

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY BURUNDI



FROM COMMITMENTS TO RESULTS:

UNICEF's work for children in Burundi
2024–2026



SANTE

162,150
medical consultations conducted



WASH

156 latrines and 73 drinking
water points built/rehabilitated



URGENCES

3,050 patients affected by
mpox treated



COMMUNITY HEALTH

98,663 people
reached through awareness-raising



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EDITORIAL

COMMITMENTS TO RESULTS: ACTING FOR EVERY CHILD IN BURUNDI UNDER THE FUNDING OF UNICEF BURUNDI

Dear readers, From July 2024 to September 2026, UNICEF, alongside the Government of Burundi, communities and its partner Global Development Community Burundi, has continued its commitment to the most vulnerable children and families.

This period, marked by health crises, epidemics, population displacement and socio-economic vulnerabilities, has required sustained, coordinated action close to communities. The objective has remained the same: bringing essential services closer to those who need them most.

On the ground, mobile clinics, patient referrals and support to health facilities have helped improve access to healthcare, particularly for children, pregnant women and populations living in hard-to-reach areas as well as in sites hosting refugees.

In response to the Mpox outbreak, efforts focused on prevention, surveillance, awareness-raising and case management, with strong community mobilization.

In the area of nutrition, support for children and pregnant or breastfeeding women has notably included the promotion of good dietary practices and the provision of composite porridge.

Access to a healthy and safe environment has also been strengthened through WASH interventions: distribution of WASH/ANA kits, construction and rehabilitation of latrines, installation of handwashing facilities, and promotion of hygiene within communities, schools and health facilities.

Community mobilization has been a common thread throughout these interventions. Through training community health workers, outreach awareness-raising and strengthening local mechanisms, communities have been placed at the heart of prevention, referral and child protection.



Ms. France BEGIN, an impactful leader for the well-being of Burundi's children

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In sites hosting Congolese refugees, this integrated approach has made it possible to respond to urgent needs in health, nutrition, protection and WASH, while strengthening the capacities of services and host communities.

The results presented in this bulletin demonstrate a collective commitment based on partnership, proximity and the desire to provide responses adapted to realities on the ground.

Because behind every consultation, every child supported, every family reached, every infrastructure completed and every case referred lies the same ambition: to enable every child in Burundi to survive, grow, learn, be protected and thrive.

From commitments to results: collective action in the service of every child.

Enjoy reading.

Dr. Brondon Niguel, Country Director





HEALTH – INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS



MOBILE CLINIC FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE GABANIRO AREA

INTEGRATED SERVICES PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE

1. MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE CARE



Partial view of patients who came for medical consultations at the mobile clinic.

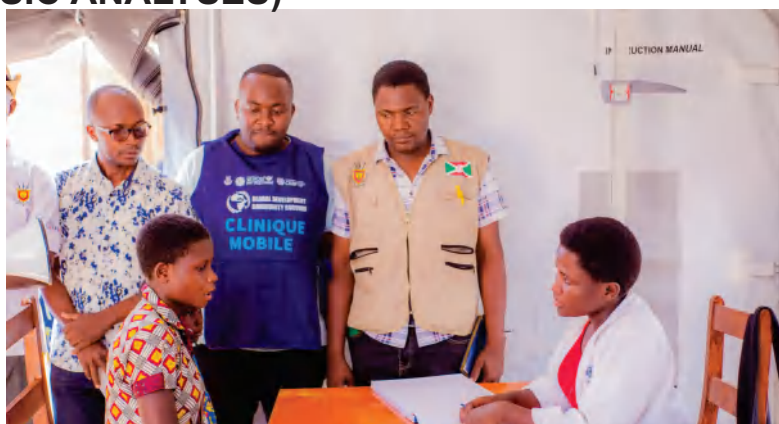


Partial view of a consultation room at the mobile clinic.

2. LABORATORY (RAPID TESTS, BASIC ANALYSES)



Family photo taken during the official opening of the mobile clinic's activities by the administrative authorities and COUSP.



The COUSP team visiting the mobile clinic's services in the Gabaniro area.

