

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner (AHC) for Protection, Mr. Volker Türk, visited Rwanda to co-chair with the Minister of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs (MIDIMAR) the first high level ministerial consultation on refugee protection in Rwanda. During the discussion, important protection and operational challenges were reviewed, including: asylum regime, respect of civilian and humanitarian character of the camps, Refugee Convention Cessation Clause for Rwandan refugees, among others. The event was composed of two phases: during the first half the AHC provided a strategic vision on international protection, while the second half involved a roundtable discussion for technical staff to share good practices and recommend improvements where needed.



UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner (AHC) for Protection, Mr. Volker Türk, gives opening remarks at the high level ministerial meeting.

Accompanying the AHC, Her Royal Highness Princess Sarah Zeid of Jordan also visited both Congolese and Burundian camp-based refugees, as well as urban refugees in Kigali, in her capacity as a member of UNHCR's Gender Advisory Board. *Story continued at [www.unhcr.org/rw](http://www.unhcr.org/rw)*



Her Royal Highness Princess Sarah Zeid of Jordan holds a Burundian child in Mahama camp.

## KEY STATISTICS (31 OCTOBER 2016)

**164,490**

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

**2,112**

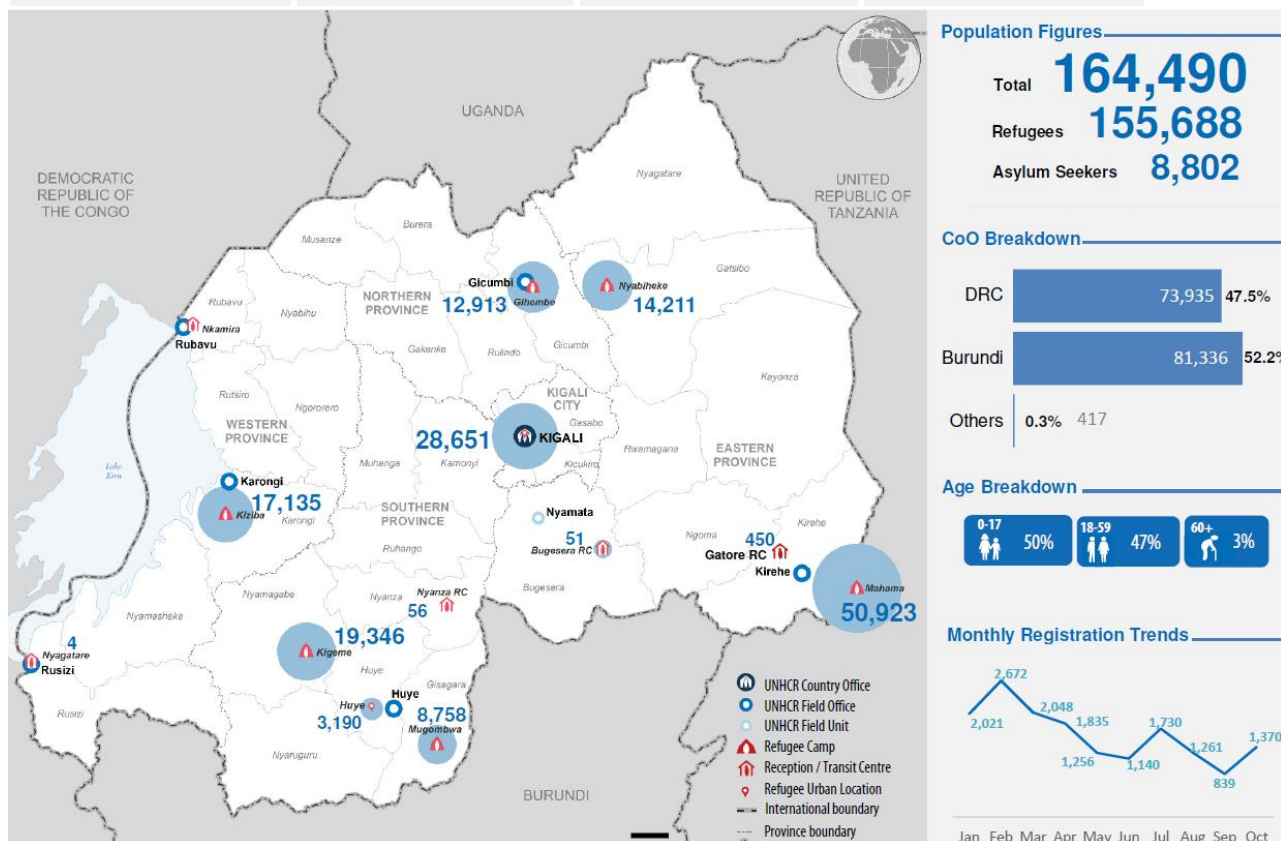
Refugees who are unaccompanied or separated from their parents (*Burundian*)

