

UNHCR Burundi main operational activities

1. Repatriation and reintegration of Burundian refugees.
2. Assistance and protection of 28,675 refugees and asylum seekers, including 16,382 Congolese living in Gihinga (Mwaro), Gasorwe (Muyinga), Musasa (Ngozi) refugee camps, and 232 Rwandans living in Giharo (Rutana) refugee camp. UNHCR Burundi provides protection and some assistance to as many as 12,060 urban refugees and asylum seekers, of which approximately 99 % are Congolese (DRC).

Burundian refugees in countries of asylum

Country of asylum	Number
DRC	17,602
Rwanda	2,626
Tanzania	250,589*
Uganda	2,442
Total	273,259

* 199,088 refugees of 1972 in the old settlements.

Refugees and asylum seekers hosted by Burundi (by country of origin)

Country of origin	Number
DRC	28,039
Rwanda	604
Other countries	32
Total	28,675

Burundi hosts four refugee camps sheltering more than 16,000 refugees. Other refugees are scattered in urban areas.

Working with partners

Together with the Burundian authorities, UNHCR coordinates humanitarian, repatriation and reintegration assistance with WFP, FAO, UNICEF, WHO, UNDP, BINUB, OCHA and the World Bank. In the field, assistance is provided together with 15 partners.

UNHCR presence

One main office in Bujumbura, one sub-office in Muyinga, two field offices in Makamba and Ruyigi, and a field unit in Mwaro.

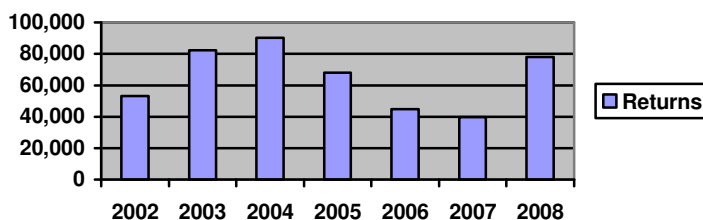
109 national staff, 24 international staff and 12 United Nations Volunteers deliver assistance and monitor the conditions in refugee camps and areas of return.

Return of Burundian refugees by country of asylum, from 2002 to September 2008

	DRC	Rwanda	Tanzania	Others	Total
2002-03	4,284	219	130,824	322	135,649
2004	879	151	89,039	258	90,327
2005	1002	4,489	62,338	279	68,108
2006	1,284	615	42,765	251	44,915
2007	45	111	39,506	136	39,798
2008	6	25	77,870	73	77,974*
Total	7,500	5,610	442,342	1,319	456,771

*435 in January, 1,991 in February, 8,377 in March, 6,675 in April, 5,272 in May, 19,635 in June, 17,508 in July 9,642 in August, and 8,439 in September. 18,834 of the returnees in 2008 are former refugees of 1972 who returned from Tanzania's Old Settlements.

The return of Burundian refugees since April 2002



UNHCR operation in 2008 (budgets in million USD)

Total operations	27,3
Programme support	3,7
Total	31,0*

*In addition, UNHCR has launched a supplementary budget for Burundian refugees in Tanzania's Old Settlements. It foresees USD 6,0 mio for their reintegration in Burundi in 2008.

Internally displaced persons in Burundi (IDPs)

OCHA estimated the number of IDPs at 100,000 in 2006. No exact statistics are available.