



World Food Programme

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Highlights

- Due to ongoing political unrest in Burundi, thousands are fleeing into neighbouring countries.
- As of 8 November close to 18,400 Burundian refugees have been registered in DRC.

Situation Update

- The majority of refugees, almost 17,000 are residing in South Kivu.
- Approximately 10,500 of these refugees are residing in the Lusenda camp and approximately 6,000 are living with host families. A small number are in transit centres and other temporary sites.
- In addition, around 1,600 refugees are residing in the North Kivu, Katanga and Maniema provinces.
- Biometric registration of refugees in South Kivu shows that 52% are female/girls and 48% are male/boys. Out of the total 60% are children under 18 years old, and over 48% are under 12 years old.

In numbers



18,400 newly arrived Burundian refugees

10,800 host family members in
2,469 households

4 provinces affected

WFP Response



Food Assistance

- WFP is cooperating closely with UNHCR and partner NGOs for distributions.
- Food rations were previously distributed, but as of end of October assistance will be provided through vouchers to the majority of refugees.
- Each voucher is worth USD \$ 23 and is designated for food purchase. The value is calculated on the value of a 45-day food basket.
- The use of vouchers contributes to developing and stimulating local markets, and allows the affected population to purchase their preferred foods.



Logistics

- The UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) is supporting the humanitarian community in DRC. If it becomes necessary, UNHAS DRC possesses the clearances for its aircrafts to operate in

Clusters



Logistics Cluster

- One mobile storage unit and 5 MT of High Energy Biscuits have been positioned in Uvira for immediate response.
- Provision of one mobile storage unit in Lusenda/Fizi to support humanitarian partners Rebuild Hope for Africa and UNWomen.

Partnerships

- UNHCR and OCHA are leading the response with support from WFP.
- Partner NGOs African Initiative for Relief and Development (AIRD), World Vision and Caritas are delivering assistance as well as nutrition supplements to refugees and host families.

Resourcing Update

- WFP budget requirements to answer the food needs of the Burundian refugees for 2016 amounts to approximately USD \$ 11 million.

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