

Rwanda

July - August 2020

Rwanda hosted a total of **149,149 Refugees at the end of August 2020**. The population of concern included mainly persons from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (51.7%) and Burundi (48.1%).

A **technical meeting** between UNHCR and representatives of the Governments of Rwanda and Burundi on 13 August 2020 **reaffirmed the commitment of the two governments to the principles and provisions of the 2005 Tripartite Agreement** for the return of Burundian Refugees in Rwanda.

Rwanda organized the **first Convoy of 485 Burundian returnees** on 27 August and **1,693 were registered** to return to their home country. 8,000 Burundian refugees are planned to return to Burundi by the end of 2020.

KEY INDICATORS

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Refugees had been confirmed positive of COVID-19 by the end of August.

98

Refugees departed for resettlement in August. A total of 473 refugees departed for resettlement since January 2020.

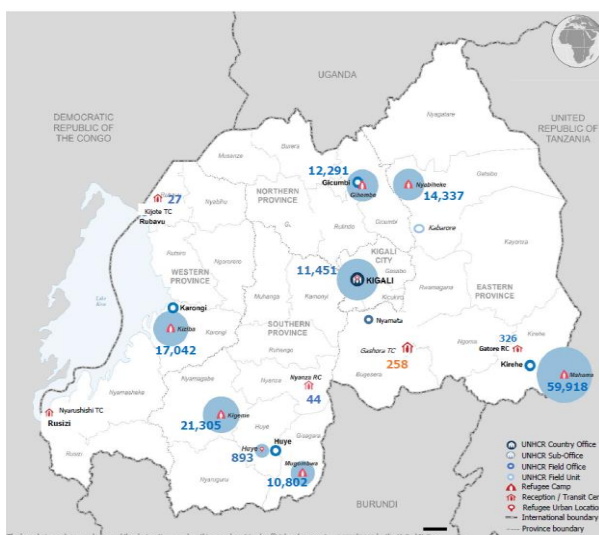
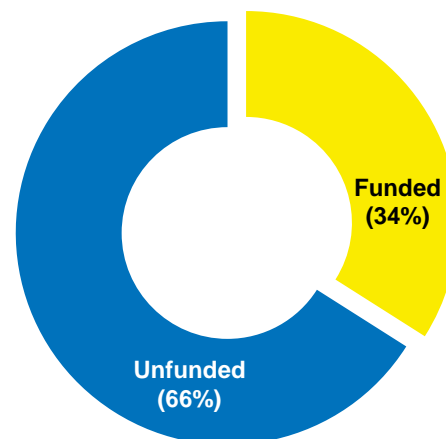
258 Evacuees

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FUNDING (AS OF 25 AUGUST 2020)

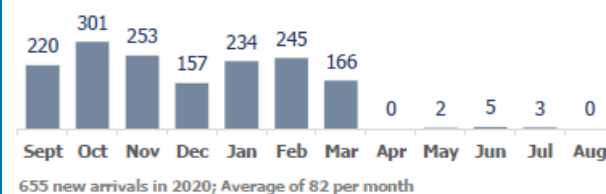
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is requested for Burundi, DRC, ETM and Coronavirus Emergency situations in Rwanda.



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MONTHLY TREND OF NEW ARRIVALS



MAIN COUNTRIES (REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS)



Burundi Refugee Response

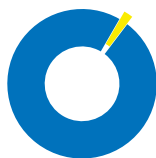


Refugees respect physical distancing during the distribution of assistance. Mahama camp @UNHCR/Justin Ngabonziza

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

USD 46.96 M

FUNDING (AS OF 25 AUGUST 2020)



■ Funded - 2%

■ Unfunded - 98%

Achievements & Highlights



PROTECTION

- 137 birth certificates were issued by the authorities to refugee children in Mahama camp.
- 14 child protection cases were reported in Mahama camp with issues including child neglect, physical abuse and manding. All the children were provided specialized child protection support.
- 02 children were placed in alternative care arrangement or foster family in Mahama camp.
- 4,861 persons with specific needs, i.e. elderly, persons with disability were assisted with psychosocial support and porridge flour.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- The first Burundian refugees voluntary repatriation was organized on 27 August. The Convoy had 485 individuals from Mahama camp.



