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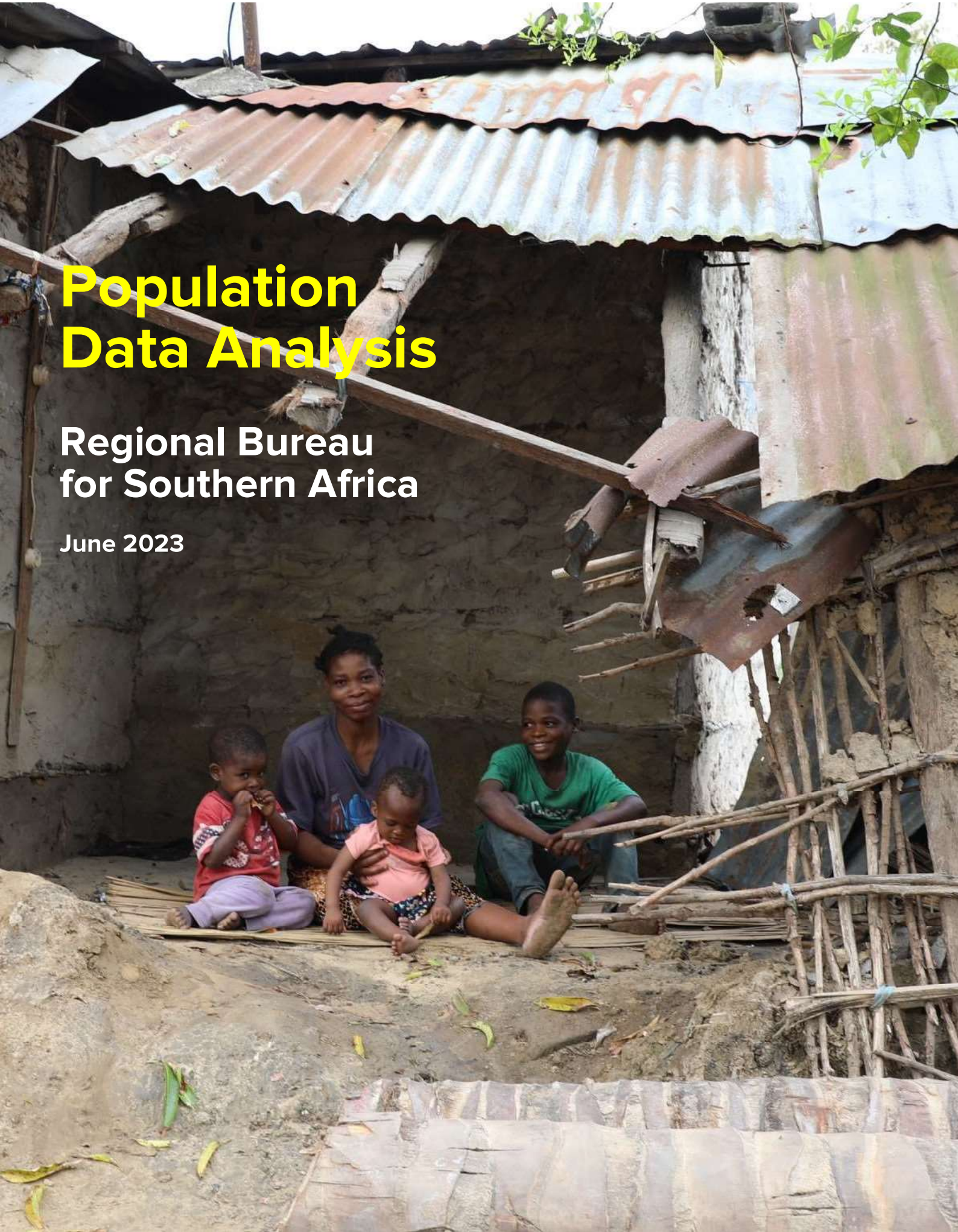


Population Data Analysis

Regional Bureau for Southern Africa

June 2023

Overview

By 30 June 2023, the Southern Africa region hosted **8.3 million forcibly displaced populations**. They include 778,100 refugees, 199,900 asylum-seekers, 32,200 others of concern[1], 6.8 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) induced by conflicts, as well as 600 refugees-returnees 600 and 482,100 returning IDPs. Moreover, 1 million IDPs displaced by the adverse effects of climate change and disaster were also identified. The number of forcibly displaced persons increased by 8,000 since May 2023. **The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) hosts 83 per cent of the population in the region**.

Refugees, Asylum-Seekers and Others of Concern

There are **1 million refugees, asylum-seekers and others of concern** hosted in the region. 75 per cent of them originate from countries outside the Southern Africa region[2], comprising the Central African Republic with 242,300, Rwanda with 237,800, the Democratic Republic of the Congo with 217,600, Burundi with 86,000 and South Sudan with 57,000.

Number of years refugees spent in exile

In the Southern African region 65 per cent of the 978,000 refugees and asylum seekers are registered in the proGres database and can be disaggregated by arrival date while 35% corresponding to 341,400 individuals are from external sources managed by host government without enough details to disaggregate by arrival date. Among the overall refugees and asylum-seekers in the region, 51 per cent have lived more than 5 years outside of their home countries, with the majority (42 per cent) have lived between 6 and 10 years in their host countries. For those living more than 10 years in the host country, the arriving period between 11 to 20 years makes up 5 per cent, and a further 4 per cent lived more than 21 years in the host country. A smaller proportion of 14 per cent of refugees and asylum-seekers have lived 5 years and less in the country of asylum with 12 per cent between 1 and 5 yearsand 2 per cent have spent less than a year in the host country.

