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# Population Data Analysis

## Regional Bureau for Southern Africa

October 2023

## Overview

At the end of October 2023, Southern Africa hosts around **9.6 million forcibly displaced populations.** These include 780,200 refugees, 202,000 asylum-seekers, 33,100 others of concern, and 6.6 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) who moved as a result of conflicts. To that figures, 1,400 refugees and 2 million IDPs were announced to be returned during the reporting period. In addition, 1 million internally displaced persons have also moved owing to climate change and disaster. A reduction by 353,000 individuals among the internally displaced populations were noticed as from September 2023. It should be noted that the **Democratic Republic of Congo hosts 83 per cent** of the above-mentioned populations.

## Refugees, Asylum-Seekers and Others of Concern

**1 million refugees, asylum-seekers and others of concern** are granted asylum in the region. 76 per cent of them originate from countries outside Southern Africa region.[1] The top five countries of origin are the Central African Republic (247,300), Rwanda (238,000), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (223,200), Burundi (88,500) and South Sudan (53,500) from where they are fleeing armed conflicts and/or human rights violation.

**14,200** new refugees were registered in the Southern Africa region since January 2023. 5,490 of them representing 39% are hosted in Zambia, arriving mainly predominantely from the Democratic Republic of Congo (18%), Malawi (15%) and Mozambique (10%). 640 new arrivals emanate from Pakistan, with an increase by 400 as from July 2023. All of them are hosted in Madagascar, while 77% of Ethiopian and 58% of Eritrean new arrivals are hosted in Eswatini.

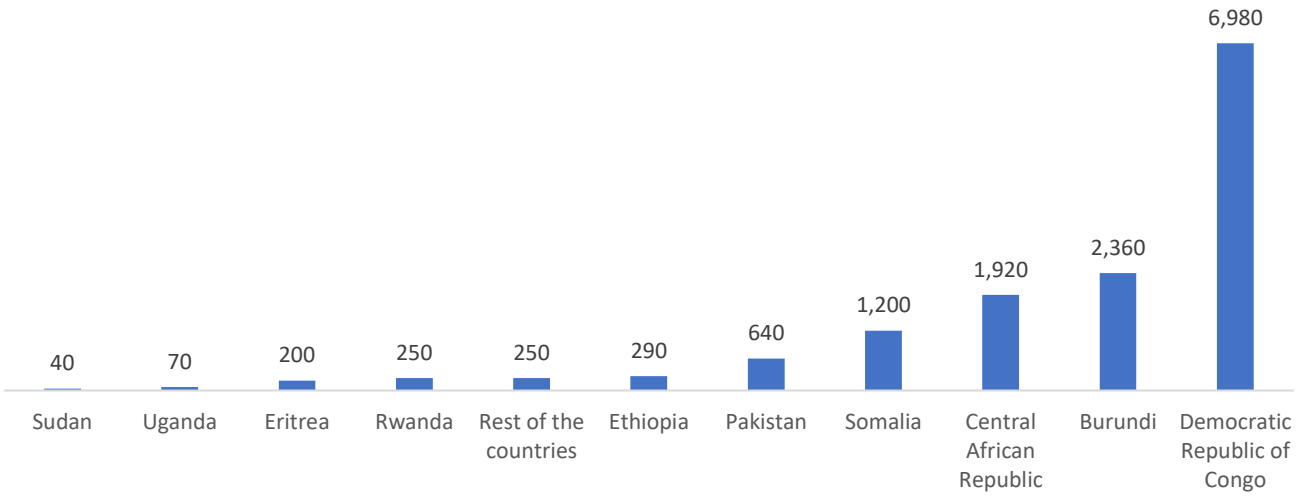


*Figure 1: New arrivals in Southern Africa by country of origin. Figures from South Africa are not included.*

## Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

**87 per cent of the internally displacements is caused by conflicts**. Around 2 million IDPs in the DRC and Mozambique have returned to their places of origin. Internal displacements induced by conflicts are reported in the DRC and Mozambique, while those displaced as a result of climate change and/or disaster are in the DRC, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

[1] Southern Africa region refers to the 16 countries covered by the Regional Bureau for Southern Africa of UNHCR including Angola (AGO), Botswana (BWA), Comoros (COM), Congo (COG), DRC (COD) Eswatini (SWZ), Lesotho (LSO), Madagascar (MDG), Malawi (MWI), Mauritius (MUS), Mozambique (MOZ), Namibia (NAM), Seychelles (SYC), South Africa (ZAF), Zambia (ZMB) and Zimbabwe (ZWE).

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# POPULATIONS THAT UNHCR IS MANDATED TO PROTECT AND ASSIST

As of 31 October 2023

## KEY FIGURES

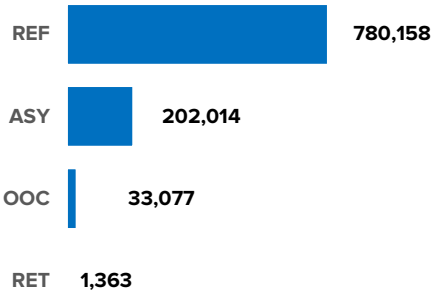
**9,585,735**

FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE & RETURNEES[1]

As a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations, or events seriously disturbing public order.

