

Democratic Republic of the Congo

1 – 15 July 2018

This document provides a mid-month update. It complements UNHCR's more detailed Operational Updates for the DRC, which cover the full month.

Refugees

- Between 1 and 15 July, UNHCR **reunified 2 refugee children** with their families in Burundi, in line with their Best Interest Determination (BID). A third Burundian urban refugee who expressed the wish to return was also accompanied to the border.
- A **small number of Burundian asylum seekers** arrived at Kavimvira transit center (South Kivu Province) and were awaiting registration.
- 216 vulnerable Central African refugees from out-of-camp locations in Nord-Ubangi Province were **relocated to Inke camp** between 11 and 13 July, bringing the total since the beginning of 2018 to 389 (100 households).
- By mid-July, **5,000 Central African refugee households** (17,000 people) in Nord-Ubangi Province received **7,600 refugee certificates** as part of a certificate distribution campaign that began in June. Each household received a certificate, as well as each individual who crossed the border alone.

Internally Displaced People (IDPs)

- Between 1 and 15 July, **793 protection incidents** were recorded in Ituri Province, **114** in Kasai Province, **845** in Tanganyika, Haut Katanga and Lualaba Provinces, and **353** in Nord-Kivu Province.
- On 6 July in Balala Nord, Sud-Kivu Province, hostilities between two groups caused the **displacement of an estimated 12,000 people**, as reported by UNHCR's partner INTERSOS. The territories of Shabunda and Uvira also continued to experience violence and new population movements, with 212 people fleeing the Swiza and Lugondozi villages towards Nduma village and the nearby forest, as reported by INTERSOS. The difficulty to access them is restricting humanitarian assistance.
- **104 families fled to Muteta** (8 kilometers from Pweto town, Haut-Katanga Province) from several villages, as reported by UNHCR's partner Save Congo. The families fled fearing militia attacks. 26 families constructed their own huts and 32 lived in a school. The remaining are staying with host families.

Cluster activities

Protection Cluster

- Following advocacy by the Territorial Protection Cluster on access to justice for IDPs, **two judicial clinics were opened** in Baraka, Fizi Territory, to ensure access to justice for SGBV survivors and victims of human rights violations. One clinic was opened by the Panzi Foundation and the other by the law faculty of the Université Espoir du Congo.

Shelter Working Group

- In July, UNHCR deployed a **Cash and Shelter expert** to be put at the disposition of the Shelter Working Group; the expert will support all Working Group members through training and developing guidelines on conditional cash for shelter interventions.

Cash Working Group

- On 7 July, UNHCR became **co-chair of the National Cash Working Group for the DRC**, along with the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

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