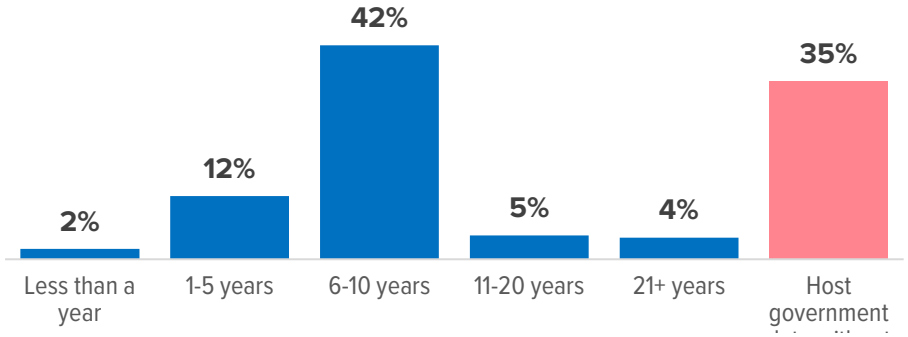
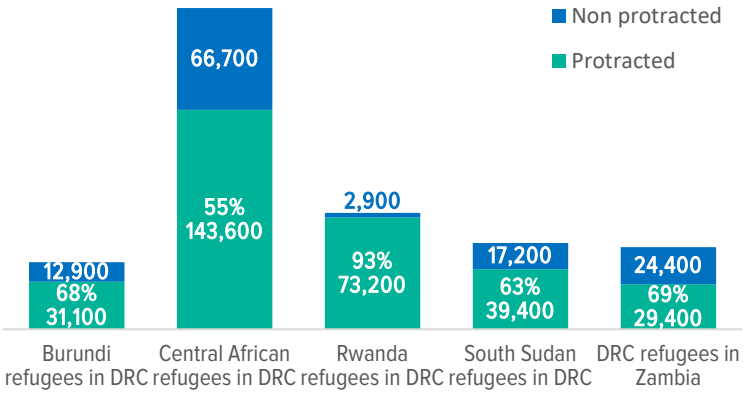


Figure 1. Percentage of Refugees and asylum-seekers per year of arrival into country of asylum in Southern Africa region of IDPs as of 30 June 2023



Note: Only individuals registered in proGres with arrival dates are included. South Africa is not included.

The protracted refugee situations which is defined as at least 25,000 refugees from the same country in displacement for more than five consecutive years. The region has five situations in DRC and Zambia. The highest number is the 143,600 Central Africa refugees in DRC and lowest number is the DRC refugees in Zambia about 29,400. Rwandan refugees in DRC lead with 93% and the other end is the Central Africa refugees in DRC where 55% have lived in exile for more than 5 years. Over half (56%) of refugees in the region are in protracted situations.

[1] Others of concern refer to those who are linked to (but not classified as) refugees and asylum-seekers, and who need assistance by UNHCR. In most cases in Southern Africa, they are family members, i.e., spouse or childrdfen, of refugees or asylum-seekers.
[2] 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.

REGIONAL BUREAU FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

POPULATIONS THAT UNHCR IS MANDATED TO PROTECT AND ASSIST

As of 30 June 2023

KEY FIGURES

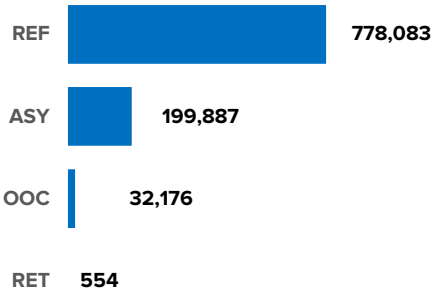
8,323,227

FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE & RETURNEES[1]

As a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations, or events seriously disturbing public order.

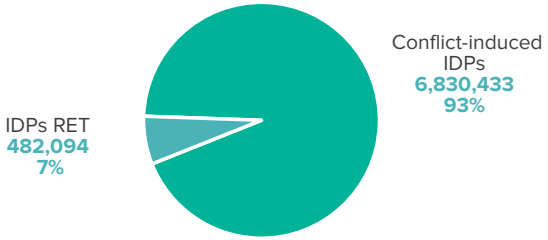
1,010,700

Refugees, asylum-seekers, other of concern & returnees (12% of the overall forcibly displaced people and returnees population)**

