

Rwanda

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KEY STATISTICS

126,918 individuals are registered with UNHCR in Rwanda as of 30 November 2022. Mainly including individuals from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (59.93%) and Burundi (39.59%).

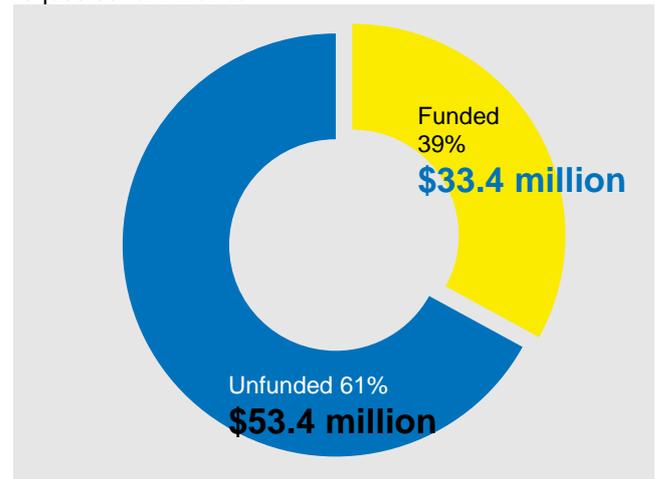
91% of refugees in Rwanda live in refugee camp

6,241 refugees have been submitted for resettlement since January 2022.

FUNDING (AS OF 24 NOVEMBER)

USD 86,8 million

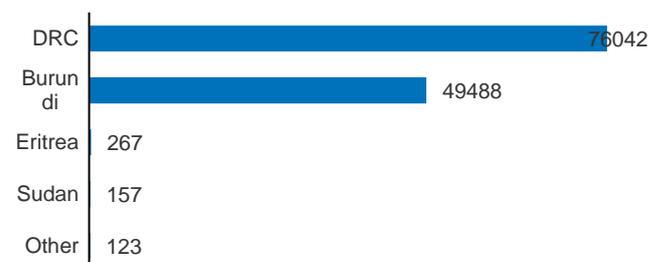
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Gervais Munyentwari, 30, a Burundian refugee living in Nyamata town, graduated from University of Rwanda's College of Education with a bachelor's degree in French and Psychology with education in November 2022. He is now a French teacher in upper primary at Nyamata Bright School.

CURRENT POPULATION OF CONCERN

Countries of Origin



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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

- Due to fighting in Eastern DRC and ongoing security issues, since October, asylum seekers from the DRC began fleeing to Rwanda's eastern province. In November, 114 Congolese individuals from DRC arrived in Rwanda and have been hosted at Kijote Transit Centre (TC). UNHCR has conducted multiple visits to the transit centre to assess the needs of the individuals hosted there and supply of clothes and other essential goods. As of end of November, 63 of individuals that fled to Rwanda have returned to DRC, while 51 are remaining at Kijote TC.
- In Rwanda, the inclusion of refugees is facilitated through the issuance of refugee ID cards by the Government of Rwanda. In November, Directorate-General of Immigration and Emigration (DGIE) and UNHCR jointly distributed 5,187 ID cards to refugees further safeguarding their access to essential services. As of the end of November, refugee identity card coverage in Rwanda stands at 80%. Efforts by the UNHCR and GoR to sensitize eligible refugees aged 16 years and above about the importance of identity cards are ongoing.
- UNHCR operates protection desks in refugee camps and urban areas to ensure that refugees and asylum seekers are able to express concerns and challenges to designated UNHCR protection staff. In November, UNHCR supported 118 people with protection services, including matters relating to Community-Based Health Insurance (CBHI), asylum applications, refugee ID's and other relevant protection concerns. In addition, approximately 256 phone calls came into UNHCR's protection hotlines, out of which, four required follow ups to address their imminent protection needs. Most of the concern raised was regarding refugee ID's.
- Sport is a cross-cutting tool that can be used at the local, country, regional and global levels to improve outcomes for all. Refugees in camps utilize sport activities not only to maintain physical wellbeing and recreational purposes, but for positive psychological and social outcomes. In 2022, UNHCR distributed more than 1,000

sports jerseys, 880 sports shoes and other necessary equipment to be used to support the activities on the ground.

