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Registration of newborns resumed in Lóvuá. On Wednesdays, a team from the civil registry will be **registering newborn refugees in the settlement.**

A **Joint Assessment Mission** by authorities and partners is on-going until the end of May. The findings will allow the redesign of emergency **food-security and nutritional response beyond July 2018.**

The borehole drilling has started in Lóvuá settlement after a four-month delay.

KEY FIGURES

77%

of Congolese refugees from Kasai in Angola are women and children

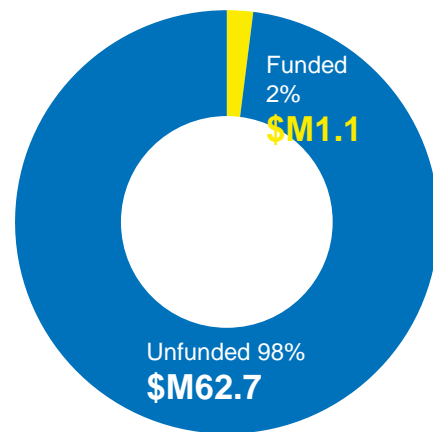
35,411

Biometrically registered Congolese refugees in Lunda Norte Province. Total of **23,230 refugees** are currently receiving food assistance.

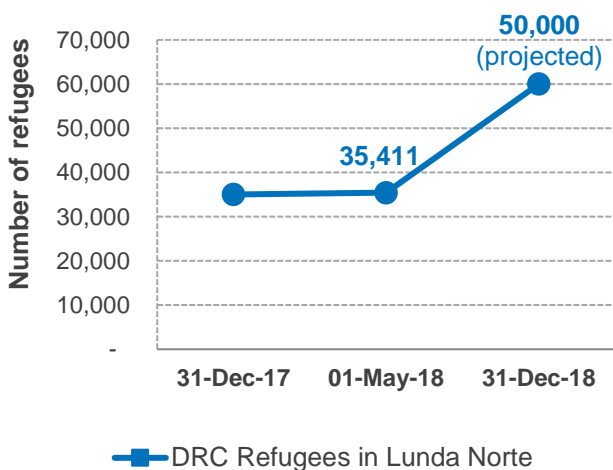
50,000

Inter-agency planning figure for Congolese refugees by the end of the year.

