

Rwanda

July and August 2022

10th and 11th evacuation convoys arrived from Libya. On the 18th and the 31st of August, UNHCR received two convoys evacuating 205 people of concern from Libya to the ETM in Rwanda.

The Djibouti government visited Rwanda, including Mahama refugee camp on August 26th, to share best practices on refugee integration in national systems as part of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework

96 Burundian refugees repatriated from Rwanda to Burundi. In addition, UNHCR Rwanda supported the return of 13 Burundian refugees from Uganda.

KEY INDICATORS

127,326 people of concern are registered with in Rwanda as of 31 August 2022. Mainly including individuals from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (60.05%) and Burundi (39.37%).

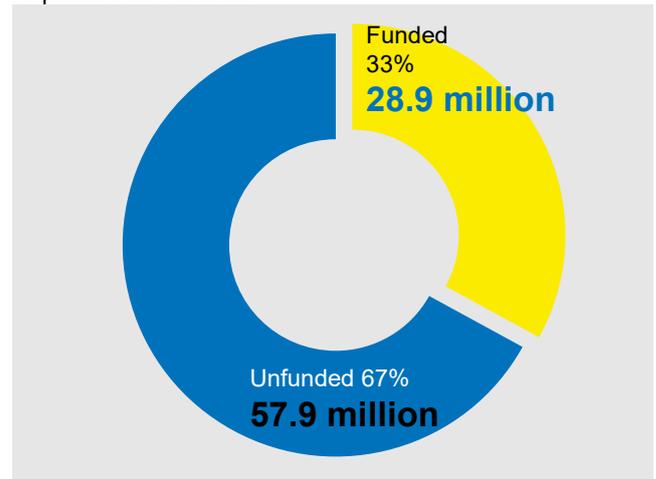
18,537 primary health care consultations were delivered to refugees and the Rwandan host communities by UNHCR and partners across health centres in refugee camps.

2,372 refugees departed through resettlement and complementary pathways since January 2022.

FUNDING (AS OF 31 AUGUST)

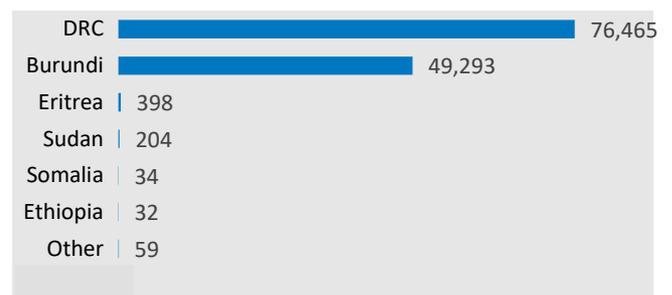
USD 86,8 million

requested for Rwanda



CURRENT POPULATION OF CONCERN

Countries of Origin



* Registered with UNHCR



Operational Context & Partners

The Government of Rwanda (GoR), through Ministry of Emergency Management (MINEMA), leads the refugee response in Rwanda in coordination with UNHCR. In addition, a range of UN Agencies, NGOs, operational and development partners participate in sector working groups at both country and district levels. Currently, UNHCR works directly with 11 partners in implementing key activities to assist both the refugee population and Rwandan host communities. To further strengthen the implementation of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), UNHCR maintains close collaboration with key government institutions and ministries.

Achievements



PROTECTION

- A biometric capturing exercise started on 18 July by the National Identification Agency (NIDA) alongside government counterparts DGIE, MINEMA and UNHCR to ensure that refugees above 16 years old have accurate identity documents. Throughout the exercise nationality assessments took place, new refugee IDs were issued, expired IDs renewed, and lost IDs recorded and replaced. In total, during July and August, 1,837 refugee's records were updated (Kigali urban: 185, Huye urban: 33, Kigeme: 476, Mugombwa: 341, and Kiziba: 358).
- UNHCR's child protection/gender-based violence teams counselled and supported 135 individuals across five refugee camps in Rwanda during the reporting period. In addition, 104 Best Interest Assessments were conducted and completed by UNHCR and child protection partners in Rwanda's refugee camps. After the cases were identified and documented, UNHCR alongside child protection partners, provided support and referred the cases to appropriate counselling, legal or other mechanisms.
- At the Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM) centre in Rwanda, UNHCR and partners continued to provide support to refugees and asylum seekers who had experienced torture and abuse in Libya. Medical assistance was provided to five critical cases and 20 survivors of GBV received psychosocial support.
- The ETM received the 10th and 11th evacuation convoys from Libya to Rwanda on the 18th and 31st of August respectively, bringing the total number of refugees and asylum seekers evacuated from Libya to 1,279, since the inception of the ETM in 2019. The 10th and 11th convoys evacuated 103 and 101 individuals respectively, representing four different nationalities: Eritrea (117), Sudan (72), Somalia (10), Ethiopia (3), and South Sudan (2). UNHCR continues to search for solutions for the 619 refugees and asylum seekers who remain in the ETM.

