

- Canada favours the “Arusha process” of mediation launched by Tanzania. Canada has urged representatives of both sides in Rwanda to enter into negotiations for a lasting political resolution of their differences, in the Arusha spirit.
- Canada is concerned that intercommunal strife may spread across the border into Burundi. A consular officer in Bujumbura is ready to assist Canadians if required.

Peacekeeping

- Canada has participated in both United Nations peacekeeping missions in the area: the UN Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda (UNOMUR) and the larger UNAMIR.
- Canada has provided senior officers to serve as UNAMIR Force Commander. The first was Maj.-Gen. Roméo Dallaire. Maj.-Gen. Guy Tousignant assumed the post on August 20. Ten Canadian Forces officers were assigned to UNAMIR Headquarters in late April, followed, in August, by 12 more staff officers and military observers.
- Canada provided UNAMIR a 20-person team of specialists and the equipment necessary to restore international operations at the Kigali airport.
- A Canadian Forces military communications unit of 350 persons has been complemented by further Canadian Forces personnel who helped meet initial medical, engineering and logistic needs.

Humanitarian Assistance

- On July 21, Canada announced that it would provide \$10 million in additional aid to victims of the conflict in Rwanda. The new funds will be allocated to Canadian NGOs such as CARE Canada and Doctors Without Borders, UN agencies, UNICEF, the World Food Program and to the Red Cross movement. At least \$1 million will be used to provide clean water for the refugees and \$2 million will purchase Canadian food commodities such as lentils, peas or beans. This brings the Canadian International Development Agency’s contributions for humanitarian emergency assistance for the region to \$22 million since the beginning of the crisis in mid-April.
- Canadian Forces aircraft sent initially to participate in the evacuation of foreigners from Rwanda have carried vast quantities of humanitarian relief cargo since early April. A Canadian Forces Hercules aircraft is continuing to airlift humanitarian supplies and equipment provided by Canadian NGOs and by international organizations, and to fly personnel on behalf of international agencies.
- Canada has supplied a 218-person Canadian Forces medical unit to assist with emergency health needs of Rwandan refugees. Engineers attached to that unit are operating two water purification units supplied by Canada, which produce daily 50 000 litres each of drinking water. The unit will end operations in October.
- Several Canadian NGOs have launched appeals for relief funds and the response of individual Canadians has been generous. Many Canadians have been recruited by international agencies and NGOs for service in Rwanda and neighbouring countries.
- Following intercommunal violence in Burundi last year, Canada contributed emergency assistance and food aid to Burundian refugees in Rwanda.