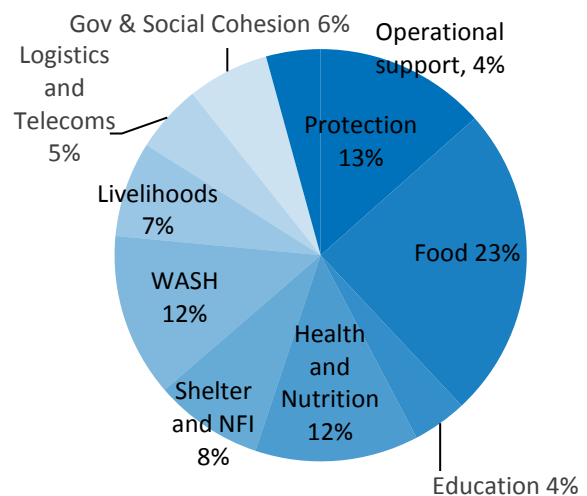
USD 63,881,333

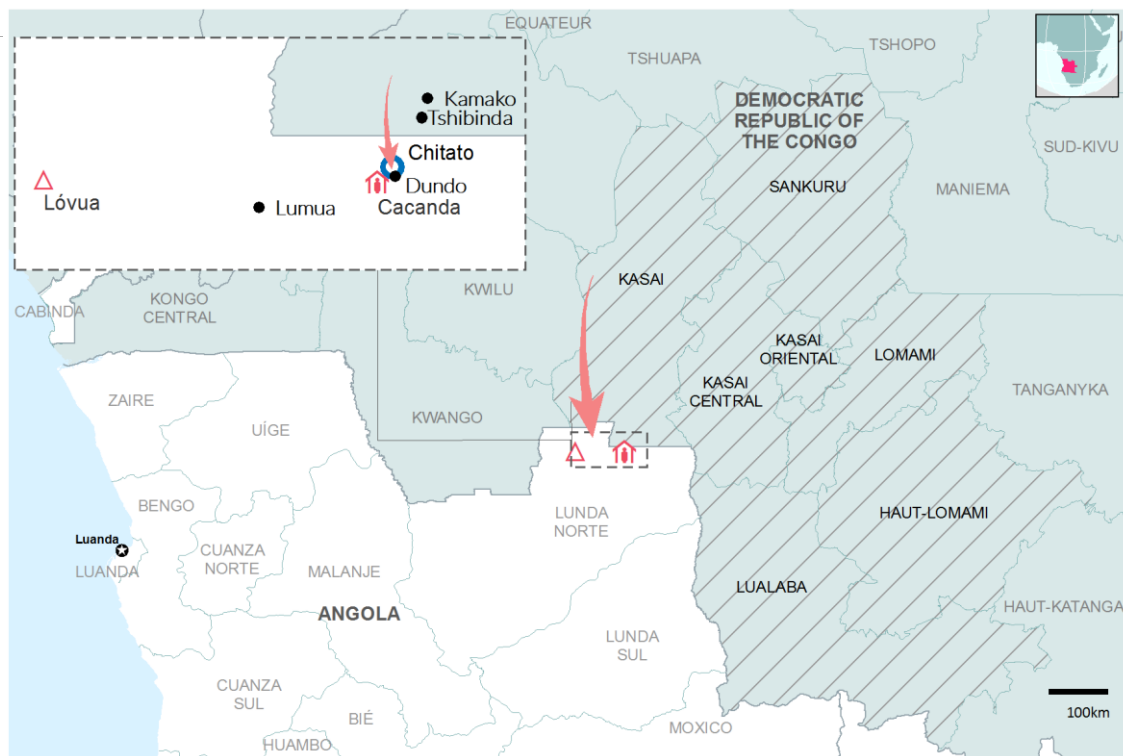


POPULATION TRENDS



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Areas affected by outbreak of violence since August 2016
 Refugee settlement
 Reception centre
 Congolese refugees

Operational Context

The outbreak of violence in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in March 2017 triggered the internal displacement of some 1.4 million persons and the flight of over 35,000 refugees into Lunda Norte Province, Angola.

The Government of Angola (GoA) has an open door policy to welcome Congolese nationals fleeing as a result of the conflict. However new arrivals have significantly decreased since July 2017.

As the situation remains volatile in the Kasai region with rising numbers of internally displaced people, humanitarian agencies in Angola maintain the 2017 response planning figure of 50,000 refugees until end of December 2018. UNHCR is not currently facilitating voluntary repatriation of Congolese refugees from Lunda Norte Province to their country of origin.

The interagency humanitarian response for the Congolese refugees launched a new appeal for funding to cover the areas of protection, emergency shelter, livelihoods, food security and nutrition, non-food items, water, sanitation, hygiene, health including mental health, and education until the end of 2018.

Currently, 13,439 Congolese refugees (3,332 families) are residing in Lóvua settlement.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** Out of the 35,411 biometrically registered individuals, 23,230 individuals (5,759 families) were present during the April food distribution.
- Registration of newborns resumed in Lóvua. Every Wednesday a team of four staff from the civil registry visit the settlement and the municipality to register newborn refugees and nationals.
- **Detention and refoulement:** Reports have been received that 74 refugees were arrested by the police in Dundo town, and some were allegedly refouled to the DRC. Partners met with Lunda Norte's Vice Governor and provincial authorities to clarify, recalling the agreement made in March whereby refoulement was strictly forbidden by the central Government of Angola. It was also agreed with the Provincial Police Command that any arrested refugees would be released.
- **Elections:** Two meetings between refugee leaders, local authorities and humanitarian partners, have been held in Lóvua settlement. Refugees agreed on their new leadership terms of reference and raised a number of concerns. National government was also present as well as partners.
- **Child protection:** A child protection case management workshop took place in Dundo. The two-day session, that brought together emergency partners and government entities, was an innovative and interactive way to streamline the overall referral process, pathways, forms and mechanisms.
- Health partners organised a joint training session on parental skills to assist families fostering unaccompanied children.
- **Education:** Students in Lóvua settlement received pencils, notebooks, erasers and sharpeners.
- **Media:** A second working session on "The Role of Communication in Protecting Refugees", was held in Dundo. This regional session is part of a joint strategy with the Ministry for Communication and gathered some 130 participants from Lunda Norte and Lunda Sul. The session had diverse participation with journalists, editors, photo-journalists from national news agencies, newspapers, radios and TV channels, in addition to provincial authorities, emergency partners, and academia. The aim is to improve the way in which media reports on issues relating to refugees.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- **Birth registration:** Lunda Norte Province is currently out of birth certificates. Until new ones are issued and delivered, births will be registered at the provincial civil registry and mothers will receive a provisional document with the registration number.



