

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

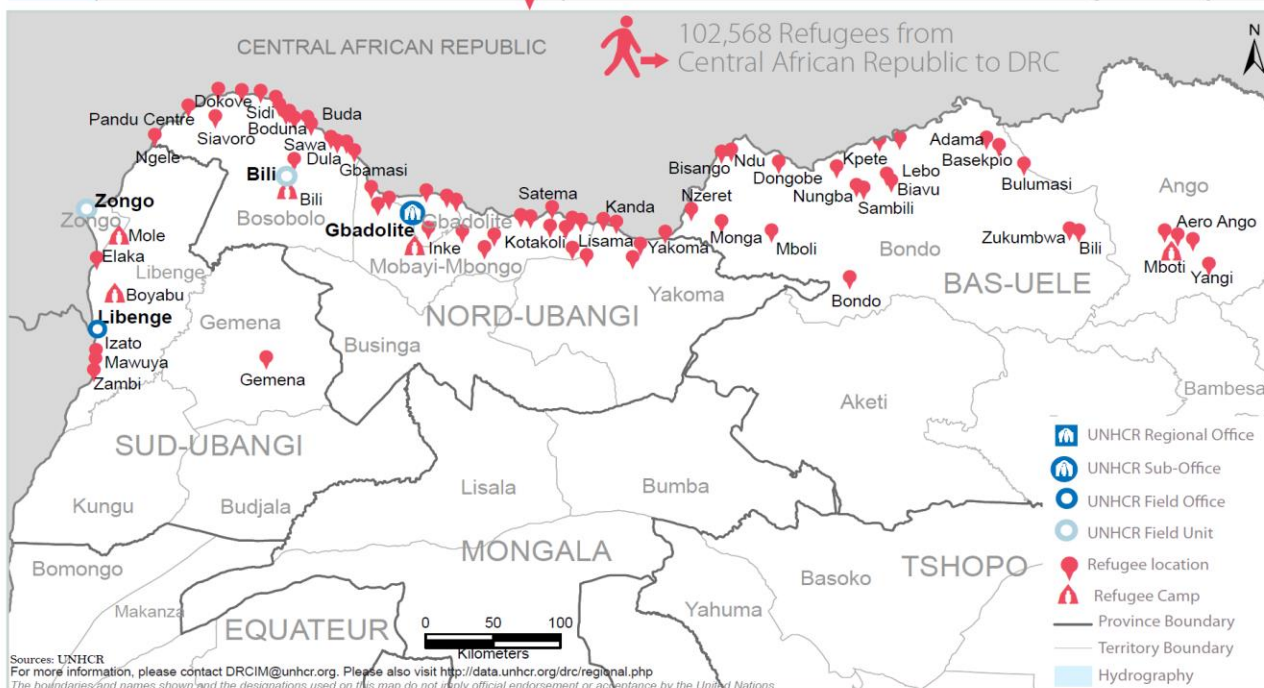
FLASH UPDATE ON THE CAR REFUGEE SITUATION

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HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR assessment missions to remote border areas in Bas-Uele and North Ubangi provinces have reported **11,000 new arrivals** from the Central African Republic since the second week of May. The influx was triggered by violence, tensions and fears about imminent attacks in several localities in CAR. The figures are based on statistics compiled by the authorities and should be regarded as preliminary.
- **Bondo Territory, Bas-Uele province:** The attack in the city of Bangassou (CAR) by an armed group caused a movement of asylum seekers to DRC, starting in the week of 8 May. 7,573 asylum seekers were pre-registered by Congolese authorities as of 23 May 2017 in Ndu village (across the Mbomou river from Bangassou) and nearby localities. The influx was reported to be ongoing in the week of 22 May.
- UNHCR is in discussion with MONUSCO to organize an airlift for non-food items distribution as road access is extremely difficult especially in the rainy season.
- Nonetheless, an assessment mission by UNHCR, together with the National Commission of Refugees (CNR), reached the area. Needs were high as asylum seekers arrived without any belongings and some of them are wounded or require urgent medical attention.
- **Yakoma territory, Nord-Ubangi province:** From the locality of Bema in CAR (more than 100 km from Bangassou), scared population fled to the Congolese town of Yakoma and its surroundings. The General Direction of Migration (DGM) had pre-registered 1,419 asylum seekers in that area as of 18 May 2017. Asylum seekers were hosted with local families and in abandoned hangars but they had insufficient access to water, sanitation, healthcare, food.
- **Territory of Mobay-Mbongo, Nord Ubangi Province:** Another group of asylum seekers crossed into DRC starting from 18th May in the territory of Mobay-Mbongo (Nord Ubangi Province), coming from the locality of Mobayi, where insecurity prevailed according to arrivals. General Direction of Migration (DGM) pre-registered 2,232 asylum seekers in that area. Asylum seekers are in host families but they lack basic services such as water, sanitation, healthcare, food.

Situation as of April 30, 2017



Data portal: <http://data.unhcr.org/car/country.php?id=46>