Following political unrest in Burundi, thousands are fleeing to neighbouring countries.

As of 19 July, 13,584 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.

Close to 6,966 refugees are residing in the Lusenda camp and 5,217 are living with host families. The rest are in transit centres and other temporary sites.

Biometric registration shows that out of 12,695 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.

Food assistance to all Burundian refugees and host families are ongoing.

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.

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.
- Logistics is providing storage support to humanitarian partners (Rebuild Hope For Africa and UNWOMEN) through a Mobile Storage Units in Lusenda/Fizi.

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 and approved. WFP is requesting USD $ 1.5 million to alleviate the alarming food security situation amongst the refugees and host population.

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