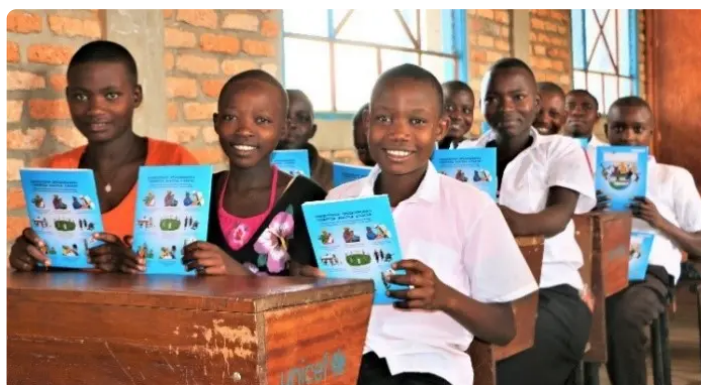


HIGHLIGHTS (3 Oct 2019)

- More than 75,000 Burundian Refugees Repatriated within 2 Years
- Efforts to Combat Cholera in Burundi Continue
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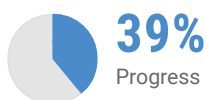
In 2019, UNICEF and the World Bank are joining forces to provide school kits to more than one million students this year and classroom kits to all teachers in the first and second years of primary school in Burundi. Photo Credit: UNICEF Burundi 2019/Barikumutima

KEY FIGURES

1.77M People in need (2019)
710K People targeted (2019)
106.2K People displaced (2019)
1.7M Food insecure people

FUNDING (2019)

\$106.3M Required
\$41.5M Received



FTS: <https://fts.unocha.org/appeals/721/summary>

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BACKGROUND (3 Sep 2019)

More than 75,000 Burundian refugees repatriated in the last 2 years

As part of Burundi's preparedness for public health emergencies, the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight Against AIDS, with technical and financial support from UNICEF and WORLD VISION, organized a training course on nutrition in emergencies, from 19 to 23 August in Bujumbura. 35 professionals from the government (MSPLS), United Nations agencies (UNICEF, WFP, OCHA) and NGOs reflected on the risks and disasters that can influence the nutritional status of populations, especially children and women. Participants were sensitized on the challenges of nutrition in



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emergencies and trained on the steps of nutrition programming in emergencies. A full day was devoted to nutrition in the preparation and response to the Ebola Virus disease. The training will be replicated in the 21 priority health districts considered at risk for Ebola virus disease.

COORDINATION (3 Sep 2019)

Efforts to Combat Cholera in Burundi Continue

The second Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi, Dr. Joseph Butore, made a field visit on Tuesday 20 August 2019 to witness the progress of Burundi's preparedness in the event of a potential Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak. Accompanied by senior officials from the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight Against AIDS (MoH), the second Vice-President gave an update and was briefed on the preparedness efforts to protect people living in Burundi from a possible case of EVD.



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The tour included delegates from Burundi's technical and financial partners, including Mr. Garry Conille, the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Burundi, as well as World Health Organization Representative, Dr. Walter Kazadi Mulombo.

The programme began with a visit to the Gatumba entry point on the Democratic Republic of Congo's (DRC) border to observe traveller control activities. The second Vice-President was briefed on the measures implemented to control the 5,000 travellers who cross the border from the DRC daily. The site is equipped - with the support of WHO and partners - with a thermal camera that automatically monitors and records travellers' temperature as well as hygiene and sanitation tools. Dr. Butore continued his visit to the National Institute of Public Health, which houses the national reference laboratory. With WHO's support, the lab facilities, equipment and staff knowledge has been upgraded and strengthened. The lab is now authorized to receive, analyse and diagnose samples suspected of containing EVD. A demonstration was performed, ranging from blood collection to sample analysis using GenXpert technology. Following Dr. Butore's enquiry, WHO confirmed that there will be other similar diagnostic laboratories established across the country, at the Ebola Treatment Centre (ETC), Kamenge Military Hospital, and in the provinces of Cibitoke, Rumonge and Kayanza.

After a brief visit to Melchior Ndadaye International Airport where Dr. Butore observed the automated passenger control system and the isolation area within the airport, the 2nd Vice-President continued to the Mudubugu site in the Mpanda Health District, which accommodates the Ebola Processing Centre. The centre recently received a team from the MoH's Expanded Programme on Immunization, responsible for vaccinating front-line health workers - as part of the campaign to protect staff at risk from EVD. Vaccinations will target more than 4,300 front-line staff in 21 priority health districts.

Dr. Butore finally visited the construction site of the Mudubugu Treatment Centre, which will soon be handed over to the Government of Burundi. WHO specialists offered a briefing on the role of the various ETC units and the measures implemented to protect populations living near the ETC.

