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Dear Mr Overton,

Thank you for your email of 20 April, in which you asked for information relating to the Migration and Economic Development Partnership with Rwanda. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I am able to disclose the following information relating to the UNHCR and the European Union resettling refugees in Rwanda.

In context, the published [Hansard](#) transcript from the debate on 19 April, the Home Secretary said 'over 130,000 refugees have been resettled in Rwanda, and it is not just a safe country, but one where both the UNHCR and the EU have resettled individuals'. It is correct to say that UNHCR and the EU have worked together to resettle refugees to Rwanda, in particular through the Emergency Transit Mechanism. This article and others are available online which describe this scheme in further detail. [ETM Rwanda: EU support helps UNHCR to bring fresh hope to a young refugee – UNHCR Rwanda](#)

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Yours sincerely,

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