Demographic Profile

Country of origin

Democratic Republic of the Congo 50,083
Ethiopia 36,171
Somalia 24,397
Bangladesh 9,876
country of the

Country of Asylum

Country of Asylum Asylum Seeker Other of concern Refugee Not of concern Total
South Africa 84,361 0 66,601 0 150,962
Namibia 2,257 87 4,946 0 7,290
Eswatini 1,503 15 1,182 0 2,700
Botswana 101 75 756 0 932
Lesotho 339 6 313 0 658
Democratic Republic of the Congo 466 19 57 0 542
Mauritius 13 0 8 0 21
Comoros 3 0 11 0 14
Seychelles 0 0 0 0 0
Total 89,043 202 73,874 0 163,119

Legal Status

Asylum Seeker 89,043
Refugee 73,874
Other of concern 202

Registration Trend

January 34
February 14
March 16
April 51
May 91
June 79
July 45

* South Africa refugee population data is reported by DHA as of 31/01/2022
** 88 Individuals are officially reported but not yet registered
*** Three individuals were deported, two in July 2022 and one in February 2023
**Resettlement**

- **Total Submissions in 2023**: 961
- **Submissions in Jun 2023**: 228

- **Total Departure in 2023**: 318
- **Departure in Jun 2023**: 74

**Voluntary Repatriation**

- **Total Departure in 2023**: 225
- **Total Departure in Jun 2023**: 74

**Refugee Status Determination**

- **Active RSD Cases**: 470
- **RSD Cases Created in Jun 2023**: 63

- **First Instance Recognition (YTD)**: 97%
- **Cases Referred to RST**: 6

**Operational Protection**

- **Helpline Calls Received**: 719
- **Reception (New Calls)**: 101

- **Referrals**: 72
- **Communications (Return Callers)**: 648

- **Child Protection**: 0
- **Protection Case Conference (PCC)**: 30

- **Best Interest Determination (BID)**: 4
- **Medical Cases**: 0

**Call received Category (Top 7)**

- Personal Security: 294
- Resettlement General Queries: 87
- Resettlement Follow-up: 77
- Other: 50
- Social Assistance: 49
- Documentation: 43
- Health: 25

**Reception Created by Country of Origin**

- Democratic Republic of the Congo: 30
- Somalia: 22
- Ethiopia: 21
- Burundi: 10
- Rwanda: 4
- South Africa: 3
- Kenya: 2

**Reception Created By Gender**

- Male: 38 (71.12%)
- Female: 15 (27.78%)
- Blank: 1 (1.99%)

* RST Data from: South Africa, Madagascar, Botswana, Namibia
**VolRep Data from: South Africa, Botswana, Namibia

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163,119
Total Population

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South Africa        66,601    84,361        0               150,962
Namibia             4,946     2,257         87              7,290
Eswatini            1,182     1,503         15              2,700
Botswana            756       101           75              932
Lesotho             313       339           6               658
Madagascar          57        466           19              542
Mauritius           8         13            0               21
Comoros             11        3             0               14
Seychelles          0         0             0               0
Total               73,874    89,043        202             163,119

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The Help Site Page for South Africa received 24,604 page views during July. The most visited sites being Help Asylum Process, SASSA grant and Online Renewal of Permits.

Month Overview

6 Mailers reaching out to more than 1200 people were sent out alerting refugee communities on a scam about resettlement, on a call for applications - Amahori Coalition funding opportunity for RLOs, on the UWC on Mastercard Foundation Full Scholarship Masters’ Program, on a call for application - US exchange program for High School students, on the closure of the Helpline from the 3rd to the 7th of July 2023 and on Talent beyond Boundaries (TBB) connecting refugees with international employment opportunities. The TBB opportunity was sent out to 7 out of the 9 SAMCO countries (South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia, Madagascar, Mauritius and Eswatini.)