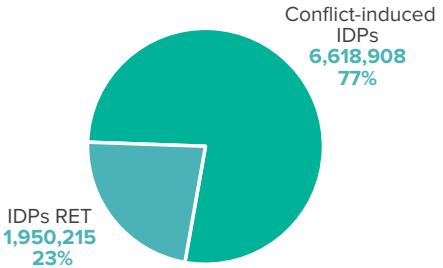
**1,016,612**

Refugees, asylum-seekers, other of concern & returnees (11% of the overall forcibly displaced people and returnees population)**



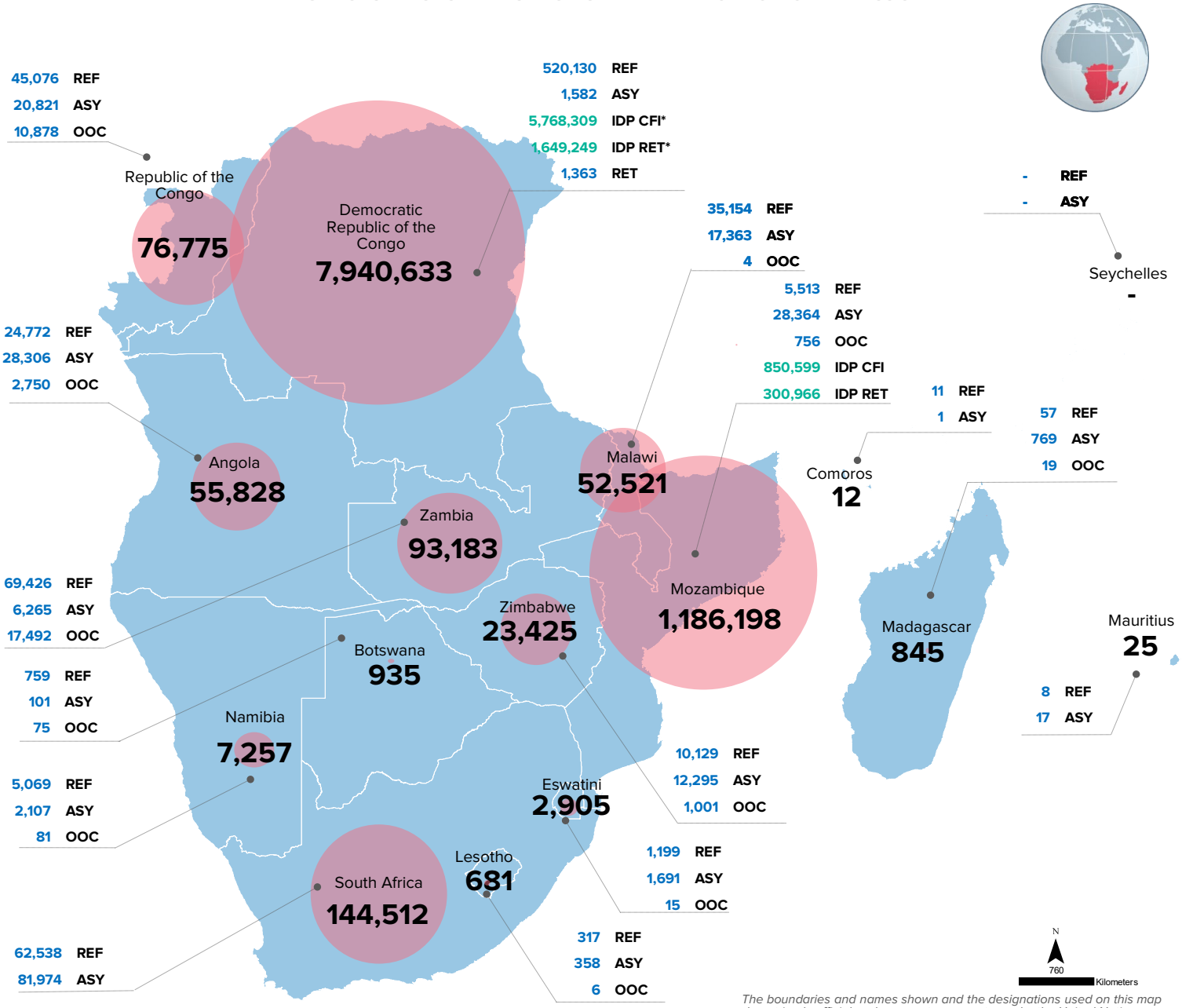

**8,569,123**

Conflict-induced IDPs and returned IDPs (89% of the overall forcibly displaced people and returnees population)**




1 In addition, there are 1,009,888 people displaced internally in the context of disasters and climate change. The displacement occurred in the following countries:
Malawi (659,278), The Democratic Republic of the Congo (267,407), Mozambique (41,668) and Zimbabwe (41,535).

## MAP OF POPULATIONS THAT UNHCR IS MANDATED TO PROTECT AND ASSIST

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**Source:** **REF, ASY, OOC, RET** (UNHCR PRIMES, Government); **IDP DRC** (OCHA); IDP Zimbabwe & Mozambique (IOM); **IDP ROC** (Government, Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action (MASAH).

Date of creation: As of 31 October 2023

For more information visit: UNHCR Data Portal

* IDP figures in DRC are as of 30 September 2023 ** REF = Refugee; ASY = Asylum-seeker; OOC = Other person of concern; RET = Returnee IDP = Internal Displaced Person IDP CFI = Conflic-induced IDPs IDP RET = Returned IDPs DRC = Democratic Republic of the Congo ROC = Repulic of the Congo

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# REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS INVOLVED IN 2023 CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

As of 31 October 2023

## CUMULATIVE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS KEY FIGURES*

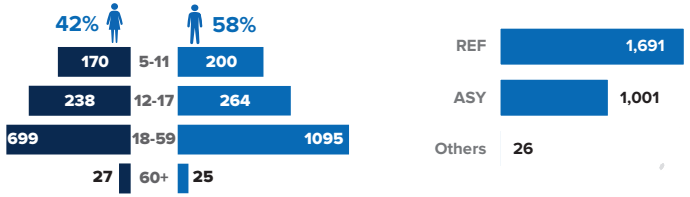
**2,718** Total cross border movements since January (Current month = 164)