3. COMMUNITY AWARENESS-RAISING ON SRH, PSEA, FP, STI-HIV & GBV



Photo taken during the awareness-raising session for displaced families in Muhuta Commune on the importance of routine vaccination.



The EPI sensitizes people at GITAZA market on the importance of routine vaccination for children



HEALTH – INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS



MOBILE CLINIC FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE GABANIRO AREA

4. TRAINING OF COMMUNITY LEADERS



Photo taken during the ceremony for the distribution of ASH/ANA kits to disaster-affected populations in Rumonge

5. DISTRIBUTION OF WASH AND DIGNITY KITS



Photo of a semi-durable latrine constructed at the Mutambara internally displaced persons site in Rumonge



6. Construction of semi-durable latrines and a water point



Photo of a semi-durable latrine constructed at the Mutambara internally displaced persons site in Rumonge.



Drinking-water point with two taps constructed at the Mutambara internally displaced persons site



HEALTH INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

MOBILE CLINIC FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE MUBIMBI AREA

INTEGRATED SERVICES PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE

1. MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE CARE



Ms. Etleva Kadhili, UNICEF Regional Director for Eastern Africa, visits the health post established with UNICEF support for displaced persons in Mubimbi.



2. LABORATORY (RAPID TESTS, BASIC ANALYSES)



The United Nations Resident Coordinator in Burundi, Ms. Violet KAKYOMA, visits the Mubimbi health post implemented by UNICEF in Burundi.



3. COMMUNITY AWARENESS-RAISING ON SRH, PSEA, FP, STI-HIV & GBV



Community health workers at the Mubimbi site raise awareness among internally displaced persons on the prevention of waterborne diseases.





HEALTH INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

MOBILE CLINIC FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE MUBIMBI AREA

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4. ROUTINE VACCINATION



The Director of EPI, Dr. Jean-Claude BIZIMANA, presenting a gift to a participant who answered the vaccination quiz correctly.

5. TRAINING OF COMMUNITY LEADERS ON HYGIENE, PSEA AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATER POINT (WASH-UNICEF)



View of participants from the Mubimbi area in the training room on good hygiene practices and prevention of diarrhoeal diseases.



Drinking-water point with three taps constructed on the grounds of the Mubimbi health post with UNICEF support.

care for people with specific needs



The UNICEF Regional Director for Eastern Africa presenting a wheelchair to an internally displaced woman from Mubimbi.





HEALTH CONGOLESE REFUGEES

MOBILE CLINIC FOR CONGOLESE REFUGEES HOSTED AT COIBITOKÉ CENTRE

INTEGRATED SERVICES PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE

MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE CARE



UNICEF Representative in Burundi, Ms. France BEGIN, visits the mobile clinic deployed with UNICEF support at the Cibitoke transit site for Congolese refugees.



LABORATORY (RAPID TESTS, BASIC ANALYSES)



OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUND FOR PREGNANT WOMEN



Photo taken during the visit of UN Heads of Mission to the Cibitoke transit centre following the massive influx of Congolese refugees into Burundi.



HEALTH CONGOLESE REFUGEES

MOBILE CLINIC FOR CONGOLESE REFUGEES HOSTED AT COIBITOKÉ CENTRE

INTEGRATED SERVICES PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE

4. COMPOSITE PORRIDGE FOR CHILDREN



5. COMMUNITY AWARENESS-RAISING AND DISTRIBUTION OF WASH KITS



6. CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS



Photo of the UNICEF Representative in Burundi with the GDCB Country Director during their visit to the mobile clinic deployed at Cibitoke Centre with UNICEF support.



GDCB Country Director, Dr. Brondon Niguel, handing a kit consisting of a wheelchair, a bucket and soap to a person living with a disability at the Cibitoke site.



