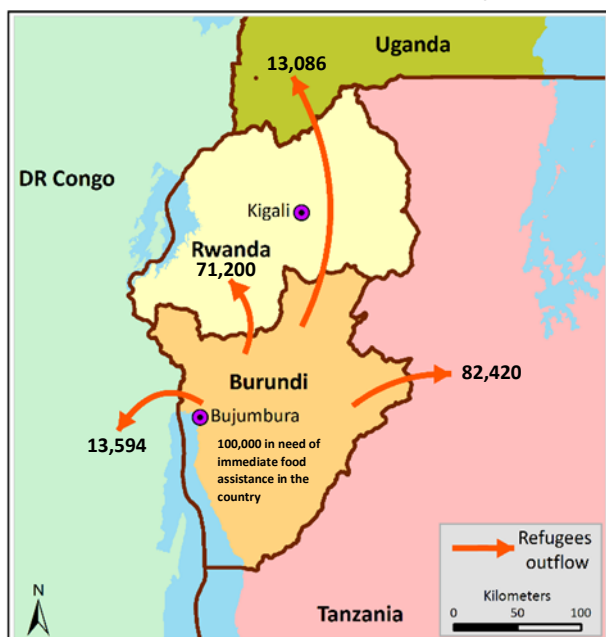




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## In numbers



> 180,000 refugees have crossed borders into neighbouring countries

> 100,000 people in Burundi in need of immediate food assistance

>1,000 new arrivals weekly into neighbouring countries

USD 68 million needed for 6 months to support operations that are responding to the Burundi crisis.

Resourcing		
	6-month Shortfall USD	6-month Shortfall %
Burundi PRRO	6 million	40%
DRC PRRO	18 million	31%
Rwanda PRRO	11 million	66%
Tanzania PRRO	14 million	49%
Uganda PRRO	19 million	55%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68 million</b>	



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## Burundi Crisis Regional Impact

### Highlights

- Refugees from Burundi continue to cross borders into neighbouring countries. As at 01 August, more than 180,000 new Burundian refugees had arrived in the DRC, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.
- WFP urgently requires USD 68 million for the next six months to meet the needs of operations that are responding to the Burundi crisis. In Rwanda, WFP will face pipeline breaks in October if additional funding is not available.
- In Burundi, the situation remains tense despite the relatively peaceful presidential elections on 21 July. WFP is providing food support to 100,000 vulnerable people affected by the ongoing crisis in Bujumbura Mairie, Kirundo and Makamba Provinces.

### Overview

Burundi's Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) announced that President Nkurunziza won the presidential elections on 23 July. This comes amid the withdrawal of three opposition presidential candidates from the elections.

The security situation in Bujumbura is tense following the assassination of General Adolphe Nshimirimana, a senior military official of the government, by unknown assailants on 02 August. In addition, on 25 July, fighting between security forces and an unidentified armed group was reported in Rukambasi (Nyanza Lac) area of Makamba Province, south-west Burundi, near the Tanzania border.

Burundians continue to flee the country due to persistent fear and insecurity in the country. The majority of new arrivals in neighboring countries are women and children who require urgent humanitarian assistance. As at 01 August, more than 180,000 people had fled the country into the DRC, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

In Burundi, WFP is providing emergency assistance to vulnerable households affected by the ongoing crisis, with a particular focus on the nutritional status of children, pregnant and breastfeeding women. In neighbouring countries hosting newly arrived refugees, working closely with UNHCR and select NGO partners, WFP is providing high energy biscuits at border crossing points, hot meals at reception and transit centres and dry monthly rations to those settled in the camps. In addition, WFP is providing specialized nutrition products for treatment and prevention of malnutrition at the refugee camps.

**Burundi.** WFP has scaled up to provide emergency food assistance to 100,000 vulnerable people affected by the ongoing crisis in Bujumbura Mairie, Kirundo and Makamba Provinces. The first round of food distributions has now been completed and WFP is preparing for the second round of food distributions in the coming week. This assistance is in addition to WFP's ongoing intervention to provide support to already food insecure populations.

