



## RWANDA: POPULATION MOVEMENT

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- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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## Background and current situation

In May 2006, the Tanzanian government made a decision to expel a section of Rwandans who have been living in the country. Since then, there has been a steady influx of Rwandans from the country; between 25 and 30 August alone, 1,088 people crossed the border and settled at the Kiyanzi camp, some tens of kilometres from the borderline between Rwanda and Tanzania (on 25 August, 260; on 29 August, 336 and on 30 August, 492 people). According to statistics from Rwandan authorities, this influx is expected to prevail at approximately 250 to 500 persons per day.

The repatriates have been stripped of their belongings and some claim to have been physically molested. Some are exhibiting signs of mental trauma and – according to their own accounts – they have become ‘umutindi’, a Rwandan expression that means ‘untouchable’. The situation is characterized by mass vulnerability, heightened by desolation, especially in the women who have demonstrated symptoms of traumatic psychosomatics. Since the onset of the crisis, three people have died. Initial signs of malnutrition are also manifesting among children, who constitute approximately 50% of the total repatriates. Presently, the repatriated Rwandans are seeking settlement devoid of their personal belongings, notably livestock, as most of them kept livestock in their immediate host country.



*A view of the Kiyanzi camp, Kirehe District.*

Reports received from the Rwandan Red Cross (RRC) indicate that women, children and the elderly form a large part of the repatriated population. These people are steadily setting camp in Kiyanzi, situated 15 kilometres from the Rwanda/Tanzania borderline. The transit camp is being managed by the RRC in collaboration with local authorities of Kirehe District. As at 2 September 2006, there were 2,600 people in the transit camp, mainly women and children. It is expected that the camp population will grow to 10, 000 people in the next month.

On 25 August 2006, the Rwandan government announced through the local media, the measures it would take to address this problem, in view of the projected influx of 60,000 Rwandans into the country with 150,000 heads of cattle, starting from late August/early September. The government has given an undertaking that the expelled people will be

relocated to other areas, which are currently under identification. The delay in relocating them could further complicate their situation as lack of adequate shelter and other basic necessities remain key issues to be addressed.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The RRC is currently managing the Kiyanzi camp in collaboration with local authorities of Kirehe District. Plans are underway to develop an integrated programme in the camp, between the RRC and the government. To date, RRC volunteers have distributed 112 family tents, 84 plastic sheets, 412 mats, 206 kitchen sets, 600 blankets, 5 bales of second hand clothing for children, 5 bales of second hand clothing for women, 100 pieces of clothing items, 824 pieces of soap and 200 jerry cans.

The national society (NS) has also distributed food from the World Food Programme (WFP). Several strategic locations have been identified for the distribution of potable water. In addition, the RRC volunteers have constructed 12 bathing spots and 25 latrines. The NS is in charge of the camp’s general hygiene including camp disinfection as well as creating awareness among the groups on general hygiene. The national society (NS) has deployed two regional disaster response team (RDRT) members, one national disaster response team (NDRT) member and five volunteers to the site. The NS has also availed a pick up truck for full time use at the camp.



*RRC volunteers offload food received from WFP.*

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In order to support the RRC's emergency operation aimed at responding to the immediate needs of the expelled Rwandans, the International Federation allocated the CHF 160,000 from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF). Furthermore, the regional disaster management (DM) delegate is currently in Rwanda to provide technical assistance to the NS in its initial response. The regional delegation in Nairobi is also facilitating the deployment of a team to Rwanda to assess the situation for a medium-term intervention.

The German Red Cross has provided essential non-food items (NFIs), including tents, kitchen sets, blankets and mats for 1,000 people. It has also covered costs incurred as a result of managing the camp (transport, per diems and communication). The Spanish Red Cross has given two tents and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has provided six bladders (1 x 15 cubic metres and 5 x 5 cubic metres), two family tents, five rolls of plastic sheets (200 square metres), five kilogrammes of chlorine and six tap stands.

### **Coordination**

The Rwandan government is in charge of the general coordination, regularly supplying information regarding the repatriation situation. Local authorities in Kirehe District, where Kiyanzi camp is located, have invested heavily in material and moral support to the refugees. The government has supplied 500 plastic sheets and two buses to transport the repatriates from the borderline to the site.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has provided 50 square metres of plastic sheets, while WFP is providing food items. The RRC has established a focal point in the camp, thus ensuring continuous coordination of activities in liaison with partners involved in this operation in addition to daily reporting to the national society's headquarters. Regular updates are being shared with the Federation's regional DM department in Nairobi.