EDUCATION

- 7,240 refugee students (ECD, primary and secondary) in Mahama camp followed online education program with the support of teachers, parents and community leaders.



HEALTH

- 06 cases of COVID-19 were identified in Mahama camp. All recovered and discharged from public treatment center by the end of the reporting period.
- Crude and under-5 mortality rates were 0.17 deaths / 1,000 / month and 0.21 deaths / 1000 / month, respectively.
- An average of 14,086 refugees and host community accessed primary health care services from the two health posts in Mahama camp.
- 559 patients were referred to secondary and tertiary health services.
- 761 persons accessed HIV/AIDs prevention services, including antiretroviral treatment, nutritional and psychosocial support.
- 95,003 male condoms were distributed as preventive measure of new cases of HIV/AIDs, STIs and unwanted pregnancies.
- 5,689 women of reproductive age attended family planning services.
- 207 babies were born in Mahama camp, and trained health professionals attended 96% of deliveries.
- 2,407 sampled individuals were tested for COVID-19, and they all turned negative.
- Awareness-raising activities and screenings were conducted in Mahama camp as part of the COVID-19 prevention and response plan.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- 59,051 refugees in Mahama camp received food assistance through monthly support of cash or in-kind food provided by the WFP.

- 4,176 children aged 6-23 months were supported under the blanket supplementary feeding program.



WATER AND SANITATION

- Adequate potable water supply was maintained at 20.38 litres/person/day in Mahama camp.
- 40 permanent handwashing stands were constructed in Mahama camp.
- 312 temporary handwashing stands were installed in Mahama camp to foster proper hygiene requirements.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- 129 semi-permanent shelters were repaired in Mahama camp.
- The construction of ECD in Mahama camp was at completion stage (95 percent of completion rate).



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- 19,731 families were provided with gas for domestic cooking energy in Mahama camp.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- 749 refugees part of saving and loaning groups and in microfinance were supported to expand or formalize their businesses.
- 2,119 individuals in Mahama camp accessed financial services through Umutanguha Microfinance, including opening bank accounts, saving, withdrawing and loaning.

Needs & Gaps

- Need of USD 1,5 Million to support the VolRep of 8,000 returnees by the end of 2020.
- 1,526 individuals who missed the verification exercise in Mahama camp are pending for the continuous registration process.

- Mahama camp is under strict lockdown since 16 July as a COVID-19 prevention measure due to its location closer to identified red zone.
- Limited access to radio, internet or IT equipment to access online learning program.
- 26 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 151 children Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) were admitted in the nutrition program.
- Environmental degradation continues to impact on shelter and infrastructure.
- Need for more resources to increase vocational and technical training for out-of-school youth, provide special education for children with disabilities, as well as increase access to higher education.



Convoy of Voluntary Repatriation of Burundian Refugees from Mahama camp to Burundi. @UNHCR/Justin Ngabonziza

Congolese Refugee Response



Mugombwa Refugee Camp. Gisagara District @UNHCR/Eugene Sibomana

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

USD 41.81 M

FUNDING (AS OF 25 AUGUST 2020)



- Funded - 3%
- Unfunded - 97%

Achievements & Highlights



PROTECTION

- 03 children were reunited with their families in Kigeme camp from Maraba community center, Huye District.
- 186 refugees, including unaccompanied and separated children (47), lactating mothers (120) and teenager mothers (19) in Mugombwa camp were assisted with sanitary pads and cleaning materials.
- 252 birth certificates were issued to refugee children in Gihembe (52), Nyabiheke (64) and Kiziba (136) camps.
- 19 new child protection cases were reported in Gihembe (5), Nyabiheke (6), Kiziba (8) camps. All cases were assessed and assisted with specialized services.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- Resettlement interviews continue to be conducted remotely in Kiziba.
- 130 refugees were submitted to France, Norway and Canada for resettlement consideration.