- In November, three refugees, one female and two male – including one paralympic-taekwondo participant, won three medals in the Korean Ambassador's Cup Taekwondo Championships hosted by Rwanda Taekwondo Federation (RTF), and supported by Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Rwanda.
- Throughout November 2022, UNHCR in collaboration with Humanity and Inclusion (HI), supported 231 persons living with disabilities with non-cash support (mostly providing NFIs, medical care and psychosocial support). In addition, support was provided to 306 vulnerable elderly refugees and 1,162 other people with specific needs/living with disabilities.
- UNHCR and child protection partners in camps are committed to ensuring that children, adolescents, and youth are protected from harm and that their rights are upheld. During November, through the family reunification process, four children were reunified with their families in Rwanda. In the same period, 32 (18 girls and 14 boys) new child protection cases were documented and supported. Among them, 29 were neglect cases and three were physical abuse cases. From these reported cases, six were from the Mahama camp and 26 were from the 4 remaining (Congolese) camps. Child protection related cases also continue to be closed once the protection needs of children were met. In November, a total of 21 cases were closed, bringing the remaining cases that continue to receive support to 411.
- UNHCR and partners continue to implement the BLOOM (Better Life Options and Opportunities Modules) curriculum, designed to address the life-skills trainings that are not offered in the formal school system curriculum such as expanding knowledge of goal setting, confidence building, social capital, and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). In November, 287 refugees have completed the modules in four Congolese camps.
- UNHCR also works with the child protection partner to implement the Parenting Under Pressure (PUP) program in Congolese camps to empower parents and caregivers of girls and boys ages 0 – 8 in humanitarian emergencies to provide nurturing care that supports their children's healthy development and well-being. The PUP program includes a curriculum comprised of 17 sessions. These sessions focus on teaching parents and caregivers about healthy child development, positive parent/caregiver-child interaction, stress responses and management strategies, and positive parenting practices. During November, 391 Congolese refugees were enrolled in the program.
- Gender based violence incidents among refugee populations continued to be reported to UNHCR in November. 31 new GBV incidents, including rape, sexual assault, physical assault, psychological and emotional abuse were reported and provided with appropriate multi-sectoral support. 122 GBV cases were also closed in November, leaving 245 open cases. Among these, 125 GBV survivors received psychosocial counselling, 14 survivors received medical assistance, 78 survivors received material

support, 4 were referred to Police and/or Rwanda Investigation Bureau, and 9 survivors were assisted with referral to legal services.

- From the Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM) centre in Gashora, UNHCR, through the psychosocial partner HI, provided to 253 individuals (110 male and 143 female) group therapeutic and individual counselling. The group therapy included music and occupational therapy where individuals find various constructive mechanisms to deal with stress and trauma. In the same period, UNHCR and child protection partner ALIGHT, conducted home visits for all the children in the ETM. 13 Children with a range of issues including physical abuse and torture endured before being evacuated to Rwanda, were provided with psychosocial support and counselling.



Refugee students at Amahoro College Secondary School in Kiziba refugee camp stand in front of the newly built 24 classrooms including a library and ICT lab. The school accommodates around 5,000 refugee students.



EDUCATION

- Basic education is accessible to refugee children through the support of the Government of Rwanda who have committed to refugee inclusion in primary and secondary school. UNHCR supports the initiative by building classrooms, science laboratories, libraries and contributing to teachers' salaries in national schools which are attended by refugee children near the camps. In November, UNHCR completed the construction of a Ground-plus-one (G+1) building of eight classrooms at Paysannat L School (Primary and Secondary School) in Mahama camp. The construction of the eight classrooms in Mahama which began in April was funded through Educate A Child (EAC) project. Under the same project the construction of 28 new additional classrooms has started in November. As of November 2022, 14,000 students are educated in the Paysannat L School in Mahama. Currently, classroom to

student ratio is 1:98 and the construction of these eight additional classrooms is designed to reduce over crowdedness.

