



# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

## FACTSHEET

December 2014

### MONTLY HIGHLIGHTS: YEAR TO DATE

**10,000+**

New Central African refugees arrived into the DRC in the month of December

**12,419**

Former Angolan refugees repatriated back to their home country

**443,253**

Congolese nationals are living as refugee outside of the DRC

**119,024**

Congolese refugees returned to the DRC from the Republic of Congo in 2014

**117,745**

Protection incidents were recorded by UNHCR nationwide in 2014

#### Current refugee tendencies

A total of **200,837** refugees, **2,715,185** IDPs and **24,384** returnees in 2014

##### Populations of concern

Country	Total
CAR	68,156
Rwanda	119,111
Burundi	9,259
Angola (exemption)	558
Ang: local integr.	18.000
Ang: vol-rep	27.824

The total number of Rwandan refugees living in the DRC is based on the validated figure presented by the DRC Government at the Tripartite in Kigali in June 2013, minus those Rwandans that returned home since then. As agreed during this same Tripartite, these figures will be further validated during a planned biometric registration in 2015.

With regards to the Central African refugees, it is important to note that the 68.156 resembles those that are currently registered in UNHCR's ProGress database. The ongoing verification exercise in- and outside of camp context will allow UNHCR to come up with new statistics early 2015.

Some 27.824 Angolans have opted for voluntary return, while some 18.000 former Angolan refugees have opted for local integration in the DRC.

#### Planning figures 2015

A total of **405,849** refugees & **2,715,185** IDPs

##### Populations of concern

Country	Total
CAR	90,000
Rwanda	245,000
Angola	45,349*
Burundi	10,000
Others	15,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>405,843</b>

\* Out of this number, 558 persons are refugees. The remaining are former Angolan refugees that have opted for local integration (18.000) and voluntary repatriation (26.791, which is the total of 37.625, minus those returned in 2014)

#### Budget 2014

**USD 197.4 million** requested



Expenses in 2014: US\$84.052.206\*

\* US\$33.320.252 came from UNHCR core funding

**Total budget requirements for 2015: US\$216.299.540**

## 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 partners: ADES, ADSSE, AGIR POUR LE GENRE, AIDES, AIRD, CNR, COOPI, ERUKIN, IEDA, INTERSOS, MIDEFEHOPF, SFCG, TSF and WFWI.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

- A new **influx of Central African refugees** has entered the DRC in Equateur province (Bosobolo territory). These refugees arrive with urgent humanitarian needs, which is why UNHCR and partners are planning lifesaving assistance to accommodate those who fled the fighting in CAR (see photo on the right). In order to verify the estimate of the new arrivals (local authorities estimate some 30,000 arrivals), a registration exercise is being conducted in the area.
- On 19 August 2014, UNHCR launched the final assisted **voluntary repatriation of former Angolan refugees**. At the end of November, a total of **12,419** persons had returned back home. In total, UNHCR is aiming to repatriate **37,336** Angolans from Kinshasa, Bas-Congo and Katanga. So far, 12,000 out of the 18,000 temporary residency cards have been given to Angolans who opted for local integration in the DRC, financed by UNHCR.
- In 2014, UNHCR has so far repatriated a total of **5,293** Rwandan refugees and **901** Burundian refugees to their respective home countries. With support, UNHCR will conduct a biometric verification of Rwandan refugees in the DRC in 2015.
- Activities for the **16 Days of Activism** continued in December, which had as theme: 'early marriages'. The campaign aims to reduce prevalence of sexual violence (SGBV) through sensitization and advocacy.
- 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**.
- **3,958 protection incidents** were recorded in the month of December in North- and South Kivu, showing the high protection needs in Eastern Congo (2,200 in North Kivu and 1,758 in South Kivu).
- In Equateur provinces, a total of **6,090 protection incidents** were recorded in 2014 (3,078 cases related to refugees and 3,012 to the host community). The majority of cases is related to violation of property rights (2,938 cases; majority are payment of illegal taxation).
- In terms of security, despite the deployment of FARDC in some areas of the province of Katanga, 2014 has seen a **deterioration of the situation** in the North of Katanga and an increase of population displacement. The high-risk areas in the center of the province, commonly known as the 'triangle of death' (Manono, Mitwaba and Pweto) has now been expanded to other territories as well (Moba and Malemba Nkulu). Several attacks, incursions and burning of villages have been reported during December 2014. These attacks are often accompanied by serious violations of human rights and displacement of local population. During the first ten months of 2014, a total of **15,873 protection incidents** have been reported in Katanga Province, of which over 88 per cent (or 14,057) took place in the regions of Kalemie, Manono, Mitwaba and Pweto. In December, **514** protection incidents were recorded in Kalemie, Manono, Moba, Mitwaba and Pweto.



