



World Food Programme

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Highlights

To date, some 84,000 new Burundian refugees have been accommodated at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp since the end of April, bringing the total refugee population to 150,000. This makes Nyarugusu Refugee Camp one of the largest camps in the world.

Situation Update

Burundi continues to remain tense. This week, the former army chief, Col Jean Bikomagu, was assassinated in Bujumbura.

WFP Response



Food Assistance

As of 16 Aug, a cumulative total of 3,968 mt of food commodities had been distributed to nearly 84,000 beneficiaries. This included:

- 198 mt served as hot meals to 84,000 refugees at Reception/Transit Centres;
- 3,699 mt of dry rations provided to 84,000 refugees. Dry rations include maize meal, pulses, oil, salt and Super Cereal. There is a temporary scarcity of Super Cereal. WFP is therefore prioritising the distribution of Super Cereal to children under five and pregnant and lactating women. In order to maintain the Kcal provided to refugees, the maize meal ration has been increased.
- 32 mt of High Energy Biscuits and dates distributed by UNHCR and IOM as ready to eat food to 38,000 refugees in transit to Nyarugusu Refugee Camp from various Reception/Transit Centres;
- 14 mt of Super Cereal Plus provided to 5,015 children between 6-23 months under WFP's Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme; and
- 25 mt of various food commodities to 5,000 beneficiaries including pregnant and lactating women, children with moderate acute malnutrition, HIV patients on medication and hospital in-patients.

In numbers

84,000 new Burundian refugees (51% F 49% M)
65,500 pre-influx refugees
100% of the refugees received food assistance

Funding Update

DFID: GBP 1.5 million
Food for Peace: US\$ 3 million
CERF: US\$ 2.3 million
ECHO: US\$ 1.3 million
Fundraising ongoing

Videos/Photo Galleries

A World of Forgotten Refugees
<http://panorama.wfp.org/a-world-of-forgotten-refugees>
Burundian Refugees Fleeing to Tanzania Face Challenging Times
<http://www.wfp.org/node/3614/4091/646561>
Burundian Refugees at Nyarugusu in Tanzania
<http://www.wfp.org/node/3614/4092/646605>
WFP Assists Burundian Refugees in Tanzania
<http://www.wfp.org/node/3614/4092/646395>



Logistics

As a lead agency in logistics, WFP co-ordinates transportation of food and non-food items, warehousing and clearing and forwarding formalities, and provides information to NGOs and UN agencies to help improve efficiency in transport and logistics.

Partnerships

WFP partners with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) to carry out General Food Distribution at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp and has tripartite agreements with Caritas, Tanzania Water and Environmental Sanitation (TWESA) and Relief to Development Society (REDES0) to provide hot meals to new arrivals at Transit/Reception Centres and at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. The Tanzania Red Cross Society (TCRS) runs the Supplementary Feeding Programme with food provided by WFP.

Resourcing Update

- Confirmed contributions towards WFP's Refugee Operation include UK Department for International Development (DFID) - GBP 1.5 million; USA/Food for Peace - US\$ 3 million; UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) - US\$ 2.3 million; and the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department (ECHO) US\$ 1.3 million.
- With increasing numbers of refugees, WFP continue to raise funds.

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