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# Population Data Analysis

**Regional Bureau  
for Southern Africa**

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## Overview

As of the end of August 2022, Southern Africa hosts around **8.6 million persons of concern (PoCs) to UNHCR**. This includes 1.1 million refugees and asylum-seekers and 6.9 million internally displaced persons (IDPs), as well as others of concern, refugee returnees and IDP returnees. **The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) represents 77 per cent of the regional data.**

## Refugees, Asylum-Seekers and Others of concern

The region hosts **782,000 refugees, 279,000 asylum-seekers and 36,000 others of concern**. Among those 1.1 million PoCs, 74 per cent of them are from the countries outside of the Southern Africa region.<sup>1</sup> The top five countries of origin are Central African Republic (243,000), Rwanda (242,000), DRC (220,000), Burundi (83,000) and Ethiopia (61,000).

## Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

In Southern Africa, there are **6.9 million internally displaced persons (IDPs)**. Most of them are conflict-induced, 6.4 million, but there are also natural disaster-induced IDPs, 0.5 million. The data on IDPs are reported in DRC, Congo, Mozambique and Zimbabwe (see Figure 1).

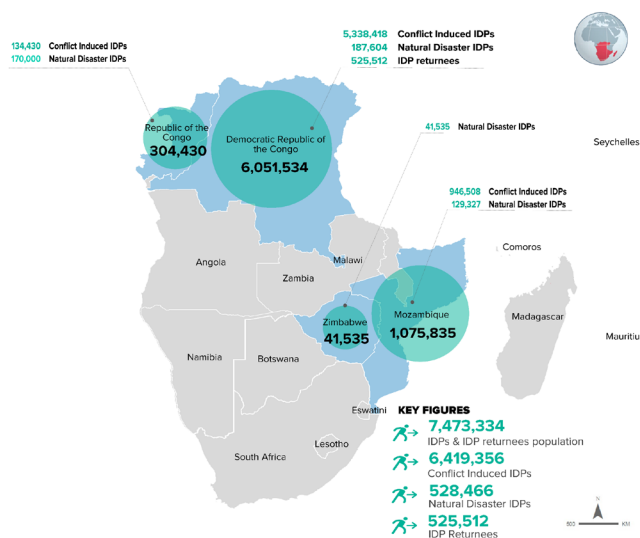
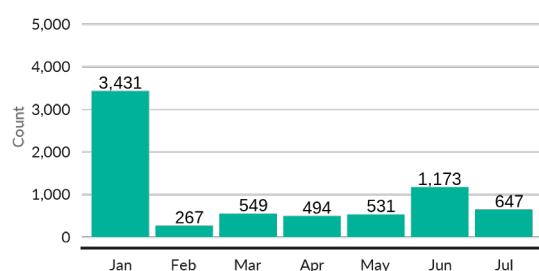


Figure 1. Number of IDPs in RBSA by Cause as of 31 August 2022

## Movements of Persons of Concern

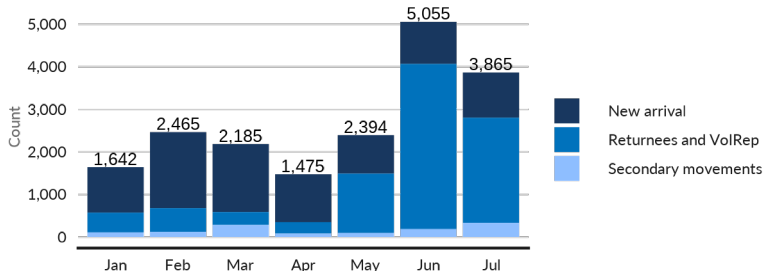
The total number of forced movements captured in the IOM Flow Monitoring Registry (FMR) shows 7,092 individuals since January 2022 (see Figure 2 (a)). In the same period, UNHCR tracked 19,081 movements across borders through the internal registration system, PRIMES, mainly (see Figure 2 (b)). The movements include new arrivals, returns and secondary movements, also called onward movements or cross-border movements. The data UNHCR manages are lacking in the movements involving South Africa, while IOM FMR presents the movements of South Africa involved, providing complementary insight about PoCs' movements. In the end, IOM and UNHCR data collection mechanisms do not cover the same kinds of movements exactly, but there are overlaps in movements of forcibly displaced persons. The efforts should continue through interagency coordination to have a comprehensive identification mechanism of mixed movements in the region to leave no one behind.