**916** Intra region movements since January (Current month = 65)

**813** Outward movements from the region since January (Current month = 55)

**989** Inward movements into the region since January (Current month = 44)

## AGES, GENDER AND LEGAL STATUS OF MOVERS **

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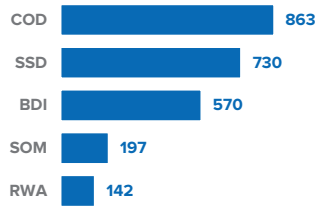


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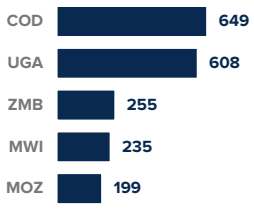


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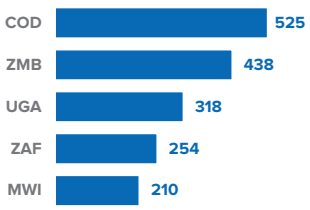
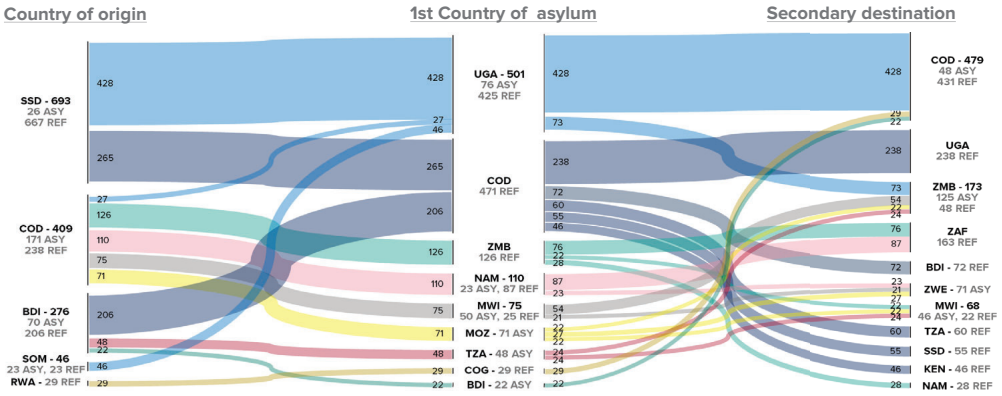



## CUMULATIVE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVED 20 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS OR MORE ***

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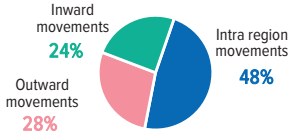
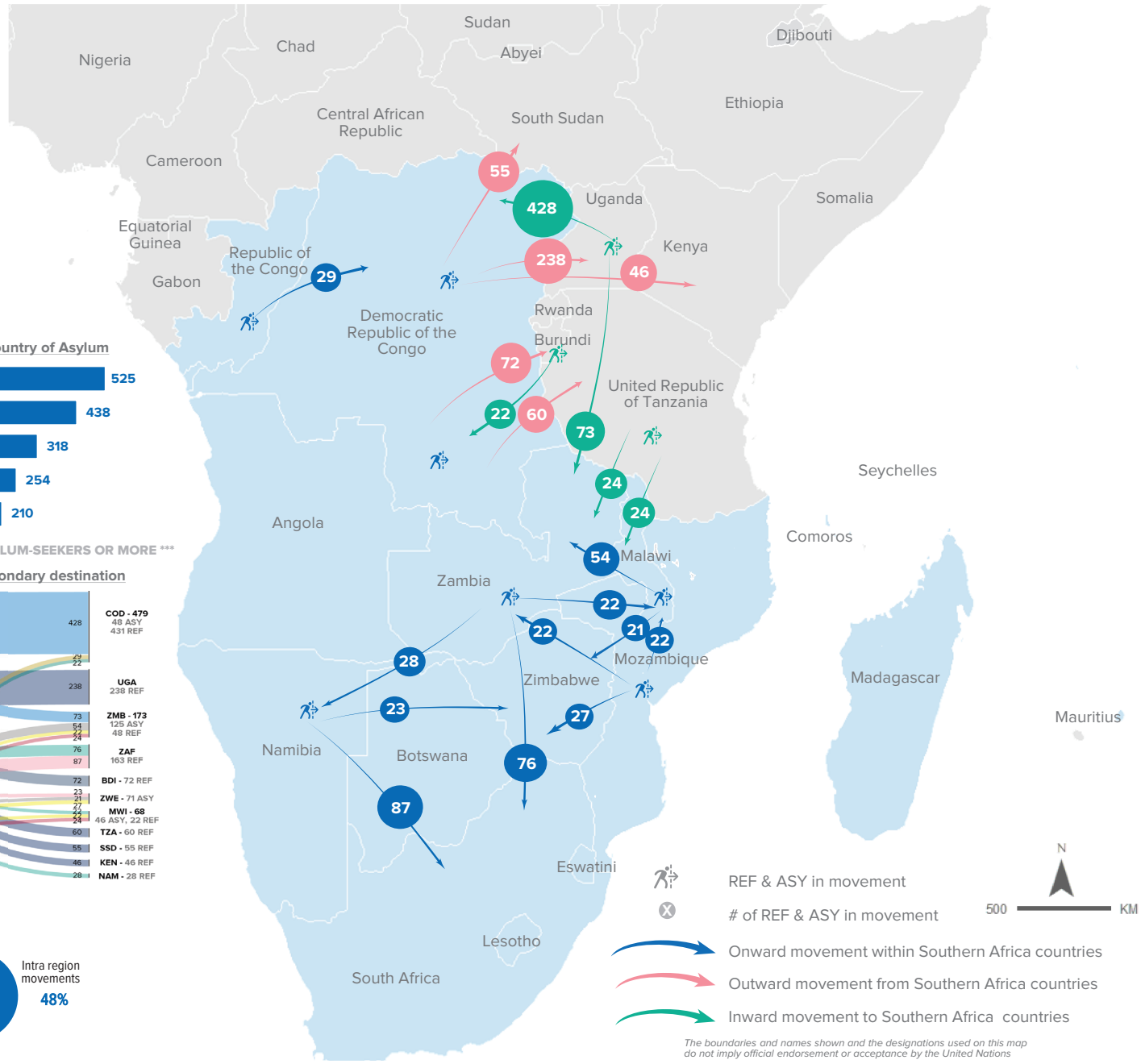