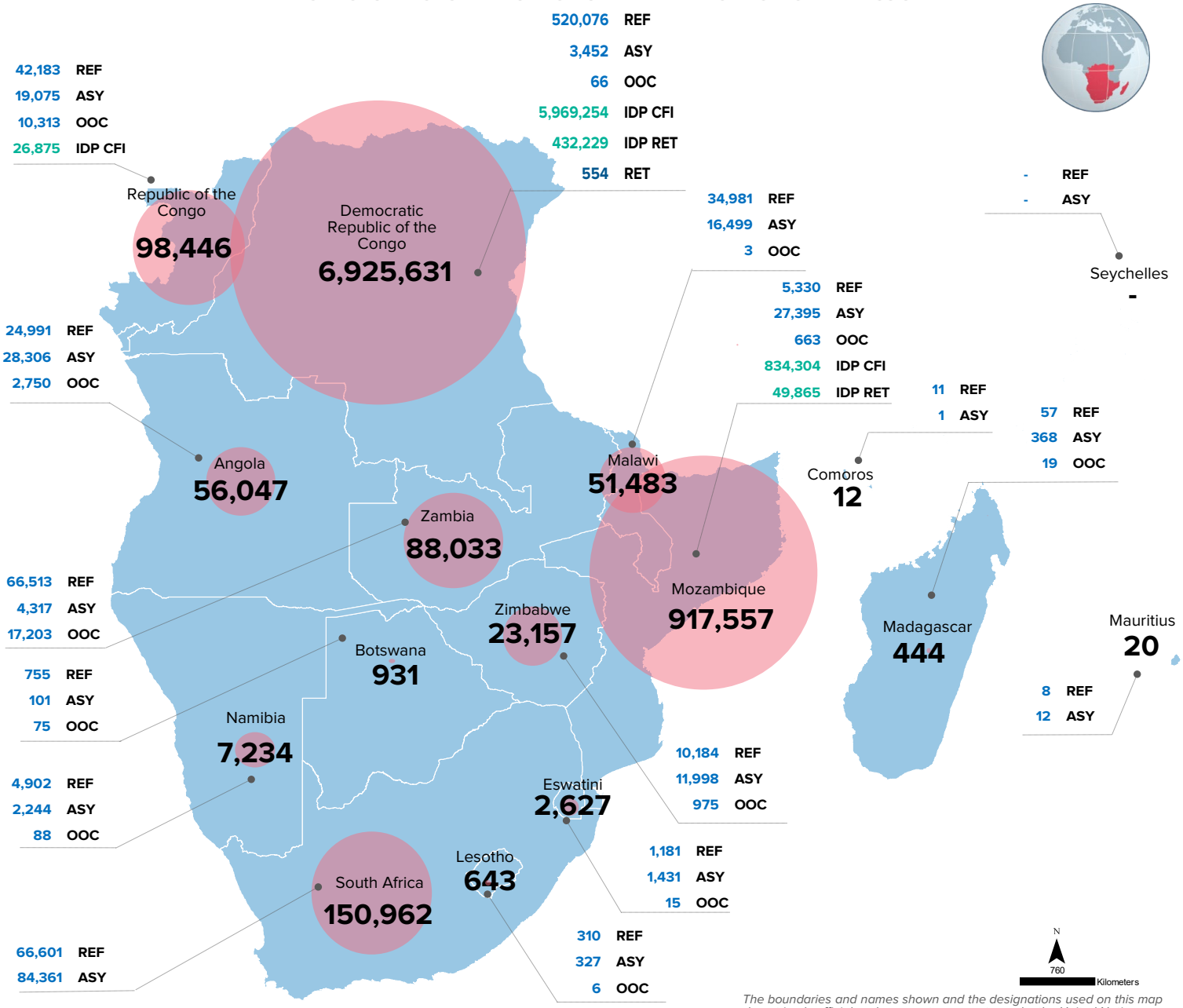


7,312,527

Conflict-induced IDPs and returned IDPs (88% of the overall forcibly displaced people and returnees population)**



MAP OF POPULATIONS THAT UNHCR IS MANDATED TO PROTECT AND ASSIST



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[1] In addition, there are 1,012,486 people displaced internally in the context of disasters and climate change. The displacement occurred in the following countries:
Malawi (659,278), The Democratic Republic of the Congo (270,005), Mozambique (41,668) and Zimbabwe (41,535).

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** REF = Refugee; ASY = Asylum-seeker; OOC = Other person of concern; RET = Returnee

Source: **REF, ASY, OOC, RET** (UNHCR PRIMES, Government); **IDP DRC** (OCHA); IDP Zimbabwe & Mozambique (IOM); **IDP ROC** (Government, Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action (MASAH).

DRC = Democratic Republic of the Congo ROC = Republic of the Congo IDP = Internal Displaced Person IDP CFI = Conflic-induced IDPs IDP RET = Returned IDPs

Date of creation: As of 30 June 2023

For more information visit: UNHCR Data Portal

REGIONAL BUREAU FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS INVOLVED IN 2023 CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

As of 30 June 2023

CUMULATIVE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS KEY FIGURES

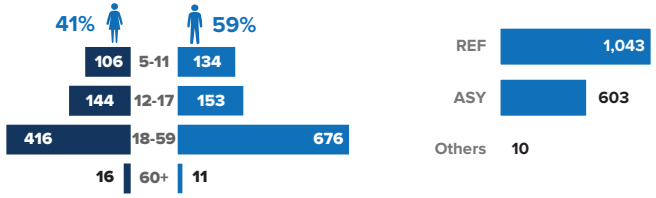
1,656 Total cross border movements since January (Current month = 263)

412 Intra region movements since January (Current month = 81)

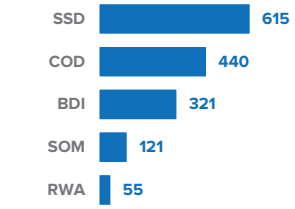
494 Outward movements from the region since January (Current month = 103)

750 Inward movements into the region since January (Current month = 79)

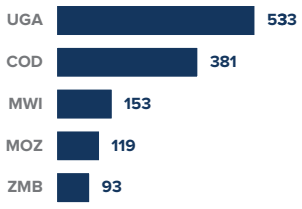
AGES, GENDER AND LEGAL STATUS OF MOVERS **



Top 5: Nationality



Top 5: 1st Country of Asylum



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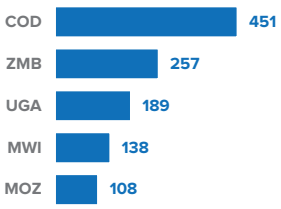
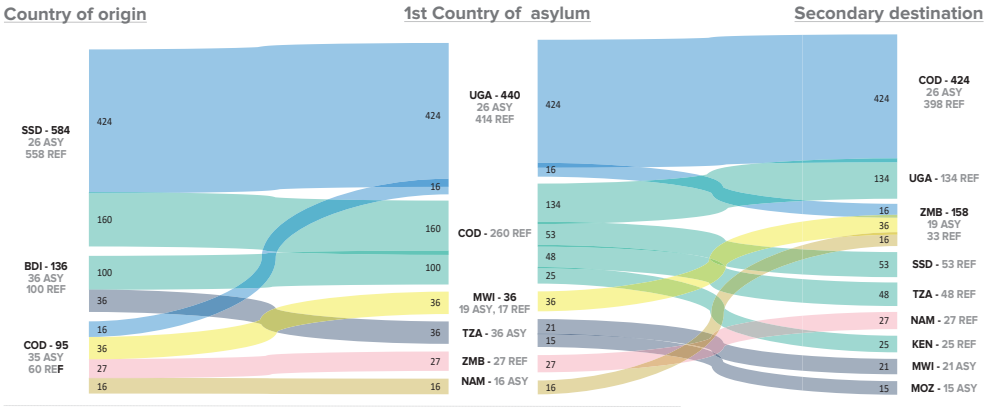
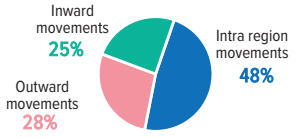


