

# UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## Burundi

### SUMMARY FOR 2005

#### Critical Issues for Children and Women

More than a decade-long civil war in Burundi has gravely worsened the well-being and livelihood of children and women, and led to serious violations of child rights. The year 2004 was also marked by the sudden influx of some 25-28,000 refugees from DRC, in addition to IDPs and returnees from Tanzania, putting an extra burden on already insufficient basic social services such as schools and health centres.

The humanitarian impact on children and women is dire. 20% of children die before the age of 5, primarily due to malaria, diarrhoea, pneumonia, HIV/AIDS and poor nutrition. The primary education system has been particularly affected with only 56% of net school enrolment rate. Some 7,000 children have been recruited into armed groups, 620,000 children are orphans, and some 654,000 children are working on plantations, construction and mining.

#### Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF coordinates its humanitarian assistance with the Government, UN agencies, NGOs and community based organizations.

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF will provide essential drugs to health centres, support routine and emergency immunization activities, and continue to integrate nutrition activities within the national health system. UNICEF will also promote the correct use of bed nets, and prevent Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in emergency areas.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will reconstruct water and sanitation systems in primary schools and health centres. UNICEF will also sensitize communities on best hygiene practices and support maintenance and management of water and sanitation infrastructures.

Education: UNICEF will rehabilitate or construct additional classrooms, provide education supplies and materials, and train teachers and youth particularly on life skills, HIV/AIDS and peace education. UNICEF will finally advocate for universal access to education, with emphasis on IDP children and girls' education.

Protection: UNICEF will reinforce child protection structures and networks, implement further tracing and reunification activities, and establish mechanisms for the prevention of violence, exploitation, discrimination and abuse of children. UNICEF will also develop specific sexual and gender based violence activities.

Emergency Relief and Response: UNICEF will procure and deliver essential life saving non food items, and emergency food supplies for approximately 100,000 conflict affected children and women.

Mine Risk Education: UNICEF will support the management and coordination capacity of the national mine action coordination authority, and expand Mine Risk Education programme in the most affected areas.

Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for 2005	
Sector	US\$
Health and Nutrition	12,945,124
Water and Environmental Sanitation	2,254,000
Education	2,607,100
Emergency Relief and Response	1,080,149
Multiple (Mine Risk Education)	571,650
Child Protection (including Sexual and Gender based violence)	1,424,136

<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>20,882,159</b>
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<sup>1</sup> The total includes a maximum recovery rate of 12 per cent. The actual recovery rate on individual contributions will be calculated in accordance with the Executive Board Decision 2003/9 of 5 June 2003.