(a) Forced Movements in IOM FMR in 2022



Data Source: IOM FMR

(b) UNHCR Movements Data in 2022



Data Source: proGres v4, operations and BIMs

Figure 2. Movements in IOM FMR and UNHCR Data in 2022 by Month

**Notes:** With the review of Mid-Year Statistics Report, the total figure of PoCs as of 30 June is revised to 8,492,731 due to the revised IDP figure in DRC and the updated figures in South Africa.

**Data Sources:** proGres v4 (PRIMES) hosts the data of refugees and asylum-seekers in 11 countries. In South Africa, the data are managed by the government. In Angola, DRC, Zambia and Zimbabwe, some portions of the data are external. For IDP data, the source of DRC's IDP figure is the OCHA; the sources in Mozambique and Zimbabwe are the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) of the IOM; and the source in the Republic of Congo is the government, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action (MASAH). The mixed movement data of IOM FMR as of August 2022 are not available yet at the moment of writing.

<sup>1</sup> The Southern Africa region refers to the 16 countries covered by the Regional Bureau for Southern Africa of UNHCR including Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Congo, DRC, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

## KEY FIGURES



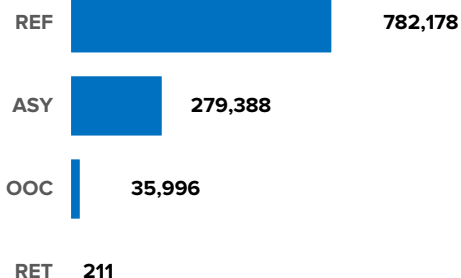
**8,571,107**

Total Population of concern



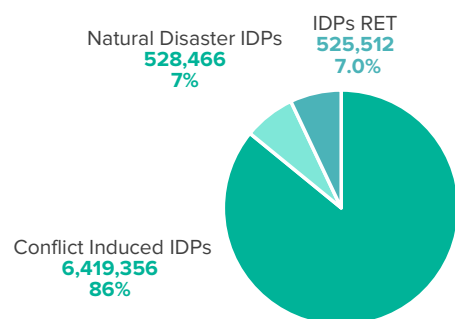
**1,097,773**

Refugees, asylum-seekers, other of concern & returnees\*\*

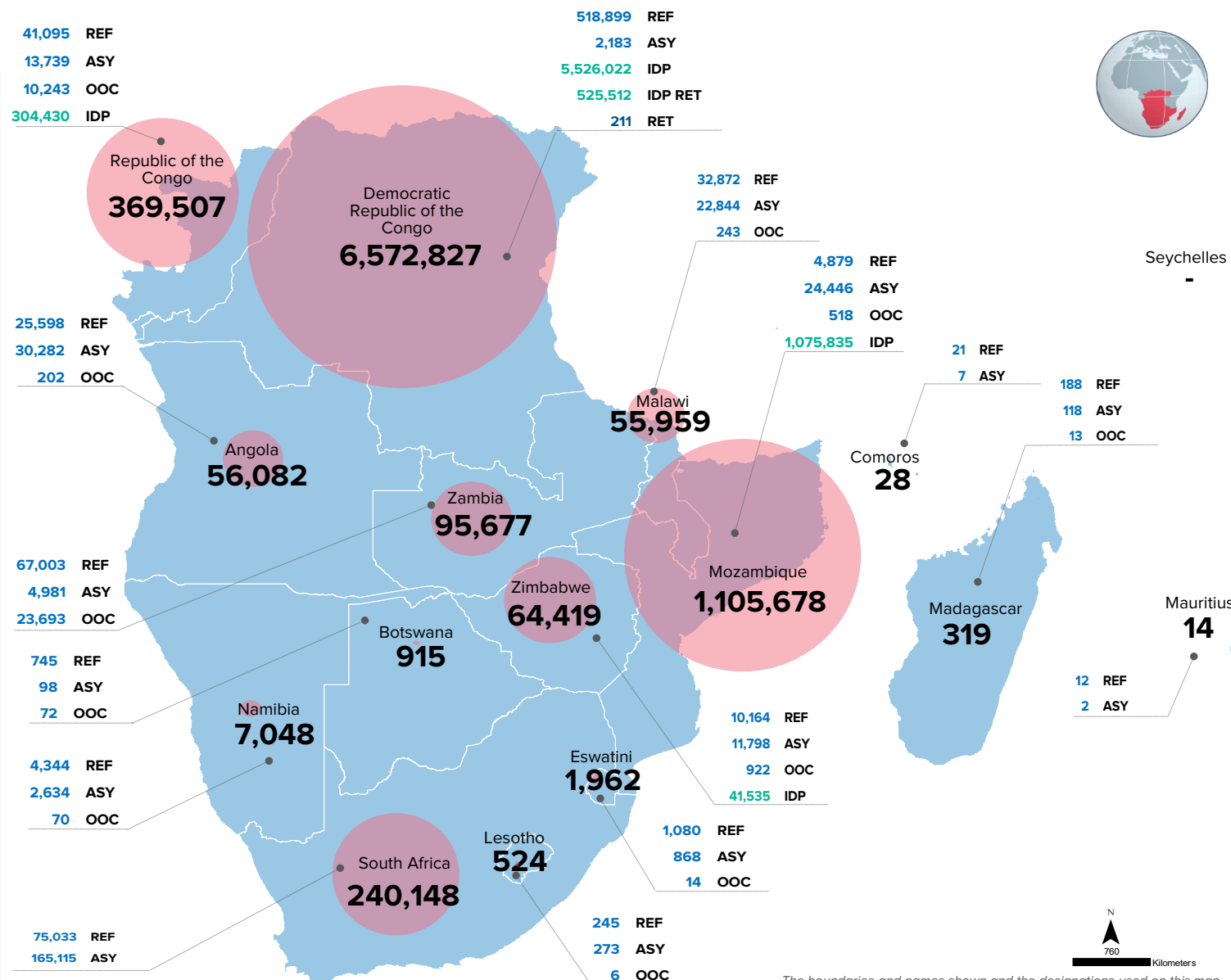


**7,473,334**

IDPs & IDP returnees



## PoCs IN SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION\*

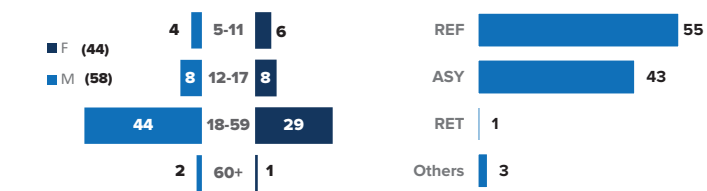


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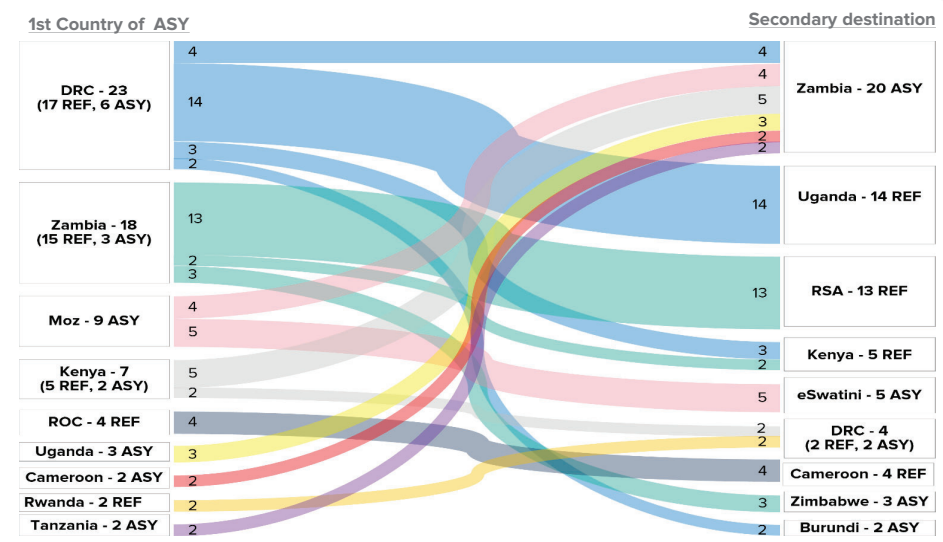
#### CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS KEY FIGURES