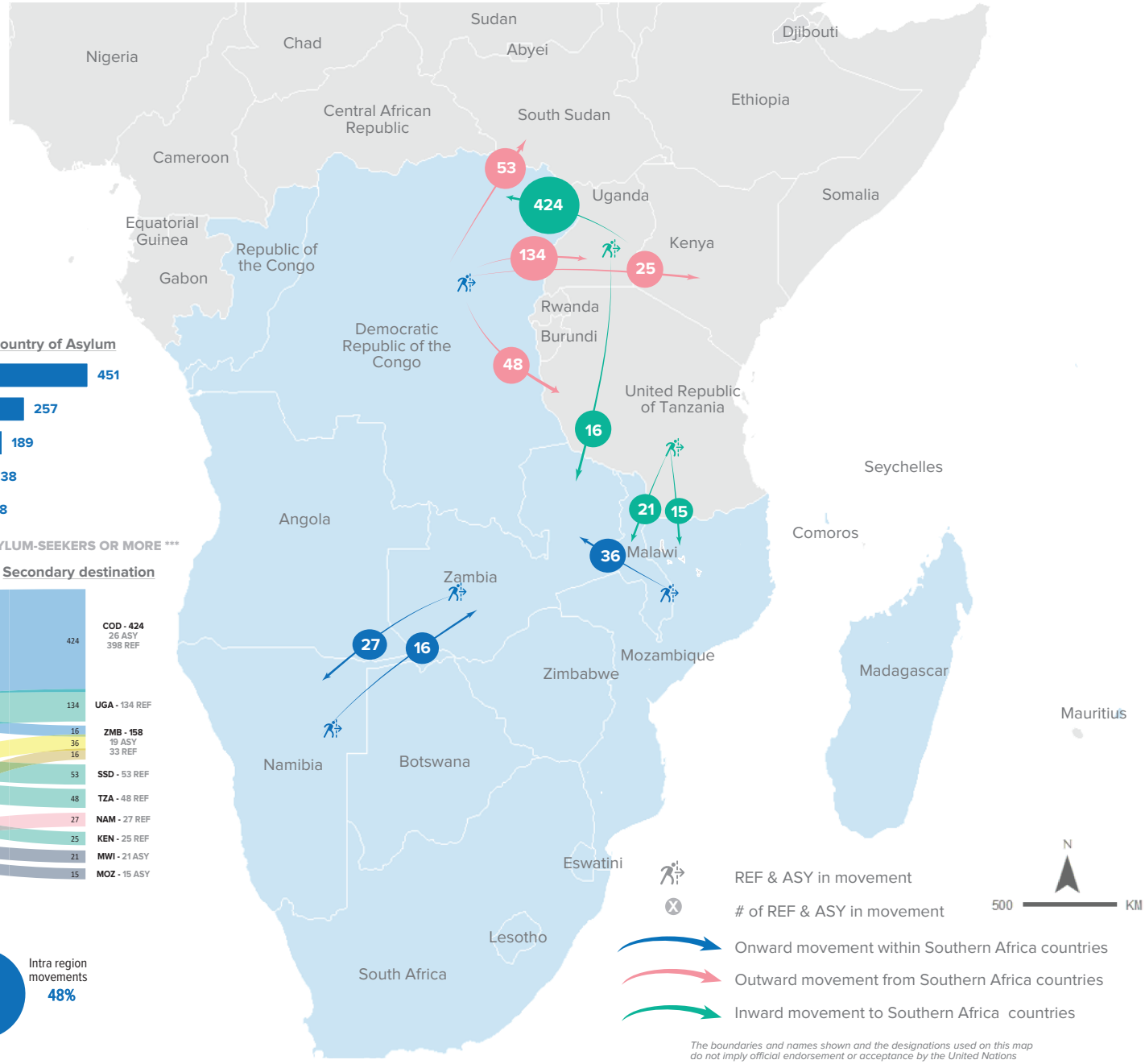
CUMULATIVE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVED 15 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS OR MORE ***



CUMULATIVE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS TREND PER YEAR AND PROPORTIONS SINCE 2019



MAP OF CUMULATIVE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVED 15 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS OR MORE



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* Figures have been revised in June by removing individuals found in VolRep and Data Transfer Request.
** REF = Refugee, ASY = Asylum-Seeker, OOC = Other person of concern

*** The flows shown are restricted only to movements of a minimum group people , therefore the totals is different from the overal movements of the month due to the exclusion. In case of the same country of origin and first country of asylum, due to the change of nationality of some PoCs, country of origin are replaced with the previous nationality. All countries were named according to the ISO 3 Codes. BDI = Burundi, COD = Democratic Republic of the Congo , COG = Republic of the Congo, SSD- South Sudan, KEN = Kenya, UGA = Uganda, MWI = Malawi, MOZ = Mozambique, NAM = Namibia, TZA=Tanzania , ZMB = Zambia, ZWE =Zimbabwe

Data sources: UNHCR PRIMES.
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REGIONAL BUREAU FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

