods of time at the Centre for Illegal Immigrants in Francistown. UNHCR continues to advocate for fair and efficient asylum process with the RAC.
- UNHCR continues to advocate with the Government for the revision of the 1967 Refugee Act (Recognition and Control) to be fully in line with international refugee protection standards. An initial stakeholder workshop was held in February 2015 to begin the review process. An initial draft is expected by end of 2016.

Education

- By June 2016, UNHCR through Botswana Red Cross Society (BRCS) has enrolled 180 children at pre-school, 395 at primary, 165 at secondary and 21 at vocational school. 15 students are enrolled at the University of Botswana under the DAFI scholarship initiative. Nine are to graduate this year and six will continue. No new students have been accepted into the programme since 2013.

Health

- Through BRCS, refugees and asylum-seekers continue to receive health and psychosocial services. Refugees and asylum-seekers are not included in the national ART programme. So far, 312 persons of concern living with HIV/AIDS are receiving ARV treatment. The ART programme is currently funded by the Center for Disease Control/PEPFAR.
- BRCS provides supplementary food to elderly and home-based patient as well as toiletries to unaccompanied children. BRCS is also running a centre for child recreation as part of child welfare and protection activities with 287 beneficiaries.

Shelter, Food Security and NFIs

- Through Skillshare International, 34 houses have been constructed for elderly, vulnerable and people with medical conditions in Dukwi camp. Maize, beans, oil, sugar, salt, soup, and soap are distributed to refugees on a monthly basis.

Durable Solutions

- In 2015, UNHCR facilitated the return of 21 Namibians and 18 Zimbabweans.
- Since the beginning of 2016, 35 people have left Botswana due to resettlement to a third country.
- In 2015, there was one Angolan case (six individuals) who applied for naturalization and are currently in the process. UNHCR assisted them with the payment of administrative fee for the application.

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