#### AGES, GENDER AND LEGAL STATUS OF MOVERS \*\*

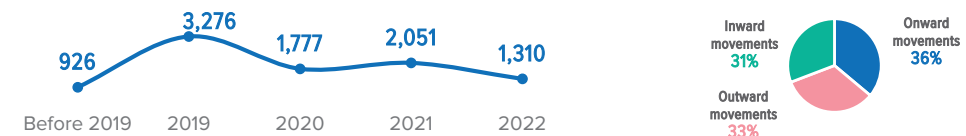


#### CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVED 2 POCs AND MORE \*

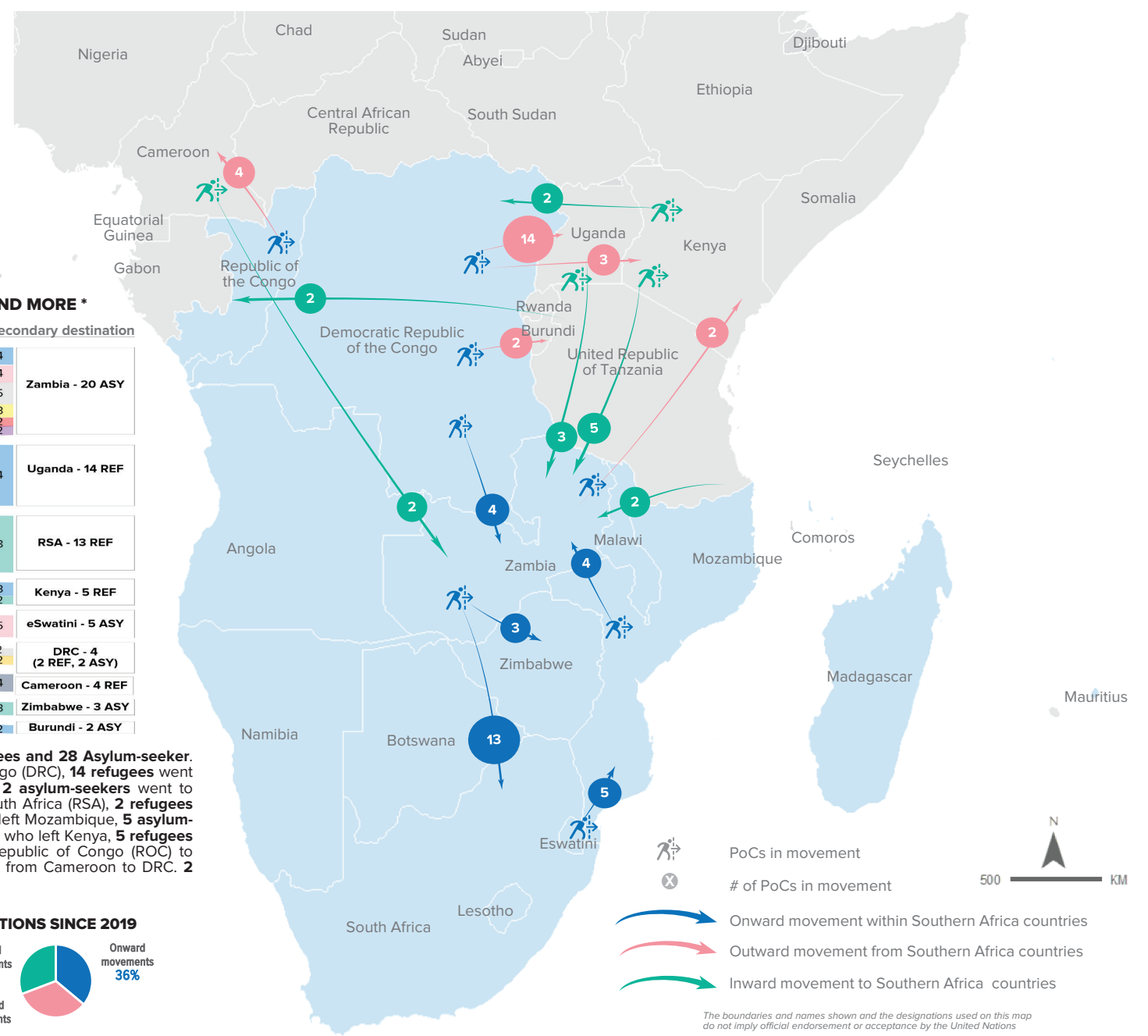


In August 2022, **70 cross-border movements** were recorded involving **42 refugees** and **28 Asylum-seeker**. From the **23 Persons of Concern (PoCs)** who left Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), **14 refugees** went to Uganda, **3 refugees** went to Kenya, **4 asylum-seekers** went to Zambia and **2 asylum-seekers** went to Burundi. From the **18 PoCs** who left Zambia, **13 refugees** went to Republic of South Africa (RSA), **2 refugees** went to Kenya and **3 asylum-seekers** went to Zimbabwe. From the **9 PoCs** who left Mozambique, **5 asylum-seekers** went to eSwatini and **4 asylum-seekers** went to Zambia. From the **7 