Situation Update

Within the East African Region, Tanzania hosts the largest population of new Burundian refugees. There are currently over 275,000 refugees in Tanzania, of which 213,000 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 92,000; 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 13 January, a cumulative total of 47,242 mt of food commodities have been distributed to new Burundian refugees. This includes:

- 954 mt served as hot meals to refugees at Reception/Transit Centres;
- 44,679 mt of dry rations provided to refugees. Dry rations include maize meal, pulses, oil, salt and Super Cereal;
- 47 mt of High Energy Biscuits and dates distributed by Tanzania Water and Environmental Sanitation (TWESA) and Relief to Development Society (REDESO) as ready to eat food to 89,021 refugees in transit from various Reception/Transit Centres;
- 774 mt of Super Cereal Plus provided to 43,278 children between 6-23 months and 6-59 months of age to prevent stunting and micro nutrient deficiencies, respectively; and
- 788 mt of various food commodities provided to 54,148 beneficiaries including pregnant and lactating women, children with moderate acute malnutrition, HIV patients on medication and hospital in-patients.

In Numbers

275,095 people affected
3 districts affected
213,276 post Burundian influx
275,095 people in need of food assistance

Highlights

Italy has contributed Euro 200,000 to WFP’s refugee operation in response to WFP’s funding appeal.

Refugees continue to arrive into Tanzania at the rate of over 10,000 a month.
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 Tanzania Water and Environmental Sanitation (TWESA), Danish Refugee Council (DRC) 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 2017 include: Italy - Euro 200,000.
- Confirmed contributions towards WFP’s Refugee Operation in 2016 include: Denmark - DKK 6 million; Germany - Euro 6.5 million; Ireland - Euro 500,000; Switzerland - CHF 50,000; UK Department for International Development (DFID) - GBP 5 million; France - Euro 750,000; Canada - CAD 500,000; the European Commission’s Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department (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; DFID - GBP 1.5 million; USA/Food for Peace - US$3 million; UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) - US$2.3 million; and 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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