## MAP OF CUMULATIVE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVED 20 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS OR MORE

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* Figures have been revised in June by removing individuals found in VolRep and Data Transfer Request.
** REF = Refugee, ASY = Asylum-Seeker, OOC = Other person of concern

*** The flows shown are restricted only to movements of a minimum group people , therefore the totals is different from the overal movements of the month due to the exclusion. In case of the same country of origin and first country of asylum, due to the change of nationality of some PoCs, country of origin are replaced with the previous nationality. All countries were named according to the ISO 3 Codes. BDI = Burundi, COD = Democratic Republic of the Congo , COG = Republic of the Congo, SSD- South Sudan, KEN = Kenya, UGA = Uganda, MWI = Malawi, MOZ = Mozambique, NAM = Namibia, TZA=Tanzania , ZMB = Zambia, ZWE =Zimbabwe

Data sources: UNHCR PRIMES.
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REGIONAL BUREAU FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

# 2023 VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION

As of 31 October 2023

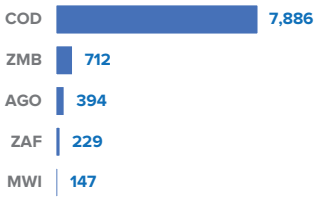
## KEY FIGURES

**9,565**
Total Individuals repatriated since January 2023

**1,357**
Individuals repatriated **within Southern Africa Region** since January 2023

**8,208**
Individuals repatriated **from Southern Africa Region** to other countries outside of the region since January 2023

### Top 5: Country of Asylum

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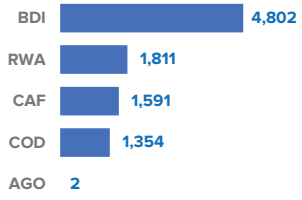


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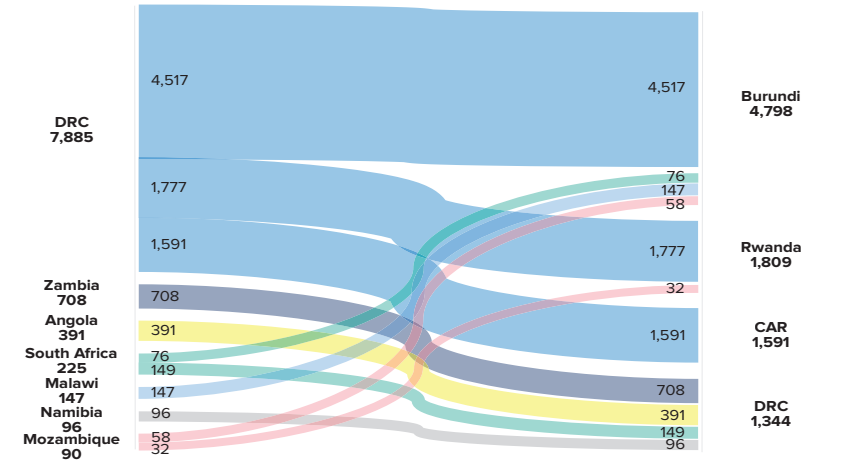
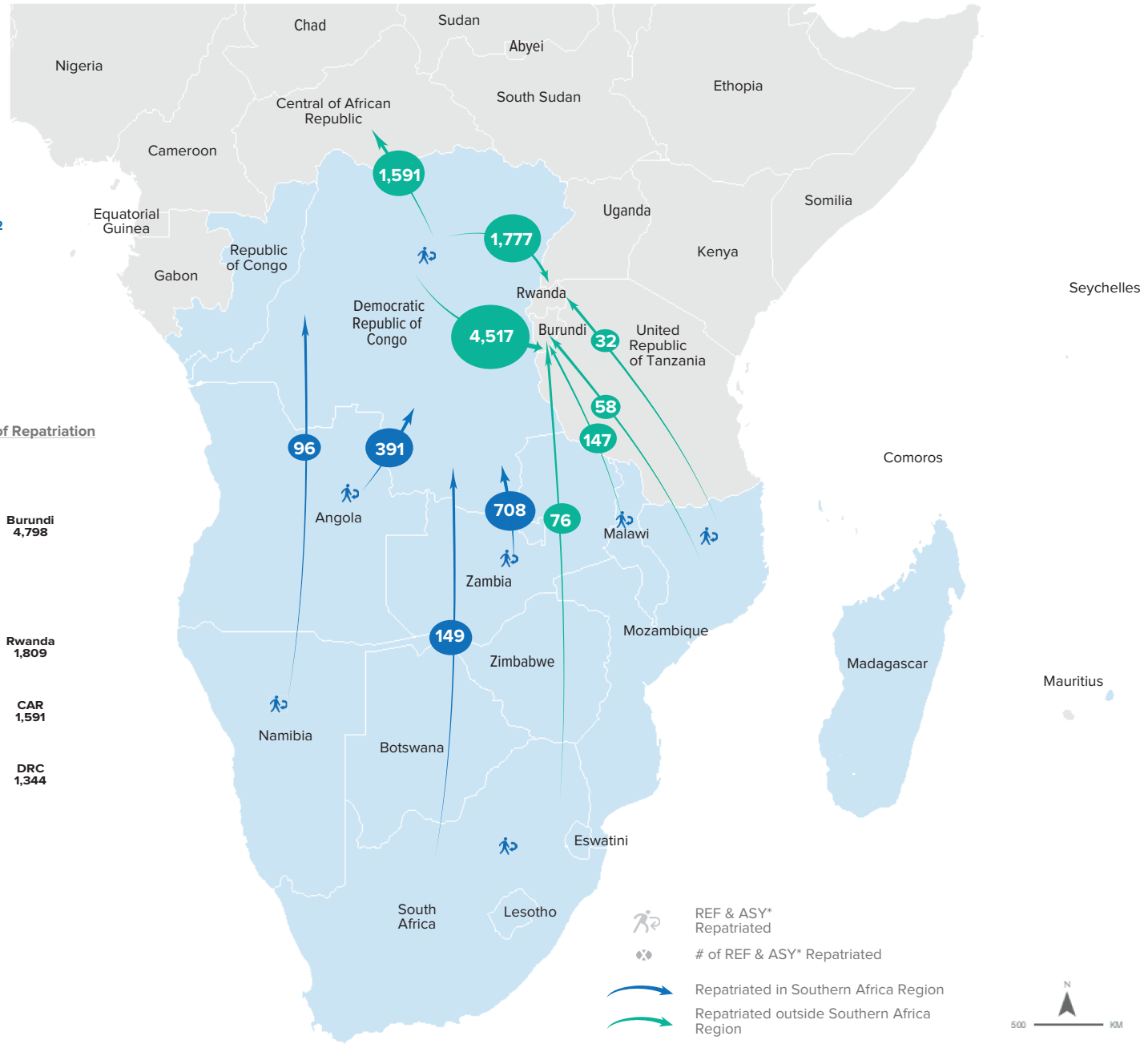



