



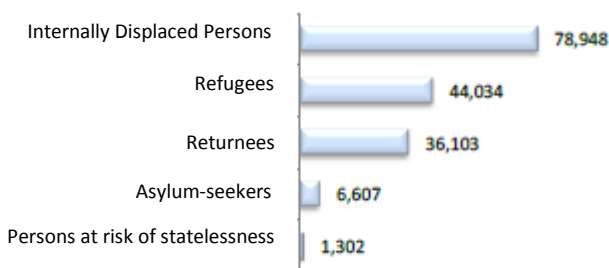
Operational highlights

- 488 Congolese asylum-seekers arrived in Burundi in June 2013, bringing the total number of asylum-seekers registered during the first six months of this year to 3,296.
- Continuation and end of the verification exercise in Kinama refugee camp (municipality of Gasorwe). In total, 9 667 refugees have been interviewed.
- Different activities carried out all over the country for the World Refugee Day on 20 June: dances, songs, sketches and exhibitions of hand-made creations were displayed in Bwagiriza refugee camp in Ruyigi province; temporary distribution of basic items and football match gathering the local and refugee communities were showed in Butare site in Makamba province; stories, songs by disabled persons and dances performed by the local and refugee communities were displayed in Musasa refugee camp in Muyinga province.

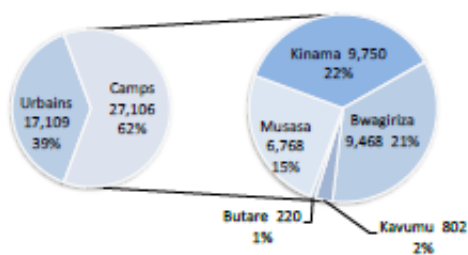
Population of concern to UNHCR

TOTAL: 166,994

As of 30 June 2013



Refugees by location as of 30 June 2013



The number of refugees has increased by 0.81% compared to previous month.

Working with partners

Government structures

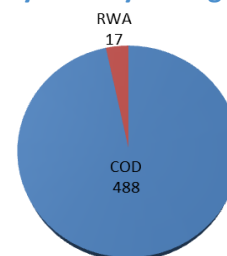
Projet d'Appui à la Réinsertion des Sinistrés-PARESI (Ministry of National Solidarity, Human Rights and Gender); CNI Project and Office National de Protection des Réfugiés et des Apatrides-ONPRA (Ministry of Home Affairs); Commission Nationale des Terres et autres Biens (CNTB).

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Implementing partners

IRC; AHA; Ligue Iteka; CED-CARITAS; RET; COPED; ACCORD; Handicap International Federation; Avocats Sans Frontières and Red Cross of Burundi.

Asylum-seekers by country of origin in June 2013



COD: Democratic Republic of Congo; RWA: Rwanda.

Registration of Congolese asylum-seekers from January to June 2013, in comparison to 2012

As of 30 June 2013



UNHCR Burundi operations budget in 2013

As of 30 June 2013

TOTAL BUDGET		USD 32 million
Recorded contributions		
CERF		605,502
Japan		5,000,000
Switzerland		269,978
European Union		1,293,661
TOTAL		7,169,141
LEVEL OF FUNDING		22.4 %

Operational partners

WFP (food); UNICEF (education, water); FAO (seeds, tools); UNDP (reintegration); WHO (health); IOM (shelters); UNAIDS; ICGLR; OHCHR.

Achievements in June 2013

Refugees

Goal: to preserve the right of asylum in Burundi and to continue on searching durable solutions.

- 3,296 Congolese refugees arrived in Burundi since January 1st 2013; 488 of them reached the country in June 2013. At their arrival, these persons are assisted (cf. food and legal aid) and registered by *ONPRA* before their transfer to Kavumu refugee camp whose refugee population reached the number of 802 persons as of 30 June 2013.
- The verification exercise in Kinama refugee camp in Gasorwe municipality (Muyinga province) ended up on 6 July: in total 9,667 persons have been interviewed and verified.
- As of 30 June 2013, 399 Rwandan refugees live in Burundi. Most of these Rwandan refugees live in Butare site; the others live in the four different refugee camps and in urban areas. Out of the 258 refugees counted at the end of April, 38 among them (12 in May and 26 in June) voluntarily returned to Rwanda, thus decreasing the number of Butare refugees to 220 persons as of 30 June 2013.

Assistance: a basic assistance is given to the 27,106 refugees who live in the four refugee camps in Burundi. Empowerment is highlighted.

- **Vouchers system:** monthly markets organized by WFP and UNHCR are really successful among the refugees. Significant consequences: a decrease of incidents related to the refugee protection, a better planning for the food budget of refugee households, a varied choice in food quantity and food quality popular among the women refugees (who are in most cases the heads of their household).
- **Shelters:** newly arrived refugees build their own shelters: 83 houses have been built in Kavumu camp and the construction of 34 other ones is ongoing in Musasa camp, where 45 houses have already been built for and by newly arrived refugees.
- **Water:** the average consumption (15l/day and for one person) is respected in the four camps. The system of water supply in Kavumu camp is working since the end of April (13km of pipes and 1 water tower have been set up).