- UNHCR also completed the construction of additional 24 classrooms at Amahoro College Secondary School in Kiziba. The Minister of MINEMA, UNHCR Country Representative, Provincial Executive Secretary (PES) of Western Province, the District Mayor of Karongi, partners and the refugee community were all in attendance in the inauguration of the classrooms, a laboratory and library, and wash facilities that will serve 1,560 (1,456 refugees and 104 Rwandan students from the host community) secondary school students.
- As of the last quarter of the year, 94% of school-aged refugee children are enrolled in primary school, 43% in secondary school and 3.4% of refugees in higher education in Rwanda. In Kigeme and Mugombwa, for example, 587 and 770 children are enrolled in Early Childhood Development (ECD), 2,571 and 2,169 students enrolled in Primary schools, and 1,597 and 2,034 students were enrolled in secondary education respectively. As part of the efforts to ensure students with disabilities have access to learning opportunities unique to their needs, six children in Kigeme and 18 children Mugombwa with different disabilities were enrolled and studied in different specialized schools.
- UNHCR conducted a joint education field mission to the Mahama refuge hosting schools on the 30th of November. The visit, in line with the UNHCR-UNICEF Blueprint of joint plan of action, offered an opportunity for both agencies to seek a deeper insight into refugee education issues and broaden common understanding in areas of joint advocacy. Topics of the integration of teachers' salary into the government payroll, financing of teachers training, and disaggregation of refugee education data in the national statistics were among issues highlighted for follow up by both agencies.
- UNHCR, together with World University Service of Canada (WUSC), the Tertiary Refugee Student Network (TRSN) and the Displaced and Refugee Youth Enabling Environment Mechanism (DREEM) Youth Advisory Committee, organized a two-day workshop on 22 - 23 November in Kigali, Rwanda. The workshop was part of the UNHCR's global campaign Aiming Higher to enable 15% of eligible refugees to get into higher education by 2030, or commonly referred to as 'the 15by30' and brought together higher education institutions from across Africa, refugee-led organizations, refugee, and displaced youth among others.



HEALTH

- UNHCR supports access to health care services for all refugees in Rwanda. In November, 21,895 primary consultations were conducted in all camp-based health facilities, averaging 33 consultations per day per clinician. These facilities support both refugees and host communities in their respective locations. Furthermore, primary health care, nutrition and referral services were also provided to Rwandan returnees and other asylum seekers in the Nyanza Transit Centre. In November, 79 individuals

received general healthcare services, three medical screening, ten referred to Nyanza district hospital, and 16 individuals were supported through nutrition program.

- UNHCR also continued to refer refugees in need of emergency, life-saving care to district level hospitals. In total, 555 health cases were referred for secondary and tertiary level care and management in November.
- Access to contraception is a human right and as an essential health service in refugee camps, UNHCR continues to work with health partners in camps to provide these necessary services to refugees in camps in Rwanda. Providing contraceptive services not only prevents abortions and risks of teenage or adolescent pregnancies, but can also significantly reduce maternal, new-born and child deaths, eliminate millions of abortions. One such location is the Mahama refugee camp, where UNHCR through the health partners ALIGHT and Save the Children, provided 3,744 women of reproductive age with contraceptives.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

- Eligible refugees in all camps receive cash assistance for food from the World Food Program (WFP). As of the end of November 2022, 94% of the total refugees living in the camps are under targeted food assistance. As per agreed targeting criteria, 87% of refugees in Rwanda (99,243 refugees) are classified as Highly Vulnerable and receive full (100%) food assistance, while 6% refugees comprising of 6,901 refugees are currently classified as Moderately Vulnerable and receive 50% of the value of full food assistance. And 7% comprising 7,420 refugees are classified as Least Vulnerable and do not receive any cash for food assistance.
- If not screened and followed-up on, refugees (especially infants, children under the age of 6, mothers and refugees with chronic diseases) in camps may be susceptible for acute malnutrition, and if malnutrition programmes are not available, individuals with acute malnutrition will not receive life-saving nutritional treatments. As such, UNHCR alongside health partners in all camps in Rwanda continue to provide screenings for and timely interventions against malnutrition. In November, UNHCR in Kiziba, through the health partner AHA, provided supplementary feeding to 575 children of six months of age, 193 pregnant, 260 lactating mothers, 72 people living with HIV and 2 TB patients.



WATER AND SANITATION

- UNHCR provides water to refugees living in all refugee camps, reception, and transit centres across Rwanda. In November, water supply averaged 20.9 litres per person per day throughout the refugee camps in Rwanda. Camps such as Nyabiheke and Kigeme continue to provide 15 litres or less water supply, which is below the minimum water supply of 20 litres per person per day. In Nyabiheke camp, water is expected to

reach the minimum requirements once the water pump is fully fixed. Members of the host community around Mahama and Gashora, also received potable water.