### **The needs**

Shelter materials remain a high priority for the projected 2,000 families (10,000 people), some of whom have already arrived in the Rwanda. Plastic sheets (4 x 6 square metres) and tents to accommodate the most vulnerable, notably expectant women, children, the elderly and the unwell are required, as well as basic NFIs such as cooking utensils, jerry cans, kitchen sets, blankets, mats, buckets and clothing. Water and sanitation (WatSan) supplies – including soap, disinfectants and water purifiers – are also needed alongside additional human resource to assist in the camp's management and logistics capacity are also required.

### **Plan of action**

This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months. However, this DREF Bulletin is limited in terms of beneficiary figures and needs. These may be revised as the operation becomes clearer. Based on the updated information from an ongoing assessment (facilitated by the regional delegation in Nairobi), the number of beneficiaries and the plan of action will be adjusted accordingly.

**Goal: To improve the living conditions of the affected population in Kiyanzi camp, Kirehe District.**

### **Information management**

**Objective 1: To improve the Kiyanzi camp management through the provision of timely and accurate information on new arrivals for three months.**

#### **Expected results**

- Information and data on the situation in the Kiyanzi camp is readily available.
- The health, social and psychological conditions of the most vulnerable, such as children, expectant women, the elderly and the unwell, are known.

#### **Activities**

- To usher in and offer orientation to the new arrivals on the available camp facilities.
- To assist the local authorities in the registration of new arrivals.
- To administer counselling and psychosocial support to the new arrivals.

## **Emergency relief**

**Objective 2: To improve the shelter conditions of 2,000 families in Kiyanzi camp, through the provision of temporary shelter materials.**

### **Expected results**

- The Kiyanzi camp site is able to host at least 2,000 families.
- 2,000 families are dwelling in temporary shelters.

### **Activities**

- To develop and expand the camp site.
- To conserve twigs near the camp site population for shelter construction.
- To distribute at least 2,000 plastic sheets to 2,000 families.

**Objective 3: To assist 2,000 families in Kiyanzi camp through the provision of basic non-food items for three months.**

### **Expected results**

- Improved distribution information and data management.
- 2,000 families are living under acceptable conditions.

### **Activities**

- To develop distribution tools such as distribution cards, report forms and daily distribution sheets.
- To procure NFIs such as blankets, kitchen sets, buckets, mats, jerry cans and soap.
- To distribute NFIs according to SPHERE minimum standards.
- To produce daily distribution reports.

## **Water and sanitation**

**Objective 4: To ensure access to adequate safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene for the 2,000 families.**

### **Expected results**

- Potable water is available in adequate quantities, leading to the prevention of waterborne diseases.
- 30 additional latrines and bathing facilities as well as 8 waste disposal sites (for bio-degradable waste) are in use in the Kiyanzi camp.
- Reduced risk of waterborne diseases through improved hygiene practices.

### **Activities**

- To reinforce the existing water supply in the Kiyanzi camp by maintaining two bladders.
- To provide potable water in the Kiyanzi camp in accordance with SPHERE minimum standards.
- To construct 30 latrines and bathing facilities.

## **Health**

**Objective 5: To avert epidemics and disease outbreaks through the provision of health education and health promotion on prevention and control of diseases among the 2,000 families.**

### **Expected results**

- Information, education and communication (IEC) sessions are organized by Kirehe District volunteers and technical teams from RRC.
- The risk of malaria infection is reduced.
- The risk of infection due to proper hygiene and absence of sicknesses linked to lack of vaccination is reduced.

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### **Activities**

- To IEC sessions on priority diseases in the region, notably malaria, diarrhoeal diseases, immunizable diseases, HIV and other epidemic-prone diseases such as cholera and yellow fever.
- To sensitize the camp inhabitants on vaccination for children aged under five years.
- To sensitize the camp inhabitants on the available health facilities in case of illness and maternal deliveries.

### **Logistics**

**Objective 6: To ensure adequate logistical support for the procurement and delivery of materials.**

### **Expected result**

- The management of the Kiyanzi camp is well coordinated.

### **Activities**

- To transport food and non-food items to Kiyanzi camp.
- To provide transport for RRC volunteers to the Kiyanzi camp for the daily management of the camp.
- To procure a generator set.
- To manage emergency stocks in the Kiyanzi camp.

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