

UNHCR operational highlights

UNHCR High Commissioner Antonio Guterres visited DRC from 11 to 13 April. The High Commissioner met on the day after his arrival some of the thousands of Central Africans refugees who have fled to the DRC's locality of Zongo in Equateur Province.

The High Commissioner said that the primary objective of his mission to the country was to draw the attention of the international community to the plight of refugees from the Central African Republic and to express his solidarity with these populations who are living in difficult conditions.

Refugees in the DRC as of 30 April 2013

DRC refugees in Africa as of 30 April 2013

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	TOTAL
Rwanda*	127,537
Central African Republic	38,471
Burundi	9,330
Sudan	2,505
Republic of Congo	722
Uganda	20
Others	57
Total	178,642
* Figures for Rwandan refugees are Government esti-	mates

IDPs in DRC

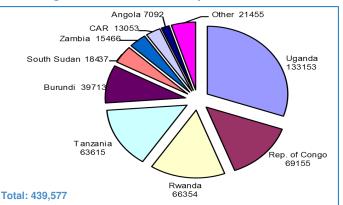
IDPs in Camps*	Total	IDPs/Province**	Total
Masisi (17 camps)	74,068	South Kivu	702,093
Rutshuru (12 camps)	23,483	North Kivu	920,784
Walikale (1 camp)	2,012	Oriental Province	428,543
Goma (1 camp)	13,837	Katanga	353,931
Total (31 camps)	113,400	Maniema	174,005
		Equateur	7,033
		Total	2,586,389

* Source: UNOPS - 31 January 2013 ** Source: OCHA – 31 March 2013 (Quarterly statistics)

Working with partners

Together with the DRC Government authorities, in particular the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), UNHCR manages and implements humanitarian assistance and protection for refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons. Within the collaborative approach, support is delivered jointly with MONUSCO, WFP, UNICEF, OCHA, UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, FAO, UNOPS and IOM among other agencies and NGOs. UNHCR leads the Protection cluster. UNHCR is also the lead of the Protection and Prevention component of the Comprehensive Strategy to Combating SGBV in DRC, under the STAREC.

In the field, assistance is delivered together with 12 implementing partners: ADSSE, AIDES, AIRD, CNR, ERUKIN, GRACE, IEDA, INTERSOS, MDA, PU, SFCG, WFWI.



Return of Congolese refugees, 2004 - 30 April 2013

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PROVINCE	2004-2006	2007-2011	2012	2013	TOTAL
Equateur	19,887	45,716	46,318	25,822	137,743
Nord-Kivu	2,605	15,262	16,813	-	34,680
Sud-Kivu	38,268	43,027	327	283	81,905
P.Orientale	765	837	8,317	-	9,919
Katanga	26,958	49,145	47	-	76,150
Kinshasa	485	1,026	21	-	1,532
Total	88,968	155,013	71,843	26,105	341,929

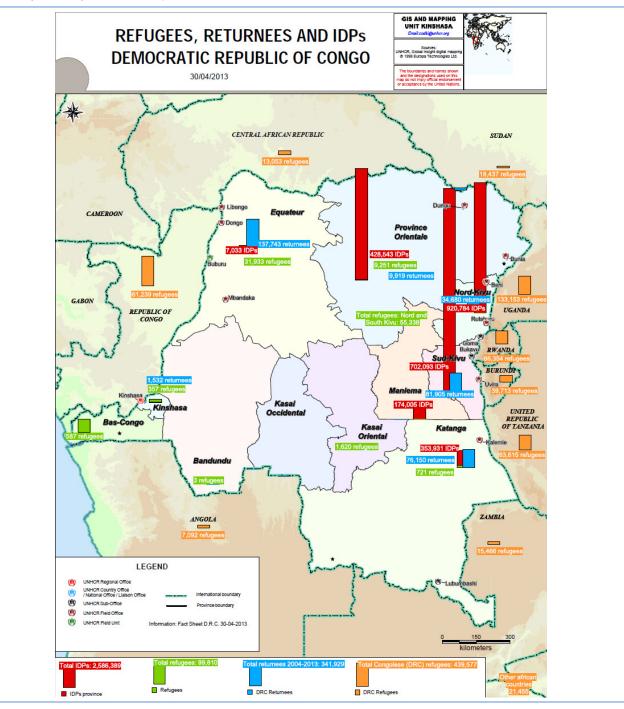
UNHCR 2013 Budget (in million USD)

POPULATION	BUDGET
Refugees in DRC	41,601,200
Refugees in Gabon	821,807
Stateless	2,232,857
Returnees	46,246,835
IDPs	65,073,385
Total Budget	155,976,084



Achievements

- Since January 1st, some 2,031 Rwandan refugees returned to Rwanda from Bukavu (695) and Goma (1,336).
- 25,822 DRC refugees returned from Republic of Congo to Equateur Province this year. The voluntary repatriation operation started on 5 May 2012, since then 72,172 individuals returned in Equateur.
- 283 Congolese refugees have been repatriated from Burundi in 2013.



UNHCR staff

240 national staff, 62 international staff, 25 United Nations Volunteers and 4 Consultants (31 March 2013)

UNHCR Presence

RO Kinshasa, SO Bukavu, SO Goma, SO Lubumbashi, FO Bunia, FO Dungu, FU Beni, FU Rutshuru, FO Uvira, FO Kalemie, FO Dongo, FO Libenge, FU Mbandaka, FU Buburu

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