- To curb the impact of poor hygiene related diseases and stave off COVID-19 in all refugee camps and transit locations, UNHCR through WASH partners in camps across Rwanda provided a total of 2,512.5 litres of liquid soap, for handwashing and other cleaning practices. Furthermore, 1,976 cubic meters of sludge from latrines' septic tanks and 935 m3 of garbage was collected from all refugee camps and disposed of to the respective waste dumpsites.
- In the Emergency Transit Mechanism centre, UNHCR, through the WASH partner World Vision International, conducted fumigation of mattresses through indoor spraying by using insecticide, to combat and control issues relating to bedbugs and ants within the refugee homes.



SHELTER AND NFIS

- During the month of November, a total 336 shelters were rehabilitated across all the camps, this includes: 234 shelters in Mahama, 31 shelters in Nyabiheke, four shelters in Mugombwa, 13 shelters in Kigeme, 54 shelters in Kiziba. This brings the total number shelters rehabilitated across the camps for the year 2022 to 2,052 shelters.
- UNHCR continues to focus on improving shelter access for people with disabilities. In Mahama camp, seven such shelters were upgraded in November, through mechanisms such as enlarging doors and constructing ramps for accessibility of homes. This brings the total shelter improvements made in support of persons with disabilities for the year to 75.
- In November, UNHCR ensured the construction of 37 terraces to protect shelters on high-risk areas in Mugombwa and Kigeme camps. This brings the total number of terraces constructed in 2022 to 224 terraces. UNHCR also supported the transformation of old iron sheet roof to new iron sheets in Kiziba camp. This brings the total number shelter roofs upgraded to 398 shelters this year.
- As part of efforts to increase shelter adequacy and improve the living conditions of refugees in camps, UNHCR supported the reconstruction of old shelters to new ones in camps like Nyabiheke, while in Kigeme camp ten new semi-permanent shelters were constructed. In total, UNHCR has constructed 66 new semi-permanent shelters in the camps for 2022. Additionally, the construction of a retaining wall at Ecole Primaire (Primary School) in Mugombwa and the transformation of the MINEMA waiting area to a new Police Post in Nyabiheke camp was also completed.
- In November, UNHCR, alongside implementing partners, distributed and facilitated the planting of 10,376 tree seedlings of Eucalyptus from the nursery bed in the Nyabiheke camp and 15,000 plants in nursery bed in Mahama camp were distributed

to the refugees and in the host community for planting. While 810 bamboo, papaya, jacaranda, lemon, calliandra, guava and cassia trees were planted in Mahama in November. These tree planting activities contribute to supporting refugees and host communities by kickstarting agricultural activities and environmental reclamations, while safeguarding, restoring, and reinvesting back to the environment. Additionally, 810 infected trees were sprayed with insecticide by refugee casual workers in Mahama camp.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

- UNHCR continued to provide gas for clean cooking for refugees in Mugombwa and Mahama refugee camps in the form of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). LPG cookers emit 50 times fewer pollutants than cooking stoves fuelled by biomass such as mud stoves, making them the ideal cooking energy for refugees in camps. Additionally, UNHCR also provides refugee hosting schools in the refugee camps with briquettes for school feeding programmes. In November 2022, approximately 4,800 Kgs of briquette were used for the Early Childhood Development Program. In November, UNHCR provided 19,029 cylinders of LPG, equivalent to 114,174 kilograms to refugees in Mahama camp for cooking their daily meals.
- In 2018, UNHCR introduced the cash assistance programme to ensure refugees receive monthly cash payments that enable them to have the financial resources to purchase clean energy for cooking according to their energy needs. In November, UNHCR Rwanda supported refugees in camps such as Kiziba, Nyabiheke, and Kigeme with cash assistance / cash for energy.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- In November, UNHCR, through the PAC (Poverty Alleviation Coalition) project with partners CARITAS and World Vision, supported 972 refugees and members from the host communities in Mugombwa and Kigeme, with skills and business management trainings, as well as cash grants to start or enhance their businesses. Through this three-year project, funded by PRM (Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration), 3,000 households are expected to graduate out of humanitarian assistance by 2024.
- At the ETM, UNHCR, through the livelihoods partner, World Vision International, supported 334 refugees, asylum seekers and members of the host community to attend various vocational trainings in November. This included attendance from 146 individuals in English, French and Kinyarwanda language classes, 40 individuals in tailoring courses, 29 individuals in hair dressing, and 21 individuals in domestic electricity courses. Additionally, 20 refugees and 13 members of the host community were trained in entrepreneurship and business management.