## TRENDS

### MONTHLY REPATRIATION SINCE JANUARY**

### ANNUAL REPATRIATION SINCE 2019

## MAP OF VOLREP* WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVE 10 REFUGEES OR MORE

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*VolRep = Voluntary Repatriation, DRC = Democratic of Republic of the Congo, CAR = Central African Republic **Note: This VolRep Dashboard focus on organised and self-organized repatriation Source : UNHCR PRIMES Author : DIMA/RBSA Data sources: UNHCR PRIMES. For more information or to contribute, please contact UNHCR RBSA DIMA (rsarbdima@unhcr.org)

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# REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS INVOLVED IN RESETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

As of 31 October 2023

## RESETTLEMENT KEY FIGURES

**Submitted Cases**

1,897 Cases

8,262 Case Members

**Departure Cases***

726 Case

3,222 Case Members

**Active Cases***

1,894 Case

7,982 Case Members

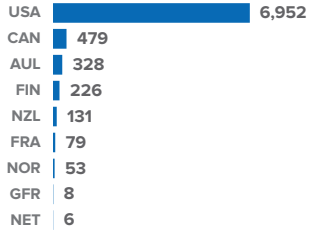
**Quota**

8,842 Allotcated Quota

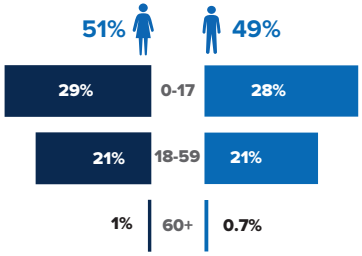
93% % of Submission vs Quota

Balance (Quota/Submission) : **580**

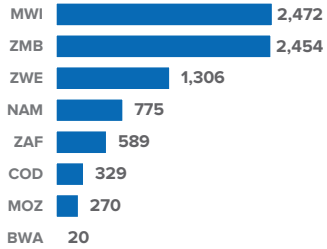
### Submitted Cases Member by Country of Submission




### Departure Cases by Age and Gender




### Submitted Cases Members by Top 10 Country of Asylum

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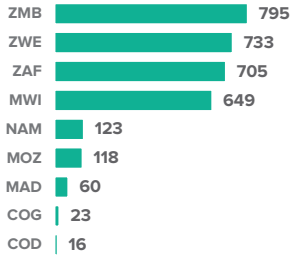
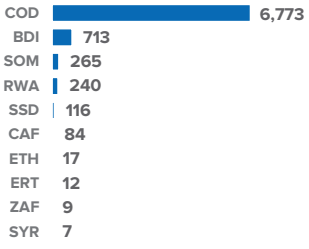



