

UNHCR D.R. Congo Fact Sheet

28 February 2014

UNHCR operational highlights

A joint UNHCR-National Commission for Refugees (CNR) mission went to Bas-Congo to talk with families in Tsekezele prior to a registration exercise, to inform and sensitize provincial and local authorities as well as the Migration Office (DGM) about the documents issued to refugees exempted to ensure their freedom of movement. Exemption is granted individually by DRC Government to those who are in exceptional situation despite the invocation of cessation clause. 327 refugee cards were delivered to Angolan refugees exempted in the province of Bas-Congo (Kimbanga, Lundumatende, Mfuiki and Tsekezele). These documents serve as identification for the holders.

Refugees in the DRC as of 28 February 2014

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	TOTAL
Rwanda*	42,630
Central African Republic**	62,253
Burundi	9,751
Uganda	1,212
Sudan	3,321
Republic of Congo	673
Angola	558
Others	71
Total	120,469

During the Tripartite Commission meeting held in Kigali on 20-21 June 2013 it was agreed that the DRC Government, with support from UNHCR, would conduct activities among them identification and registration of Rwandan refugees as well as a survey of return intentions. In this context the DRC Government, through the Commission nationale pour les réfugiés (CNR), has been able to identify over 185,000 individuals. Preliminary review of the data collected has shown that 30% of the persons approached by the national authorities have indicated that they intend to return.

**More than 45,230 refugees recently arrived in DRC

Other people of concern

Some 71,755 former Angolan refugees live in DRC, including 23,940 candidates registered for voluntary repatriation and 47,815 candidates who have opted for local integration.

IDPs in DRC

Province	Number	IDPs displacement sites in North Kivu	Number
North Kivu	1,123,446	Masisi (17 sites)	101,728
South Kivu	579,607	Rutshuru (12 sites)	34,663
Katanga	402,220	Walikale (1 site)	3,577
Oriental Province	549,921	Goma (1 site)	9,536
Maniema	293,510		
Equateur	15,000		
Total*	2,963,704	Total (31 sites)	149,504

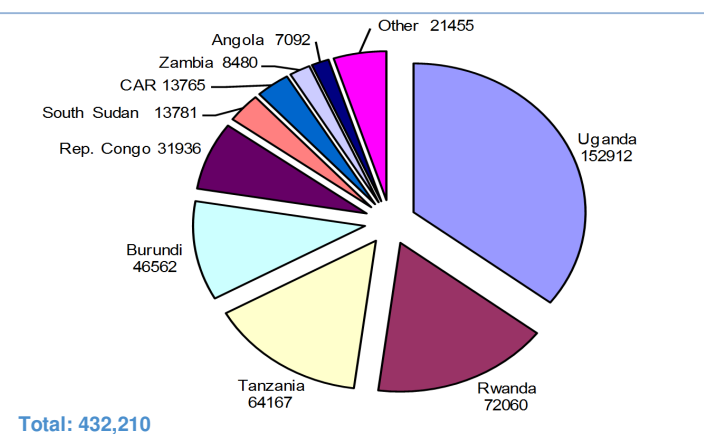
*Source: OCHA - 31 December 2013 (Quarterly statistics)

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, UNHABITAT and IOM among other agencies and NGOs. UNHCR leads the Protection 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 14 implementing partners: ADES, ADSSE, AGIR POUR LE GENRE, AIDES, AIRD, CNR, COOPI, ERUKIN, IEDA, INTERSOS, MIDEFEHOPF, SFCG, TSF and WFWI.

DRC REFUGEES IN Africa as of 28 February 2014



Return of Congolese refugees, 2011 - 28 February 2014

PROVINCE	2011	2012	2013	2014	TOTAL
Equateur	12,388	46,318	62,527	2,701	123,934
Nord-Kivu	7,147	16,813	-	-	23,960
Sud-Kivu	537	327	286	-	1,150
P.Orientale	837	8,317	5,078	-	14,232
Katanga	67	47	131	-	245
Kinshasa	57	21	34	-	112
Total	21,033	71,843	68,056	2,701	163,633

