



**Burundi: Food Assistance to Affected Populations of Political Violence in Burundi**

## In numbers

**People affected:** 270,000

**Provinces affected:** Makamba, Kirundo, Bujumbura Mairie

**People displaced:** Figure unavailable

**People in need of food assistance:** 100,000 (1st phase, GFD [June –September])

### Funding Update:

IR-EMOP 200851 (USD1.5 million) was approved and funded through WFP's Immediate Response Account (IRA) to meet the needs of 25,000 for the initial three-months.

Additional needs generated by the current crisis amount to approximately USD 22 million. These are being incorporated into PRRO 200655 through a budget revision that is under preparation

FFP/USAID has contributed USD 1 million to the PRRO to support the emergency response.



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## Burundi

### Food Assistance to Affected Populations of Political Violence in Burundi

## Highlights

- Around 100,000 people (20,000 households) require food assistance of the 270,000 affected by the current crisis.
- Distribution of around 1,300 mt of food started on 7 July in Kirundo, Bujumbura Mairie and Makamba provinces to assist 20,000 households affected by the current crisis. This quantity of food will cover 30 days of needs. The beneficiaries include those targeted under the IR-EMOP and those affected by the current crisis and assisted under the PRRO 200655-
- According to the preliminary estimates of the ongoing budget revision to the PRRO, the additional needs generated by the ongoing crisis amount to around USD22 million. The additional caseload include :children aged 6 to 23 months (12,533 - 6,292 girls and 6,242 boys) and pregnant and lactating women (15,130) living in food insecure areas in Kirundo province (prevention of malnutrition), children 6 to 59 months (26,300 – 10,572 girls and 15,728 boys) and pregnant and lactating women (6,509) with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM), as well as three of their family members in Kirundo and Makamba provinces (treatment of MAM), returnees (50,000 – 26,000 girls and 24,000 boys) in Kirundo and Makamba provinces ; vulnerable households members affected by the political crisis in Kirundo, Bujumbura Mairie and Makamba (100,000) (targeted food distribution), people living in institutions (3,000) and local population (80,000) in Kirundo and Makamba provinces (Food for Assets):.
- According to the UNHCR statistics, Burundians seeking asylum in neighboring countries are estimated at around 158,045 (as of 6 July).

## Situation Update

- Burundi's Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) announced, on Tuesday 07 July, the provisional results for Monday 29 June controversial legislative and communal elections in Burundi: the ruling party won 77 of 100 seats that were being contested. The remaining 23 were won by an opposition coalition "Burundians 'Hope'" (21 seats) and UPRONA (2 seats). Right after the announcement, "Burundians 'Hope'" rejected the results and said it will not participate in the new Parliament.
- EAC member states held a summit on the Burundi crisis on Monday 6 July in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, during which the participants called for a postponement of presidential elections from 15 to 30 July and the formation of a government of national unity regardless of who wins the elections. They also called for all parties to respect for the Arusha peace accord of 2000, refrain from attempts to amend the Constitution; the creation of an EAC electoral observer mission; and the disarmament of armed groups. Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni was appointed to facilitate dialogue among disputing parties. While the ruling party commended the summit, Burundian opposition parties immediately rejected the appointed facilitator .
- On Sunday 5 July, the ruling party CNDD-FDD issued a statement calling the UN to replace SRSR Abdoulaye Bathily as the facilitator of the inter-Burundian dialogue alleging that Bathily has violated Burundi's sovereignty and accusing him to have a "hidden agenda". The same statement also accused the UN Electoral Observation Mission in Burundi) (MENUB) of exceeding its mandate by making statements on the legitimacy of last week's parliamentary and municipal elections. MENUB, in its preliminary findings on the outcome of the parliamentary and communal elections,

had concluded that the environment was not conducive for free, credible and inclusive elections

- The persistent fear of the upsurge of a civil conflict has caused extensive migration of the Burundians into neighboring Rwanda, Tanzania, DRC and Uganda. The most recent UNHCR reports state that 158,045 Burundians (as of 6 July) have sought refuge in neighboring countries since April this year for fear for their security.
- FEWSNET reported on 01 July that Season B (March—July agricultural period) harvests underway countrywide were expected to be average due to normal to above-normal February-to-May rainfall. However, it cautioned that insecurity and displacement in Kirundo, Muyinga, and Ngozi Provinces in the north and north-east of the country would likely disrupt harvests in these areas.
- The cholera outbreak persists in Makamba Province, with 178 cases (including four deaths) reported as of 7 July since mid-May.

## WFP Response

- An in-depth needs assessment report issued last week recommended immediate GFD for 15,000 households in Kirundo , 4,800 households in Kabonga- Makamba Province, and 200 households in Bujumbura Mairie. Identification of beneficiaries is over and distributions are due to commence next week .
- Nutritional screening was conducted from 15-19 June in northern Burundi (Kirundo). A total of 97,447 children aged 6- 59 months (82 per cent coverage) were screened for acute malnutrition. Results showed 6 percent global acute malnutrition (GAM) and 1.5 percent severe acute malnutrition (SAM). While these results were encouraging, with GAM and SAM below emergency levels, partners are concerned that the ongoing harvest period may have buffered the prevalence of malnutrition in the region. A follow-up screening is therefore foreseen in six months. Preparations are underway to implement a similar nutritional screening in the southern province of Makamba.



### Food Assistance

- On 7 July, WFP started providing food assistance in the form of free food distributions to 20,000 targeted households in the provinces of Kirundo, Bujumbura Mairie and Makamba affected by the ongoing crisis, in collaboration with CARITAS-Burundi. Around 1,300 metric tons of food consisting of maize, beans, oil and salt will be distributed. The ration will cover one month.
- As recommended by the recent nutritional screening in Kirundo, WFP is planning a nutrition intervention to treat pregnant and lactating women and children under 5 suffering from MAM , and a blanket feeding for children under 2 to prevent malnutrition, particularly during the coming lean season. The number of beneficiaries targeted is 23,439.

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### Logistics

- In order to increase storage capacity 4 mobile storage tent are under construction in Gitega sub-office.
- Transport capacity is being restricted. Despite security improvements, some international transporters are still reluctant to deliver to Burundi and many local commercial transporters to prefer to deliver to Ngozi instead of Bujumbura

## Clusters

- Clusters are not yet activated

## Partnerships

- WFP is partnering with the Ministry of Health, UNICEF and other humanitarian actors to prepare nutrition interventions in Kirundo and Makamba provinces. It will partner with the Red Cross to distribute the immediate food assistance in Kirundo , Bujumbura Mairie and Makamba.

## Resourcing Update

- At the beginning of the crisis, WFP CO received USD1.5 million for immediate response (for 25,000 beneficiaries) covering the needs set out in an immediate response emergency operation project prepared in that regard.
- Based on estimates established following the interagency rapid needs assessment, FFP/USAID contributed USD1 million to the PRRO.
- A PRRO budget revision is under process to accommodate additional needs brought about by the crisis. Those additional needs amount to around USD22 million.