PoCs** who left Kenya, **5 refugees** went to Zambia and **2 asylum-seekers** went to DRC. **4 refugees** left from Republic of Congo (ROC) to Cameroon. **3 asylum-seekers** left from Uganda to Zambia. **2 asylum-seekers** left from Cameroon to DRC. **2 refugees** left from Rwanda to DRC. **2 refugees** left from Tanzania to Burundi.

#### CUMULATIVE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS TREND PER YEAR AND PROPORTIONS SINCE 2019



#### MAP OF THE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVED 2 POCs AND MORE \*



## KEY FIGURES



**12,237**

Total Individuals repatriated since January 2022

**4,105**

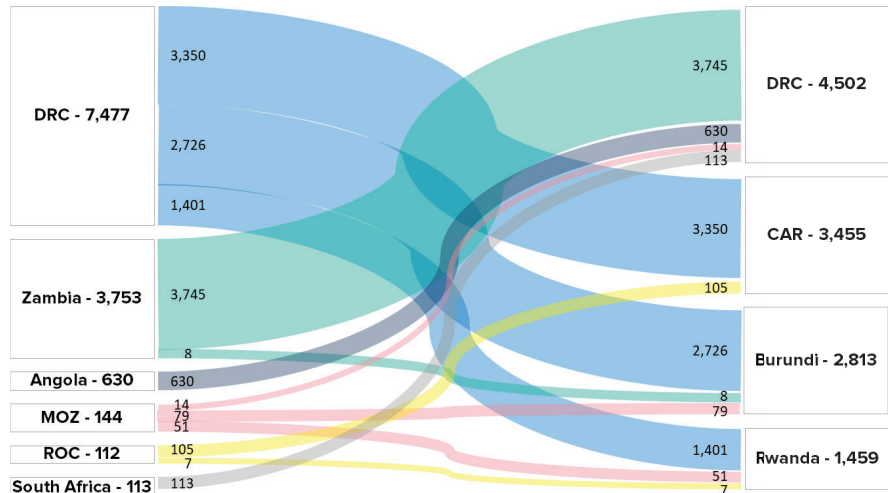
Individuals repatriated within Southern Africa Region since January 2022

**7,734**

Individuals repatriated from Southern Africa Region to other countries outside of the region since January 2022

