Tanzania: Emergency Food Assistance to Burundian Refugees

**Highlights**

The relocation of refugees is scheduled to start in October to Nduta and Mtendeli camps. Priority will be given to individuals currently living in mass shelters and flood prone areas, and to new arrivals. Karago camp does not have water and therefore, the relocation of refugees to Karago will only begin in 2016 after Nduta and Mtendeli have been fully occupied.

WFP has set up facilities for food related activities in Nduta camp and is proceeding with the same in Mtendeli.

**Situation Update**

Burundi continues to remain tense. The rate of arrival of refugees into Tanzania stands at approximately 300/day.

**WFP Response**

**Food Assistance**

To date, a cumulative total of 5,450 mt of food commodities have been distributed to over 93,000 new Burundian refugees. This includes:

- 220 mt served as hot meals to over 93,000 refugees at Reception/Transit Centres;
- 5,129 mt of dry rations provided to over 93,000 refugees. Dry rations include maize meal, pulses, oil, salt and Super Cereal. There is a temporary scarcity of Super Cereal. WFP is therefore prioritising the distribution of Super Cereal to pregnant and lactating women. In order to maintain the Kcal provided to refugees, the maize meal ration has been increased.
- 32 mt of High Energy Biscuits and dates distributed by UNHCR and IOM as ready to eat food to almost 39,000 refugees in transit to Nyarugusu Refugee Camp from various Reception/Transit Centres;
- 26 mt of Super Cereal Plus provided to 5,800 children between 6-23 months of age under WFP's Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme; and

**In numbers**

- 93,566 new Burundian refugees (51% F 49% M)
- 65,500 pre-influx refugees
- Total number of refugees 159,000+
- 100% of the refugees received food assistance

**Funding Update**

- NEW! Belgium: Euro 1 million
- DFID: GBP 1.5 million
- Food for Peace: US$ 3 million
- CERF: US$ 2.3 million
- ECHO: US$ 1.3 million
- Fundraising ongoing

**Videos/Photo Galleries**

- A World of Forgotten Refugees
  [http://panorama.wfp.org/a-world-of-forgotten-refugees](http://panorama.wfp.org/a-world-of-forgotten-refugees)
- Burundian Refugees Fleeing to Tanzania Face Challenging Times
  [http://www.wfp.org/node/3614/4091/646561](http://www.wfp.org/node/3614/4091/646561)
- Burundian Refugees at Nyarugusu in Tanzania
  [http://www.wfp.org/node/3614/4092/646605](http://www.wfp.org/node/3614/4092/646605)
- WFP Assists Burundian Refugees in Tanzania
  [http://www.wfp.org/node/3614/4092/646395](http://www.wfp.org/node/3614/4092/646395)
- 43 mt of various food commodities provided to 7,835 beneficiaries including pregnant and lactating women, children with moderate acute malnutrition, HIV patients on medication and hospital in-patients.

**Logistics**

As the lead agency in logistics, WFP co-ordinates the transportation of food and non-food items, warehousing and clearing and forwarding formalities, and provides information to NGOs and UN agencies to help improve efficiency in transport and logistics.

**Partnerships**

WFP partners with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) to carry out General Food Distribution at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp and together with UNHCR has tripartite agreements with Caritas, Tanzania Water and Environmental Sanitation (TWESA) and Relief to Development Society (REDESO) to provide hot meals at Transit/Reception Centres and to new arrivals at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) runs the Supplementary Feeding Programme with food and human resources provided by WFP. WFP works with TRCS and UNICEF to deliver nutrition messaging in order to address barriers to proper child nutrition, such as inappropriate infant and young child feeding practices.

**Resourcing Update**

- Confirmed contributions towards WFP’s Refugee Operation include Belgium—Euro 1 million; UK Department for International Development (DFID) - GBP 1.5 million; USA/Food for Peace - US$ 3 million; UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) - US$ 2.3 million; and the European Commission’s Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department (ECHO) - US$ 1.3 million.
- With increasing numbers of refugees, and to sustain current refugees, WFP continues to raise funds.

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Nduta Camp, where WFP set up 5 facilities for food related activities, including one for UNHCR

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