**EDUCATION**

- As the academic year drew to a close, primary and secondary school students across Rwanda took their national examinations including in refugee camps. All refugee students in Rwanda are registered in the national education system and continue to benefit from early childhood development (ECD), primary and secondary education.
- UNHCR works continuously to support teachers in refugee hosting schools. In July and August, through our partner World Vision, 63 primary school teachers participated in a 5-day training as part of the ProFuturo program in Kiziba camp.
- In July, local NGO Impact Hope launched a one-year TVET program for refugee youth on tailoring, hairdressing, culinary, and permaculture. 44 individuals were enrolled in the Nyabihu District TVET school, 17 from Mugombwa camp and 27 from Kigeme.
- UNHCR and partners provided food for primary and secondary school children in Mahama, Kigeme, Mugombwa, Nyabiheke, and Kiziba refugee camps. In addition, UNHCR supplied the gas needed for cooking across the majority of refugee hosting schools.



Mukamutega Devota, a Congolese refugee, stands outside her shop in Nyabiheke refugee camp.

**HEALTH**

- UNHCR supports access to health care services for all refugees in Rwanda. In July and August, a total 18,537 primary health consultations were conducted in camp-based health care facilities, among them 987 (5%) were new visits from the host community members.
- As of August 2022, 68.6% of refugees living camps are recorded as having taken two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination.
- UNHCR and partners conducted the Balance Score Card assessment to look at the quality of health and nutrition services provided to refugees in camp-based facilities. The exercise also assessed the perception of refugees on those services of which more than 80% were classified as meeting the needs of the population. The assessment also revealed gaps in terms of infrastructure, equipment, training, medicine, and supplies.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

- Refugees in all camps receive cash assistance for food from the World Food Program (WFP). As of the end of August 2022, 93% of the total refugees living in the camps are under targeted food assistance. As per agreed targeting criteria 87% comprising of 99,277 refugees are classified as highly vulnerable and receive full food assistance while 6% refugees comprising of 7,103 refugees are currently classified as moderately vulnerable and receive 50% of the value of full food assistance. 7% comprising 7,406 refugees are classified as Least Vulnerable and do not receive any cash for food assistance.
- In coordination with our partner ADRA, UNHCR continued to provide all refugees and asylum seekers at the ETM three meals a day.
- UNHCR provided supplementary feeding to refugee children under the age of six months, pregnant and lactating mothers, as well as HIV and TB patients, in all refugee camps.

**WATER AND SANITATION**

- UNHCR, in partnership with World Vision, provides water to refugees living in all refugee camps, reception, and transit centres across Rwanda. Currently, water supply averages 26 litres per person per day although challenges remain in some camps such as Nyabiheke, Kigeme and Kiziba in meeting the minimum requirement of 20 litres per person per day.
- Due to the continuous supply of water and hand soap in refugee camps, refugees were able maintain hygiene standards and prevent the spread of waterborne diseases throughout the months of July and August.
- UNHCR and partners are looking to address the need to upgrade water and sanitation facilities across refugee camps. In Kigeme refugee camp, 377 showers

are needed to fill the gap and in Mugombwa 246 showers are required to meet minimum standards.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- UNHCR and ADRA identified and rehabilitated 427 shelters in urgent need of repair in July and August 2022 across all refugee camps. This included the distribution of shelter kit repair materials, for example, replacing plastic sheeting with corrugated iron for shelter roofs. The repairs will protect refugee families from water damage in their homes during heavy rain.
- UNHCR completed construction works for a drying shelter (a house used to dry crops during the harvest) and a tool house to support horticulture within the Nyabicwamba host community located near Nyabiheke refugee camp in July to support both refugee and Rwandan livelihoods.
- The construction work for Nyabiheke Market was successfully completed by UNHCR in July and the handover of facilities to the refugee community took place on August 03. This newly constructed market will enable refugee vendors to sell their goods and services in a conducive manner.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

- In Kabarore, an Eco-School programme was launched at Nyamuduha Groupe Scolaire, a secondary school bordering Nyabiheke refugee camp, to enhance environmental conservation and raise awareness about the environment among refugee and Rwandan youth. During the launch, UNHCR and partners joined the school to clean the compound and discuss with students the importance of sorting waste.
- 183 trees were planted in Mahama refugee camps by refugees, with the support of World Vision. The trees planted included 26 bamboos and 157 senna spectabilis, to combat environmental degradation.
- UNHCR continued to provide gas for clean cooking for approximately 18,000 households (50% of whom are refugees) in Mahama and Mugombwa camps, as well as transit and reception centres.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- In Mahama camp, 1,456 refugees received loans from different partners working on the refugee response to help them start their own businesses or expand existing initiatives.
- 35 refugee students in Mahama camp graduated from a six-month TVET training course, including 17 in hairdressing, six in culinary arts, seven in tailoring, two in welding and three in mechanical automobile. Additionally in July, 600 students

were enrolled into additional training courses to be implemented over the rest of the year.