**31,841**

Refugees living in urban areas

**4,100**

Rwandan returnees received in 2016



## BURUNDI EMERGENCY UPDATE

### New arrivals:

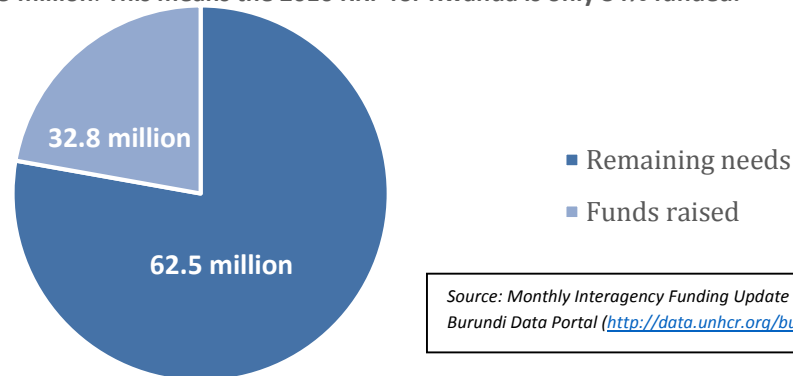
- The rate of new arrivals of refugees at the end of October was the highest recorded since mid-July 2016, **with an average of 23 new arrivals per day** over the span of two weeks. New arrivals continue to come from the areas of Kirundo (53%), Bujumbura (12%) and Muyinga (6%) in Burundi.

### Relocation from reception centres to Mahama camp:

- UNHCR has relocated all remaining 1,040 Burundian refugees who were living in reception centres to Mahama camp (572 individuals from Bugesera, 441 individuals from Nyanza and 27 individuals from Nyagatare reception centres). In order to accommodate the additional refugees, UNHCR and its local partner, Global Humanitarian Development Fund (GHDF), have constructed 12 temporary hangars, 9 communal kitchens, and 11 shower and latrine blocks. Currently, 250 school age children from the convoy have been enrolled in orientation classes, scheduled to start in the first week of November, to prepare them to enter the Rwandan school curriculum next year. Construction of more than 3,000 semi-permanent shelters is underway in order to ensure that all refugees in Mahama are housed properly.

## 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 32.8 million** had been received by all appealing agencies – representing a gap of **USD 62.5 million**. **This means the 2016 RRP for Rwanda is only 34% funded.**



## Protection

### Child Protection:

- UNHCR and Save the Children have continued assessing the 219 potential foster parents identified for unaccompanied children (UAC) in Mahama camp. While conducting these assessments, it was revealed that a high number of these parents are actually interested in fostering UAC to get some benefits and not just to contribute to protecting and assisting concerned children. Consequently, the number of potential foster parents is actually lower than expected. Out of 219 identified potential foster parents, 96 are fulfilling the criteria to become foster parents. Out of these 96 persons, 51 were invited to attend a 2-day foster care training. A second training will be organized for the remaining 45 foster parents.

### Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) prevention and response

- UNHCR and protection partners organized a mobile protection clinic in Mahama camp with the aim of providing key messages to refugees on child protection and SGBV issues. Refugees were informed on how to properly report

incidents in a timely manner and how to report in confidentiality. At the end of the mass sensitization session, refugees were given time to ask questions for any clarifications.

- Since it was observed that 82% of SGBV cases identified since mid-2016 were related to domestic violence incidents perpetrated by intimate partners, UNHCR's protection partner, Plan International, organized a He4She campaign to involve men and boys in SGBV prevention and to encourage males to take on the responsibility of being positive role models throughout Mahama camp. UNHCR has observed that the number of reported SGBV cases has decreased from an average of 2.25 per week to 1 per week. Sensitization will continue in order to increase participation of men and boy in SGBV prevention and response activities as well as to encourage community members to report SGBV incidents.



## 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 14,707 refugees in Mahama refugee camp received the services during the reporting period, representing an average of 60 patients per clinician a day. UNHCR supported 696 refugee patients in Mahama refugee camp to access secondary and tertiary referral health care through ARC and SCI during the reporting period.
- With the support from UNHCR, ARC and SCI are constructing and extending camp clinic structures to provide improved quality of services to refugee patients. A permanent Cholera Treatment Centre is also under construction.
- UNHCR along with MIDIMAR, UNFPA and Partners started data collection for Reproductive Health assessment exercise. The findings from the baseline exercise will help understand the current status of service provision and improvement of quality of services.
- Respiratory tract illnesses represented as the highest burden for illness (32%) during the reporting period. The burden of malaria was at 1%, which represented 166 cases.
- Crude Mortality Rate (0.2/1000.month), and Under Five Year Mortality Rate (0.3/1000/month) remained improved and stable. The rates are significantly better than SPHERE minimal standards.



