**WAR IN EASTERN OF CONGO CAUSING THOUSANDS**

**OF CONGOLESE TO FLEE TO BURUNDI**

**Since February 12, 2025, Burundi has been facing a massive influx of refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC.** As fighting escalates in eastern DRC, more than 40,000 Congolese refugees – primarily women and children – have crossed into Burundi since February, with over 9,000 arrivals recorded in a single day this week.

Most of those arriving are Congolese, mainly from the Bukavu and surrounding areas in South Kivu province, where the situation continues to deteriorate. A smaller number of Burundian nationals have also returned to their country fleeing clashes.

People are mainly arriving at the Gatumba border post close to the largest city, Bujumbura, exhausted and traumatized, many separated from their families with little information to know where they are.

Other thousands arriving through unofficial border points including along the Rusizi River near Ruhagarika and Rugombo, with reports of several individuals drowning. Conditions in the communities near the border are extremely dire, with a lack of shelter, water and sanitation facilities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rt2b98RQWp8>

Please make your donation now to help tens of thousands refugees in DESTRESS, HUNGRINESS, TEARS AND SADNESS.

With financial donations of our friends and partners we hope to provide shelter and food to 250 families:

To help a family made by 5 to 7 persons to get a temporary home made by 3 pieces of tent sheets, the detailed budget is as follows:

- 3 tent sheets: $45

-  32 timbers: $38

- 3 Kg of nails: $5

- Other expenses related to transport of materials and JRMD Team: $27

Total cost to build a shelter for a family made by 5-7 people: **115X250= $28,750**

- To feed a family made by 5 people for 10 days: $60X250= **$15,000** (to purchase beans, rice, maize flour, etc …)

- To provide sleeping and kitchen materials to a family: $45 X250= **$11,250**

-        5 blocks made by 30  latrines will cost **$3,190**

- Other expenses related to this project: **$6,350**

**Grand total budget : $64,540**

Thank you so much for showing your solidarity with those refugees from Congo (DRC).

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