



World Food Programme

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Highlights

- Because of ongoing political unrest in Burundi, thousands are fleeing into neighbouring countries.
- As of 26 August approximately 15,500 Burundian refugees have been registered in DRC whereby the majority are situated in South Kivu. Approximately 680 are in Katanga province, and just over 230 are in Maniema province.

Situation Update

- Close to 8,000 refugees are residing in the Lusenda camp and approximately 6,000 are living with host families. The remaining are in transit centres and other temporary sites.
- As the capacity of Lusenda camp is full, refugees are no longer being transferred.
- Biometric registration of refugees in South Kivu shows that 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

15,500 newly arrived Burundian refugees

10,800 host family members

3 provinces affected

Funding Update:

CERF funding USD\$ 1.5 million

WFP Response



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.
- WFP in collaboration with NGO partner World Vision has distributed 30-day rations of food to more than 5,500 host family members in Fizi and Uvira territories, amounting to 95 tonnes.



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.
- 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 the food assistance to refugees, host families, as well as nutrition supplements.

Resourcing Update

- A joint CERF funding request from the UN agencies involved in the response has been granted. WFP is receiving USD \$ 1.5 million to alleviate the alarming food security situation amongst the refugees and host population.

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