### Submitted Cases Members by Top 10 Country of Origin

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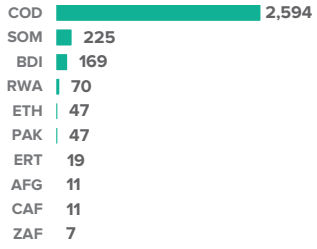
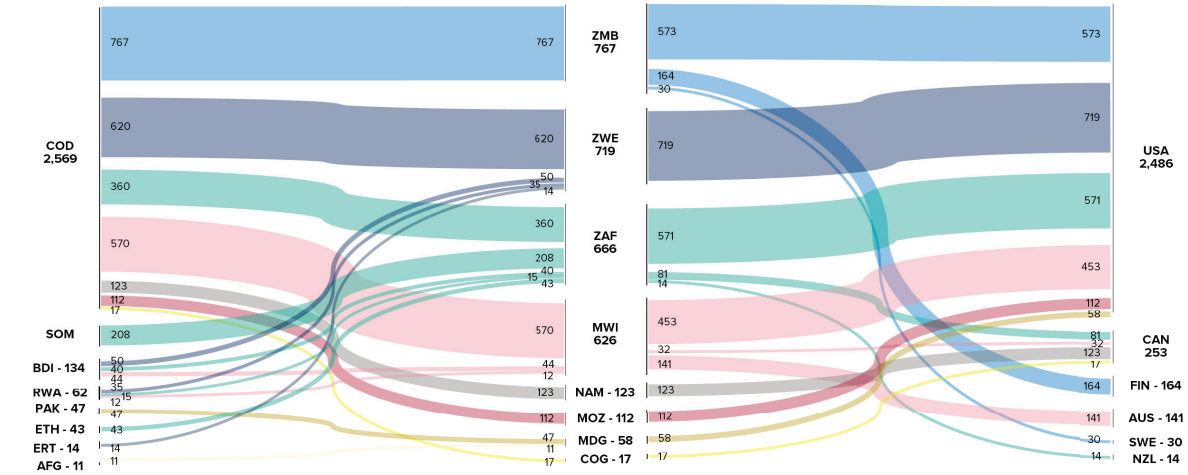
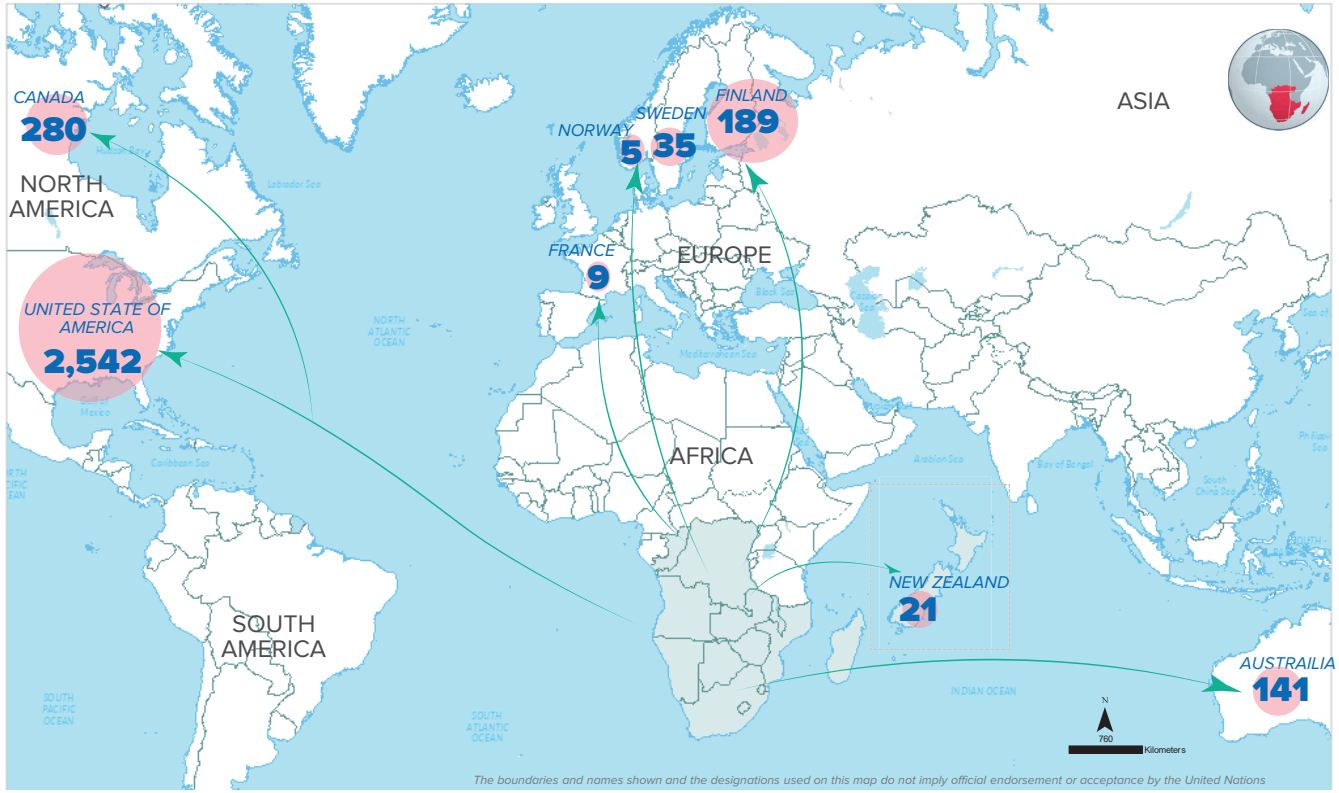



## MOVEMENTS OF GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE RESETTLEMENT CASE MEMBERS




## MAP OF THE DEPARTURES BY COUNTRY OF SUBMISSION




* Active Case and Case Member and Departure Case figures have been proportionned from PRIMES dataport as of 6 November / information not available on RSR site.

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# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO REFUGEES*

