



World Food Programme

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Highlights

- Following political unrest in Burundi, thousands are fleeing to neighbouring countries.
- As of 15 July 13,423 Burundian refugees have been registered in DRC. The majority are in South Kivu, approximately 500 are in Katanga province, and just over 60 are in Maniema province.

Situation Update

- Close to 7,000 refugees are residing in the Lusenda camp and 6,000 are living with host families. The rest are in transit centres and other temporary sites.
- Biometric registration shows that out of 12,532 refugees in South Kivu 53% are female/girls and 47% are male/boys. Out of the total 65% are children and 50% are under 12 years old.

In numbers

13,423 newly arrived Burundian refugees

10,800 host family members

3 provinces affected

Funding Update:

IR-PREP \$ 264,000

IR-EMOP \$ 1.38 M

CERF funding \$ 1.5 M (approval pending)

WFP Response

- Food assistance to all Burundian refugees and host families is ongoing.

Food Assistance

- WFP is cooperating closely with UNHCR and partner NGOs for the food distributions.
- Refugees and host families are receiving monthly rations to meet their urgent food needs.



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 Bujumbura; ground support and fuel supplies have also been looked into as part of contingency planning.

Clusters



Logistics Cluster

- One mobile storage unit and 5 MT of High Energy Biscuits have been positioned in Uvira for immediate responses.

Partnerships

- UNHCR and OCHA are leading the response with support from WFP.
- Partner NGOs AIRD, World Vision and Caritas are delivering the food assistance to refugees, host families, as well as nutrition supplements.

Resourcing Update

- An IR-prep of USD \$ 264,000 has been approved for increased storage capacity, rapid assessments, vulnerability analysis, and market surveys.
- An IR-EMOP of USD \$ 1.38 million will respond to the needs of 20,000 people over the course of three months.
- A joint CERF funding request from the UN agencies involved in the response was submitted. WFP is requesting USD \$ 1.5 million to alleviate the alarming food security situation amongst the refugees and host population.

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