HEALTH CONGOLESE REFUGEES

MOBILE CLINIC FOR CONGOLESE REFUGEES AT MUSENYI 2 SITE

INTEGRATED SERVICES PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE

1. MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE CARE



2. LABORATORY (RAPID TESTES, BASIC ANALYSES)



3. MATERNITY UNIT





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INTEGRATED SERVICES PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE

4. COMPOSITE PORRIDGE FOR CHILDREN



5. COMMUNITY AWARENESS-RAISING AND DISTRIBUTION OF WASH KITS



6. CHILDREN 'S PLAY AREA





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MOBILE CLINIC FOR CONGOLESE REFUGEES AT MUSENYI 2 SITE

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7. IMPATIENT CARE FOR MEN & WOMEN



UNICEF Representative in Burundi with the Minister of Public Health of Burundi, handing tricycles to Congolese refugees living with disabilities in Musenyi camp.

8. CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS



The Provincial Medical Officer of Burunga and the District Medical Officer of Gihofi visit the Musenyi 2 health post established by GDCB with UNICEF support for Congolese refugees.



Partial view of the Musenyi 2 health post established by GDCB with UNICEF support for Congolese refugees.



Partial view of the Musenyi 2 health post established by GDCB with UNICEF support for Congolese refugees.



**STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEM AND REFERRAL MECHANISM
IN THE BUSUMA CAMP**

SERVICES SUPPORTED BY UNICEF BURUNDI AT REMA HOSPITAL

a) EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT



The Minister of Public Health of Burundi, accompanied by the WHO Regional Director for Africa and the UNICEF Representative in Burundi, visits the services supported by UNICEF at REMA Hospital.

B) OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY DEPARTMENT



C) PHARMACY AND STOCK



The UNICEF Representative in Burundi, Ms. France BEGIN, reading the accountability mechanisms established by GDCB with UNICEF support at REMA Hospital.





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D) LABORATORY



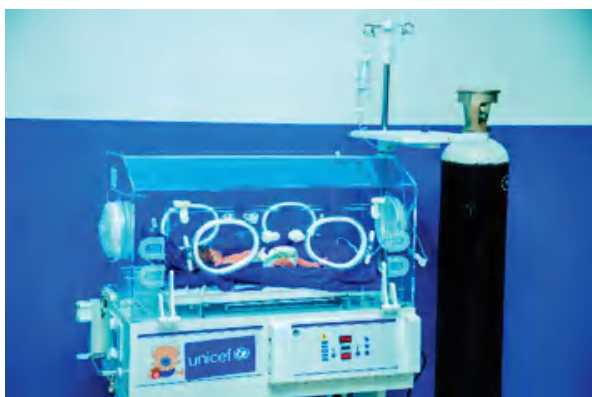
The UNICEF Representative in Burundi, accompanied by the Provincial Medical Officer of Buhumuza and the GDCB Country Director, visits the medical equipment provided to REMA.



E) OPERATING ROOM



**F) MOTHER AND CHILD BUILDING (MATERNITY, POSTPARTUM,
PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS, KANGAROO CARE AND NEONATOLOGY)**





STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEM AND REFERRAL MECHANISM IN THE BUSUMA CAMP

SERVICES SUPPORTED BY DGCGB AT REMA HOSPITAL

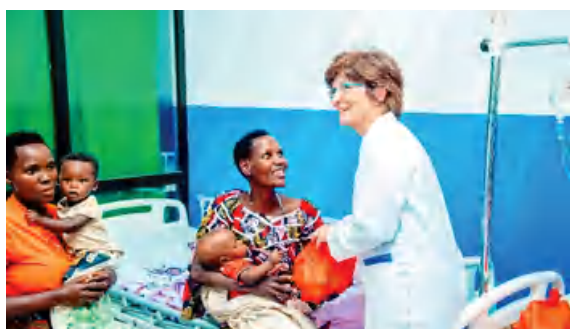
F) MOTHER AND CHILD BUILDING (MATERNITY, POSTPARTUM, PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS, KANGAROO CARE AND NEONATOLOGY)



The UNICEF Representative in Burundi and the WHO Regional Director for Africa in discussion about emergency activities carried out for Congolese refugees.



Dr. Prosper BIGENDAKUMANA, Provincial Medical Officer of Buhumuza, and Ms. France BEGIN, UNICEF Representative in Burundi, handing over a dignity kit.