2023 VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION

As of 30 June 2023

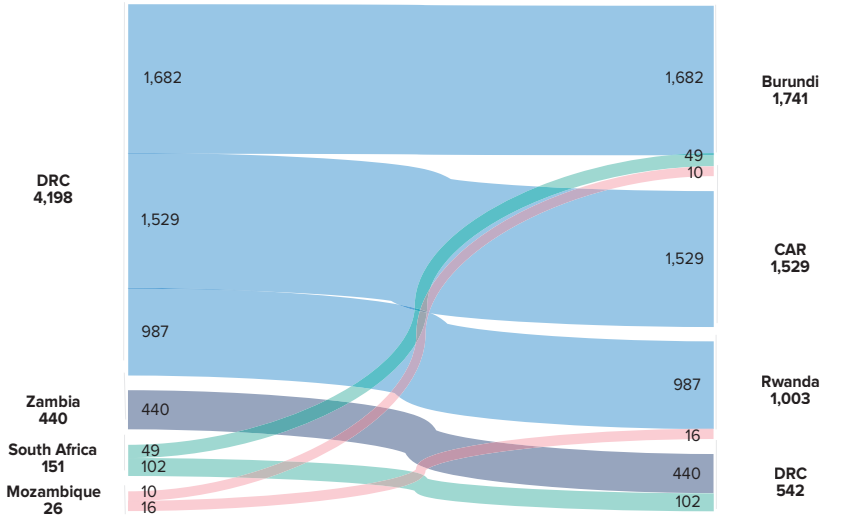
KEY FIGURES

4,820
Total Individuals repatrieted since January 2023

546
Individuals repatriation **within Southern Africa Region** since January 2023

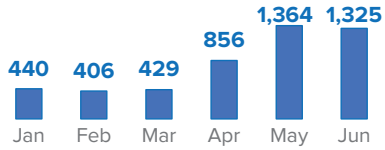
4,274
Individuals repatriation **from Southern Africa Region** to other countries outside of the region since January 2023

VOLREP* WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVE 10 REFUGEES OR MORE



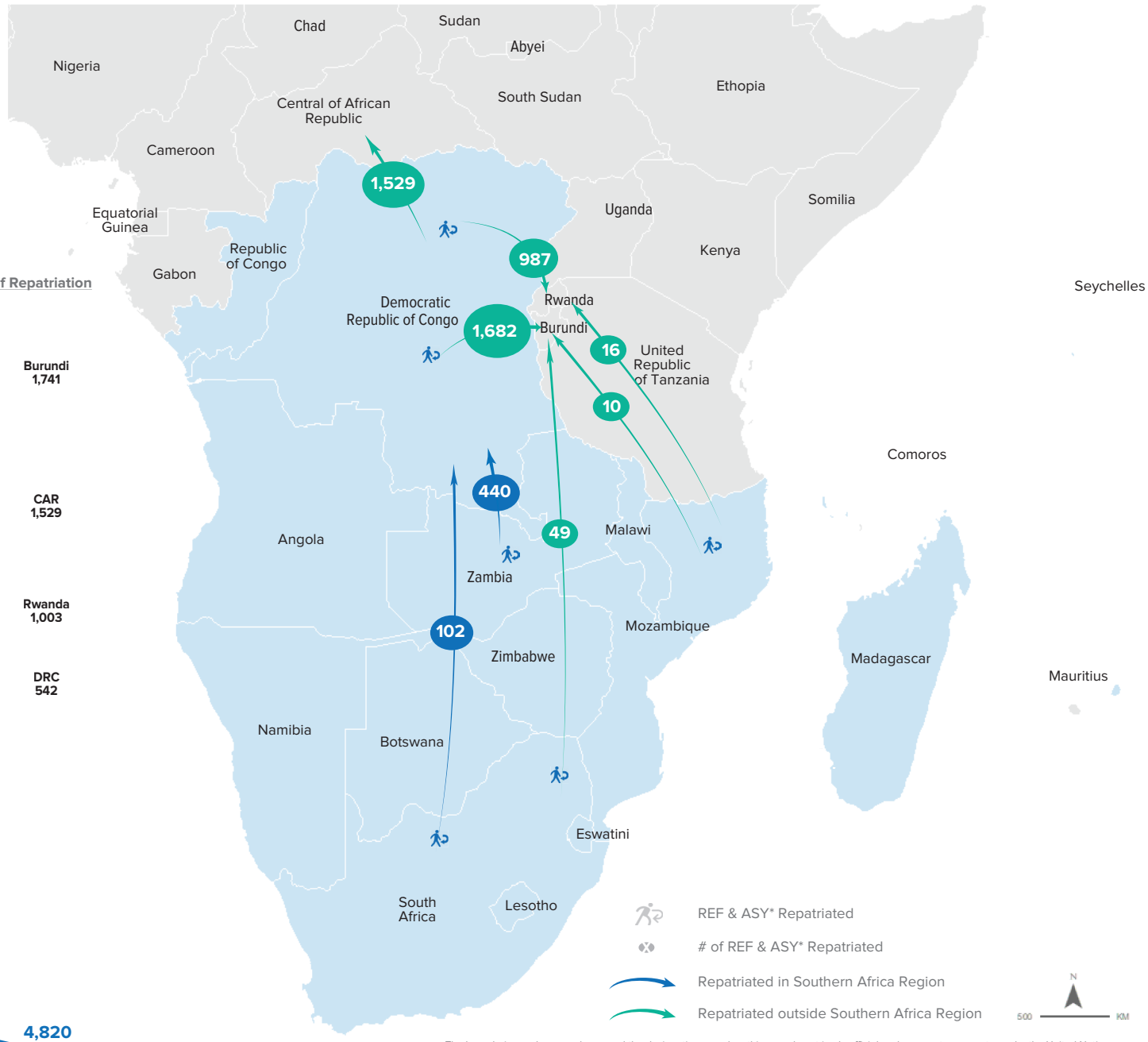
TRENDS

MONTHLY REPATRIATION SINCE JANUARY**



ANNUAL REPATRIATION SINCE 2019

MAP OF VOLREP* WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVE 10 REFUGEES OR MORE



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*VolRep = Voluntary Repatriation **Note: The figure of May 2023 was revised and readjusted in June 2023

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REGIONAL BUREAU FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS INVOLVED IN RESETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