## VOLREP\* WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVE 5 POCs OR MORE

Country of Asylum

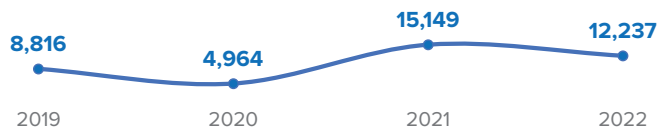


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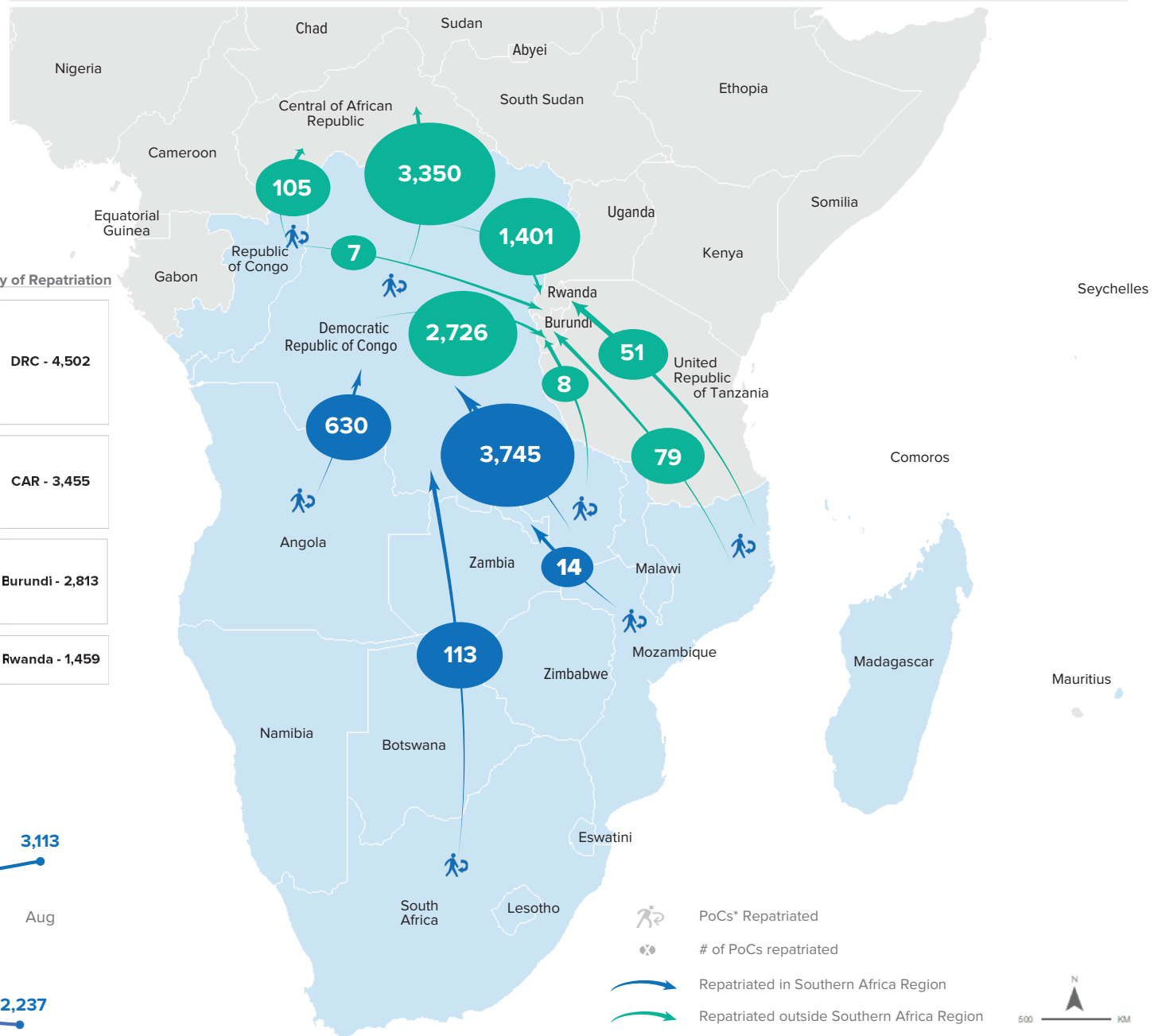
### MONTHLY REPATRIATION SINCE JANUARY



