



TANZANIA

Humanitarian Situation Report

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HIGHLIGHTS

- *Burundian refugees continue to flee to Tanzania and neighbouring countries, with around **75 to 100 new refugees arriving in Tanzania each day** via various land border points.*
- *Following the closure of the transit centre at the football stadium, **Nyaragusu Camp now hosts 51,000 refugees from the recent Burundi influx** as well as an additional 50,000 refugees from DRC who have been in the camp for up to 20 years. Space for new arrivals in Nyaragusu camp continues to be a challenge.*
- *The **cholera outbreak continues to stabilise** with rates of new cases dropping and no cholera deaths in the past 2 weeks. Reports of a new suspected cases of Cholera/AWD in communities outside the camp are being followed up and monitored closely.*
- *Cases of **malaria, acute respiratory infections, and diarrhoea** remain the key concern among children under age 5 as the camp based health system struggles to keep up with a refugee population which has doubled in just one month.*
- *Urgent **support is required for UNICEF and partners to respond** to the health, nutrition, child protection, education and WASH needs of vulnerable children and women arriving to the transit centers and Nyaragusu camp.*

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

51,075 refugees newly arrived from Burundi in Nyaragusu camp—of these 44,862 are registered and 62 % are children (UNHCR – as of 31st May)

50,000 old caseload refugees in Nyaragusu camp (camp extended for new arrivals—this figure not used for influx planning/response)

10,000+ Tanzanians in host communities at border areas at risk (UNICEF estimates)

1,029 Unaccompanied and separated children

US\$5,315,000 UNICEF funding requirements (based on Regional Refugee Response Plan)

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Nyaragusu camp houses 51,000 refugees from the recent Burundi influx as well as an additional 50,000 refugees from DRC who have been in the camp for up to 20 years. New arrivals are initially housed in communal buildings and schools while the blocks for tents and family shelters are being constructed. Most temporary shelters as well as residential blocks have ample water taps, bathing facilities, and latrines.

During the past week the transit centre at the football stadium has been closed – this means all refugees in transit have been moved to Nyaragusu camp. Around 75 to 100 new refugees arrive each day via various land border points, which is well within the transport capacity of the UN agencies. However, space for new arrivals in Nyaragusu camp continues to be a challenge as refugees living in temporary communal shelters (schools, churches, and warehouses) are moved to new residential plots while new arrivals take up their vacated spaces in temporary shelters. All efforts are focussed on ensuring basic standards at temporary shelters while 100s of new plots are being completed each day to relieve the congestion at temporary sites. At the same time, efforts are ongoing to locate a suitable site for a more permanent camp. While coping with the current influx, all agencies are also focussing on contingency planning in the event of new influxes to ensure that border points and contingency sites are prepared.

The cholera outbreak continues to stabilise with rates of new cases dropping and no cholera deaths in the past 2 weeks. In the past week there were 76 new cases of cholera/acute watery diarrhoea bringing the total to 4484 with 31 deaths. Reports of a new suspected cases of Cholera/AWD in communities outside the camp are being followed up and monitored closely. This region experiences seasonal outbreaks of cholera and requires constant vigilance especially in light of the influx and population movements. In addition, cases of malaria, acute respiratory infections, and diarrhoea remain the key concern among children under age 5 as the camp based health system struggles to keep up with a refugee population which has doubled in just one month.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

At field and camp level UNHCR co-leads along with Ministry of Home Affairs. At camp level coordination meetings across all sectors take place weekly coordinated by UNHCR. Under the coordination of UNHCR, CERF funds were released to support the response. CERF funds have been disbursed to UNICEF for WASH, health and nutrition, and child protection.

A team from UNICEF' Eastern Southern Africa Regional office visited Tanzania during the reporting period to assess and support the response with a focus on cholera prevention. The recommendations of the team and lessons learnt thus far are being integrated into a refined response plan.

