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Situation in Numbers

10 708

Refugees in South Kivu; 477 in Katanga and 200 preregistered in Maniema

1 500

New refugees arrived between 27 and 29 June

50%

Refugees live in host families; relocation towards Lusenda refugee site will continue

85

Cases of MAM referred to Lusenda health centre and 27 SAM cases referred to Nundu Hospital (between 4 and 21 June)

54

Unaccompanied minors registered by ICRC including 23 placed in host families (between 15 May and 1 July)

14

Cases of cholera notified in Nundu health zone where Lusenda refugee camp is situated (between 15 and 21 June)

Highlights

- At present, there are 10 708 pre-registered refugees in South Kivu, among whom 10 543 are registered under the biometrics system. In Katanga, there are 477 refugees, and 200 pre-registered refugees in Maniema. UNHCR also plans to carry out biometric registration in these provinces.
- At the Lusenda site, on 29 June, there were 4583 people. 5907 refugees live in host families in the Ruzizi Plain and the rest reside in Sange and Kamvivra transit sites.
- As of 21 June, UNHCR partner AIRD (African Initiatives for Relief & Development) screened 963 children aged under five upon their arrival at Lusenda site. Lusenda health centre received 85 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). Nundu hospital received 27 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM). Two children died as a result of SAM and anaemia.
- A governmental decree enables Burundian refugees in DRC to obtain refugee status on a *prima facie* basis.
- From 27 to 29 June, resuming electoral tensions led 1 500 people to flee to DRC, 900 to Uvira territory and 600 to Fizi territory. These refugees are undergoing identification. According to new refugees, members of pro-governmental militia are preventing people from fleeing.
- The ICRC registered 54 unaccompanied minors (UM) including 23 placed in host families by UNICEF partner AVREO (13 boys and 10 girls), and the rest in spontaneous host families. For the latter, AVREO is monitoring exploitation risks and is in the process of placing them.

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Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene)

- Nundu health zone, where Lusenda site is located, experienced an outbreak of cholera. Between 15 and 21 June, 14 cases were notified (above the epidemic threshold of 8 cases per week). The following health zones were affected: Mboko (10 cases including 1 refugee in a host family in Mboko), Nundu (2 cases), and Kenya-plage (2 cases). To date, there have been no notification of cholera cases at Lusenda refugee site. The situation stabilised the following week, 22 to 28 June, with 6 notified cases in Mboko.

NUTRITION

- At Lusenda refugee site, UNHCR partner AIRD proceeded with systematic nutritional screening of children under five for already-transferred refugees.
- According to UNHCR, among the 963 children identified as suffering malnutrition, there were 85 cases of MAM, 27 cases of SAM, and 2 deaths were recorded on 21 June at Nundu Hôpital Général de Référence.
- Outside of Lusenda site, 86 SAM cases were detected and treated, among which 18 refugees, in Luvungi II, Lubarika, Kashenyi and Kamanyola sanitation centres.

EDUCATION

- NGO War Child Holland started the identification of 600 children with the aim of organising catch-up lessons at Lusenda refugee site.

PROTECTION

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Summary Analysis of Programme Response

WASH

- With UNICEF funds, Oxfam UK continues its cholera prevention activities in Uvira and Ruzizi health zones through sensitisation in Uvira and in districts situated around Ruzizi Plain : Sange, Luvungi, Lubarika and Kamanyola.
- Oxfam UK continues its construction works for the rehabilitation of the water supply system in Kamanyola.
- In Nundu health zone, Solidarités International is in charge of cholera prevention and MSF Holland is supporting patients' medical care.

Health and nutrition

- At Lusenda refugee site, supplies have been pre-positioned at Nundu health zone (therapeutic milk F75, Plumpy Nut and Plumpy Sup). UNICEF is in charge of nutrition, via PRONANUT. Caritas Uvira is in charge of MAM (with WFP funds), and People In Need (PIN) is in charge of SAM cases (with CHF funds).
- Outside of Lusenda site, in the Ruzizi Plain, supplies have also been pre-positioned at Nundu health zone (therapeutic milk F75, Plumpy Nut and Plumpy Sup). The Health section of the Rapid Response to Movement of Population Mechanism (RRMP) and Caritas Uvira are in charge of active screening and the treatment of cases of malnutrition.

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- The RRMP continues its emergency medical support in 3 health centres (Lubarika, Kashenyi and Kamanyola) in the Ruzizi Plain by offering cost-free care to refugees and host families and reduced tariffs for other community members.

Education

- After its evaluation in Fizi zone, Save the Children has begun catch-up lessons for 400 children.
- UNICEF is coordinating the identification of children who are in their final year of primary school in the view of organising exams during the holidays.

Child Protection

- ICRC is monitoring the 54 registered Unaccompanied Minors (UM) of whom 23 have been placed in transitory host families by UNICEF partner AVREO.

NFI & Shelter

- Caritas Spain and Cordaid are currently distributing Non Food Items (NFI) in the Plain for the benefit of refugees and host families.
- National NGO RHA, with funding from the Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) deployed 2000 NFI kits around Lusenda site and will build 550 emergency shelters for refugees who are unwilling to relocate to Lusenda refugee site.
- Other actors such as CAFOD, Carita Uvira and Oxfam UK also have NFI capacity but such capacity goes beyond what is needed. The cluster and OCHA encourage actors to improve coordination.
- Partners are distributing the solar lamps that the NFI/shelter cluster decided to include in the NFI kits.