



IOM has played a major role in quality humanitarian shelter programming for many decades, ensuring that it is people centred and context driven.

Drinking water treatment, latrine design and construction, hygiene promotion, and the full slate of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) activities are also integral to health, shelter, and other sectors of humanitarian action. As one part of a comprehensive response, IOM ensures the delivery of appropriate shelter, non- food items (NFI) and WASH interventions through direct provision and promotion, in coordination with local and international partners.

Burundi is among the world’s 20 most vulnerable countries to climate change, with around 85 per cent of internal displacement caused by natural disasters. Floods and landslides triggered by torrential rains and strong winds cause severe damage to households and essential crops in a country where over 90 per cent of the population relies on subsistence farming. Natural hazards are expected to increase and further displace vulnerable populations. According to the Displacement Tracking Matrix, there are 127,775 internally displaced persons in the country as of May 2021, of which 54 per cent are women. The voluntary return of refugees has also increased in 2020 and around 142,000 are expected in 2021, thus placing additional burden on vulnerable communities in areas of return that are already scarce in available land, resources, and livelihoods.

The needs of IDPs and returnees are like those of an emergency in terms of life-saving assistance, ranging from shelter, NFI, and WASH support, to access to housing, land and property and protection - core areas of IOM Burundi's response work.

KEY FIGURES

-  **1,210 NFI kits** were distributed
-  **814 shelters** were distributed
-  **600 hygiene kits** were distributed
-  **264 latrines** were distributed
-  **1,886 households** were supported with rental/housing support
-  **2,492 people** attended trainings on financial inclusion and construction techniques
-  **662 people** attended hygiene awareness sessions
-  **2,585 people** attended HLP sensitization

SHELTER/NFI AND WASH 2020-2021 PROJECTS

IOM Burundi is co-lead of inter-agency shelter coordination and supports the Government of Burundi (GoB) to coordinate humanitarian assistance of NFI and WASH. It is also a key member of the Cash Transfer and Durable Solutions technical working groups, and a participant in the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction coordination mechanism, led by the Ministry of the Interior; Community Development and Public Security. IOM also supports the GoB in the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) activities through the coordination/management of the assistance provided to the displaced populations in the sites and capacity on CCCM.

Enhancing immediate reintegration capacity for Burundian returnees through housing, land and property (HLP), shelter, WASH, and protection - funded by the United States' Bureau of Populations, Migrants and Refugees

Emergency assistance to affected populations in Bujumbura Rural and Bujumbura Mairie, Burundi - funded by Central Emergency Response Fund

Expanding Burundi’s comprehensive humanitarian and emergency response for vulnerable displaced populations - funded by the Government of Germany

MAIN PARTNERSHIPS

IOM is working in close coordination with the Government of Burundi through the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, the Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender and other key ministries, humanitarian partners (UN agencies, NGOs, etc.), IOM missions in neighbouring countries, border communities, and various other stakeholders.

SHELTER, NFI AND WASH INTERVENTIONS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Thanks to data collected by IOM's Emergency Tracking Tool, coordinated by the Displacement Tracking Matrix team, the Shelter/NFI Unit is ready to respond to natural and man-made disasters occurring nation-wide, as needed. IOM's warehouses in Bujumbura Mairie and Gitega store prepositioned items for **more than 300 households**, which are ready to be distributed within a week of the emergency event. Since the start of 2021, the NFI/Shelter unit has provided emergency assistance to affected populations, prioritizing the most vulnerable among them, with a special attention on some categories such as single women heads of household, people with disabilities, children heads of household, etc.

ASSISTANCE TO RETURNEES AND HOST COMMUNITIES

Due to the influx of Burundians returning to the country after years spent abroad, already limited resources are being stretched even thinner to accommodate the needs of Burundi's growing population. Weak socioeconomic conditions have led to increased humanitarian needs in Burundi. To respond to these, IOM has been providing shelter assistance to vulnerable migrants in their communes of return following a comprehensive needs assessment.

CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

Cash-based interventions enable affected populations to participate in shelter construction, receive training on shelter repair or pay their rent. This form of assistance is accompanied by community sensitization on financial inclusion (with special attention to women and girls) and best practices in the use of cash transfers, or training on basic construction techniques.

PROVISION OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

IOM provides equipment to enhance the conditions of living for displaced population due to natural and man-made disasters. The provided equipment includes shelter kit provided to build a five by three and half meters dwelling space. It also includes NFI and Hygiene kit that allows beneficiaries to meet health and hygiene needs. The kit contains one kitchen set, three blankets, mats, three mosquito nets, two jerry cans, one plastic bucket, three sleeping mats, one pack of sanitary pads, one tube of toothpaste, five toothbrushes, one nail clipper, one towel, one plastic cup, two pieces of soaps and water purification tabs for 30 days. The WASH kit allows beneficiaries to build their own latrines.

INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

Inter-agency coordination of NFI/Shelter activities remains central, including continuous capacity-mapping of existing partner stock capacities and response monitoring, information management and use of other key tools. The team also provides technical assistance to the NFI/Shelter sectoral group whenever needed and monitors the implementation of its core guidelines.

ACCESS TO HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY

Housing, land, and property (HLP) are key factors in Burundi's social and economic development. They are also important challenges in the humanitarian assistance of returnees and displaced persons due natural disasters. IOM works in close coordination with local authorities to implement HLP activities, including capacity building of stakeholders on land certification process at the communal level, sensitization of members of the communal councils on their role in the promotion of land services. IOM also provides operational and institutional support to communal land services through the donation of IT, office and field equipment.

AWARENESS RAISING

Awareness raising activities focusses mainly on hygiene and financial inclusion thematic. IOM uses communication with community strategies to sensitize the beneficiaries on the respect of hygiene rules while using constructed latrines and on the use of the distributed unconditional cash to ensure financial inclusion of the beneficiaries. Since 2020, IOM also sensitizes the population in need on the COVID-19 prevention measures.



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