

BURUNDI, RWANDA, TANZANIA, UGANDA & ZAIRE: RWANDAN AND BURUNDIAN REFUGEES

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Latest events

Goma •

The overall situation remained fairly stable during the day, despite 19 patients having been referred to Goma hospital this morning following clashes around the village of Kibumba. The transfer of the former Kibumba camp was virtually completed as of today, with up 200,000 people having settled into what is now called "Mugunga 2" camp. No movements reported from Katale and Kahindo camps.

Rwanda •

Minimal movements were reported across the border: 3,000 Zairian refugees and 800 Rwandese returnees (elderly, women and children who could not join the wave moving south) crossed north of Gisenyi during the day. The Rwandese authorities confirmed their will to relocate Umubano camp (hosting almost 14,000 Zairian refugees) to the area of Kibuye.

Burundi •

Over a thousand Burundian refugees in Zaire returned from Uvira region.

Red Cross/Crescent Action

Goma •

The limited trucking capacity currently available in Goma was used today to transport food from Goma to Mugunga 2 camp, where distributions for almost 200,000 beneficiaries were carried out by Red Cross volunteers under the supervision of the small Federation team. The second Hercules flight planned for today was therefore rescheduled for tomorrow. The redeployment of more delegates is planned for Thursday; this will include the head of the Norwegian Red Cross Emergency Response Unit (ERU), who will carry out an assessment of the health requirements in Mugunga 2 camp, and a water-sanitation assessment team composed by and officer from the Geneva Secretariat and the head of the Swedish Red Cross ERU.

The planned food and firewood distributions were autonomously carried out by the volunteers in Katale camp, providing refugees with rations worth one week and exhausting the food stocks available in Katale and Kahindo.

Burundi •

In consultation with UNHCR, the Federation and the Burundi Red Cross assumed today responsibility over a transit camp in the outskirts of Bujumbura intended to host the increasing number of returnees expected from Zaire in the coming days.

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