At the end of the visit, the second Vice-President, accompanied by Dr. Kazadi Mulombo, WHO Representative, held a press briefing in which he expressed his satisfaction with the progress of Burundi's preparedness against EVD. Dr. Butore commended the efforts of the MoH, partners and WHO and reiterated his commitment to collaborate closely while supporting the MoH's efforts to prevent Burundi from experiencing any one case of EVD.

FEATURE (3 Sep 2019)

FAO's Sustainable Food Production Project Shows Significant Success

On Monday 19 August 2019, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) hosted the annual celebration of World Humanitarian Day 2019.

This year's theme highlighted the women humanitarians in Burundi who are mobilizing to help people in need as well as those living in vulnerable conditions. Their presence makes our efforts more effective, whether it is fighting epidemics or providing support to victims of gender-based violence. Thanks to their efforts, millions of people have found hope and protection from conflict.

The event was attended by Chiefs of UN agencies, Government representatives, members of international and national non-governmental organizations, university students and media representatives.

The day began with a photo exhibition entitled 'One Day I Will' by award-winning photographer Vincent Tremeau. This consisted of a series of portraits documenting the dreams and ambitions of 30 young girls in 9 countries in crisis. His Excellency, the Minister of Human Rights, Social Affairs and Gender, gave an engaging speech on the important ongoing Government initiatives aimed at tackling gender inequality. The audience also heard from Garry Conille, Resident Coordinator in Burundi, and Jutta Hinkkanen, Head of OCHA Burundi.

A round table followed the speeches, showcasing four inspiring women who shared their experiences as humanitarians, the challenges they faced and their personal role models. The discussion, moderated by Gogo Hukportie, Representative of UNHCR Burundi, invited Ms Christine Ntahe, President of the association "Bon Geste", Ms Ange Muyubira, Founder of Kaz'O'zah Art, Ambassador Eunice S. Reddick, of the United States Embassy, and Ms Jennet Kem, Representative for UN Women Burundi.



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FEATURE (3 Sep 2019)

UNFPA Burundi contributes to Efforts to prevent and respond to Gender-Based Violence

Giving a Boost from the Beginning

The first 1,000 days — the time between conception and their second birthday — are a critical window of opportunity to give a child the best possible start in life for good nutrition for brain development and optimum physical growth.

In Burundi's northern province of Kirundo, the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Government of Burundi are helping parents give their children this essential boost by providing nutrition education, nutrition



Photo Credit: UNFPA 2019

counselling and a monthly take-home ration of specialized nutritious cereals, fortified with essential vitamins and minerals.

Healthy Baby, Happy Mother

Tatine Mutarutwa understands the importance of a nursing mother to be on a healthy diet. Just before sunset every day, the 30-year-old mother lights her three-stone hearth, boils water in a cooking pot and adds the yellow cereal powder. After stirring it for about five minutes, the porridge is ready to eat.

"This is my main meal for the day," she said with a smile. "I got it from the health centre. The nurse who gave it to me said it is good for me and my baby."

Tatine is one of the 32,000 pregnant women and nursing mothers who have been enrolled in the nutrition programme in Kirundo province. This province is among the areas most affected by chronic malnutrition and food insecurity in the country according to the government-led Demographic and Health Survey (DHS, 2016–2017).

A few months ago, Tatine was admitted to the programme for treatment of moderate acute malnutrition. She was pregnant and her weight was low. After three months of treatment she was discharged and transferred to another programme for the prevention of chronic malnutrition. Since then, she has been receiving Super Cereal Plus, a specialised nutritious food designed to fill the nutrient gap and prevent low birth weight and infections that lead to increased child mortality.

Tatine and her husband live on subsistence farming, growing corn, beans and sweet potatoes. For the last year, their crops have failed due to drought. Their total annual harvest is not even enough to meet their food needs for a month.

Like many families, Tatine and her husband had no choice but to try and find work elsewhere, on average earning 1,200 Burundian Francs a day (less than US \$50 cents) – a revenue that falls short of providing even one nutritious meal a day.

WFP's nutrition programme has been a lifeline for Tatine and her baby and she could not imagine how they would have survived without it.

"The first time I visited the health centre, I weighed only 37 kg. I was given this special food in order to gain weight. Now, you can see it by yourself, I weigh more than 47 kg and my baby looks healthy because I can feed her exclusively on breast milk" she said.

A Small Investment with a Large Reward

WFP is able to undertake this crucial nutrition programme thanks to financial contributions from the Governments of Germany and Japan, and implementation is done in partnership with the Ministry of Public Health and the Non-Governmental Organization Concern Worldwide. WFP also supports community nutrition education where women teach other women dietary diversity, exclusive breast feeding, hygiene practices and family planning.

Tatine said she has learnt a lot from the community training including when to exclusively provide breast milk to a child and how to ensure dietary diversity by integrating the different food groups into the daily food preparation for a family.

"I am ready to share my own experience with other women in my community. This will help raise their awareness on the value of having a nutritious diet for the healthy growth of our children" she said.

UNICEF and World Bank Join Forces on Education in Burundi

[See the full 3W \(What, Where, When\) snapshot here.](#)



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