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### Highlights

To date nearly 87,000 new Burundian refugees have arrived into Tanzania since end-April, according to UNHCR reports. Among countries in the Great Lakes Region, Tanzania has received the highest number of refugees. Currently all refugees are hosted at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, bringing the total refugee population residing there to 152,000. This makes Nyarugusu one of the largest single location refugee camps in world.

### Situation Update

President Nkurunziza has been sworn in for a third term of office. Fearing that this would spark further violence, Burundians continued to flee into Tanzania.

President Obama's Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region, Thomas Perriello visited Nyarugusu Refugee Camp on August 22.

### In numbers

**87,000** new Burundian refugees (51% F 49% M)  
**65,500** pre-influx refugees  
**Total number of refugees 152,000**  
**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>  
**WFP Assists Burundian Refugees in Tanzania**  
<http://www.wfp.org/node/3614/4092/646395>

### WFP Response



#### Food Assistance

As of Aug 20, a cumulative total of 3,988 mt of food commodities have been distributed to nearly 87,000 beneficiaries. This includes:

- 201 mt served as hot meals to nearly 87,000 refugees at Reception/Transit Centres;
- 3,707 mt of dry rations provided to nearly 87,000 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 children under five and 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;

- 15 mt of Super Cereal Plus provided to 5,250 children between 6-23 months under WFP's Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme; and
- 29 mt of various food commodities to 7,209 beneficiaries including pregnant and lactating women, children with moderate acute malnutrition, HIV patients on medication and hospital in-patients.



### Logistics

As a lead agency in logistics, WFP co-ordinates 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 has tripartite agreements with Caritas, Tanzania Water and Environmental Sanitation (TWESA) and Relief to Development Society (REDESO) to provide hot meals to new arrivals at Transit/Reception Centres and at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. The Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) runs the Supplementary Feeding Programme with food and human resources provided by WFP. WFP works with TRCS to deliver nutrition messaging in order to address barriers to proper nutrition, such as incorrect infant and young child feeding practices, and mother and child care 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, WFP continue to raise funds.

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