# THAT THEY MAY BE WHOLE AGAIN:

Ngara and Karagwe's Refugee Burdens (Synoptic Notes)

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# A. The Backdrop

i. The Interlacustrine Kingdoms 1500-1915

ii. Burundi - Rwanda 1916 - 1959

1960 1995

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iii. Kagera - Ankole 1916 - 1961

1961 - 1995

- iv. Burundi The Road To Limbo
- Rwanda The Road To Holocaust V.
- Tanzania The Plight Of A Peaceseeker vi.

#### B. The Paradox

- The Artificial Colonial Boundaries Mean A Lot i
- Troops and Policemen are Friends ii.
- Local Governance Works for the People iii.
- The Nation Means A Lot

v. "Why Pity the Killers and Ignore Us?"

# C. Hosting Hordes

(Ngara/Karagwe 485,000 residents. Refugees 1 January, 1995 500,000+)

### 1. Security

- i. The Risk (compare Zaire Border Zone)
- ii. The Response (5,000 troops/300 police)
- iii. The Result (quiet border/tense area/murderous camps)
- iv. The Cost (financial \$5,000,000 a year?/social)

# 2. Initial Damage and Continuing Cost

- i. Fear/Disorder ("We could not understand people who were so violent to each other. We had to call out the sungu sungu every night.")
- ii. Water/Sanitation (fouled springs/filled latrines)
- iii. Health Supplies/Personal (Sweeping and Restocking)
- iv. "The maize is gone"
- v. Fuel (trees/books/desks and all )

#### 3. Cash Incomes

- i. Loss The Kigali Market
  - Access To National Market (\$5,000,000 a year?)

ii. Gain - Jobs

- Commerce/Rental (\$5,000,000 a year?)

Side cost - loss key personnel ('Dead Boat' £70 a month - Principal Secretary £35 - )

iii. <u>Prices</u> - Uneven Plus and Minus (The Refugee Trade)

Lo Impact Ordinary Kageran?
(Staple Food They Do Not Buy)

iv. Workload - Wooding and Watering - Women's (Girls) Work Is

Never Done

v. Ecology - Woodless Rings

Sinking Water

- Fouled Water

- Epidemics Waiting, Waiting

Time Runs Out (Recovery of Balance 2000 assuming

90% refugee otherwhere by late 1995)

vi. Food - Maize (But ...)

- Plantains (Opportunity **not** Disaster)

- Beans (Glutting the Market)

- If the Rains Fail (True, but how related?).

vii. Total Cost (1994-2000 Including Security)

- Gross \$70,000,000 to \$75,000,000

- Net \$60,000,000 to \$65,000,000
- Assumes 50,000 refugees maximum by 31 December 1995
- Total Cash Income of Two Districts Pre 1994 Perhaps \$10,000,000 to \$45,000,000; Total Including Self-Provisioning Perhaps \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000.

# D. Response - Initial Six Months

- i. PM's Security
  - Bolstering Local Govt.
  - Overall Study
- ii. Local Government
  - Being There
- iii. Civil Society (Churches, Red Cross, TVRS)
  - Trying To Help
- iv. International Responders
  - Netherland, UNICEF, Germany, Caritas, AMREF, Red Cross
  - Oxfam, WFP
- v. And Others
- vi. The Voiceless Villages (Too Small To Help Themselves or To Be 'Processed')

# E. Toward A Strategic Package?

- i. PM's/UNICEF's Reviews (And UN Infighting)
- ii. Health/Nutrition/Watsan (UNICEF Initiatives)
- iii. Fuel-Forestry and Fuel Economy (DTZ Leadership)
- iv. Sustainable Agriculture-Agro Forestry (Netherlands Initiative)
- v. Roads and Highways (The Big Battalions Haver)
- vi. The Villages and A Two Tier Approach (UNICEF Initiative)
- vii. Congroup SADC International Small Projects Special Conference Scenario

(Total Cost Estimate 1994/2000 - \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000)

## F. Related Problems

- i. The Necessity of Movement
  - Security
  - Hate Grows in Camps/Lives Grow in Villages
  - Refoulement Or Resettlement (But the latter costs money!)
  - Tanzania UNHCR UN UN Funder Positions
- ii The Price of Non-Prevention
  - Fuelling The Flames The RPF's 'Air'

- Protecting The Transitional Government ("If you have the UN to protect, you buy your coffin now")
- Why **not** a Trusteeship?
- iii. The Generality of Myopia
  - Burundi
  - Algeria
  - And how many more?
- iv. Light Brigades Charge In (And Out -)
  - Somalia (vs Somaliland)
  - Angola (vs Mozambique)
- v. Turning The Blind Eye?
  - The Death of 35 Years of Multiparty Democracy (Recognising The Gambian Cowboys)
  - Defending Legitimacy/Seeing Off Lesotho's Coupsters
  - Contest Or Else ... (Neighbours Address Dhlakama) (SADC Means Business)