As of 30 June 2023

RESETTLEMENT KEY FIGURES

Submitted Cases

849 Cases

3,638 Case Members

Departure Cases*

397 Case

1,845 Case Members

Active Cases*

1,059 Case

4,460 Case Members

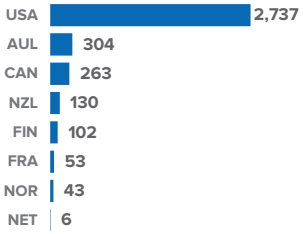
Quota

8,842 Allotcated Quota

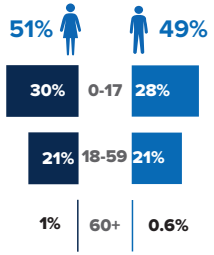
41% % of Submission vs Quota

Balance (Quota/Submission) : *5,204*

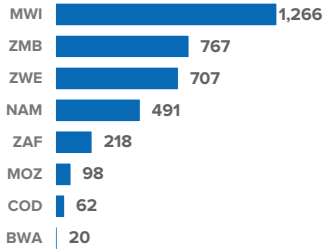
Submitted Cases Member by Country of Submission



Departure Cases by Age and Gender



Submitted Cases Members by Top 10 Country of Asylum



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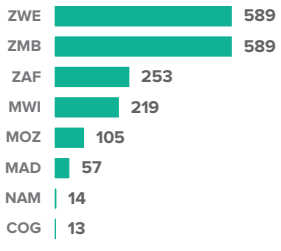
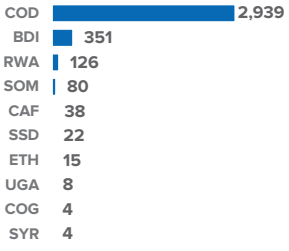


Submitted Cases Members by Top 10 Country of Origin



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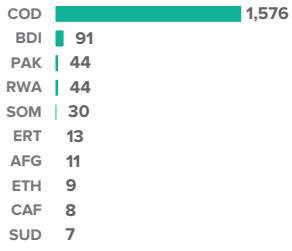
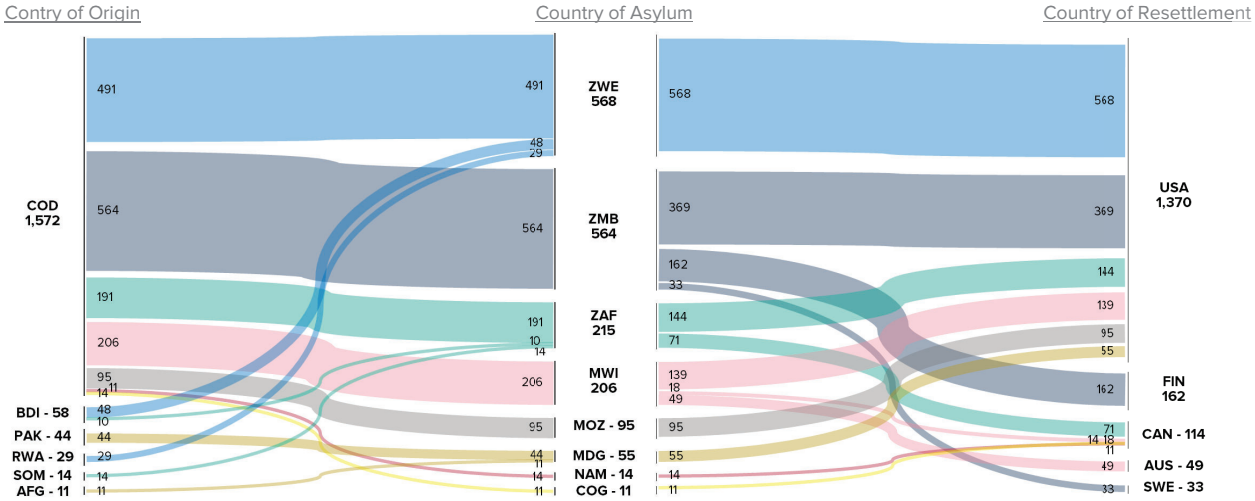
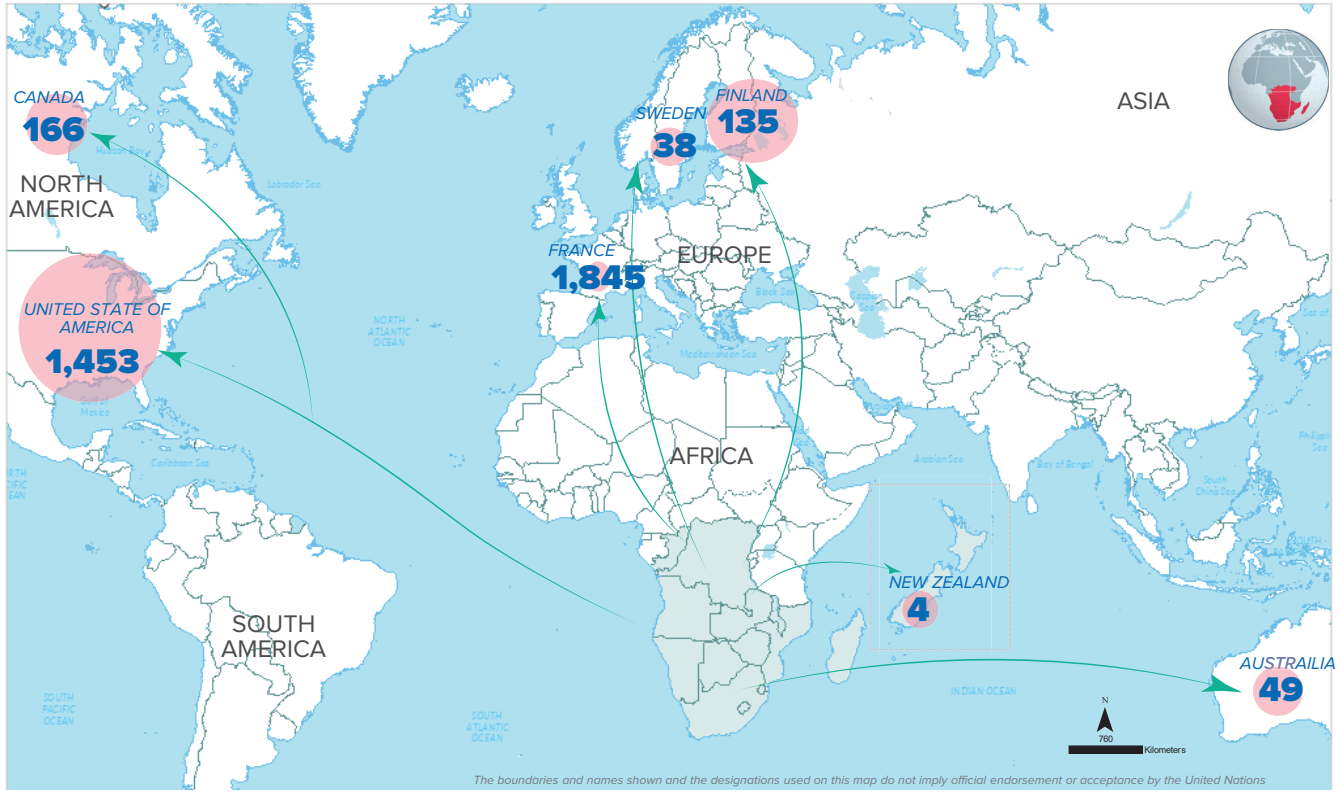