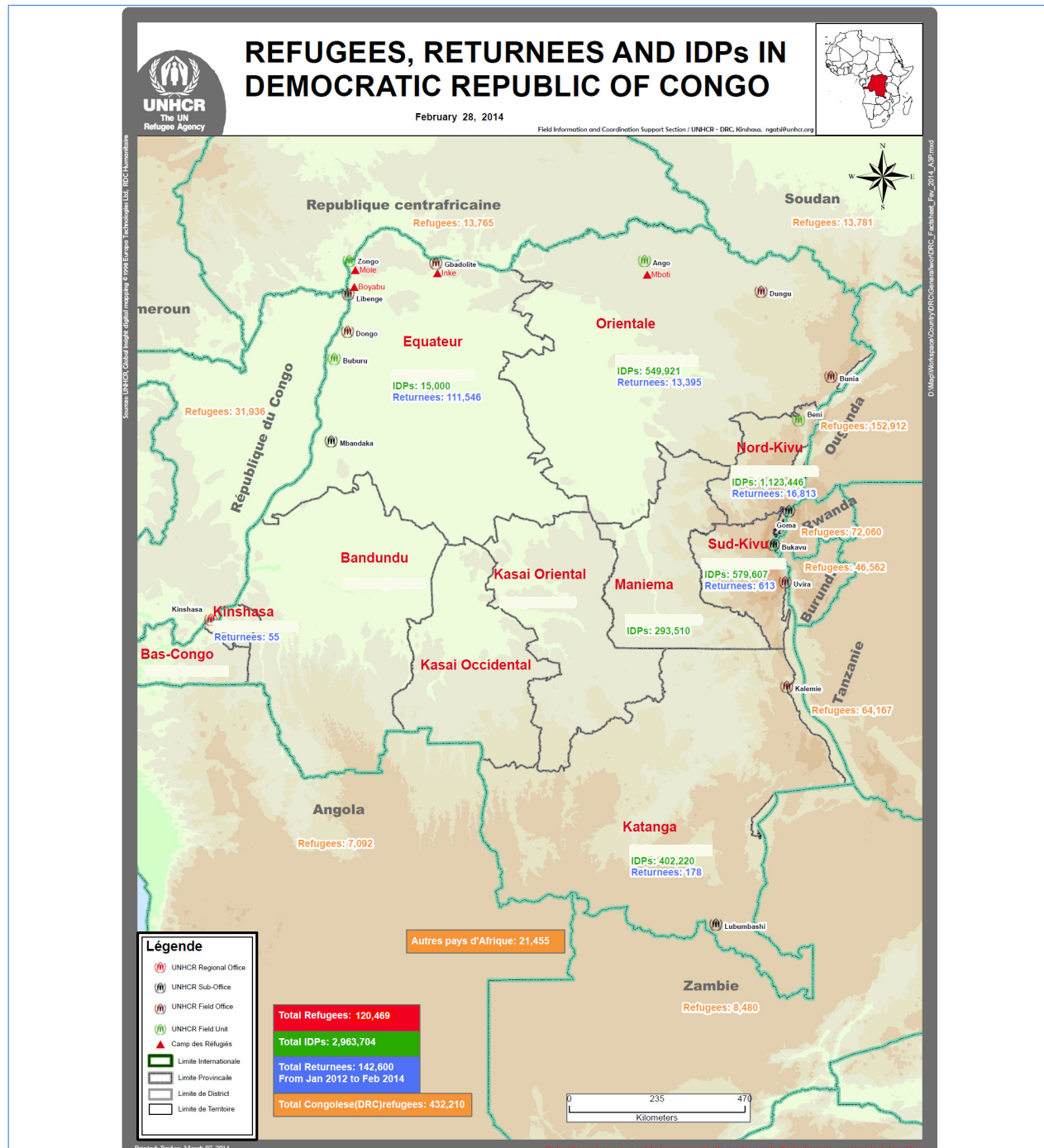
UNHCR 2014 Budget (in million USD)

POPULATION	BUDGET
Refugees and asylum-seekers in DRC	29,589,540
Central African Refugees in DRC	28,420,464
Total Refugees and asylum-seekers in DRC	58,010,004
Refugees and asylum-seekers in Gabon	754,509
Stateless	1,647,481
Returnees	44,994,100
IDPs	75,415,871
Total Budget	180,821,965

USD 180,821,965 represent funds UNHCR is seeking for programs in DRC.

Achievements

- **2,341** DRC refugees returned from the Republic of Congo to Equateur Province since the beginning of this year. The voluntary repatriation operation started on 5 May 2012, since then UNHCR and partners helped **111,226** individuals to return to Equateur.
- UNHCR has organized the voluntary repatriation of **360** DRC refugees from the Central African Republic.
- By the end of February 2014 the caseload of refugees from the Central African Republic relocated to the 4 camps in Equateur and Oriental provinces has reached **30,267** persons (**29,789** in Equateur and **478** in Oriental Province) out of a total of **62,972** refugees.
- Some **1,044** Rwandan refugees returned to Rwanda from Bukavu and Goma with UNHCR's support.



UNHCR staff

269 national staff, 60 international staff, 36 United Nations Volunteers and 7 consultants (31 December 2013).

UNHCR Presence

Ango, Bongo, Buburu, Bukavu, Bunia, Dongo, Dungu, Gbadolite, Goma, Kalemie, Kinshasa, Libenge, Lubumbashi, Mbandaka, Rutshuru, Uvira, Zongo

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