



World Food Programme

Tanzania: Emergency Food Assistance to Burundian Refugees



Tanzania: Emergency Food Assistance to Burundian Refugees

Highlights

Relocation of the new Burundian refugees to two of the three identified sites, Nduta and Mtendeli, is planned to start on October 1. WFP and stakeholders have started setting up operations in these new sites.

Situation Update

Burundi continues to remain tense. This past week, Burundi's Army Chief of Staff Major General Prime Niyongabo survived an assassination attack in the capital, Bujumbura (Voice of America).

WFP Response



Food Assistance

To date, a cumulative total of 5,424 mt of food commodities have been distributed to over 92,000 new Burundian refugees. This includes:

- 215 mt served as hot meals to over 92,000 refugees at Reception/Transit Centres;
- 5,114 mt of dry rations provided to over 92,000 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 38,000 refugees in transit to Nyarugusu Refugee Camp from various Reception/Transit Centres;
- 25 mt of Super Cereal Plus provided to 5,800 children between 6-23 months of age under WFP's Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme; and
- 38 mt of various food commodities provided to 7,590 beneficiaries including pregnant and lactating women, children with moderate acute malnutrition, HIV patients on medication and hospital in-patients.

In numbers

92,000 new Burundian refugees (51% F 49% M)
65,500 pre-influx refugees
Total number of refugees 156,000+
100% of the refugees received food assistance

Funding Update

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>
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>



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 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.

Contacts

Jerry Bailey, Deputy Country Director

Jerry.Bailey@wfp.org

Fizza Moloo, Public Information Unit

Fizza.Moloo@wfp.org

Image Copyright: WFP/Tala Loubieh

Tanzania: Emergency Food Assistance to Burundian Refugees

<http://www.wfp.org/countries/tanzania-united-republic-of>