### ANNUAL REPATRIATION SINCE 2019



## MAP OF VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVE 5 POCs OR MORE



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**KEY FIGURES**



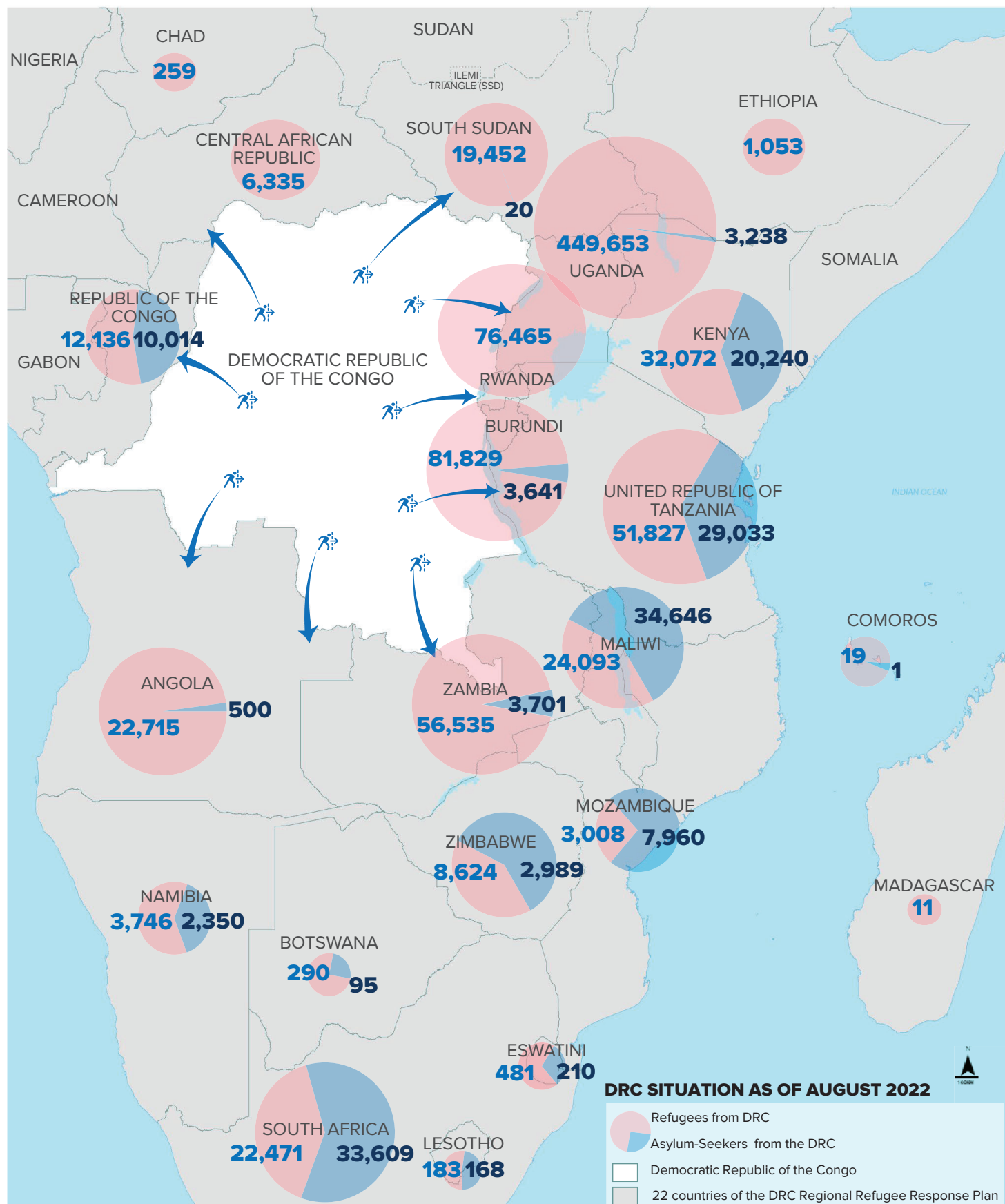
**1,025,672**  
Total Persons of Concern

