



IOM International Organization for Migration

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME

**BURUNDI**

IOM Operations provides transport assistance to individuals or groups in a temporary or permanent manner, to and from places of origin under a variety of programs, such as resettlement, or return operations.

Resettlement is sometimes unrecognized yet compelling instrument and symbol of international solidarity and burden sharing to find durable solution for refugees who are unable to return to their country of origin for fear of persecution and do not have the option to stay in their country of asylum.

IOM, for over 60 years, has played a key role in the resettlement of refugees. IOM works closely with Governments, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), non-government organizations and others partners.

In the last decade alone, IOM has organized resettlement movements of 892,243 refugees from 186 locations around the world.

IOM also conducts Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) which is an indispensable part of a comprehensive approach to migration management aiming at orderly and humane return and reintegration of migrants who are unable or unwilling to remain in host countries and wish to return voluntarily to their countries of origin.

Burundi has land borders in the north with Rwanda, Tanzania in the southeast and the Democratic Republic of Congo in the west. Burundi has been a host for approximately 56,000 refugees and asylum seekers from neighbouring countries mainly Congolese. It has become a point of

departure for refugees resettling to third countries.

The most recent wave of refugee resettlement came when the USA scaled up its acceptance of refugees from Burundi in 2014. A total of 18,981 Congolese refugees living in Burundi are expected to be resettled in the coming years with the majority to USA and an average caseload to others resettlement countries.

Resettlement has become an important option for Congolese refugees in Burundi, as the chances of returning home have dimmed and settling down permanently in Burundi is not an option.

### IOM IN ACTION

#### Movement Operations facilitates:

- Transport assistance for refugees for refugees and other migrants
- Resettlement process for refugees
- Resettlement to various countries
- Assisted voluntary returns
- Humanitarian assistance for stranded migrants
- Family reunification to America and Europe
- Self-payer programme

Resettlement process begins with UNHCR who identifies, interviews and submit refugee cases to countries for resettlement consideration; consequently under cooperative agreements with those same countries.

IOM Resettlement services provide; transportation, medical screening, cultural orientation, travel assistance, pre-departure medical checks and logistical support.

IOM Burundi self-payer services and especially AVRR activities include:

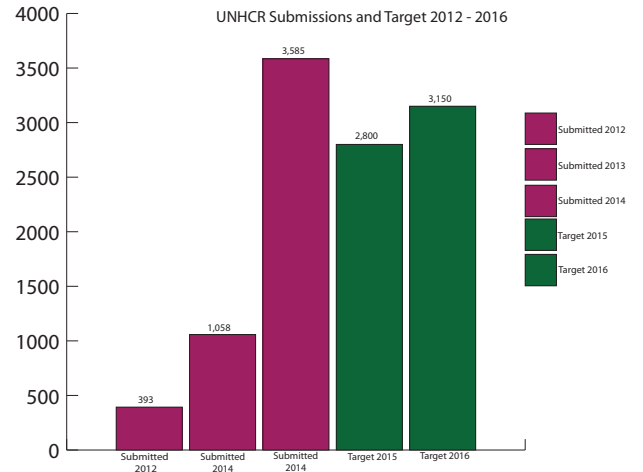
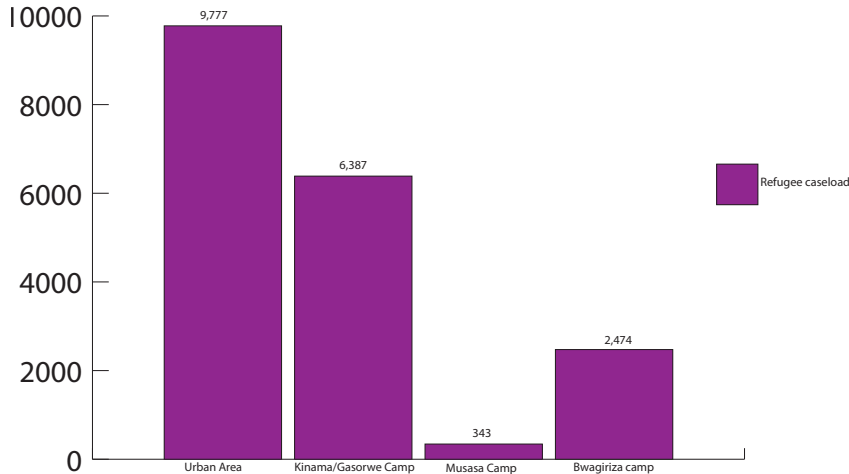
- Assistance through immigration and customs on arrival at the airport;
- Post-arrival reception arrangements, including information and referral to local partners if necessary; Onward travel to the final destination;
- Short- and/or medium-term reintegration assistance (depending on the respective AVRR project and resources made

available by donors), including business set-ups vocational training, formal education, medical assistance and other tailor-made assistance according to the returnees' special needs; and

- Capacity-building activities with emphasis on i) linking return to local development; ii) access to services; iii) strengthening of local networks; and iii) improving local capacity to deliver reintegration assistance.

### Resettlement Overview

UNHCR Burundi, eligible caseload per location, Submissions and Target 2012-2016

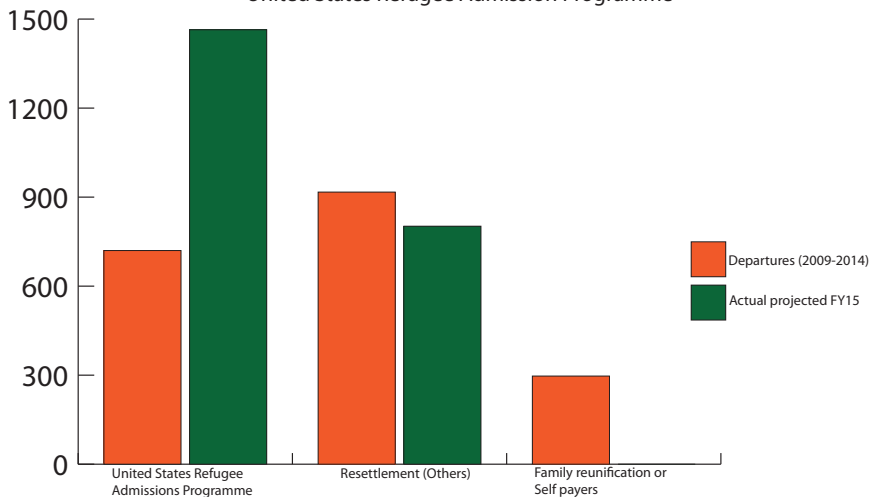


### Resettlement and Global Movements

Through periodical field missions to Burundi, the Resettlement Support Center (RSC), run by the Church World Services (CWS), and based in Nairobi, Kenya, coordinates refugee processing activities in Burundi. This includes the preparation of refugee applications, facilitation of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) interviews and placement in the US.

Key resettlement partners: Ministry of External Relations and International Cooperation; National Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Resettlement Support Center (RSC) run by Church World Service (CWS).

United States Refugee Admission Programme



### WE ASSIST:

- Refugees
- Self-paying migrants
- Stranded migrants



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### Resettlement Countries

