

TANZANIA / SUPPORTING BURUNDIAN REFUGEES AND HOST COMMUNITIES



2018

Political violence and economic insecurity forced 255,000 Burundians to seek asylum in North Western Tanzania in April 2015. Today, 202,728 remain hosted in Nduta, Mtendeli and Nyarugusu overcrowded camps in Kigoma Region. The camps lack sufficient basic services and resources to meet refugees needs.

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) has been registered and operational in Tanzania since June 2015 in response to the influx of Burundian refugees. Through a multi-sectoral response in Nduta and Mtendeli refugee camp, DRC has been providing assistance through Camp Management, Shelter/

construction, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Protection, Livelihoods, General Food Distribution and Community Services.

The displacement from Burundi is protracted – given the non-resolution of the political situation, complex land issues, insecurity and difficult economic situation. Despite the signing of a Tripartite Agreement and continuation of voluntary repatriation exercise, many Burundian refugees do not feel safe to return to Burundi. DRC has shifted from an emergency phase to more long-term interventions, including support to the host communities in the vicinity of the camps.



Picture: Establishment of solar powered water system in Butirana host community village.



322,343
Refugee household provided with non-food items



1,280
Protection cases recorded and provided appropriate assistance



14,000
Host community individuals have access to safe water



147,181
Refugees provided with monthly food rations

Protection

General Protection

Provision of individual protection assistance

Community based psychosocial support

Protection monitoring

Support to community based protection network

Individual case management and mediation

Conflict management and peaceful coexistence

58% of women & **77%** of girls are at risk to sexual violence and abuse

CBP

Community Based Protection

Support to community based governance structures

Support to community committees, e.g. women committee

Information dissemination

Community mobilization

Support beneficiary feedback mechanism

35% of refugees have used the feedback and complaints mechanism to share a complaint

CCCM

Camp Coordination & Camp Management

Provision of core relief items to 133,390 individuals.

Shelter allocation & maintenance

Wet feeding to persons of concern in police custody.

Coordination of camp activities

58% of refugees do not have adequate shelter



WASH

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Construction of 600 individual household latrines with handwashing facilities

Construction of 1,200 family shared latrines

Distribution to refugees of 6,200 dignity kits, 3,600 latrine cleaning kits, 2,600 household cleaning kits, 50 environment cleaning

Construction of 700 bathing shelters

Hygiene promotion & awareness raising

Support WASH committees

73% of refugee households do not have a household latrine

LIVELIHOODS

Income generation

Cash distribution to 640 vulnerable households and cash-voucher to 4,000 households

Training & support to 1,297 farmer groups and establishment of kitchen gardens

Establishment, training and support to 84 business groups

Provision of energy saving briquettes to 800 vulnerable households

Establishment, training and support to 60 youth income generating groups

Less than **1%** of the population have access to alternative energy sources

FOOD

General Food Distribution

Distribution of monthly food rations to 147,000 refugees in Nduta & Mtendeli.

Provision of food to hospitals, persons with special needs and persons of concern in police custody.

Establishment of community based food committees to provide information

2.3% of children between 6—59 months are malnourished

HOST COMMUNITY

Financial literature and education to 5,000 small hold farmers in Kakonko, Kasulu and Kibondo Districts.

Rehabilitation of water sources in two host community villages (Biturana and Kibongo), establishment of village One Community Owned Water Supply Organization and community led total sanitation training.

Establishment of solar energy lighting in host communities, including solar lighting containers, solar lanterns and support to income generating activities.

Kigoma Region is one of the poorest regions, with **38%** of the population living below the basic needs poverty line.

TANZANIA

 **217**
National staff

 **7** International staff

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WOMEN EMPOWERING EACH OTHER

In a refugee camp, completing everyday tasks are an accomplishment in themselves—collecting water from faraway water point to bathe children or collection of firewood in surrounding forest to cook a meal. These tasks are accomplished everyday by Burundian refugee women with determination and grace.

To further empower these women, DRC has established 84 women committees in each zone in Nduta Refugee camp. The committees capacitate women through strengthening their knowledge and skills useful to themselves, their family and their community. These include kitchen gardening, knitting and tailoring. It is also a safe

place to talk about issues, share information and support each other.

Members of the women committee conduct skills training sessions within their own communities, teaching and supporting each other. The members want to teach and reach more women, both in terms of numbers and types of skills, however funding constraints have limited the number of materials available. The lack of materials, such as knitting thread & needles, fabric, satin rolls and sewing machines hinders the women from being able to continue practicing and producing products at home, both for their families and to sell as an income generating activity.



Picture: A women committee member teaching another woman how to knit.