- Through the Inkomoko project, 963 entrepreneurs in Mugombwa (76 refugees and 887 members of the host community) were trained on Bookkeeping and Operation. While through the PAC Project by World Vision, 175 refugees and 75 nationals were trained on nutrition best practices.
- 56 youth from Kigeme and 33 from Mugombwa (refugees and members of the host community) started a nine-month vocational training course in August 2022. They are based in two schools located in Nyamagabe District and Muhanga District.
- At the ETM, 373 refugees, asylum seekers and members of the host community attended vocational trainings, computer/ICT, hair dressing, tailoring, and motor vehicle driving training throughout July and August.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- Since the beginning of 2022, UNHCR has submitted 3,872 refugees for resettlement and complementary pathways to ten countries. In July and August, 698 refugees departed to third countries bringing the total departures since the beginning of the year to 2,343 departures through resettlement and 29 departures through complementary pathways.
- During the month of August, UNHCR assisted 96 Burundian people of concern in Rwanda to voluntary repatriate to Burundi, while 13 Burundian people of concern from Uganda were assisted in their return to Burundi, through Rwanda.
- In July and August, UNHCR Rwanda supported the reception and integration of 370 Rwandan returnees. UNHCR supports the government of Rwanda by providing logistical support for Rwandan returnees (former refugees) including transportation to their districts of origin and through continued advocacy for local reintegration for eligible populations and helping them reintegrate in local communities.



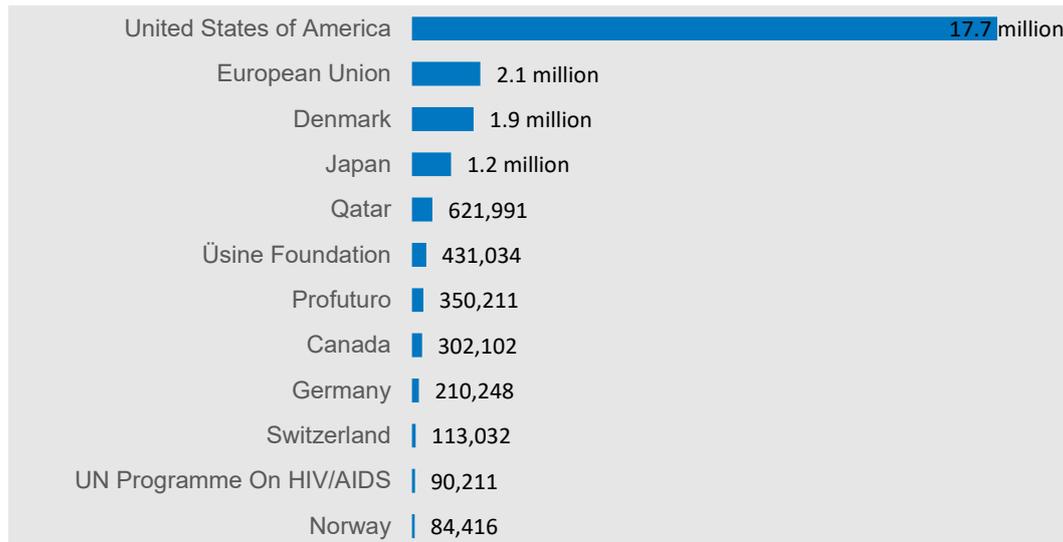
MISSIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- Joint Global Compact for Refugees (GCR) assessment missions were held between UNHCR and MINEMA in Gatsibo District on the 13th of July, Nyamagabe on the 27th of July, Gisagara District on the 28th of July and Karongi district on 11th of August to assess the progress of various GCR projects and activities on the ground.
- A high-level delegation from Djibouti representing various ministries, visited Rwanda from the 22nd to the 27th of August, to share experiences on implementing the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework. The delegation was keen to learn from Rwanda's example of refugee inclusion across various sectors in keeping with the pledges made at the Global Refugee Forum in 2019 and the commitments made in 2016. The delegation also took the opportunity to visit the Mahama refugee camp, to better understand support provided to refugees in refugee camps in Rwanda.

Financial Information

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