Cumulatively, 635 refugees have been submitted to resettlement countries.

- 98 refugees departed for resettlement to USA in August.



EDUCATION

- Education activities remain suspended in light of COVID-19 prevention measures.
- Refugee children in camps are following remote learning programs delivered through radio broadcast.



HEALTH

- 22 cases of COVID-19 were identified in Kigeme (21) and 1 in Nyabiheke (01) camps. 19 had recovered and 03 cases (02 in Kigeme and 01 in Nyabiheke) were still active by the end of the reporting period.
- Average of 13,035 refugees and host community members accessed primary health care services provided by the health clinics in Congolese camps.
- 680 refugees and host community members were referred to secondary and tertiary health care facilities.
- 340 newborn babies were reported in Congolese camps, and trained health professionals attended 99% of deliveries.
- 137,905 male condoms were distributed as preventive measure of new cases of HIV/AIDs, STIs and unwanted pregnancies.
- 703 persons accessed HIV/AIDs prevention services, including antiretroviral treatment, nutritional and psychosocial support.
- 538 with various specific needs in Nyabiheke camp, including mental health problem were assisted with individual psychosocial support.
- 27 individuals with severe disabilities and elderly persons with life-threatening problems in Nyabiheke camp were provided with palliative care services.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- 73,917 Congolese refugees in camps received food assistance through monthly support of cash for food provided by the WFP.

- 1,123 children aged 2-5 in Gihembe camp were provided with 5Kg of fortified food each through the World Vision school feeding program.
- 265 persons with severe disabilities, mental health issues and psychosocial issues in Gihembe (70) and Kiziba (195) camps were provided with supplementary food assistance by Humanity & Inclusion (HI).
- 74 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) in Gihembe camp were provided with supplementary food supplies items (beans, maize flour and rice) by Plan International during this period of COVID-19.



WATER AND SANITATION

- Supply of clean water maintained in Kiziba, Gihembe and Mugombwa camps at 21.5 litres, 20.7 litres and 25 litres per person per day, respectively.
- Hygiene promotion activities were conducted for 100% of the population using approved messages from the Ministry of Health.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- 56 refugee shelters in Kiziba (43) and Gihembe (13) camps were rehabilitated, including 03 newly constructed shelters in Kiziba.
- Construction of child friendly spaces in Kiziba, Gihembe and Nyabiheke camp were at 75%, 75% and 81% completion rate, respectively.
- Construction of a Community Center and Early Childhood Development classes in Kiziba were at 70% and 65% completion rate, respectively.
- 9,584 refugees in Gihembe camp, aged 2 and above, received two masks per person as COVID-19 prevention measure.
- Plan International through the Empowering Girls for Equality (EGE) project supported 438 adolescent girls in Gihembe camp with sanitary pads, buckets, and underwears.
- 107 most vulnerable refugees with severe disabilities, mental health issues and elderly persons at risk in Gihembe camp were provided mattresses, bedcovers, soaps and body lotion by Humanity & Inclusion (HI).
- 51 refugees in Kiziba (32), Gihembe (17) and Nyabiheke (2) camps with disabilities were

provided wheelchairs, elbow crutches, orthosis and prothesis.

- 500 masks were distributed in Nyanza Reception center to refugees in COVID – 19 center.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- Food for Hungry Rwanda trained and supported 20 saving and loaning groups in Nyabiheke camp and host community on entrepreneurships, including project selection, market analysis, business registration and saving.
- 705 refugees were assisted to access online courses through coursera and International Cambridge programs in Mugombwa community center.
- 141 refugees and host community participated in the community library in Mugombwa camp, including multimedia, computer, career development activity sessions.
- 16 refugee entrepreneurs in Gihembe camp (4 female and 12 male) accessed financial services, i.e. loans. The latter varied between USD 50 - 200 for a period of 6 months with interest of 10% flat. One refugee entrepreneur was in repeating cycle, 15 were in their first cycle.
- 128 refugee entrepreneurs in Gihembe camp benefited from INKOMOKO COVID-19 relief fund ranging between USD 100 – 300.

