Situation Update

Within the East African Region, Tanzania hosts the largest population of new Burundian refugees. There are currently 253,000 refugees in Tanzania, of which 192,000 are Burundian refugees who have arrived since April 2015. Refugees in Tanzania are hosted at three camps: Nyarugusu, Nduta and Mtendeli. The population at Nduta Refugee Camp is over 73,000; Mtendeli Refugee Camp, with 51,000 refugees has reached capacity (http://data.unhcr.org/burundi).

WFP Response

Food Assistance

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. As of 16 December, a cumulative total of 43,160 mt of food commodities have been distributed to new Burundian refugees. This includes:

- 918 mt served as hot meals to refugees at Reception/Transit Centres;
- 40,754 mt of dry rations provided to refugees. Dry rations include maize meal, pulses, oil, salt and Super Cereal;
- 46 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 81,083 refugees in transit from various Reception/Transit Centres;
- 716 mt of Super Cereal Plus provided to 38,862 children between 6-23 months and 6-59 months of age to prevent stunting and micro nutrient deficiencies, respectively; and
- 726 mt of various food commodities provided to 40,802 beneficiaries including pregnant and lactating women, children with moderate acute malnutrition, HIV patients on medication and hospital in-patients.

Highlights

WFP is facing a shortfall in funding as a result of the continuing influx of refugees into Tanzania. Unless new contributions are received, WFP will have to reduce rations by 50% in February 2017, and a full pipeline break is expected in March 2017.

In Numbers

- 253,384 people affected
- 3 districts affected
- 191,626 post Burundian influx
- 253,384 people in need of food assistance

Beneficiaries

Tanzania is receiving over 10,000 additional refugees per month, exceeding 2016 planning figures. As a result, WFP continues to face a shortfall in funding. Unless new contributions are received, WFP will have to reduce rations by 50% in February 2017, and a full pipeline break is expected in March 2017. The 3, 6 and 9 month shortfalls based on a planning figure of 350,000 refugees are provided in the table below:

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<th>Funding Shortfall</th>
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Tanzania: Emergency Food Assistance to Burundian Refugees

Photo: General Food Distribution at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp.
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Supply Chain Unit

- 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

- Confirmed contributions towards WFP’s Refugee Operation in 2016 include: Germany - Euro 6.5 million; Ireland - Euro 500,000; Switzerland—CHF 50,000; DFID - GBP 5 million; France - Euro 750,000; Canada - CAD 500,000; ECHO - Euro 1.3 million; CERF - US$2 million; Japan - US$1.8 million; Food for Peace - US$15 million.
- Contributions in 2015 upon the start of the emergency in April: Germany - Euro 14 million; 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 is continuing to raise funds.

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