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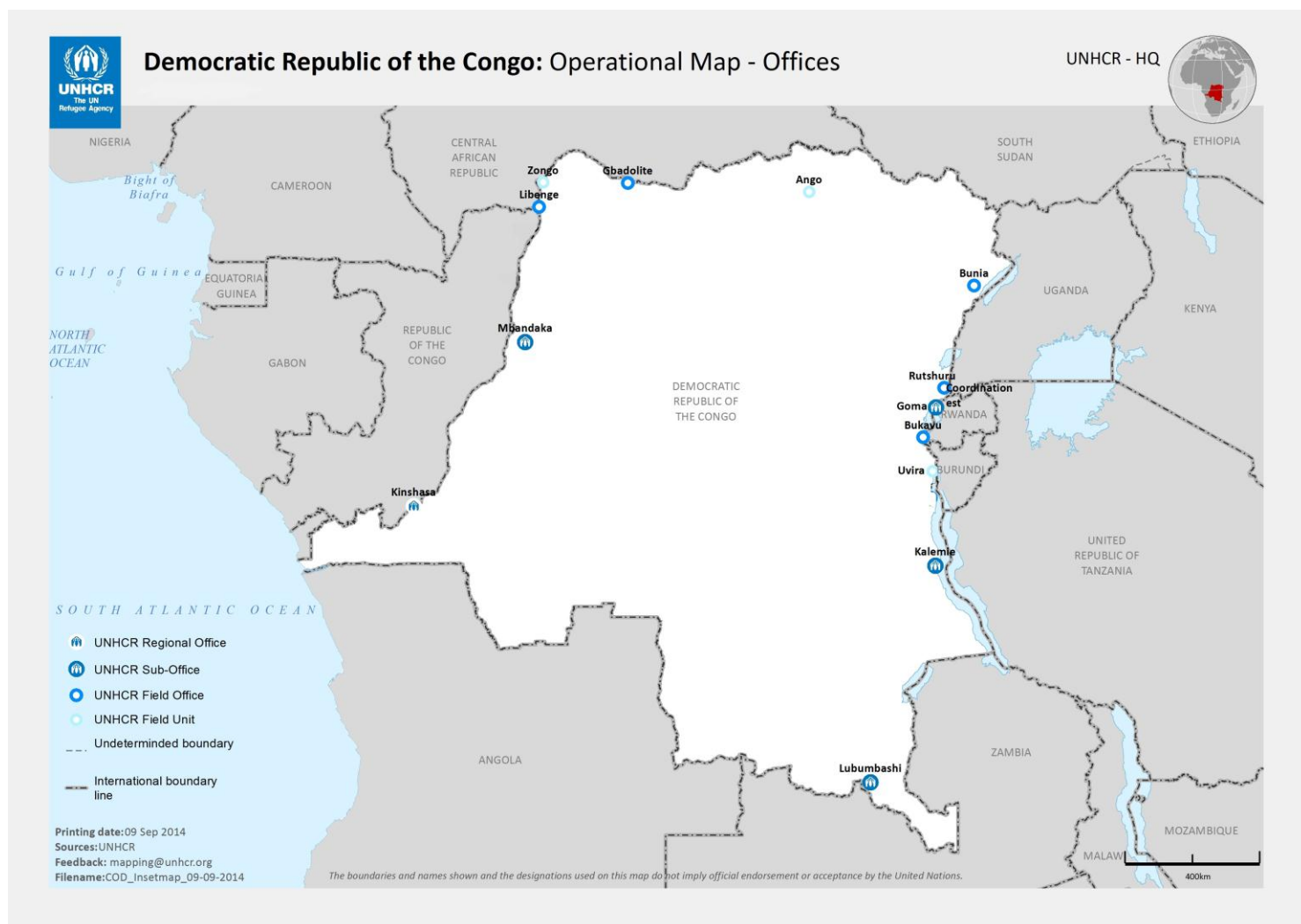
## UNHCR Presence

### Staff:

264 national staff  
61 international staff  
34 UNVs / 7 Consultants

### Offices:

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



## Major achievements 2014

- On 30 July UNHCR successfully finished the repatriation of Congolese refugees coming from Republic of Congo. In total 119,024 refugees have safely returned to their home country, which is more than the planned objective of 110,000. Reintegration projects ensure the smooth transition into the DRC.
- In 2014, UNHCR has assisted 12,419 former Angolan refugees to return home (from Kinshasa, Bas-Congo and Katanga) and is ensuring that those 18,000 who want to integrate locally within the DRC receive the right documentation and assistance.

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