Refugee children playing at Lóvua settlement



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- **Joint Assessment Mission (JAM):** A JAM with partners and the Government started in Lunda Norte and will run until early May to enhance food security and ramp up monitoring and evaluation, screening, targeting and feeding of the refugee population. The findings and recommendations will allow the redesign of partners' emergency food-security and nutritional response beyond July 2018.
- **Nutrition:** A total of 1,481 children (6 to 59 months) were screened for malnutrition in Lóvua, resulting in identification of six cases of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and seven with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM).



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- **Primary health care and medical consultations:** In Lóvua, 903 consultations were undertaken. The main morbidity was linked to upper respiratory tract infections (22 per cent), diarrhoea (six per cent), followed by malaria (four per cent).

- **Sexual & reproductive health (SRH):** Antenatal (ANC) and postnatal care (PNC) services continue. In Lóvua, 21 women received ANC consultations; seven were screened for HIV/AIDS. Seventeen women attended their first PNC consultation

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- **Health Facilities:** Due to the expansion of Lóvua, many villages in the settlement are located far from the existing health centre and refugees are unable to reach it by foot. Urgent funding is needed to build and equip a new health centre.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- **Sanitation:** WASH partners have completed their project in the new transit centre in Dundo town. 12 latrines, 12 showers, and a 5,000-litre tank are ready to serve some 11,000 refugees soon to be relocated to Lóvua.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- **Water:** From 30 May, a major WASH partner will have no funds to maintain its water trucking activity in Lóvua. The potential loss of 60,000 litres of water every day will highly affect the refugee community living in the settlement.
- The borehole drilling has reached 126m of planned 150 meters. Water is yet to be detected.

Working in partnership

- Humanitarian and development partners working in the country are actively supporting the Government of Angola to ensure adequate and effective response to the needs of the Congolese refugees. A bi-weekly inter-agency coordination meeting is held in Luanda. In Dundo, weekly inter-agency meetings ensure a comprehensive and integrated operational response to the refugee situation. Sectorial working group coordination meetings are also organised weekly in Dundo.

Partners in the response:

- Angolan Red Cross Society
- CARITAS
- CICAJ - Centro de Investigação Científica e Assessoria Jurídica
- FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- IOM - International Organization for Migration
- JRS - Jesuit Refugee Service
- LWF - Lutheran World Federation
- MAG - Mine Advisory Group
- MdM - Médicos del Mundo
- NCA - Norwegian Church Aid

- PIN - People in Need
- UNAIDS - The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- UNDP - United Nations Development Programme
- UNDSS - United Nations Department for Safety and Security
- UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund
- UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNICEF - United Nations' Children's Fund
- UNRCO - United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office
- WFP - World Food Programme
- WHO - World Health Organization
- WVI - World Vision International

The [Angola Inter-Agency Refugee Appeal \(January – December 2018\)](#) is available on the [Angola Operational Data Portal](#). Agencies are very grateful for the financial support provided by donors, contributing to their activities with un-earmarked and earmarked funds, as well as for those who have contributed directly to the operations in Angola.

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