



World Food Programme

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Highlights

- Because of ongoing political unrest in Burundi, thousands are fleeing into neighbouring countries.
- As of 9 September close to 15,000 Burundian refugees have been registered in South Kivu in DRC.

Situation Update

- Just over 8,000 refugees are residing in the Lusenda camp and approximately 6,300 are living with host families. The remaining are in transit centres and other temporary sites.
- Approximately 680 have been reported in Katanga province, and just over 230 in Maniema province.
- In the town of Lubumbashi there are 1,242 refugees who will be relocated to Lusenda camp.
- 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

15,000 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

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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