



World Food Programme

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Highlights

The number of new Burundian refugees in Tanzania is now over 58,000 according to the latest UNHCR data. This brings the total camp population to over 124,000, which is much beyond its current capacity. Discussions between the Government and UNHCR regarding a new location continue.

Situation Update

Demonstrations have stopped taking place in Bujumbura. However, the situation is still volatile. A recent wave of grenade attacks injured both civilians and police officers. Meanwhile, refugees continue to arrive into Tanzania in variable numbers.

WFP Response



Food Assistance

- Since the start of the crisis, WFP has distributed a cumulative total of 1,365 mt of food commodities to over 58,000 new Burundian refugees in the form of dry rations, hot meals, ready to eat snack and supplementary food.
- Dry rations are distributed through the General Food Distribution (GFD) every 14 days. New arrivals, once registered, receive dry rations to carry them over to the next GFD. This is a continuous process. To date, 1,237 mt has been distributed as dry rations to over 56,000 new refugees.
- Due to the temporary scarcity of Supercereal with sugar, WFP is prioritizing children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women, while substituting Supercereal w/sugar with dates in this month's GFD, thus maintaining the total of 2,100 kcal per person per day in place.
- Hot meals are provided at reception and transit centres (including Kagunga) to new arrivals staying overnight, and to new arrivals at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp who are waiting to be registered. Cumulatively to date, 193 mt of food commodities have been provided.

In numbers

Over 58,000 refugees

62% children

51% females

49% males

100% of the refugees have received food assistance

Funding Update

NEW Food for Peace: US\$ 3 million

NEW ECHO: US\$ 0.5 million

DFID: GBP 1 million

CERF: US\$ 2.3 million

Fundraising ongoing

Videos/Photo Galleries

NEW 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>

- WFP has provided 29 mt of High Energy Biscuits and dates to UNHCR/IOM as ready to eat snack for refugees en route by bus from reception centres at border entry points to Nyarugusu Refugee Camp.
- Under its Targeted Feeding Programme, WFP provides Supercereal w/sugar to identified pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and HIV patients on medication, and dry rations to hospital in-patients. To date, 6 mt of various food commodities has been distributed since the start of new Burundian refugee operation to a daily average of up to 500 beneficiaries.



Logistics

- WFP is the lead agency in logistics co-ordination which includes transportation of food and non-food items, warehousing and clearing and forwarding formalities, as well as providing information to NGOs and UN agencies to help improve the efficiency in transport and logistics.
- WFP has provided storage space to UNHCR at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp for a period of one month.
- WFP is making preparations to construct one temporary distribution centre in the new extension at the outskirts of Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, where the newly arrived Burundian refugees are being settled till a new camp site for them has been identified.

Partnerships

WFP has an agreement with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) to carry out GFD at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, and a tri-partite agreement with UNHCR and Caritas to provide hot meals at transit and reception centres. UNHCR's partners, TWESA and REDESO provide hot meals to new arrivals at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp and Ngara respectively. The Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) runs the targeted feeding programme with food provided by WFP.

Resourcing Update

- Food for Peace has made a contribution of US\$ 3 million towards WFP's refugee operation.
- ECHO confirmed a contribution of US\$ 0.5 million to WFP's refugee operation.
- Other contributions received include US\$ 2.3 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund and GBP 1 million from UK's Department for International Development (DFID).
- WFP is continuing to raise funds as additional resources are required to sustain assistance to refugees and nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women, as well as children under 5 to ensure that life saving needs of all vulnerable groups are met.

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