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Situation in Numbers

15,279

Total number of registered refugees

5,533

People living in host families

9,265

People living in Lusenda camp

1,200

Registered refugees in Lubumbashi

429

*Of the 1,200 refugees in Lubumbashi
relocated to Lusenda*

60%

Children among the refugees

131

*Cases of cholera in Uvira territory
during the last week of September*

Highlights

- On 30 September, the total number of registered refugees stood at 15,279, with 5,972 households. 5,533 people still live with host families and 9,265 in Lusenda camp. 302 people are registered in Kavinvira transit camp, 86 in Monge Monge transit camp and 93 people in Sange PR. 51% are female, 49% are male and 60% are children. 14,845 registrations were carried out using the Bio-Metric system.
- From 21 to 27 September, 429 of the 1,200 registered refugees in Lubumbashi were relocated to Lusenda.
- The relocation programme resumed on 28 September. Of the four convoys expected in September, only two took place. The lack of shelter is still an important issue.
- Rumours are spreading around Lusenda camp of the presence of Burundian militaries there to gather intelligence. The “Comission Nationale pour les Réfugiés” (CNR) is strengthening security in the camp.
- Protests and clashes have emerged among refugees around the issue of schooling of Burundian children; 6 children were allegedly hurt as a result.

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Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

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- Fizi and Uvira Health Zones, neighbouring Nundu Health Zone where Lusenda camp is situated, have been experiencing a cholera epidemic since week 37. The figures stand as follows:

In **Uvira**, 131 cases of cholera, including 2 deaths, were reported in week 39 (21-27 September) whereas the figure stood at 38 in week 38 and 32 in week 37. The epidemiological threshold stands at 25 cases per week in Uvira Health Zone.

In **Fizi**, 46 cases of cholera were reported in week 39, 29 in week 38, and 11 in week 37. The epidemiological threshold stands at 23 cases per week in Fizi Health Zone.

Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

WASH

- Discussions within the Cluster in September included the possibility of Oxfam's withdrawal/exit from Lusenda site and UNHCR and Oxfam GB have entered a dialogue which will be developed with inputs from the Cluster Lead.
- In Ruzizi Plain, Oxfam has come to the end of its intervention activities. NCA (Norwegian Church Aid) has taken over activities in certain villages so as to fill the remaining gaps.
- OXFAM has implemented the following activities:

In Lusenda camp

Water supplying activities in Lusenda and Katungulu camps from the river through the pumping system is ongoing;

210m³ of water are distributed every day to refugees who receive about 23 litres per day;

The chlorine residual from the tap stands at between -0.3 and 0.5 milligrams per litre. Turbidity, or cloudiness, is below 5 NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units) and has a PH of 6.8. Quality control is carried out on a daily basis;

18 6-tap distribution ramps have been set up in Lusenda camp;

390 latrines and 362 showers have been built;

390 hygiene kits and 882 hygiene kits have been distributed in Lusenda camp.

In Ruzizi Plain (Ruzizi, Luvunqi and Kamanyola territories)

102 public latrine cubicles were built in schools and health centres;

11 sand filters were rehabilitated and 3 metal reservoirs were built;

Widespread awareness-raising activities reached 2,607 people including 1,521 women and 1,086 men.

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HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- Coordination meetings between involved actors are taking place in Uvira and discussions are also underway at provincial level with UNHCR to ensure appropriate nutritional assistance to refugees and host communities.

EDUCATION

- A field visit of Education Cluster members took place from 28 to 30 September with the aim of evaluating the education needs in Luena territory following the start of the new school year. The recommendations resulting from the visit will be discussed during October's Cluster meeting.
- Demands to create a school with a curriculum in Kirundi continue. Refugees in the camp have allegedly set up a makeshift primary school with a Burundian curriculum. Lessons take place under a tree as UNCHR continues work in light of the principle of community-based assistance.
- The Provincial Minister of Primary, Secondary and Professional Education undertook a visit to Lusenda to determine the situation.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

CHILD PROTECTION

- UNICEF partner AVREA placed 33 unaccompanied and separated children (UASCs), including 11 girls and 22 boys in transit and host families. Among these 33 UASCs, 31 were Burundian and 2 Congolese. To date, 23 UASCs (8 girls and 15 boys) have been reunited with their family and 10 are still in transit and host families.
- Among these 23 UASCs still in transit and host families, 3 girls receive schooling, 4 boys are pursuing a professional training course in mechanics and generating units, and 3 boys are pursuing a hairdressing training course.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- Refugee-populated Health Zones (Ruzizi, Uvira, Nundu and Lemera) provided health care to 1,025 children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) of which 165 refugees. Among the children, 56.2% were girls and 43.8% boys;
- 3,858 under five children underwent active (1,892) and passive (1,966) screening in the 4 intervention zones;
- UNICEF with its partner People In Aid (PIN) and the Government (PRONANUT) supported 42 care facilities, including 5 ITNU and 16 UNTA) throughout the response;
- 4,180 women and 295 men were sensitised as to practices relating to infant and young child feeding and to pregnant and breastfeeding women;
- Supplying care facilities with medical and nutritional inputs thanks to CERF and Common Humanitarian Funds;
- 60 service providers and 200 community health workers received training on integrated management of acute malnutrition.

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- UNICEF continues to support cholera prevention activities in cholera-affected areas.

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EDUCATION

- UNICEF, leading the Education Cluster, is still in discussion with UNHCR in order to ensure access to education for Burundian refugees. A regional UNHCR education advisor visit is planned for the first week of October.