Zambia
June 2023

A total of 10,851 individuals (2,922 families) had cumulatively been repatriated since the first phase of the voluntary repatriation programme from Mantapala settlement started in December 2021 all the way to January 2023.

During the month of June, 38 cases comprising 183 individuals were submitted to various resettlement countries such as the USA (97), Finland (20), Australia (32) & Canada (26), Norway (8) for resettlement consideration.

In June, as part of UNHCR’s distribution of Quarter Two (April, May and June) cash-based intervention (CBI) disbursement, 2,109 refugees (1,159 females and 950 males) received a total of $189,510 in multi-purpose cash support.

POPULATION OF CONCERN BY NATIONALITY: 88,033 PEOPLE OF CONCERN (30 JUNE 2023)

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Other Nationalities include the Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Namibia, Nigeria, State of Palestine, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, and Zimbabwe.

FUNDING (AS OF JUNE 2023)
USD 25.5 million
UNHCR’s 2023 requirements for the Zambia operation:

- Funded 22% 5.597M
- Unfunded 78% 19.5M

UNHCR PRESENCE
STAFF: 93 in June 2023
54 National Staff
18 International Staff
21 Affiliate Staff

Offices
1 Representation Office Lusaka
2 Field Offices in Solwezi and Kawambwa

Beneficiaries of the Government’s Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP) in Mayukwayukwa refugee settlement harvesting maize at one of their plots. Photo: UNHCR/Kelvin
Operational Context

The Government of Zambia, through the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security (MHAIS) leads and coordinates the refugee response in line with its commitments under the Global Compact on Refugees (CCR) and the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF). The 2017 Refugees Act constitutes the main legal framework governing refugee matters in Zambia. The Office of the Commissioner for Refugees under MHAIS leads the implementation of the Act and is the main government interlocutor on refugee matters.

Within the UN system, UNHCR is the lead agency on refugee matters. The agency provides protection and assistance to refugees across various sectors and in collaboration with other UN agencies and stakeholders. The response to the arrival of asylum seekers from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is coordinated by an Inter-Ministerial Committee composed of key line ministries, the UN Resident Coordinator’s Office and UNHCR. The Ministry of Home Affairs chairs the Committee.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

In line with the Global Compact on Refugees and the Sustainable Development Goals, UNHCR works closely with the Office of the Commissioner for Refugees, the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Resident Coordinator’s Office in mobilizing, building partnerships and collaborating with other line ministries, UN agencies and stakeholders in responding to and meeting the needs of refugees.

The coordination and management of refugee settlements is led by the Government through the Office of the Commissioner for Refugees and in line with the Refugee Coordination Model. UNHCR supports the Office of the Commissioner for Refugees and works in partnership with the United Nations Country Team development partners, NGOs, faith-based organisations, the private sector and academia.

KEY INDICATORS

22,544 refugees in the three settlements have cumulatively been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 since March 2022.

6,232 individuals (new births, new arrivals and in-situ) have been registered by UNHCR between January and end of June 2023.

18,000 are enrolled in schools across the three refugee settlements in Zambia, with 13% being from the host community.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

UNHCR and partners support the Government to provide legal and community-based protection and social support. These activities reach 18,314 persons in Lusaka, 38,880 people in Meheba refugee settlement and 23,218 people in Mayukwayukwa refugee settlement, in the North-Western and Western Provinces, respectively. A further 7,621 people in Mantapala settlement in Luapula Province are supported.

Financial Information

Contributions for the Zambia refugee operation (in US$)
Total UNHCR financial requirements in 2023 for Zambia amounts to US$ 25.5 million. Total recorded contributions for the UNHCR operation in Zambia as of 10 May 2023 amount to US$5,596,910 (78% funding gap). UNHCR is grateful to all donors for continuous support.

UNHCR is also grateful for unearmarked contributions made at the global level, which allow UNHCR’s critical flexibility to reach people in the greatest need and at the greatest risk.

OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GLOBAL BUDGET | USD

United States of America 24.3 million | Private donors Australia 5.2 million Canada | Private donors
UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GLOBAL BUDGET | USD

Sweden 69 million | Norway 63.1 million | Netherlands 36.3 million | Denmark 35.6 million | Private donors
Spain 30.4 million | United Kingdom 28.9 million | France 26.7 million | Germany 23.1 million | Private donors
Japan 21.2 million | Switzerland 18.9 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 15.5 million | Belgium 11.9 million | Ireland 11.9 million
Algeria | Australia | Bulgaria | Canada | Costa Rica | Estonia | Finland | Iceland | Luxembourg | Malta | Monaco | Montenegro | New Zealand | Peru | Philippines | Republic of Korea | Russian Federation | Saudi Arabia | Serbia | Singapore | Thailand | Türkiye | Uruguay | Private donors

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