## Water and Sanitation

- Disinfection of clean water (water chlorination) has been increased to 0.6mg/l to control any potential typhoid outbreaks due to the increase in rain. This has considerably reduced water contamination at household level to 0 total coliform and 0 E-coli.
- During reporting period, the Indoors Residual Spray (IRS) was conducted in Mahama II for malaria control.
- UNHCR's local partner, GHDF, has completed 43 out of 73 latrine blocks. Construction is ongoing.



## Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR has budgeted to construct 5,504 duplex semi-permanent shelters in Mahama this year, with 926 semi-permanent shelters completed to date. The implementation of shelter construction is a challenge as the camp is occupied with 3,000 family tents, 42 communal tents and 21 hangars. UNHCR has therefore planned to construct an additional 25 hangars on the outskirts of the camp and relocate refugees to these transitional shelters in order to create more space for construction within the camp.
- The lack of land allocated for Mahama camp becomes a challenge as there is not enough space to build all shelters planned for 2016. UNHCR and MIDIMAR are following up on the issue with the government for the possibility of acquiring additional land.



## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

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- Through a comprehensive three-pronged program, Inkomoko, partnered with UNHCR, to provide refugees with skills so that they may effectively launch and grow businesses in Rwanda.
- In October, Inkomoko has successfully conducted 192 hours of training for over 400 refugee entrepreneurs in Kigali (urban), Kigeme, Gihembe, and Nyabiheke. They delivered 612 hours of business consulting services to 75 camp-based and 15 urban refugee entrepreneurs. Inkomoko has already identified 2 refugee entrepreneurs who are eligible for financing and is continuing due diligence to identify more.
- Inkomoko has organized 3 Expo Days where refugee entrepreneurs have the opportunity to meet with local suppliers of sanitary pads, soap, and solar lamps and learn about distribution/reselling opportunities within the camps and host communities.



## Education

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- UNHCR has funded an additional 51 classrooms, currently under construction, for a total of 163 classrooms in the host community of Mahama camp to integrate refugees into the national system.
- Maison Shalom has enrolled a total of 294 Burundian refugees in different universities in Rwanda while 10 students have been accepted to study abroad in France.

## CONGOLESE REFUGEE PROGRAM UPDATE



## Protection

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- Since September 2016, a project aiming at assisting adolescent girls in Kigeme and Mugombwa camps who are at risk of sexual exploitation due to poverty, lack of access to upper secondary education and limited opportunities for livelihood development has started to be implemented in collaboration with Plan International. 10 female adult refugees have been selected as mentors in each camp and trained on how to engage with adolescent girls and build their assets. By pairs, mentors have started to facilitate once a week 5 groups made each of 12 adolescent girls with the aim to provide adolescent girls with relevant knowledge and skills (in particular in terms of life skills, sexual and reproductive health as well as financial literacy) and develop social cohesion among them. The next stage of the project will be to develop savings cooperatives and income-generating activities with the active participation of adolescent girls.

### Resettlement to a third country:

- Total submissions in October 2016: 631 individuals (192 cases)
- Total submissions in 2016: 2,494 individuals (880 cases)
- Total departures in October 2016: 252 individuals (71 cases)
- Total departures in 2016: 2,590 individuals (694 cases)



## Health

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- **16,948** Congolese refugee patients from all Congolese refugee camps were provided with medical care at camp refugee health facilities in the month of October. 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 48.
- 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.

- There were total 191 births and 99% 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 522 patients. UNHCR Health partners, AHA and ARC provides treatment, care and services to the patients with collaboration of district health hospitals.

## Shelter and NFIs

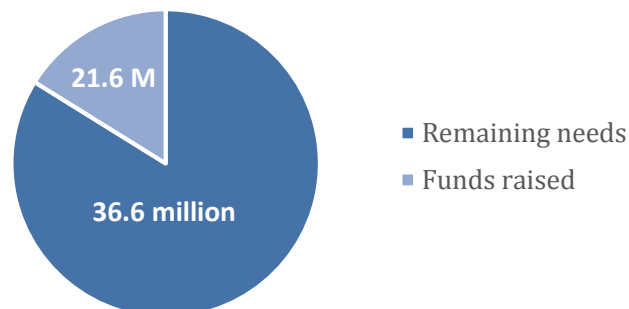
- In Mugombwa, 10 newly constructed shelters were given to 5 households who were living in hangars and to 5 households that include people with disabilities to facilitate access to services was done. Currently, 25 new shelters are fully constructed (out of 30 shelters planned for 2016).

## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Inyenyeri, a cooking fuel company, opened its first shop inside a refugee camp (Kigeme) in September, becoming the first private sector company to open a shop inside a refugee camp in Rwanda. Since then, Inyenyeri has signed-up 100 pilot customer households and provides them with modern fan-gasifying cook stoves to cook the fuel in.
- Four refugees have been hired by Inyenyeri as customer service representatives to help train customers in the use of the stove and fuel, provide continuous customer support and retail service in the shop.
- The pilot will run until the end of the year. If successful, Inyenyeri will scale up to 1,000 customer households in the first half of 2017.

## 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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