MOVEMENTS OF GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE RESETTLEMENT CASE MEMBERS



MAP OF THE DEPARTURES BY COUNTRY OF SUBMISSION



* Active Case and Case Member and Departure Case figures have been proportionned from PRIMES dataport as of 26 October / inforrmation not available on RSR site.

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REGIONAL BUREAU FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO REFUGEES*

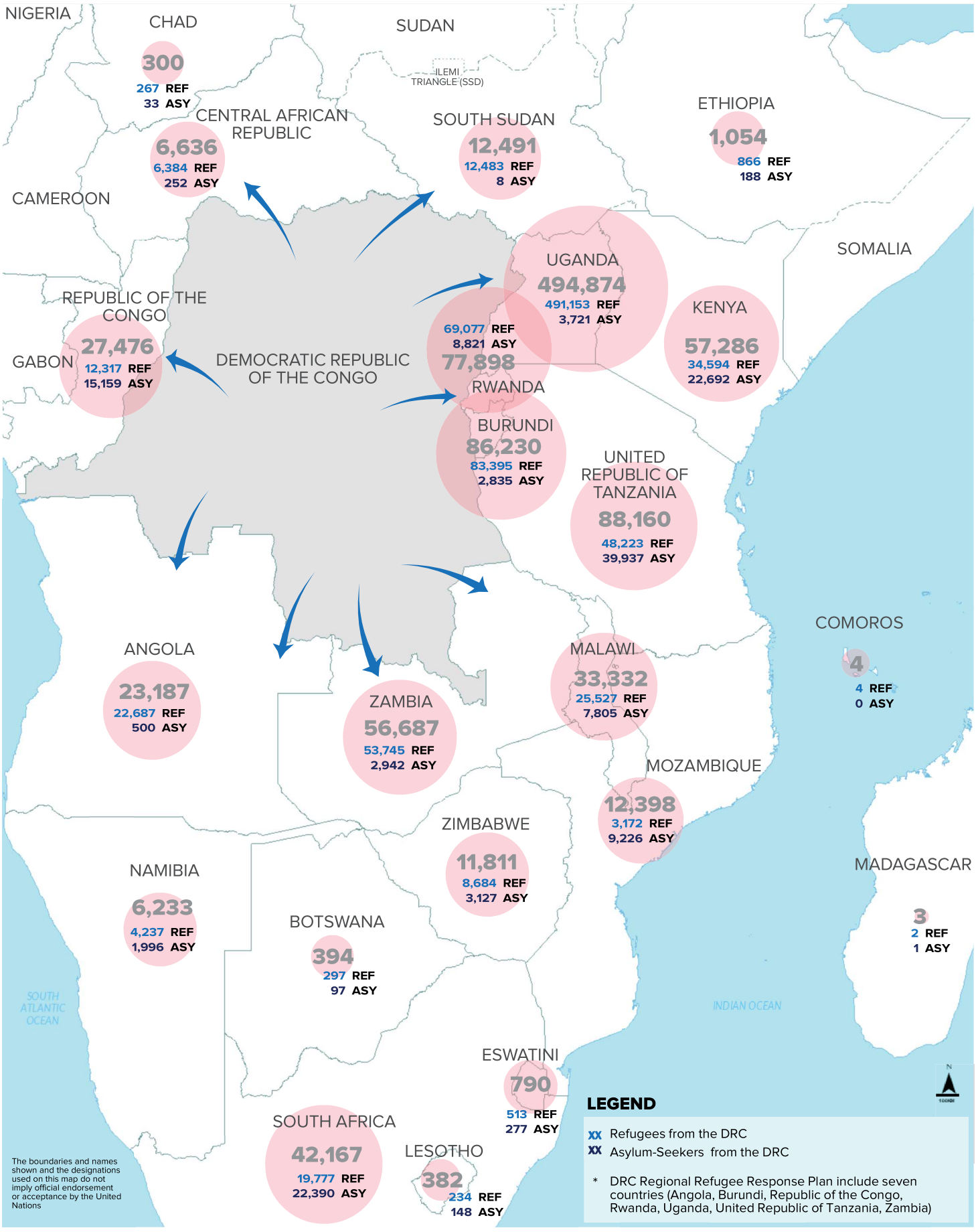
As of 30 June 2023

KEY FIGURES

1,039,793 Total Refugees and Asylum-seekers

897,638 Refugees

142,155 Asylum-seekers



REF = Refugee ASY = Asylum seeker

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REFERENCE MAP / UNHCR PRESENCE

As of 30 June 2023

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Forcibly displaced and returned persons in southern Africa, Data as of 30 June 2023*