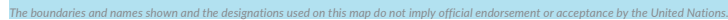


**873,257**  
Refugees



**152,415**  
Asylum-Seekers





## Persons of concern in Southern Africa, Data as of 31 August 2022

Country of Asylum	Location*	Self-settled**	Refugee	Asylum-Seeker	Other of Concern	IDP by Conflict	IDP by Natural Disaster	Returned IDP	Refugee Returnee	Statelessness	Host Community	Total
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Other	No	399,306	1,583	-	4,956,615	187,604	525,512	211	-	-	6,070,831
	IDP Camp	No	-	-	-	381,803	-	-	-	-	-	381,803
	Lusenda	No	26,427	111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,538
	Meri	No	25,999	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,004
	Inke	No	17,824	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,825
	Mole	No	10,578	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,600
	Bili	No	10,242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,242
	Boyabu	No	9,418	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,418
	Biringi	No	8,043	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,089
	Mulongwe	No	7,311	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,405
	Bele	No	3,121	321	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,442
	Mboti	No	630	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	630
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>518,899</b>	<b>2,183</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,338,418</b>	<b>187,604</b>	<b>525,512</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,572,827</b>
Mozambique	Other	No	1,999	18,386	59	946,508	129,327	-	-	-	-	1,096,279
	Maratane Camp	No	2,880	6,060	459	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,399
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>4,879</b>	<b>24,446</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>946,508</b>	<b>129,327</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,105,678</b>
Congo	Other	No	35,605	9,211	10,103	134,430	170,000	-	-	-	-	359,349
	Site du 15 Avril	No	5,490	314	134	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,938
	Site de Bouemba	No	-	4,214	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,220
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>41,095</b>	<b>13,739</b>	<b>10,243</b>	<b>134,430</b>	<b>170,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>369,507</b>
South Africa	Unknown	Yes	75,033	165,115	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	240,148
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>75,033</b>	<b>165,115</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>240,148</b>
Zambia	Meheba	No	24,238	613	9,505	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,356
	Mayukwayukwa	No	13,857	26	6,631	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,514
	Other	No	9,967	3,757	753	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,477
	Mantapala	No	13,341	585	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,926
	Unknown	Yes	5,600	-	6,804	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,404
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>67,003</b>	<b>4,981</b>	<b>23,693</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,677</b>
Zimbabwe	Other	No	781	23	89	-	41,535	-	-	-	-	42,428
	Tongogara	No	9,383	5,229	833	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,445
	Unknown	Yes	-	6,546	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,546
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>10,164</b>	<b>11,798</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,419</b>
Angola	Unknown	Yes	17,393	30,024	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,558
	Lovua Settlement	No	6,479	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,479
	Other	No	1,726	258	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,045
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>25,598</b>	<b>30,282</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,082</b>
Malawi	Dzaleka	No	32,872	22,844	243	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,959
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>32,872</b>	<b>22,844</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,959</b>
Namibia	Osire	No	3,801	1,440	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,279
	Other	No	543	1,194	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,769
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>4,344</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,048</b>
Eswatini	Other	No	1,080	868	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,962
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,080</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,962</b>
Botswana	Dukwe	No	550	9	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	586
	Other	No	195	89	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	329
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>746</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>916</b>
Lesotho	Other	No	245	273	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	524
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>245</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>524</b>
Madagascar	Other	No	188	118	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	319
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>188</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>319</b>
Comoros	Other	No	21	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28</b>
Mauritius	Other	No	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>782,178</b>	<b>279,388</b>	<b>35,996</b>	<b>6,419,356</b>	<b>528,466</b>	<b>525,512</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,571,107</b>

Notes: \*'Other' in the location refers to any known location other than camp or settlement sites, covering both urban and rural areas; \*\*self-settled refers to the individuals without available information such as their names and locations, and their locations are categorised to be 'unknown'; those by location in Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zimbabwe could be different from the numbers operation report due to inconsistency in proGres v4.

## Strategy to address the Regional Data Gaps

Reliable data on PoCs is a critical milestone in implementing the Global Compacts on Refugees (GCR), protection interventions, and solutions. To this extent, data issues in the region remain an essential concern and require cost-effective investments to ensure that issues related to mixed movements and other protection concerns are capped with appropriate technical solutions to help the region gathers reliable data for informed decision-making and coordination among the partners. To this extent, a registration data quality exercise was carried out from April to August to see the changes in connection with the verification exercise completed in Zambia. This analysis is done quarterly, and the next round is scheduled when the verification exercises in Malawi and Mozambique are completed.

It is worth mentioning that is progress in data quality compared to the analysis carried out in April 2022, but this effort should continue to enable the region to have quality data that will drive better programming and resource mobilization. The efforts are still required in the data collection on the areas below because indicators are still in the red, as outlined on the previous page:

### Where progress is made compared to April 2022 data

- PoCs with the information on documentation: regionally, the percentage is 34;
- PoCs with the information on working experience: regionally, the percentage is 29; and
- PoCs with the information on the occupation: regionally, the percentage is 31.

### Where efforts are required in the data collection compared to April 2022 data

- PoC's language recorded: regionally, the percentage is 16;
- PoC's training recorded: regionally, the percentage is 0;
- PoC's phone number recorded: regionally, the percentage is 9; and
- PoCs with effective intention return data collection: regionally, the percentage is 8.

# Population Data Analysis

## Regional Bureau for Southern Africa

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Cover Photo: A group of 23 Rwandan refugees who asked for voluntary repatriation crosses the border between DRC and Rwanda. © UNHCR/Antonia Vadala

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