Ms. France BEGIN, UNICEF Representative in Burundi, handing over a dignity kit to a hospitalized refugee woman at REMA.



UNICEF Burundi Health Section Chief, Dr. ISSA, handing a dignity kit to a Congolese refugee who gave birth at REMA with UNICEF support.





STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEM AND REFERRAL MECHANISM IN THE BUSUMA CAMP

COMMUNITY DYNAMICS IN BUSUMA CAMP



Ms. France BEGIN, UNICEF Representative in Burundi, with a UNICEF Canada team visiting community activities at the Busuma site.



A family photo of community health workers operating at the Busuma site with the UNICEF Representative in Burundi and the Health Section Chief.



Photo taken during Dr. Rose NIKIKO's visit to Busuma. Dr. NIKIKO is a Health Specialist at UNICEF Burundi and was there to supervise activities carried out by community health workers with UNICEF support.



STRENGTHENING CHOLERA AND MPOX PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CAPACITY IN BWERU, NYANZA, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PRIORITY HEALTH DISTRICTS IN BUJUMBURA PROVINCE, AND EBOLA PREVENTION IN BURUNDI.



Photo taken before the official opening of the training workshop for 64 community health workers on the simplified CHW manual.



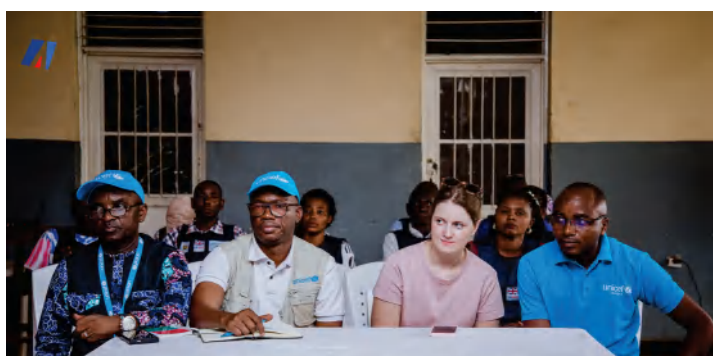
Family photo of the administrative authorities, the UNICEF Burundi team, the FCDO Representative and the community health workers from Gatumba.



View of the panel of administrative authorities with the UNICEF Deputy Representative for Programmes and the FCDO Representative.



Ms. Selbee Diouf, UNICEF Burundi Deputy Representative for Programmes, delivering her address during the training of the 64 community health workers in Gatumba.



Partial view of the UNICEF Burundi team during the training for community health workers in Gatumba.



Partial view of community health workers during the training on the simplified CHW manual.



ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MPOX TREATMENT CENTRE AT PRINCE LOUIS RWAGASORE CLINIC



Ms. ETLEVA KADILI, Regional Director for Eastern Africa at UNICEF, accompanied by the UNICEF Representative in Burundi, visits the Mpx treatment centre established with UNICEF support at Prince Louis Rwagasore Clinic.



Mr. Gian Francisco from UNICEF Headquarters, accompanied by the Deputy Representative for Programmes, Ms. Selbee, visits the Mpx centre established at CPLR.



Mr. Douglas NOBLE, Global Emergency Manager at UNICEF, visits the Mpx treatment centre supported by UNICEF at Prince Louis Rwagasore Clinic.





HEALTH EMERGENCIES



ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MPOX TREATMENT CENTRE AT PRINCE LOUIS RWAGASORE CLINIC



Photo taken during the distribution of WASH kits to patients who recovered from Mpx at Prince Louis Rwagasore Clinic with UNICEF financial support in Burundi.



A woman recovering from Mpx returns home after receiving the WASH kit provided by UNICEF as part of the promotion of good hygiene practices.



Image of the handwashing station constructed at Prince Louis Rwagasore Clinic as part of the promotion of good hygiene practices at the Mpx treatment centre



Family photo taken during the awareness-raising session for community leaders from the Gabaniro/Rumonge area on Mpx.



