



# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

## FACTSHEET

September 2014

### HIGHLIGHTS

**745**

IDPs have received NFIs on 19 September in Lukwangulo and Kabembé in Katanga Province

**68,165**

Central African refugees live in the DRC

**750**

Enhanced stoves have been distributed in Nyiragongo and Rutshuru (N-Kivu)

**2,234**

Protection incidents recorded in South-Kivu. **4,217** in North-Kivu.

### Population of concern

A total of **121,935** refugees, **2,611,558** IDPs and **159,109** returnees

#### Refugees by country of origin

Country	Total
CAR	68,156
Rwanda	40,244
Burundi	9,233
Others	4,302
<b>Total</b>	<b>121,521</b>

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 **241,626** 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

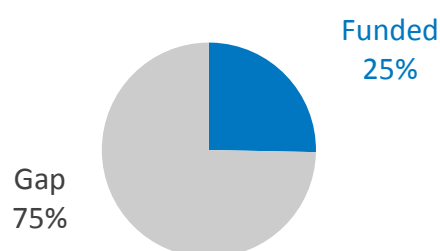
### UNHCR Presence

#### Staff:

**266** national staff  
**60** international staff

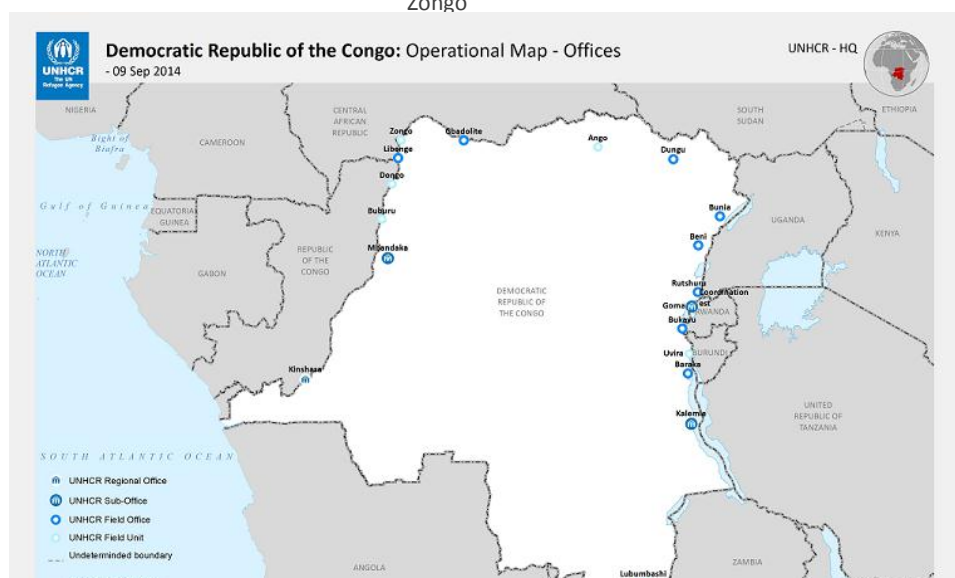
### Funding

**USD 197.4 million** requested



#### Offices:

**13** offices located in: Kinshasa, Ango, Bondo, Bukavu, Gbadolite, Goma, Kalemie, Libenge, Lubumbashi, Mbandaka, Rutshuru, Uvira and Zongo



## 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, OCHA, UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, FAO, UN-HABITAT, UN-WOMEN and IOM among other agencies and NGOs. 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.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### Protection

- On 19 August 2014, UNHCR launched the final assisted **voluntary repatriation of former Angolan refugees**. At the end of September, a total of **3,959** returnees had returned back home. In total, UNHCR is aiming to repatriate **37,336** Angolans from Kinshasa, Bas-Congo and Katanga.
- A rapid assessment has produced a new estimate of the total amount of **Central African refugees** living in and **outside settlement** context. A registration operation is currently ongoing. Once finalized, UNHCR will be able to publish the current number of CAR refugees living in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- In 2014, UNHCR has so far repatriated a total of **4,495** Rwandan refugees and **850** Burundian refugees to their respective home countries. With support, UNHCR will finalize a biometric verification of Rwandan refugees in the DRC.
- Furthermore, this year UNHCR has finalized the repatriation of **119,024** Congolese returnees coming from the Republic of Congo. The largest group of Congolese refugees living outside of the DRC can be found in Uganda, which number stands at **184,502**.
- From 19-22 September 2014, 'Peace One Day' was celebrated throughout the country. In Goma, UNHCR organized a marathon and distributed around 750 enhanced stoves in Nyiragongo and Rutshuru, in company of British actor Jude Law.

### Food security & Strengthening Livelihood

- Through support of our partner WFP, UNHCR is now distributing **cash grants** in the Central African settlements of Mole and Boyabu. The rationale behind this shift is that these grants **increase resilience** of the refugees, through allowing them to use part of the funds to start small businesses. In Inke camp a cash voucher system will be put in place.
- UNHCR is further supporting **livelihood- and income generating activities** in the Central African settlements in Equateur and Province Orientale, through providing agricultural tools, seeds and training. Results are already visible.



### Capoeira in Mole camp

- **Capoeira** by the refugees, for the refugees, that is the aim of the newly launched project in Mole camp (Equateur). Through the support of ADSSE and a Capoeira instructor living in the camp himself, young refugees are able to join this luduc activity. Besides the leisure effect, the refugees also get trained on the philosophy behind the sport, such as the refrain from the use of violence and the **promotion of peaceful coexistence**.

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UNHCR in DRC would especially like to thank the **US Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM)** for their continuous support and for their September visit to displacement sites in North Kivu (Rutshuru and Masisi), as well as to Katanga, which focused on Kalemie and surroundings. This mission enforced the effective partnership between UNHCR and PRM and certainly opened new avenues to a more structured assistance for our people of concern in the DRC.

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