Needs & Gaps

- 33% of family planning prevalence.
- Water shortage remains a problem in Nyabiheke camp (12 litres/person/day) and Kigeme camp (16.8 litres/person/day).
- Identification of skin rushes in children in Kigeme camp due to poor hygiene.
- 16 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 60 children Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) were admitted in the nutrition program.
- High increase of child neglect cases as a result of poverty, unemployment, alcohol and/or drug abuse, illiteracy, assistance dependency syndrome and irresponsibility of parents.
- Kigeme camp is under strict lockdown since 16 July as a COVID-19 prevention measure due to its location closer to identified red zone.

Emergency Transit Mechanism

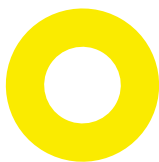


The arrival of Eritreans, Somalis, Sudanese and Ethiopians from Libya to Rwanda. ©UNHCR/Eugene Sibomana

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

USD 14.5 M

FUNDING (AS OF 25 AUGUST 2020)



■ Funded - 100%

■ Unfunded - 0%

Achievements & Highlights



PROTECTION

- 185 Individuals used the Protection Hotline for different issues, including resettlement and refugee status determination case processing.
- 53 individuals participated in awareness raising sessions on general legal assistance, including SGBV related laws and other national laws.



EDUCATION

- 88 persons of concern (17 females and 71 males) were enrolled into ICT classes.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- 655 persons of concern received primary healthcare services from the Health Post in the Transit Centre.
- 71 were persons of concern were referred to secondary and tertiary level health care service providers.

- 45 persons (56% female and 44% male), received psychosocial support through individual psychotherapy/counselling sessions.
- 94 persons (3% female and 97% male) participated in group counselling sessions, "Healing Groups".
- Seven children were supported through the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program.
- 24 persons of concern in need of additional food assistance were supported through the supplementary food assistance program.



FOOD SECURITY AND COOKING ENERGY

- All the 258 individuals at ETM Center were provided with three hot meals a day.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- The daily average of potable water supply consumption was maintained on an average of 85 liters per person per day.
- Accommodations and outdoor spaces were fumigated and sprayed with pyrethroid insecticides to kill fleas, bedbugs and repel snakes from the accommodations.
- Installation of 100m³ elevated steel tank to collect and store water from Water and Sanitation Corporation (WASAC), a public distributor of water institution, was at the tendering process with World Vision International (WVI), UNHCR WASH partner.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- Construction of accommodation and office buildings were at 35% and 30% completion rates, respectively.
- Construction of 30 communal kitchen at existing accommodation blocks in the ETM were at 50% completion rate.
- Construction of public infrastructure, e.g. Health Clinic, fencing the center, laboratory room and drainages were at 80% completion rate.
- 251 persons of concern aged two and over received two face masks each.

- 34 liters of handwashing soaps were distributed to persons of concern to improve their hygiene at the household level.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

- 30 persons of concern were trained on Assets Development and Financial Management.
- 16 persons of concern were participating in Voluntary Saving and Loaning Associations.
- 111 persons of concern participated in awareness raising sessions on Criminal law, i.e. type of offences and related penalties.
- Capacity building training on the Conflict Resolution was conducted for 19 Community Conflict Resolution Committee members.
- Eritrean community commemorated the death of 281 individuals who died in the Mediterranean Sea on the 25th July 2019, surnamed “Black Day”, on a boat trying to cross to Europe. 18 Eritreans, out of 58 survivors, are in Rwanda.



CASE PROCESSING FOR SOLUTIONS

- 8 individuals were interviewed by UNHCR for resettlement via Remote Case Processing and 24 cases were under review at the Regional Bureau.
- 24 individuals were interviewed by Norway via Remote Case Processing.
- 09 individuals were interviewed by Canada via Remote Case Processing. A total of 14 individuals accepted for resettlement by Canada have undergone predeparture arrangements with IOM.
- 05 individuals were accepted for resettlement by Sweden.
- 49 individuals were waiting for departure confirmation, while 57 individuals were waiting for predeparture arrangements.
- 06 individuals were counselled on resettlement case processing status.
- 24 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were completed.

