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Activities Report

The World Refugee Day 2021 in Angola was celebrated from 14 to 21 June in Luanda and Lunda Norte. This report aims at providing details about the events, images, and a summary of media and social media coverage.

14 June 2021
Workshop for journalists and communication officers

On 14 June, the Angola operation in Luanda initiated the WRD celebrations in Luanda holding a seminar for journalists and communication professionals. The event was divided in two sections, one led by the Associate External Relations Officer about UNHCR mandate and humanitarian journalism focused on refugees' concepts and best practices, and a second one conducted by the Senior Protection Officer focused on international protection, refugee law, cessation clause, among others protection related topics. The event was attended by communication professionals from the main media vehicles in Angola, communication officers from Line Ministries as well as refugee leaders. The idea was to initiate WRD celebrations with this event to sensitize journalists and ensure quality coverage.

15 June 2021
Round table: Capabilities and Challenges of Refugees in Angola

On 15 June, a round table was organized with the participation of governmental entities, civil society partners and refugees' community leaders on the Capabilities and Challenges of Refugees in Angola. UNHCR shared information on community-based protection and capacity of refugees and invited participants to participate through some interactive exercises. UNHCR partners also conducted presentations on professional inclusion and how refugees can contribute for the hosting country development. Finally, a refugee dance group also performed during the event.

16 June 2021
Refugee children celebrate International Day of the African Child

On 16 June, an event aimed for refugee children took place in Bairro Popular and Viana community centres in Luanda in celebration of the African Child Day. Children were invited to make drawings and their final works resulted in a beautiful exhibition in the community centres.

Also, there was a dance and singing presentation performed by refugee teenager girls from Rwanda. The overall event occurred in a very participative, joyful, and optimistic atmosphere.

The African Child Day was also celebrated in Lunda Norte, where a convoy was organised in Lovua settlement involving UNHCR, partner organisations and children.

The convoy visited all the villages in the settlement and allowed children and child protection focal points to share protection messages to the wider community. Afterwards, members of the youth committee were introduced to the public and received tools such as bicycles to help their work.

17 June 2021
Lecture on International Protection and Refugee Law

On 17 June, UNHCR Senior Protection Officer offered a lecture on International Protection and Refugee Law to civil society organizations and refugees. The session was replicated live in the community centres of Bairro Popular and Viana to ensure communities there had also access to the event, even if remotely. The presentations touched upon the current situation of refugees in Angola, the legal framework and rights of refugees, main protection issues and international protection concepts. The audience was fully engaged, and the event was not only an excellent elucidative opportunity, but also a moment to strengthen cooperation with all the different non-government actors involved in refugee protection.

18 June 2021
Launch of UNHCR's Global Trends Report and release of the Protection Assessment on the Current Status of Refugees in Angola

On 18 June, UNHCR organized a high-level event with the presence of embassies, government, United Nations sister agencies, civil society, academia, representatives from the refugee community and other humanitarian institutions to launch the UNHCR's Global Trends Report and the release of the Protection Assessment on the Current Status of Refugees in Angola.

During the event, guests also had the opportunity to watch a dance and singing presentation performed by refugee teenager girls and an exhibition with refugee artists paintings.

19 to 26 June 2021
Refugees' art exhibition

From 19 to 26 June, refugee artists and artisans who live in Luanda had their work exhibited and for sale in different places in Luanda. This is an initiative of UNHCR in partnership with Fortaleza Shopping and Dakaza stores, to promote refugees' visibility, livelihoods, and integration. The exhibitions brought together paintings, handcrafts, clothes and accessories made by refugees and asylum seekers from different countries who chose Angola to start their lives in safety. The event was also a way to highlight WRD's 2021 theme **"the power of inclusion"**, as the artists were given the opportunity to share their artistic works with the Angolan community. Attached a flyer of the exhibitions.

21 June 2021
World Refugee Day celebrations at Lovua Settlement

In Lunda Norte, the celebrations took place at Lovua Refugee Settlement including music, theatre and dance activities performed by refugees and the final two football matches (male and female) after a week-long competition.

The event was attended by the provincial Director of the Ministry of Social Action, Family and Women's Promotion (MASFAMU), Lovua Administrator, provincial representation of SME, among other governmental authorities and UNHCR partners. As part of the celebration, there was a symbolic presentation and issuance of birth certificates to five families living in the settlement.

Celebrating WRD in times of COVID-19

It is important to highlight that all the events followed all the sanitary regulations and social distancing measures to prevent COVID-19, including the football players who were tested before the matches. The use of masks was mandatory and hand sanitizers were available all the time. The catering service took place in open air spaces and was delivered in individual boxes.

Pictures

A wide range of pictures are saved in the share point: [Angola - WRD 2021 - Thumbnails (sharepoint.com)] for further consultation and reference.

Media coverage

During the whole week of WRD celebrations, UNHCR and refugees received a great attention and coverage from the local media, including newspaper, TV, radio, and internet. Please find some links below and attached, the relevant press releases.