UNICEF Response to Date and Programme Priorities

Health and Nutrition

In Nyaragusu camp, following well organised health and nutrition screening for new arrivals, 9063 children have been vaccinated for measles, 1315 were given Oral Polio Vaccine, and 6500 children have been dewormed. So far nutritional indicators remain below the emergency threshold. Health Information Teams are conducting outreach on cholera prevention and the refugee radio station is collaborating to begin broadcasting radio messages, drama and programmes on key health behaviours by next week. Since the influx began, 85 babies have been born with zero deaths. In order to prevent transmission of HIV from mother to children, 747 pregnant women were tested for HIV and two were positive and enrolled to ensure PMTCT services.

As additional women and children arrive to the transit centers and Nyaragusu camp, UNICEF is prioritizing the following health and nutrition support:

- Health screening and provision of clean delivery kits for refugee women of child bearing age;
- Provide measles containing vaccine and polio for refugee children;
- Provide ITNS for women with children of 0-59 months;
- Provision of diarrhea/cholera kits;
- Establish health posts (tents);
- Screening/Supplementation/Therapeutic feeding;
- Vitamin A supplementation/Deworming of children.

Education

UNICEF has procured tents and supplies to set up temporary schools in Nyaragusu camp in order to begin basic learning for the 11,000 refugee children registered to date. Teachers among the refugees have been identified and are undergoing quick refresher training to prepare them for the resumption of school. Within this group of students, 1000 are in grades six and ten and are expected to sit for national exams. UNICEF Burundi has negotiated with Ministry of Education to administer and monitor the exams in late October or early November as these children missed the exam due to the rapid exodus to Tanzania. UNICEF is prioritizing the following support to ensure learning continues for refugee children:

- Set up and if necessary, expand, learning centres in Child Friendly Spaces that could transition into schools—this includes identification of teachers within the refugee population, provision of basic textbooks/learning materials, and ensuring WASH services are in place in learning areas;
- Establish Early Childhood Development Centres;
- Identify children with special needs and provide support.

Child Protection

In Nyaragusu camp, a team of 30 Social Welfare officers deployed by UNICEF have been supporting the registration, identification and referral of refugee children who arrive without parents. So far, 418 unaccompanied minors and 611 separated children have been identified and placed with foster families and referred to social services. A smart phone tool is being piloted to improve the tracing and reunification of children by linking all names, locations, photos and voice samples of children who arrive without parents. Five child friendly spaces are being organised with tents and supplies from UNICEF for recreation and psycho-social support. Ongoing priority support includes:

- Identification, tracing and reunification of separated and unaccompanied children;
- Provision of Child Friendly Spaces (including elements of education) and referral services including for populations affected by violence against children (VAC) and gender based violence (GBV)

WASH

UNICEF, along with OXFAM, Plan International and the Tanzanian Red Cross, has trained and equipped 80 hygiene promoters with materials and have started to conduct outreach into Nyaragusu camp to improve hygiene behaviours and practises. UNICEF is providing 10,000 refugees with safe water through storage tanks with a capacity of 65,000 litres which have been connected to the camp network. Other UNICEF supplies such as buckets, soap and jerry cans have been distributed to families while they were in transit to the camp. UNICEF will continue to prioritize the following WASH support as additional women and children arrive to the transit centers and Nyaragusu camp:

- Provision of emergency water supply to the refugees;
- Construction of emergency latrines and hand washing facilities for the refugees;
- Provision of emergency bathing shelters for the refugees;
- Hygiene promotion around appropriate behaviors and proper use of WASH facilities;
- Preparedness and response to cholera outbreak.

Media

National and international media outlets continue to cover the refugee crisis as well as political developments in Burundi.

Funding

The Inter-Agency Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP) to meet the humanitarian needs of refugees from Burundi from April to September 2015 was launched on 22 May. In line with the RRRP, UNICEF's humanitarian requirement is USD 5.3 million for the next 6 months. UNICEF welcomed the visit of an ECHO representative to the camps and will be working with our donor partner to develop a proposal to support health and WASH activities to prevent cholera and other disease outbreaks.

UNICEF Sector	Requirements	Funds received	Funding gap	
WASH	2,315,600	400,025	1,915,575	83%
Nutrition	366,000	43,330	322,670	88%
Health	450,000	75,796	374,204	83%
Education	984,000	0	984,000	100%
Child Protection	1,200,000	126,811	1,073,189	89%
Total	5,315,600	645,962	4,669,638	88%

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