Returnees

- Since the beginning of 2013, 367 Burundians returned in Burundi. Among them, 17 returned from Tanzania in June.
- June 30 marked the last day for the assistance given to the former Mtabila returnees.
 1. 98% of Burundian identity cards have been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
 2. 24,481 persons received their last standard food packs at the end of May and 10,609 persons received the same food packs as their last month in June.
 3. Around 13,000 persons got their medical assistance card.
- 124 persons with no land nor reference (a number of 33 households) have been gathered in the Gitara II refugee centre where they will be assisted for three additional months enable them setting up their houses in Muyogoro and Gasaka sites, both located in Makamba province and both granted by the Ministry of National Solidarity, Human Rights and Gender.
- The infrastructures of the two refugee transit centres of Makamba province (Mabanda and Musenyi) have been delivered in June to the Burundian authorities. The infrastructures of five refugee centres (Karagara in Bururi province; Bukemba in Rutana province; and three other ones in Makamba province: Mugerama, Bukeye and Gitara I) have also been delivered to the same authorities.
- According to the findings of a joint UNHCR/*CRB/Ligue Iteka* monitoring targeting 2,577 households out of the 10,308 returnee families and conducted in May 2013, reintegration difficulties are significant.
 1. 68% of the households have no access to farming land. This problem increases for single women who have no right on inheriting, 3/4 of these women have no access to land ownership. Moreover, only a part of the whole returnee households received organic inputs and farming equipment.
 2. 22% of the surveyed returnees found a job in Burundi. The main obstacles are: diploma equivalence, lack of economic opportunities and resources, and limited period for reintegration in the civil service.
 3. 0.3% of the surveyed returnees have benefited from income-generating activities.
 4. Around 1,500 persons left Burundi again and went to Uganda, Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique because of the reintegration difficulties they encountered.

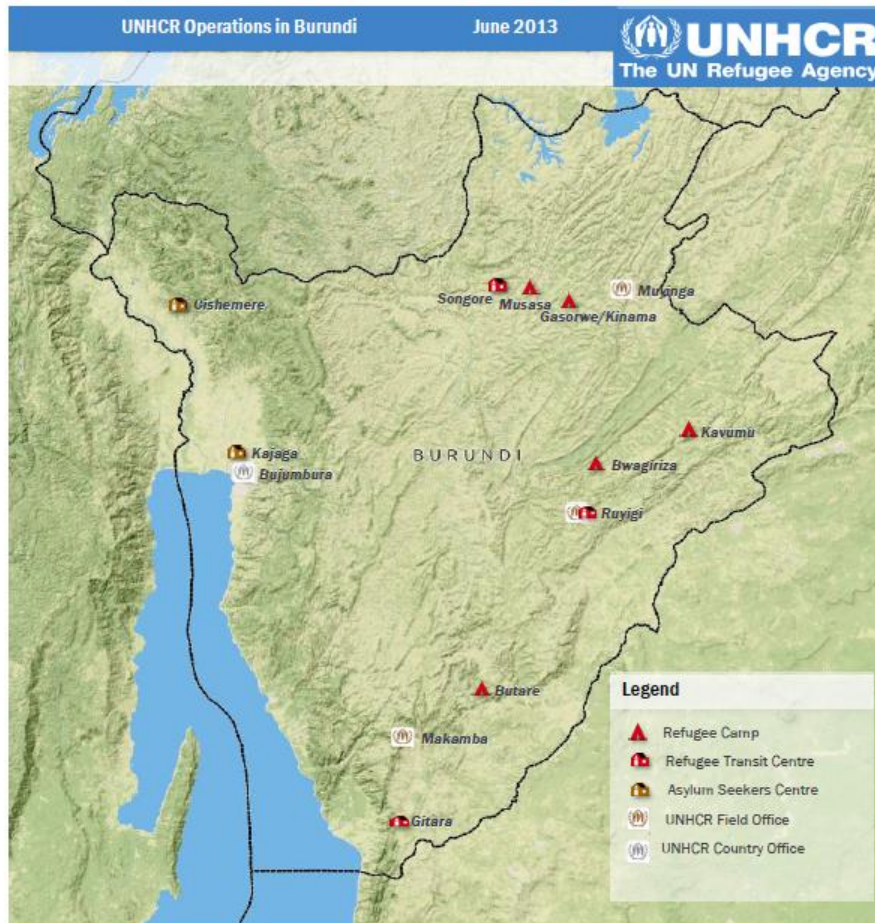
Internally displaced persons

- The Kampala Agreement is on the agenda of the parliamentary session. There is a continuous advocacy for its implementation.
- The inter-agency project for granting assistance to the 300 displaced families (who are returnees) is under active consideration by the concerned authorities.

Persons at risk of statelessness

- Extension of residence permits is ongoing.

UNHCR Operations in Burundi



UNHCR staff and presence

UNHCR activities are currently carried out by: 159 national staff, 20 international staff and 7 United Nations Volunteers.

Offices: Representation Office in Bujumbura, two Sub Offices in Muryanga and in Makamba; and one Field Office in Ruyigi.

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