



What Caused the Crisis?

COUNTRY FACTS

2015

DRC has been present in Tanzania since 2015 currently implementing projects in Nduta, Mtendeli and Nyarugusu refugee camps.

TOTAL POPULATION

56.3 M

DISPLACED POPULATION

331,726

Refugees and asylum seekers

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Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

PEOPLE SERVED IN 2020

244,367

Burundian refugees in Tanzania are in a protracted humanitarian situation. Due to the ongoing political tensions, complex housing, land and property (HLP) issues, insecurity and the difficult economic situation, many refugees are not in a position to return, despite the continuation of the voluntary repatriation process.

The refugee population is confined in three camps (Nduta, Mtendeli and Nyarugusu) under an encampment policy with limited opportunities for self-reliance and livelihood support leaving them, and in particular, women and girls dependent on humanitarian assistance and vulnerable to a variety of protection risks.

DRC established operations in Tanzania in October 2015 to provide emergency assistance to Burundian refugees who fled violence following the disputed presidential election in April 2015. From the onset, our operations have been focused in Nduta and Mtendeli refugee camps. In January 2020, with funding from UNHCR, we expanded our refugee operations in Nyarugusu camp, which hosts both Congolese and Burundian refugees, complementing existing activities funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in the host communities in Kasulu district.

Displacement Challenges

Approximately 147,990 Burundian refugees reside in Tanzania, with no new registered cases of asylum seekers granted since October 2017. DRC continues to work closely with the Tanzanian government and other stakeholders within the humanitarian response to support the voluntary repatriation (Volrep) exercise as refugees register to return to their country of origin. As at January 2021, 125,063 Burundian refugees had been supported to return to their country of origin.

DRC continues to provide support to refugees and host community members through;

1. Management of general food distribution in Nduta and Mtendeli camps for Burundian refugees and asylum seekers.
1. Enhancing protective environment and strengthening community mobilization for Burundian refugees and asylum seekers.
2. Increasing access to appropriate services for refugees and asylum seekers through improved comprehensive camp management services.
3. Increasing access to livelihood opportunities for Burundian refugees and asylum seekers, as well as host community villages
4. Increasing access to water, sanitation and hygiene for Burundian refugees and asylum seekers as well as host community villages.



How Does DRC Help?



Protection

Trapped in places plagued by conflict, people often struggle to access the resources needed to ensure their own safety and well-being. We advocate for the rights of the displaced and work to protect the most vulnerable among them, particularly children. Our protection services include return/repatriation counselling and individual rights. We seek to prevent sexual and gender-based violence in all forms. We raise awareness about how to access rights. We also work closely with the community based structures through capacity building on various protection issues affecting persons of concern at community level. Enhancing peaceful co-existence through dialogue remains a core activity to strengthen the relationship between refugees and the host communities.



Food security

When people are displaced, they often lose both their existing assets and their ability to earn a living. In this context, both food production and an individual's access to food may be put at risk. That's why DRC provides food assistance—to save lives, but also to reestablish local food and market systems. We develop livelihood initiatives designed to strengthen opportunities for self-reliance among refugees and internally displaced people. At the same time, we work to stimulate local agriculture through training and capacity-building programming for farmers, and by providing grants and the necessary tools and seeds.



Income-generating activities

Any refugee situation in a country impacts on the hosting community. DRC supports the local host communities to enhance access to livelihoods through a variety of means, including business and entrepreneurship training, life-skills training, literacy and numeracy training, vocational training, savings groups, and group enterprise development. All of our initiatives are developed with a strong focus on resilience and sustainability.



Camp management and coordination

DRC provides comprehensive shelter and settlement solutions in both emergency situations and during cases of protracted displacement. We engage in everything from the provision of temporary tents to rebuilding homes and repairing damaged dwellings. These initiatives enable vulnerable displaced populations to live in dignity and security. We also distribute non-food items, such as emergency bedding, kitchenware, clothes and other critical supplies.



Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

DRC provides access to sanitary facilities for refugees and the neighbouring hosting communities who would otherwise lack access to these critical resources. This may include the provision of emergency water supplies, sanitary latrines, hygiene items, water points, wells, and water storage and purification facilities. We conduct information campaigns promoting good hygiene practices to prevent the spread of infections and diseases.



Energy and environment

DRC's activities encompass sustainable alternative energy sources, forest protection and capacity building of the targeted populations on environment and forest management in refugee camps and surrounding host communities in Kigoma region.

DRC in Tanzania

DRC in TANZANIA
has a budget of

14

million USD



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Main Office



250

National Staff



3

Field Offices



7

International Staff

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