Following rapid assessments conducted in June in Makamba and Kirundo Provinces and concerns over the high malnutrition rates of children arriving in Rwanda from the two provinces, a nutrition screening exercise was recently conducted in Makamba Province. The results showed global acute malnutrition (GAM) rates of 7.3 percent and 1 percent severe acute malnutrition. The malnutrition levels are below emergency thresholds but GAM rates have increased compared to 2.5 percent in 2014. WFP will initiate treatment programmes for moderately malnourished children, pregnant and breastfeeding women. To further strengthen the response, WFP will initiate targeted blanket supplementary feeding for children aged 6-23 months, pregnant and breastfeeding women in both Kirundo and Makamba Provinces. A similar nutrition screening exercise conducted in Kirundo Province showed global acute malnutrition rates of 6 percent and 1.5 percent severe acute malnutrition.

## Regional Update

**Democratic Republic of Congo.** As of 19 July, more than 13,500 Burundian refugees had arrived in the country. WFP in partnership with World Vision and Caritas is providing dry rations to households hosting newly arrived refugees and those settled in the camps. WFP also provides high energy biscuits to new arrivals at border crossings and transit centers.

The "most likely" scenario in the revised Burundi Regional Refugee Response Plan projects the arrival of 30,000 refugees into the DRC.

**Rwanda.** As of 30 July, more than 71,000 refugees from Burundi had crossed the border into Rwanda. The majority of the refugees are living at the Mahama camp, while the rest are in Kigali and other urban towns. WFP in close collaboration with UNHCR, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), American Refugee Committee (ARC), African Humanitarian Action (AHA) and the Rwanda Red Cross Society, has provided assistance to 48,000 refugees at border entry points, reception centres and at the Mahama camp. The operation, which also provides assistance to refugees from the DRC, is facing serious resource shortfalls and risks a pipeline break in October, if new contributions are not received soon. Nutrition activities are ongoing to rehabilitate those who are malnourished and to prevent further deterioration among children aged 6-59 months, and pregnant and breastfeeding women. Children aged 6-59 months enrolled in the blanket supplementary feeding receive two hot meals comprising of SuperCereal Plus porridge each day.

The "most likely" scenario in the revised Burundi Regional Refugee Response Plan projects the arrival of 120,000 refugees into Rwanda.

**Tanzania.** As of 03 August, more than 82,000 refugees from Burundi had crossed the border into Tanzania. Even though the influx appears to have reduced, refugees continue to cross the border at a steady rate. As the influx continues, Nyarugusu camp has exceeded its capacity of 50,000 refugees. The majority of the newly arrived refugees are living in overcrowded shelters. Discussions between the government and UNHCR are ongoing to identify land for a new camp. WFP in partnership with UNHCR and IOM continues to provide high energy biscuits to newly arrived refugees at the border entry points and while in transit to the camp. Hot meals are given at the reception centres, transit centres and to those awaiting registration at Nyarugusu camp. Monthly family rations are distributed in partnership with ADRA to those settled at the camp. WFP is also providing specialized nutrition products to treat moderate acute malnutrition among children aged 6-59 months, pregnant and breastfeeding women and for blanket supplementary feeding targeting children aged 6-23 months.

The "most likely" scenario in the revised Burundi Regional Refugee Response Plan projects the arrivals of 150,000 refugees into Tanzania.

**Uganda.** As of 30 July, more than 13,000 Burundi refugees had arrived in Uganda. The majority of new arrivals are women and children, in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. WFP is working closely with UNHCR, Samaritan Purse and ARC to provide three hot meals a day at the Juru and Kabazana reception centres and monthly dry rations to those who have been settled. In addition, WFP is distributing specialized nutrition products for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition for children below 5 years of age. Nakivale refugee settlement is nearing capacity, after which new arrivals will be settled at Oruchinga.

The "most likely" scenario in the revised Burundi Regional Response Plan projects the arrival of 20,000 refugees into Uganda.

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