URGENCES SANITAIRES

CONSTRUCTION OF LATRINES AND DISTRIBUTION OF WASH/ANA KITS



Photos of latrine blocks constructed at Prince Louis Rwagasore Clinic, at the Rumandari border post and at the Gahumo border post as part of epidemic disease prevention.



Photo of an awareness-raising session and distribution of WASH kits to community health workers at the Gahumo and Rumandari border posts as part of epidemic disease prevention.



CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF LATRINES AND HANDWASHING FACILITIES IN 4 SCHOOLS



Example of latrines renovated by Global Development Community Burundi with UNICEF Burundi support in 4 schools in Bujumbura Province

CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF LATRINES, HANDWASHING FACILITIES AND INSTALLATION OF POLYTANKS IN 10 HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE KAYANZA, MUTAHO AND KIRUNDO HEALTH DISTRICTS



Image taken during the inauguration of WASH facilities completed in 10 health facilities in Kayanza, Kirundo and Musinga with UNICEF Burundi support



Men's and women's separate latrine block constructed at MURIMA Health Centre in Kayanza Commune with UNICEF Burundi support



Photo of polytanks installed by GDCB at Bugendana Communal Hospital with UNICEF support in Burundi.





IMPACT OF UNICEF BURUNDI'S SUPPORT FOR THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE



PRESENTATION OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY BURUNDI

Global Development Community Burundi promotes gender inclusion in the implementation of its interventions, with the aim of eliminating inequalities between girls, boys, women and men. It integrates gender equity and social inclusion across all its programmes (health, education, WASH) to overcome socio-cultural stereotypes and guarantee the same rights and opportunities for everyone.



The organization applies a strict zero-tolerance policy against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), including:

- Mandatory training for every new staff member.
- Signing of commitments to respect protection standards.
- An internal monitoring and alert mechanism for prevention and response.

Global Development Community Burundi (GDCB) underwent the following assessments as part of institutional capacity strengthening and compliance with international standards:

- Micro-assessments conducted by BDO: low risk.
- UNICEF PSEA assessment: Full Capacity obtained.



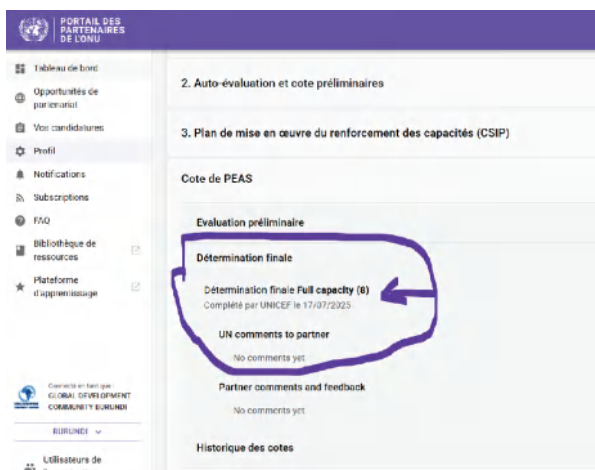
GDCB has modern management tools (accounting, logistics and human resources) already implemented, together with a 2026–2030 strategic plan and an annual action plan.

GDCB collaborates with the Government of Burundi, sectoral ministries, national and international NGOs, businesses and community organizations to maximize the impact of its projects.

Global Development Community Burundi (GDCB) is a Burundian non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Bujumbura, committed to promoting human development and community resilience through integrated interventions in health, nutrition, WASH, education, entrepreneurship, social cohesion and environmental protection.

GDCB's interventions directly align with the sustainable development and resilience priorities of the 2030 Agenda, notably through:

- Humanitarian and health response through the deployment of mobile clinics for internally displaced persons, refugees and vulnerable communities;
- Support for the prevention and management of epidemics (Mpox, cholera and other health emergencies) in collaboration with national health structures;
- Strengthening access to safe water and sanitation through community construction and rehabilitation of WASH infrastructure;
- Promotion of climate change adaptation, environmental hygiene and Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS);
- Empowerment of women and young people through entrepreneurship, practical training and the “Development Springboard” Programme;
- Strengthening social cohesion, community dialogue and citizen participation;
- Support for the education of vulnerable children and improvement of learning conditions.





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