

CROSS CULTURAL INFORMATION

BURUNDIAN CULTURE **Amahoro = Peace**

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GEOGRAPHY



- ★ Capital City ★ Regional Capital City
- Significant City ● Important City - Town
- Attraction - Landmark □ River ▲ Highest Point

GEOGRAPHY CONT ...

- **Location** : East Central Africa
- **Borders** : Rwanda, Tanzania, Republic Democratic of Congo,
- **Area** : 27.834 Skm
- **Climate** : Moderate and humid.
- **Population** : 7,795,000
- **Ethnic Groups:** Hutu (85%), Tusti (14%), Twa (1%)
- **Capital** : Bujumbura

- **Religions** : Christian (67%) {Roman Catholic: 62%, Protestant: 5%} – ISLAM (1%), Indigenous belief (32%)
- **Languages** : Official : Kirundi
 - French : used by educated people
 - Swahili : Lake Tanganyika and Bujumbura area

CULTURE

- DANCE AND SONGS
- MASTER DRUMMERS: Drums have strong symbolical meaning. Made of specific wood called “Umuvugangoma”. Drums are traditionally used to announce the arrival of high ranking person or public gatherings. It was a mean of communication

BURUNDIAN DRUMMERS



CULTURE CONT...

Children stay with parents until they get married

- Marriage need parents consent
- Dowry: cows or money
- Children belongs to the Father's family
- Men are the leader and the bread winner for the family
- Women look after the children at home

VALUES

- Mutual support
- Family resources to be shared equally
- Food
- Unity
- Hard work
- Respect

EXPERIENCES IN REFUGEE CAMPS

- Loss of physical and emotional safety
- Death of family and friends
- Witness horrors
- Force to leave home
- Child soldier
- Physical injury
- Lack of proper medication
- Families and friends separation

EXPERIENCES IN REFUGEE CAMP CONT....

- Homelessness
- Poverty
- Torture
- Rape/Sexual assault
- Poor nutrition & Health
- No work

EXPERIENCES IN REFUGEE CAMP CONT.....

- No access to education and training
- Domestic violence
- Cultural biasness
- Child abuse & labour
- Criminal behaviour

ISSUES IN AUSTRALIA

- Language
- Access to job and education
- Non recognition of overseas diploma & certificate
- Housing
- Poor knowledge of laws and rights
- New culture
- Family breakdown: men lose power- laws protecting children