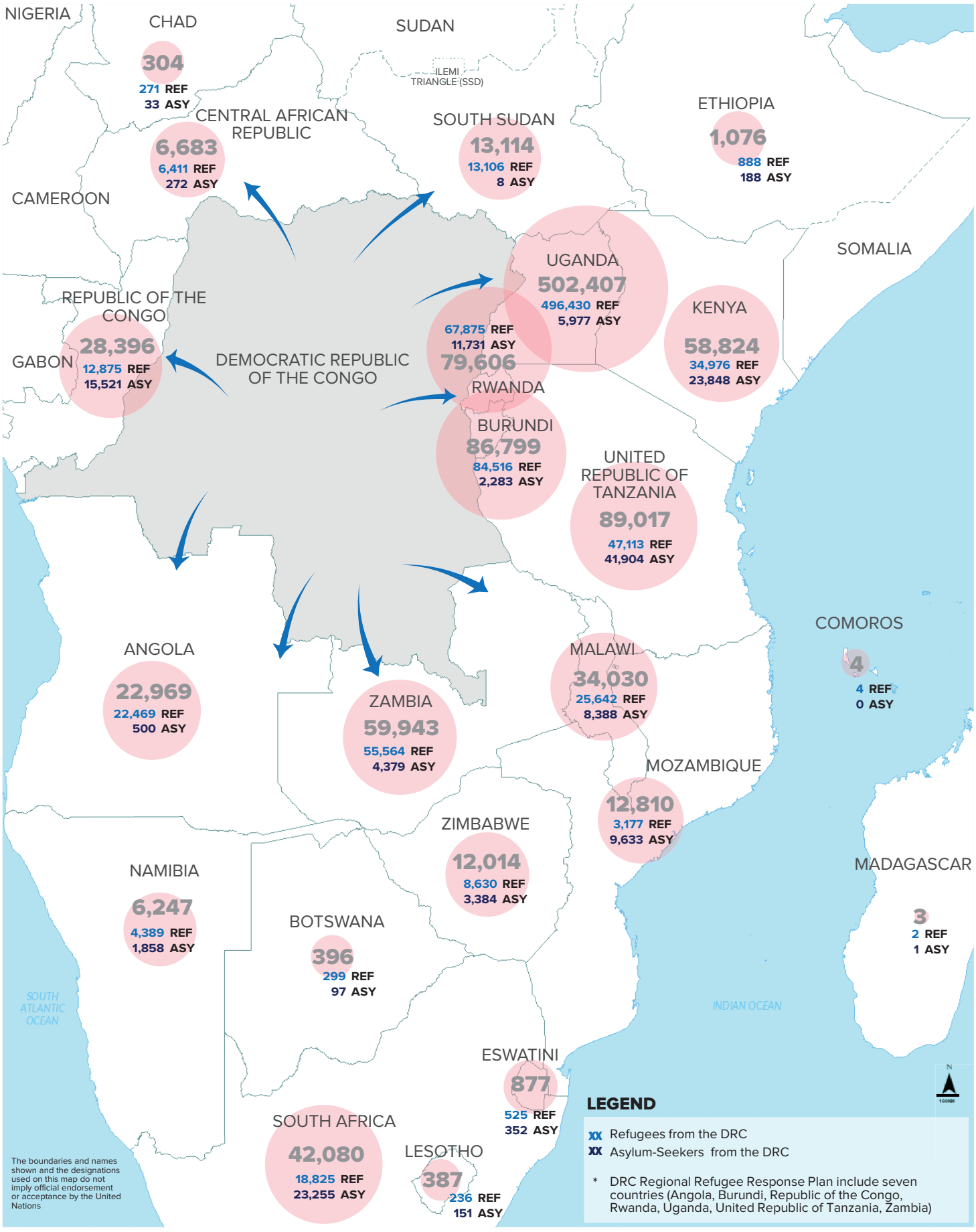
As of 31 October 2023

## KEY FIGURES

**1,057,986** Total Refugees and Asylum-seekers

**904,223** Refugees

**153,763** Asylum-seekers




REF = Refugee ASY = Asylum seeker

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# REFERENCE MAP / UNHCR PRESENCE

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# Forcibly displaced and returned persons in southern Africa, Data as of 31 October 2023*

