United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representation in Burundi

UNHCR Burundi Fact Sheet

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UNHCR Burundi main operational activities

- 1. Repatriation and reintegration of Burundian refugees.
- 2. Assistance to and protection of 29,357 refugees and asylum seekers, including 18,489 Congolese living in Gihinga (Mwaro), Gasorwe (Muyinga), Musasa (Ngozi) and Bwagiriza (Ruyigi) refugee camps. 237 Rwandans are living in Giharo (Rutana) refugee camp. UNHCR Burundi provides protection and some assistance to 10,584 urban refugees and asylum seekers, of which approximately 99 % are Congolese (DRC).

Burundian refugees in countries of asylum

Country of asylum	Number	
DRC	17,588	
Rwanda	265	
Tanzania	218,747*	
Uganda	3,489	
Total	240,089	

^{*181,218} refugees of 1972 in Tanzania's old settlements.

Refugees and asylum seekers hosted by Burundi (by country of origin)

Country of origin	Number
DRC	28,952
Rwanda	357
Other countries	48
Total	29,357

Working with partners

Together with the Burundian authorities, UNHCR coordinates assistance with WFP, FAO, UNICEF, WHO, UNDP, BINUB, OCHA and the World Bank. In the field, assistance is provided together with 17 partners.

UNHCR presence

One main office in Bujumbura, one sub-office in Muyinga, two field offices in Makamba and Ruyigi, three field units in Mwaro, Rutana and Bururi.

120 national staff, 25 international staff and 16 United Nations Volunteers.

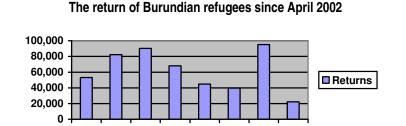
Internally displaced persons in Burundi (IDPs)

OCHA estimated the number of IDPs at 100,000 in 2006. No exact statistics are available.

Return of Burundian refugees by country of asylum, from 2002 to July 2009

Period	DRC	Rwanda	Tanzania	Others	Total
2002-03	4,284	219	130,824	322	135,649
2004	879	151	89,039	258	90,327
2005	1002	4,489	62,338	279	68,108
2006	1,284	615	42,765	251	44,915
2007	45	111	39,506	136	39,798
2008	6	36	94,891	135	95,068
2009	55	2,268	19,741	118	22,182*
Total	7,555	7,889	479,104	1,499	496,047

* 57 in January, 3 in February, 131 in March, 2,849 in April, 7,851 in May, 6,514 in June and 4,777 in July, including 14,295 former 1972 refugees from Tanzania's Old Settlements.



UNHCR operation in 2009 (budgets in million USD)

2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

Total Budget	33.4*

*In addition, UNHCR has launched a supplementary budget for Burundian refugees of 1972 in Tanzania's Old Settlements. It foresees USD 5.9 million for their reintegration in Burundi in 2009.

Contributions

Numerous donors have provided unearmarked contributions at the global or regional level. In addition, in 2009, UNHCR Burundi received earmarked contributions from the EC (9th EDF/ECHO), the US, the UK, Japan, Denmark and the Netherlands, as well as CERF and GLIA.

