

Zambia

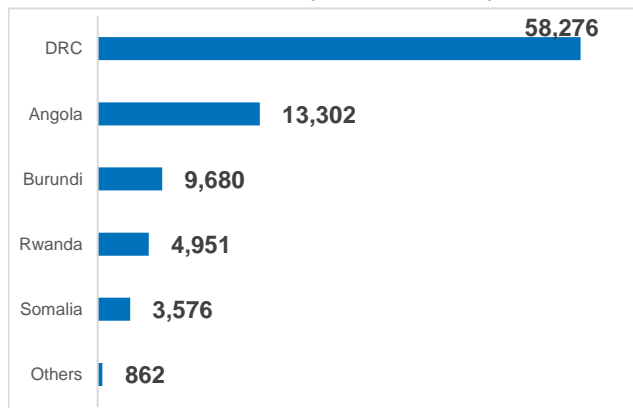
August 2023

A total of **10,851** individuals (**2,922** families) voluntarily repatriated to the Democratic Republic of Congo between December 2021 when the first phase of the repatriation began and January 2023. Preparations are underway to assist a small number of Congolese repatriate in 2023. Approximately **3,000** refugees have expressed their wish to return home to the DRC in the next two months.

Between 1 January and 31 August 2023, a total of **8,592** individuals were registered in the database. These comprised birth registrations, new arrivals and in-situ registrations. Of the **8,592**, some **4,124** were new arrivals with the majority from the DRC.

From 1 January to 31 August 2023, some **1,552** individuals have cumulatively been submitted to various resettlement countries for resettlement consideration. **673** individuals have departed on resettlement so far this year to different countries.

POPULATION OF REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS AND FORMER REFUGEES 90,647 (31 AUGUST 2023)

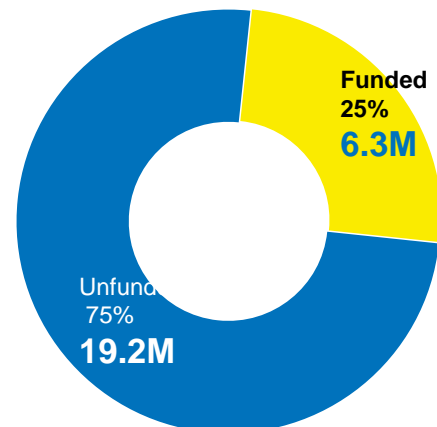


Other Nationalities include the Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Namibia, Nigeria, State of Palestine, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and Uganda

FUNDING (AS OF 31 AUGUST 2023)

USD 25.5 million

UNHCR's 2023 requirements for the Zambia operation:



UNHCR PRESENCE

STAFF: 93 in June 2023

54 National Staff

17 International Staff

19 Affiliate Staff

Offices

1 Representation Office Lusaka

2 Field Offices in Solwezi and Kawambwa



Health staff at Mantapala settlement attending to a refugee mother during an ante-natal session. Photo: UNHCR/Kelvin Shimoh.

Operational Context

The Government of Zambia, through the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security (MHAIS) leads and co-ordinates the refugee response.

The 2017 Refugees Act constitutes the main legal framework governing refugee matters in Zambia. The National Refugee Policy, approved by Cabinet in August 2023, outlines a progressive approach to asylum and refugee management that reflects the central ambition of the Global Compact on Refugee to include refugees in national systems and plans. It paves the way for advances in the regulatory framework aimed at improving refugee rights and finding local solutions for forcibly displaced persons in Zambia. The Policy and its implementation plan are also expected to trigger sectoral policy reforms needed to create an enabling legal and protection environment for refugees to achieve self-reliance and safely participate in and contribute to the social and economic life of the local communities hosting them. The Office of the Commissioner for Refugees (COR) in the MHAIS is UNHCR's main government interlocutor on asylum and refugee matters.

The government has established an Inter-ministerial Steering Committee chaired by the Director of the Department of Resettlement in the Office of the Vice-president to take forward a co-ordinated and whole-of-government approach on the revised Modernisation of Refugee Host Community and Settlements Areas (MORHCSA) program and elements of it that are linked to the implementation of the National Refugee Policy.

UNHCR supports the work of the Commissioner for Refugees (COR) and implements protection and assistance to refugees and former refugees in partnership with government agencies, NGOs and UN agencies and other stakeholders.

Following a request from Zambia for financing under the World Bank IDA 20 Window for Host Communities for Refugees, a joint World Bank-UNHCR eligibility assessment mission was conducted in March 2023. The assessment found Zambia meets eligibility criteria and the World Bank has informed the Government of Zambia that the financing will be a full grant totalling some USD16.5 million.

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, other key ministries and UN partners to mobilize and build partnerships, including with the private sector, to support the Government's refugee response and particularly its refugee inclusion efforts. Zambia's UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2023-2027 includes refugees.

The coordination and management of the three 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.

KEY INDICATORS

1,552 refugees were submitted to various countries for resettlement consideration between 1 January and 31 August 2023.

58,531 individuals received treatment and care from the 10-settlement health facilities from 1 January to 31 August 2023.

13,096 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 interventions reach **19,299** persons in Lusaka, **39,499** people in Meheba refugee settlement

and **23,906** persons in Mayukwayukwa refugee settlement, in the North-Western and Western Provinces, respectively, and **7,943** persons 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 31 August 2023 amount to **US\$19, 245, 950** (75% funding gap). UNHCR is grateful to all donors for their continuous support.

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

OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GLOBAL BUDGET | USD

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