| Country of Asylum | Location** | | | Self-settled*** | Population Group | | | | | | | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Name | Longitude (X) | Latitude (Y) | | Refugee | Asylum-Seeker | Other of Concern | IDP by Conflict | Returned IDP | Refugee Returnee | Statelessness | Host Community | |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo* | Other | | | No | 379 630 | 1 034 | | 5 173 214 | 1 649 249 | 1 363 | | | 7 204 490 |
| | IDP Camp | | | No | | | | 595 095 | | | | | 595 095 |
| | Lusenda | 29,0944 | -3,8879 | No | 25 730 | | | | | | | | 25 730 |
| | Meri | 30,2019 | 3,8486 | No | 24 939 | 12 | | | | | | | 24 951 |
| | Inke | 20,7673 | 4,0905 | No | 18 412 | 7 | | | | | | | 18 419 |
| | Mole | 18,8033 | 4,1351 | No | 11 099 | | | | | | | | 11 099 |
| | Bili | 19,9185 | 4,5413 | No | 10 391 | 23 | | | | | | | 10 414 |
| | Mulongwe | 29,0395 | -4,2374 | No | 9 563 | | | | | | | | 9 563 |
| | Boyabu | 18,7699 | 3,7291 | No | 8 805 | | | | | | | | 8 805 |
| | Nzakara | 21,2204 | 4,2746 | No | 8 653 | | | | | | | | 8 653 |
| | Biringi | 30,3385 | 2,8001 | No | 6 529 | | | | | | | | 6 529 |
| | Wenze | 18,6355 | 4,2491 | No | 6 219 | 275 | | | | | | | 6 494 |
| | Sidi | 19,8615 | 5,0049 | No | 6 425 | | | | | | | | 6 425 |
| | Bele | 30,1676 | 3,594 | No | 3 105 | 231 | | | | | | | 3 336 |
| | Mboti | 25,821 | 4,0243 | No | 630 | | | | | | | | 630 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **520 130** | **1 582** | | **5 768 309** | **1 649 249** | **1 363** | | | **7 940 633** |
| Mozambique | Other | | | No | 2 632 | 22 718 | 272 | 850 599 | 300 966 | | | | 1 177 187 |
| | Maratane Camp | 39,25 | -15,255 | No | 2 881 | 5 646 | 484 | | | | | | 9 011 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **5 513** | **28 364** | **756** | **850 599** | **300 966** | | | | **1 186 198** |
| South Africa | Unknown | | | Yes | 62 538 | 81 974 | | | | | | | 144 512 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **62 538** | **81 974** | | | | | | | **144 512** |
| Zambia | Meheba | 25,8816 | -12,4975 | No | 30 053 | 407 | 9 727 | | | | | | 40 187 |
| | Mayukwayukwa | 24,1911 | -14,549 | No | 17 609 | 60 | 6 997 | | | | | | 24 666 |
| | Other | | | No | 14 512 | 4 746 | 768 | | | | | | 20 026 |
| | Mantapala | 28,8876 | -9,5082 | No | 7 252 | 1 052 | | | | | | | 8 304 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **69 426** | **6 265** | **17 492** | | | | | | **93 183** |
| Congo | Other | | | No | 38 992 | 15 669 | 10 687 | | | | | | 65 348 |
| | Site du 15 Avril | 18,5071 | 3,0597 | No | 6 084 | 938 | 185 | | | | | | 7 207 |
| | Site de Bouemba | 16,1265 | -2,1593 | No | | 4 214 | 6 | | | | | | 4 220 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **45 076** | **20 821** | **10 878** | | | | | | **76 775** |
| Angola | Unknown | | | Yes | 17 086 | 28 064 | 2 397 | | | | | | 47 547 |
| | Lovua Settlement | 20,0467 | -7,4085 | No | 6 265 | | | | | | | | 6 265 |
| | Other | | | No | 1 421 | 242 | 353 | | | | | | 2 016 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **24 772** | **28 306** | **2 750** | | | | | | **55 828** |
| Malawi | Other | | | No | 1 253 | 1 494 | - | | | | | | 2 747 |
| | Dzaleka | 33,8721 | -13,6608 | No | 33 901 | 15 869 | 4 | | | | | | 49 774 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **35 154** | **17 363** | **4** | | | | | | **52 521** |
| Zimbabwe | Other | | | No | 530 | 6 555 | 62 | | | | | | 7 147 |
| | Tongogara | 32,3082 | -20,3469 | No | 9 316 | 5 715 | 907 | | | | | | 15 938 |
| | Unknown | | | Yes | 283 | 25 | 32 | | | | | | 340 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **10 129** | **12 295** | **1 001** | | | | | | **23 425** |
| Namibia | Osire | 17,365 | -21,07 | No | 4 375 | 1 706 | 43 | | | | | | 6 124 |
| | Other | | | No | 694 | 401 | 38 | | | | | | 1 133 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **5 069** | **2 107** | **81** | | | | | | **7 257** |
| Eswatini | Other | | | No | 1 199 | 1 691 | 15 | | | | | | 2 905 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **1 199** | **1 691** | **15** | | | | | | **2 905** |
| Botswana | Dukwe | 26,4975 | -20,5822 | No | 539 | 8 | 27 | | | | | | 574 |
| | Other | | | No | 220 | 93 | 48 | | | | | | 361 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **759** | **101** | **75** | | | | | | **935** |
| Madagascar | Other | | | No | 57 | 769 | 19 | | | | | | 845 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **57** | **769** | **19** | | | | | | **845** |
| Lesotho | Other | | | No | 317 | 358 | 6 | | | | | | 681 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **317** | **358** | **6** | | | | | | **681** |
| Mauritius | Other | | | No | 8 | 17 | | | | | | | 25 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **8** | **17** | | | | | | | **25** |
| Comoros | Other | | | No | 11 | 1 | | | | | | | 12 |
| | **Subtotal** | | | | **11** | **1** | | | | | | | **12** |
| | | | | | **780 158** | **202 014** | **33 077** | **6 618 908** | **1 950 215** | **1 363** | **-** | **-** | **9 585 735** |

Notes: The figures are subject to change; *IDPs by disaster are not included; **'Other' in the location refers to any known location other than camp or settlement sites, covering both urban and rural areas; the numbers in Nzakara, Wenze and Sidi in DRC are as of 31 May 2023; ***self-settled refers to the individuals without available information such as their names and locations, and their locations are categorised to be 'unknown'; those by location in Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zimbabwe could be different from the numbers operation report due to inconsistency in proGres.

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Registration data quality in the region has improved by 45.5 per cent compared to June 2023, indicating a progress of 4.6 per cent. This progress is attributed to the verification exercises conducted by 5 operations in the region and the efforts to clean up the database. To maintain such a positive trend, it is recommended that operations continue to implement the continuous registration guidance provided by the Bureau.

Regarding the socio-economic profile of the refugees and asylum-seekers, 26 per cent of the following information has been collected regarding their skills, work-experiences, languages, training, phone numbers, and documentation. It is noteworthy to mention that Malawi is among operations in the region with socio-economic data collected for the internally displaced populations. However, it is important to mention that most data on internally displaced persons in the region cannot be disaggregated by age, sex, and analyzed from the socio-economic perspective.

As regards surveys or assessments conducted in the region, the overview by September 2023 indicated that 96 exercises were carried out over the past years, with 48% of the information reported and implemented adequately, while the remainder requires follow-up and translation into programmes and projects. The 96 exercises were supported with 28,976 interviews through key informants. It should be worth mentioning that as from June 2023, an increase of 10 additional surveys and assessments were recorded.

The status of the 96 surveys is as follows: 9 planned, 22 completed, 45 ongoing, and 20 with an unknown status. The top 4 sectors covered include protection (50%), coordination & information management (17%), multi-sectors (17%), CCCM (3%). The top three countries with the highest number of surveys or assessments conducted are the Mozambique (20), the Democratic Republic of Congo (18), and Zambia (12).

Finally, operations are encouraged to promote data strategies that inform, design, and prioritize planning, implementation, reporting and analysis of programmes and projects.

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