- In Mahama refugee camp, UNHCR supported 600 refugee youth to complete Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in varying trades, including culinary arts, mechanics, electricity, carpentry, and food and beverages. Upon completion, all 600 have now started their internships in different companies across the country in relation to their trades. 510 additional TVET graduates from Mahama, who also graduated in trades that include mechanics, hairdressing, masonry, and culinary art, applied for tool kits from Rwanda Rural Rehabilitation Initiatives (RWARRI). RWARRI is a partner of GIZ, whom alongside UNHCR is responsible for supporting refugees through Wage-employment promotion through TVET training and Entrepreneurship / business skills development.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

- By the end of November 2022, UNHCR submitted 6,241 refugees in Rwanda for resettlement. In addition, 3,498 refugees departed for resettlement and 100 refugees departed through complementary pathways so far this year.
- The Norway selection mission, where eligible refugees were interviewed for resettlement as part of durable solutions sought for refugees, was successfully concluded on the 25 November, with 400 refugees interviewed. Other Norwegian selection missions will take place in 2023. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) also began their mission to process the resettlement cases of refugees in Rwanda. Between 4 November and 15 December, USCIS intends to interview 500 resettlement cases of 1,150 individuals.
- UNHCR supported the reception of 268 Rwandan returnees in the Kijote and Nyarushishi transit centres. The individuals were assisted with a three-month WFP food package, one year health insurance, and 20% of cash grant assistance so they can reintegrate back into the community (the remaining 80% will be paid after confirmation/verification by local authorities). The individuals were also safely transported to their respective areas of origin.



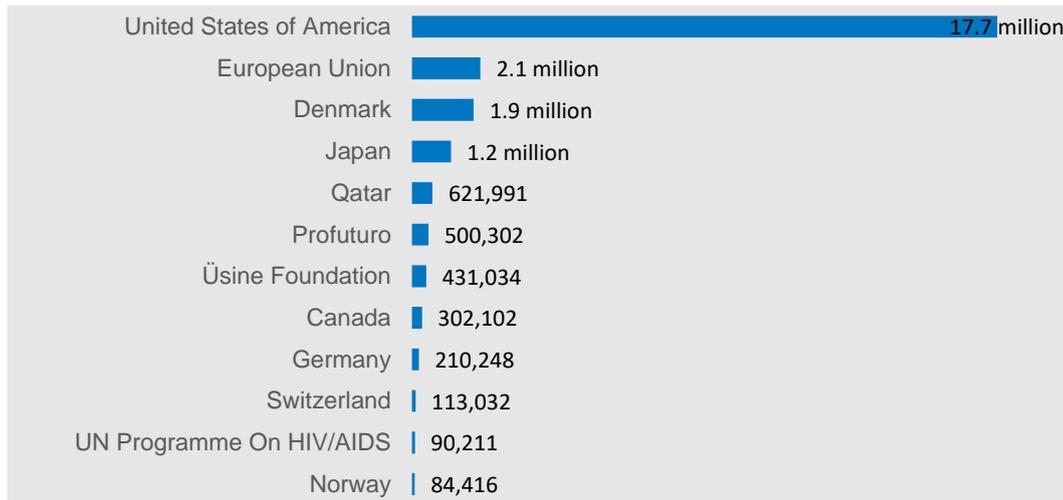
MISSIONS, DELEGATIONS AND EVENTS

- The ProFuturo Foundation, a donor supporting digital education solution in 15 refugee hosting schools visited selected refugee hosting schools in Mahama and Mugombwa from 21–23 November. ProFuturo along with UNHCR connected education team based in Copenhagen, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, and Rwanda shared experiences and knowledge on the use of ProFuturo digital education solution platform. The mission also reiterated commitments by ProFuturo in collaborating with UNHCR and the Government of Rwanda, in terms of further promoting quality education through use of digital tools and technologies. This project launched in early 2021 is expected to continue in 2023 and beyond.

Financial Information

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