



UNHCR OPERATION IN ZIMBABWE

FACTSHEET

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HIGHLIGHTS

7,309	1,625	440	272
Refugees receive food rations in Tongogara camp	Refugee children enrolled in primary school in Tongogara camp	Farmers have access to arable land in Tongogara camp	Persons departed for resettlement in 2015

Population of concern

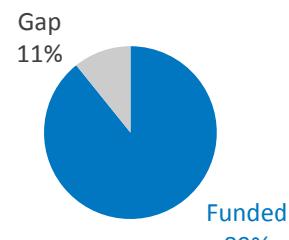
A total of **309,658** persons of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total refugees
Burundi	781
D.R. Congo	7857
Rwanda	628
Others	392
Estimated at risk of Statelessness	300000
Total	309 658

Funding

USD \$5,550,674 requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

20 national staff
3 international staff
2 affiliate workforce staff

Offices:

2 offices:
Country Office in Harare
Field Unit in Tongogara Refugee Camp (TRC)



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR supports the Government in the provision of protection and assistance to refugees and asylum seekers in partnership with: [Christian Care](#) | [Office of the Commissioner for Refugees](#) | [Department of Social Welfare](#) | [GOAL](#) | [Terre des Hommes](#) | [Jesuit Refugee Service \(JRS\)](#) | [Childline](#) | [NODED](#) |

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Refugee Status Determination

- The Zimbabwean Refugee Committee held three RSD sessions as at 30 June 2015 with 349 cases (642 persons) interviewed, 159 cases (346 persons) granted refugee status and will be issued with relevant documentation, 130 cases (206 persons) were deferred for various checks and 39 cases (61 persons) were rejected at the first instance, 21 cases (29 persons) failed to attend the RSD. A total of five children were issued with birth certificates and 199 persons were issued with IDs.

Statelessness

- UNHCR initiated relationships with government counterparts, civil society and UN agencies to implement the project on prevention and reduction of statelessness. In collaboration with the government the office commissioned a qualitative and quantitative study on the risk of statelessness in Zimbabwe and intends to conduct more awareness campaigns to ensure that statelessness is mainstreamed on the national agenda.

Food Security and Nutrition

- WFP commenced the provision of food to refugees and asylum seekers in January 2015. Current food basket provides a total of 1,928 kCal p/p/day which is below the standard of 2100 kCal. WFP is looking into resolving the issue. Monthly food distribution provide food to some 7,100 persons.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Over 440 farmers benefit from subsidized provision of maize and sugar bean seeds, insecticides, fertilizers and free technical assistance in the horticultural project run by Christian Care. Another 260 farmers have started planting bananas in a plantation started in late 2014 with support from the US government's Julia Taft Fund.

Education

- Over 270 children are enrolled in Early Childhood Development programmes. There are 1,625 students enrolled in the Tongogara Primary school and a further 388 students receive secondary education.

Health

- The medical clinic at TRC attended to some 2,700 persons. Over 680 persons were referred to district and provincial hospitals for secondary and tertiary medical care. Due to deteriorating situation with national health care the expenses for services and medications increased.

Partnership

- New partners, Goal (Livelihoods) and Terres Des Hommes (Education, child protection and SGBV), commenced their work in April. Considering significant expertise, they are expected to boost the quality of implementation in their relevant sectors. After a comprehensive assessment FAO agreed to support and fund the expansion of the irrigation scheme by 25ha, which will benefit additional 400 households.

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