Needs & Gaps

- No evacuation flight organized in 2020 due to COVID-19, same as resettlement departures.
- Delays in completion of accommodation to reach the capacity of 500 individuals.
- Lack of adequate livelihood programs.

Return & Reintegration



Achievements & Highlights

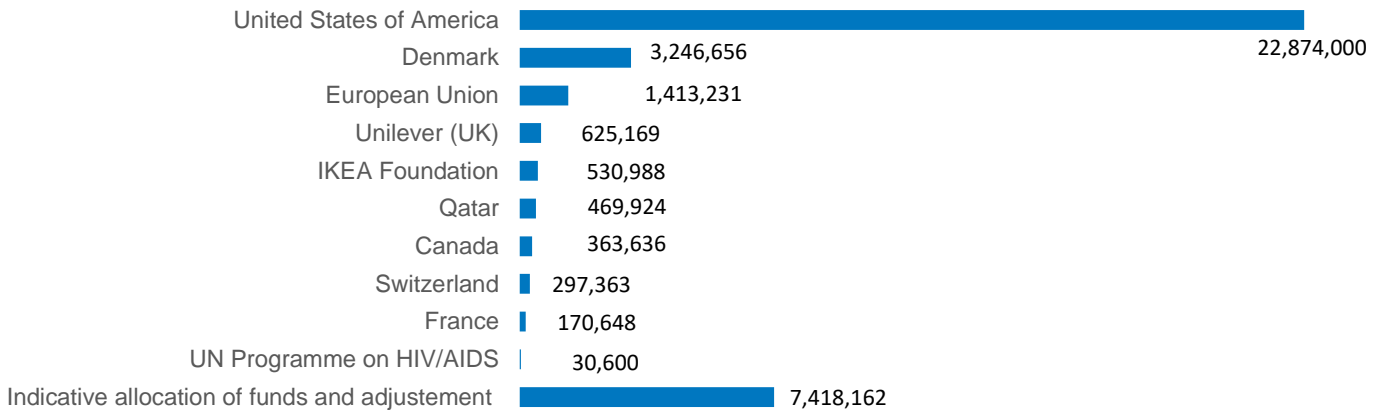
- The repatriation program of Rwandan refugees in DRC has been suspended due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.
- 71 Burundians and Congolese persons of concern (PoC) were relocated were in Kijote transit centre.
- 155 Rwandan returnees were pending repatriation from DRC waiting to return to Rwanda.
- 341 Rwandan returnee households were assisted with 20% reintegration cash grant.

Financial Information

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

UNHCR Rwanda launched an urgent appeal for funding to the prevention and response activities to COVID-19 to persons of concern in Rwanda.

Funding received in million USD 37,440,477



Other softly earmarked contributions | USD

Germany 71.1 million | **United States of America** 46.8 million | **United Kingdom** 24.8 million | **Denmark** 14.6 million | **Canada** 10.2 million | **Private donors USA** 7.4 million | **Private donors Australia** 7.4 million | **Private donors Germany** 6.4 million | **Private donors Japan** 4.2 million | **Sweden** 4 million | **France** 3.5 million | **Spain** 3.4 million | **Ireland** 3.3 million | **Finland** 3.3 million | **Private donors United Kingdom** 2.2 million

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Unearmarked contributions | USD

Sweden 76.4 million | **Private donors Spain** 45.9 million | **Norway** 41.4 million | **Netherlands** 36.1 million | **Denmark** 34.6 million | **United Kingdom** 31.7 million | **Germany** 25.9 million | **Private donors Republic of Korea** 23.9 million | **Switzerland** 16.4 million | **Private donors Japan** 15.2 million | **France** 14 million | **Private donors Italy** 10.8 million | **Italy** 10.6 million

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