

UNHCR D.R. Congo Fact Sheet

24 February 2013

UNHCR operational highlights

- On 11 February, DRC Government granted Prima Facie status, according to 1969 AU Convention, to CAR refugees, who have fled their country and sought refuge in 2010 in Bondo, Oriental Province, and in 2012 in Worobe, Bosobolo and Mobayi-Mbongo, Equateur Province. The CAR refugees will be identified, registered and documented by CNR, the Government technical structure in charge of Refugees and IDPs. UNHCR will assist them accordingly.
- Several missions had assessed the situation of CAR new refugees in Equateur and Oriental Provinces. From 3 to 5 January 2013, a joint mission MONUSCO-UNHCR-UNICEF-OCHA-WFP to Mobayi-Mbongo had verified the influx and assessed the humanitarian situation. From 11 to 24 January 2013, UNHCR and the National Commission for Refugees (CNR) visited the same area. The mission assisted more than 1,000 refugees with food purchased locally by UNHCR and household goods donated by UNICEF. From February 14 to 21, another mission composed by MONUSCO, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, WHO and CNR stated the presence of nearly 22,000 CAR refugees in this area. Local authorities indicated the presence of 2,000 refugees in Oriental Province. A pre-registration operation of refugees is scheduled in the coming days.
- Members of the Good Humanitarian Donorship group, including representatives from Germany, Canada, Spain, Sweden, the UK and the EU visited Mugunga 3 IDP camp, In North-Kivu, on 29 January 2013. In South-Kivu UNHCR took part in the briefing and discussions of the delegation "good humanitarian donor ship", the objective of the mission was to get an update on the current situation, a feedback on coordination mechanisms.
- The Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation visited Mugunga 3 IDP camp on 5 February. After meeting with the IDP women's committee, she expressed concern with the surge in sexual violence and rape cases.

Refugees in the DRC as of 24 February 2013

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	TOTAL
Rwanda*	49,607
Burundi	9,368
Sudan	2,505
Central African Republic	26,000
Republic of Congo	732
Uganda	20
Others	57
Total	88,289

* Figures for Rwandan refugees are Government estimates

IDPs in DRC

IDPs in camps*	Total	IDPs/Province**	Total
Masisi (17 camps)	74,068	South Kivu	877,747
Rutshuru (12 camps)	23,483	North Kivu	913,724
Walikale (1 camp)	2,012	Oriental Province	497,568
Goma (1 camp)	13,837	Katanga	277,159
Total (31 camps)	113,400	Maniema	91,790
		Equateur	7,033
		Total	2,665,021

* Source: UNOPS - 31 January 2013

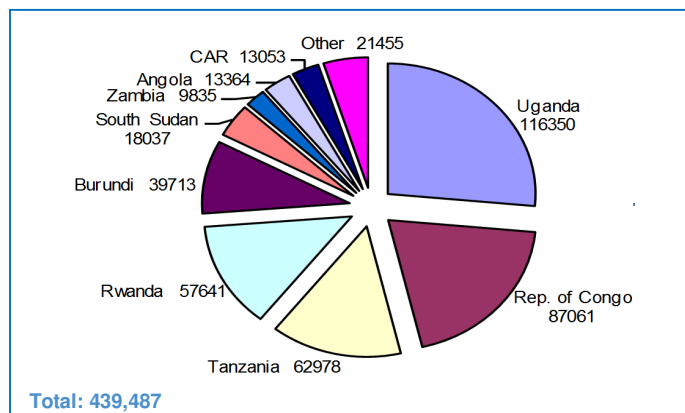
** Source: OCHA - 31 December 2012

Working with partners

Together with the DRC Government authorities, in particular the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), UNHCR manages and implements humanitarian assistance and protection for refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons. Within the collaborative approach, support is delivered jointly with MONUSCO, WFP, UNICEF, OCHA, UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, FAO, UNOPS and IOM among other agencies and NGOs. UNHCR leads the Protection cluster and with UNDP co-leads the Early Recovery cluster. UNHCR is also the lead of the Protection and Prevention component of the Comprehensive Strategy to Combating SGBV in DRC, under the STAREC.

In the field, assistance is delivered together with 11 implementing partners: ADSSE, AIDES, AIRD, CNR, ERUKIN, GRACE, IEDA, INTERSOS, PU, SFCG, WFWI.

DRC refugees in Africa as of 24 February 2013



Return of Congolese refugees, 2004 – 24 February 2013

PROVINCE	2004-2006	2007-2011	2012	2013	TOTAL
Equateur	19,887	45,716	46,318	6,734	117,655
Nord-Kivu	2,605	15,262	16,813	-	34,680
Sud-Kivu	38,268	43,027	327	83	81,705
P.Orientale	765	837	8,317	-	9,919
Katanga	26,958	49,145	47	-	76,150
Kinshasa	485	1,026	21	-	1,532
Total	88,968	155,013	71,843	6,817	322,641

UNHCR 2013 Budget (in million USD)

POPULATION	BUDGET
Refugees in DRC	41,601,200
Refugees in Gabon	821,807
Stateless	2,232,857
Returnees	46,246,835
IDPs	65,073,385
Total Budget	155,976,084

Achievements

- Since January 1st, some **1,129** Rwandan refugees returned to Rwanda from Bukavu and Goma.
- **6,734** DRC refugees returned from Republic of Congo to Equateur Province this year. The voluntary repatriation operation started on 5 May 2012. Last year **46,318** individuals returned in Equateur.
- **83** Congolese refugees have been repatriated from Burundi in 2013.

UNHCR staff

250 national staff, 59 international staff, 26 United Nations Volunteers and 1 consultant.

UNHCR Presence

RO Kinshasa, SO Bukavu, SO Goma, SO Lubumbashi, FO Bunia, FO Dungu, FU Beni, FU Rutshuru, FO Uvira, FO Kalemie, FO Dongo, FO Libenge, FU Mbandaka, FU Buburu

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