Press Coverage

1) **Government estimates there are around 56,000 refugees in the country– Jornal de Angola, 11 June.**

https://www.jornaldeangola.ao/ao/noticias/acnur-governo-estima-que-existem-cerca-de-56-mil-refugiados-no-pais/

2) **Number of refugees and internally displaced people grow to 82.4 million: UN – Observador, 18 June**

https://observador.pt/2021/06/18/onu-numero-de-refugiados-e-deslocados-internos-cresce-para-824-milhoes/

3) **Angola committed to refugee support: Angop, 18 June**

https://www.angop.ao/noticias/efemerides/angola-comprometida-no-apoio-ao-refugiado/

4) **Angola has more than 50,000 refugees and government admits failures to register: Public TV of Angola, 19 June**

https://www.tpa.ao/ao/noticias/angola-tem-mais-de-50-mil-refugiados-e-governo-admite-falhas-de-registo/

5) **COVID-19: Authorities prepare vaccination campaign in refugee camp: Angop, 19 June**

https://www.angop.ao/noticias/saude/covid-19-autoridades-preparam-campanha-de-vacinacao-no-campo-de-refugiados/

6) **World Refugee Day: Mozaiko, 20 June**

https://mosaiko.op.org/dia-mundial-dos-refugiados/

7) **Executive reiterates its commitment in the protection of refugee rights: Angop, 20 June**

https://www.angop.ao/noticias/politica/angola-protege-direitos-humanos-dos-refugiados-ana-celeste/

8) **More than 60 percent of refugees and asylum seekers in the country reside in Luanda: UNHCR – Jornal de Angola, 20 June**

https://novojornal.co.ao/sociedade/interior/acnur-mais-de-60-por-cento-dos-refugiados-e-requerentes-de-asilo-no-pais-residem-em-luanda-102777.html

9) Refugees from the DRC rebuild their lives in Lôvua: Jornal de Angola, 21 June

https://www.jornaldeangola.ao/ao/noticias/refugiados-da-rdc-refazem-a-vida-no-lovua/

10) The international protection of refugees in Angola: Jornal de Angola, 21 June

https://www.jornaldeangola.ao/ao/noticias/refugiados-da-rdc-refazem-a-vida-no-lovua/

11) A polyglot teacher: Jornal de Angola, 21 June

https://www.jornaldeangola.ao/ao/noticias/refugiados-da-rdc-refazem-a-vida-no-lovua/

12) Diet reinforcement project: Jornal de Angola, 21 June

https://www.jornaldeangola.ao/ao/noticias/refugiados-da-rdc-refazem-a-vida-no-lovua/

13) It's been a good experience: Jornal de Angola, 21 June

https://www.jornaldeangola.ao/ao/noticias/refugiados-da-rdc-refazem-a-vida-no-lovua/

14) Angola has more than 56,000 refugees and asylum seekers: Jornal de Angola, 21 June

https://www.jornaldeangola.ao/ao/noticias/refugiados-da-rdc-refazem-a-vida-no-lovua/

15) An example of resilience: Jornal de Angola, 21 June

https://www.jornaldeangola.ao/ao/noticias/refugiados-da-rdc-refazem-a-vida-no-lovua/

16) The international protection of refugees in Angola: Jornal de Angola, 21 June

https://www.jornaldeangola.ao/ao/noticias/a-proteccao-internacional-dos-refugiados-em-angola/

17) UNHCR clarifies the return of refugees: Jornal de Angola, 21 June

https://www.jornaldeangola.ao/ao/noticias/acnur-esclarece-o-regresso-de-refugiados/

18) Refugees exhibit works in Luanda: Jornal de Angola, 22 June

https://jornaldeangola.ao/ao/noticias/refugiados-expoem-trabalhos-em-luanda/

19) Refugees exhibit works in Luanda: UNHCR – TV Zimbo, 22 June

Coverage in Audio-Visual Media:

TPA (15 June): Coverage of the 14 June event, message broadcasted together with pre-edited video by TPA in addition to video recording of the event, including message by UNHCR on global displacement. https://bit.ly/3A65Hmm (minute 48).

Radio Nacional (19 June): One-minute interview of the Representative, on the current situation of refugees in Angola, numbers of global displacement, voluntary repatriation, and the partnership between UNHCR and the Government of Angola. Interviews were given in Portuguese and English https://bit.ly/3gZEiec

TPA and TV Zimbo* television channels (20 June): Coverage of the art exhibition, global displacement, challenges and asylum context in Angola, and the importance of the inclusion of refugees for their integration perspectives in the host community and the extra challenges posed by COVID-19 in the refugee community. Besides UNHCR, the Refugee's Coordinator in Angola and a refugee artist were also interviewed. Both features were broadcasted on channels' peak viewing time. TPA https://bit.ly/3gZvkxt (minute 6:30)

TV Zimbo* (21 June): The Senior Protection Officer in Angola participated on a live show called Sexto-Sentido, presented by Nina Simão. In the context of WRD, the show prepared a video about forced displacement and refugees worldwide. During the show, the SPO had the opportunity to explain basic concepts about asylum, highlighted the main challenges faced by refugees globally and locally, UNHCR's mandate among other relevant topics.

**By the time this report was released, TV Zimbo's interviews were not yet available online.*

UNHCR Angola posts/tweets

https://twitter.com/ACNURAngola/status/1400368220062851072

https://twitter.com/ACNURAngola/status/1406858731053326336

https://twitter.com/ACNURAngola/status/1406654482109415434

https://twitter.com/ACNURAngola/status/1406604314026680323

https://twitter.com/ACNURAngola/status/1406532220282626050

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https://twitter.com/ACNURAngola/status/1400371385785106437

https://www.instagram.com/p/CQdXmccMmug/?utm_medium=share_sheet

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Exposição de Artistas Refugiados

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Maianga
19 e 20 de Junho

Morro Bento
26 e 27 de Junho

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