Country of Asylum	Location**			Self-settled***	Population Group								Total
	Name	Longitude (X)	Latitude (Y)		Refugee	Asylum-Seeker	Other of Concern	IDP by Conflict	Returned IDP	Refugee Returnee	Statelessness	Host Community	
Democratic Republic of the Congo*	Other			No	378,416	2,846	66	5,522,579	432,229	554	-	-	6,336,690
	IDP Camp			No	-	-	-	446,675		-	-	-	446,675
	Lusenda	29.0944	-3.8879	No	26,861		-	-	-	-	-	-	26,861
	Meri	30.2019	3.8486	No	26,457	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,475
	Inke	20.7673	4.0905	No	18,003	202	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,205
	Mole	18.8033	4.1351	No	10,970		-	-	-	-	-	-	10,970
	Bili	19.9185	4.5413	No	10,270		-	-	-	-	-	-	10,270
	Mulongwe	29.0395	-4.2374	No	9,019	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,086
	Boyabu	18.7699	3.7291	No	8,751		-	-	-	-	-	-	8,751
	Nzakara	21.2204	4.2746	No	8,647	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,647
	Biringi	30.3385	2.8001	No	8,032	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,057
	Wenze	18.6355	4.2491	No	6,214	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,214
	Sidi	19.8615	5.0049	No	4,323	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,323
	Bele	30.1676	3.594	No	3,483	294	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,777
	Mboti	25.821	4.0243	No	630		-	-	-	-	-	-	630
	Subtotal				**520,076**	**3,452**	**66**	**5,969,254**	**432,229**	**554**	**-**	**-**	**6,925,631**
Mozambique	Other			No	2,405	21,675	189	834,304	49,865	-	-	-	908,438
	Maratane Camp	39.25	-15.255	No	2,925	5,720	474	-	-	-	-	-	9,119
	Subtotal				**5,330**	**27,395**	**663**	**834,304**	**49,865**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**917,557**
South Africa	Unknown			Yes	66,601	84,361	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,962
	Subtotal				**66,601**	**84,361**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**150,962**
Congo	Other			No	36,355	13,835	10,175	26,875	-	-	-	-	87,240
	Site du 15 Avril	18.5071	3.0597	No	5,828	433	138	-	-	-	-	-	6,399
	Site de Bouemba	16.1265	-2.1593	No	-	4,807	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,807
	Subtotal				**42,183**	**19,075**	**10,313**	**26,875**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**98,446**
Zambia	Meheba	25.8816	-12.4975	No	28,997	241	9,661	-	-	-	-	-	38,899
	Mayukwayukwa	24.1911	-14.549	No	16,422	32	6,807	-	-	-	-	-	23,261
	Other			No	13,986	3,531	735	-	-	-	-	-	18,252
	Mantapala	28.8876	-9.5082	No	7,108	513	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,621
	Subtotal				**66,513**	**4,317**	**17,203**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**88,033**
Angola	Unknown			Yes	17,088	28,064	2,397	-	-	-	-	-	47,549
	Lovua Settlement	20.0467	-7.4085	No	6,479	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,479
	Other			No	1,424	242	353	-	-	-	-	-	2,019
	Subtotal				**24,991**	**28,306**	**2,750**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**56,047**
Malawi	Dzaleka	33.8721	-13.6608	No	34,981	16,499	3	-	-	-	-	-	51,483
	Subtotal				**34,981**	**16,499**	**3**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**51,483**
Zimbabwe	Other			No	9,394	5,426	885	-	-	-	-	-	15,705
	Tongogara	32.3082	-20.3469	No	-	6,546	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,546
	Unknown			Yes	790	26	90	-	-	-	-	-	906
	Subtotal				**10,184**	**11,998**	**975**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**23,157**
Namibia	Osire	17.365	-21.07	No	4,261	1,880	51	-	-	-	-	-	6,192
	Other			No	641	364	37	-	-	-	-	-	1,042
	Subtotal				**4,902**	**2,244**	**88**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7,234**
Eswatini	Other			No	1,181	1,431	15	-	-	-	-	-	2,627
	Subtotal				**1,181**	**1,431**	**15**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,627**
Botswana	Dukwe	26.4975	-20.5822	No	541	8	27	-	-	-	-	-	576
	Other			No	214	93	48	-	-	-	-	-	355
	Subtotal				**755**	**101**	**75**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**931**
Lesotho	Other			No	310	327	6	-	-	-	-	-	643
	Subtotal				**310**	**327**	**6**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**643**
Madagascar	Other			No	57	368	19	-	-	-	-	-	444
	Subtotal				**57**	**368**	**19**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**444**
Mauritius	Other			No	8	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
	Subtotal				**8**	**12**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**20**
Comoros	Other			No	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
	Subtotal				**11**	**1**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**12**
					778,083	**199,887**	**32,176**	**6,830,433**	**482,094**	**554**	**-**	**-**	**8,323,227**

Notes: The figures are subject to change; *IDPs by disaster are not included; **'Other' in the location refers to any known location other than camp or settlement sites, covering both urban and rural areas; the numbers in Nzakara, Wenze and Sidi in DRC are as of 31 May 2023; ***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.

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To enhance data accuracy, consistency, security and ensure compliance, the Bureau conducted a second quarterly data review in June. The results showed that data quality has improved by 41% versus 39% during the first quarter. Wrong registered data decreased to 26.4% in June. Additionally, 9,907 data inconsistencies were identified and 9,212 were successfully resolved. Therefore, 93% of the identified inconsistencies has been addressed.

Regarding surveys or assessments, the regional overview by June 2023 indicated that 81 surveys were conducted, and 43% were reported accurately. The remaining ones require follow-up with the operations. The surveys' status is as follows: 7 planned, 11 completed, 37 ongoing, and 26 with unknown status. The sectors covered included Protection (58%), coordination & information management (21%), multi-sector (19%), CCCM (1%), and others (1%). The top three countries with the highest number of surveys or assessments are the Democratic Republic of Congo (18), Mozambique (16), and Zambia (7).

The main objective of the Bureau aims to establish reliable data to support protection and service delivery, advocate for support and pursue solutions.

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