Situation Update

Almost 162,000 Burundian refugees have crossed over into Tanzania since April 2015. Combined with the pre-influx population, the total refugee population stands at over 232,000. Three Refugee Camps are currently operational in Tanzania: Nyarugusu, Nduta and Mtendeli. The population at Nduta Refugee Camp is over 53,000 and Mtendeli has over 47,000 refugees. WFP is providing dry food rations and Supplementary Feeding at all three camps. Hot meals are served to new arrivals at transit and reception centres.

WFP Response

Food Assistance

As of 23 September, a cumulative total of 34,492 mt of food commodities have been distributed to almost 162,000 new Burundian refugees. This includes:

- 810 mt served as hot meals to almost 162,000 refugees at Reception/Transit Centres;
- 32,534 mt of dry rations provided to almost 162,000 refugees. Dry rations include maize meal, pulses, oil, salt and Super Cereal;
- 41 mt of High Energy Biscuits and dates distributed by Caritas Kigoma, Tanzania Water and Environmental Sanitation (TWESA) and Relief to Development Society (REDESO) as ready to eat food to 66,373 refugees in transit from various Reception/Transit Centres;
- 570 mt of Super Cereal Plus provided to 34,670 children between 6-23 months and 6-59 months of age to prevent stunting and micro nutrient deficiencies, respectively; and
- 537 mt of various food commodities provided to 35,325 beneficiaries including pregnant and lactating women, children with moderate acute malnutrition, HIV patients on medication and hospital in-patients.

In Numbers

232,065 people affected
3 districts affected
161,897 post Burundian influx
232,065 people in need of food assistance

Shortfalls

Between now and December 2016, WFP requires US$ 7.6 million to meet the basic food requirements for all refugees. The requirement for the next 6 months is US$ 20.9 million, and for the next 12 months, its US$ 63.6 million.

Highlights

As a result of the increasing influx in refugees, WFP is experiencing a critical shortfall in funding. This will result in a break in key commodities commencing in November 2016. Under the current circumstances, WFP will be forced to reduce rations unless new contributions are received. A full pipeline break is expected in January 2017.

Tanzania: Emergency Food Assistance to Burundian Refugees

Photo: A Food Committee member helps another refugee better understand his ration entitlements at Nyarugusu Camp. WFP/Max Wohlgemuth

Tanzania: Influx of Burundian Refugees

Map: Tanzania

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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 Tanzania to carry out General Food Distribution at Nduta, and Mtendeli Refugee Camps.
- Under a tripartite agreement with UNHCR and WFP, wet feeding (provision of hot meals) is implemented by Caritas, Tanzania Water and Environmental Sanitation (TWESA), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Refugee Committee (IRC) and Relief to Development Society (REDESO) at Transit/Reception Centres and at the camps.
- Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) and World Vision Tanzania implement the Supplementary Feeding Programme at the camps with food and human resources provided by WFP. WFP works with TRCS, World Vision Tanzania 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

- WFP Tanzania has mounted a funding appeal to address the shortfall in the refugee operation.

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