Tanzania:
Emergency Food Assistance to Burundian Refugees

Highlights
• The total population of new Burundians in Tanzania stands at almost 113,000.
• Nyarugusu Refugee Camp has over 91,000 refugees making it one of the world’s largest refugee camps in the world.

Situation Update
Refugees to arrive into Tanzania on a daily basis, as political instability continues in Burundi.

WFP Response
Food Assistance
To date, a cumulative total of 10,466 mt of food commodities have been distributed to almost 113,000 new Burundian refugees. This includes:

• 347 mt served as hot meals to almost 113,000 refugees at Reception/Transit Centres and to new arrivals at Nduta Refugee Camp;
• 9,940 mt of dry rations provided to almost 113,000 refugees. Dry rations include maize meal, pulses, oil, salt and Super Cereal.
• 35 mt of High Energy Biscuits and dates distributed by UNHCR and IOM as ready to eat food to 47,468 refugees in transit from various Reception/Transit Centres;
• 67 mt of Super Cereal Plus provided to 16,986 children between 6-23 months and 6-59 months of age to prevent malnutrition and to treat moderate acute malnutrition, respectively; and
• 77 mt of various food commodities provided to 11,533 beneficiaries including pregnant and lactating women, children with moderate acute malnutrition, HIV patients on medication and hospital in-patients.

In numbers
112,847 new Burundian refugees (50% F 50% M)
65,500 pre-influx refugees
Total number of refugees: 178,347
100% of the refugees received food assistance

Funding Update
ECHO: Euro 500,000
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
Funding ongoing

Videos/Photo Galleries
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
Burundian Refugees at Nyarugusu in Tanzania
http://www.wfp.org/node/3614/4092/646605
WFP Assists Burundian Refugees in Tanzania
http://www.wfp.org/node/3614/4092/646395
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’s co-operating partner, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) carries out General Food Distribution at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp.
- WFP has partnered with World Vision to carry out General Food Distribution at Nduta, Mtendeli and Karago Refugee Camps.
- Under a tripartite agreement with UNHCR and WFP, wet feeding is implemented by Caritas, Tanzania Water and Environmental Sanitation (TWESA) and Relief to Development Society (REDESO) at Transit/Reception Centres and to new arrivals at Nduta Refugee Camp.
- Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) implements the Supplementary Feeding Programme at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp 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$ 1.9 million.
- With increasing numbers of refugees, and to sustain current refugees, WFP continues to raise funds.

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