

Uganda

2 January 2018

231,504

Congolese refugees
as of 30 November 2017

43,000

Congolese new arrivals
from January to November 2017

6,662

Congolese new arrivals since
1 December 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- Between 29th December 2017 and 1st January 2018, 315 new refugee arrivals from the Democratic of the Congo (DRC) crossed to Uganda via Lake Albert (126) and Kisoro (139), bringing the total number of new arrivals since 18th December to 4,932. The vast majority (4,125) entered Uganda crossing Lake Albert aboard fishing boats, with others (807) coming in through border points in Kisoro, Kanungu and Bundibugyo districts.
- The refugees crossing Lake Albert continued to report fleeing inter-communal violence in DRC's Ituri region, while Congolese refugees entering through Uganda's southwestern border points mentioned abductions and killings by militia groups in Norh Kivu as primary causes of displacement and flight.
- Since 19th December, UNHCR has relocated 4,125 refugees from Lake Albert landing sites to Kagoma reception centre in Kyangwali settlement, Hoima district. Some 3,855 have been already allocated a plot of land in Malembo C and provided with shelter materials. Another 270 new arrivals remain at the reception centre and are awaiting allocation of land. At Kagoma, UNHCR has so far identified and assisted 199 unaccompanied minors (63) and separated children (136), including through best interest assessments.
- At Malembo C, a health outreach post has been established to treat the sick, carry out nutrition screening and provide expanded program on immunization (EPI) services, but its capacity needs to be strengthened. UNHCR partner Action Africa Help trucks some 48,000 liters of water a day from Kagoma, providing each refugee in Malembo C with nearly 15 liters of water per day. With more refugees expected to relocate, an additional water truck (10,000 liters) is needed to help meet the increasing demand. To date, 10 communal latrines have been constructed and additional 175 are needed, along with 200 bathing facilities and 200 hand-washing stands. WFP distributed a 30-day dry food ration through Samaritan's Pursue to all the refugees settling in Malembo C. Some 3,110 refugees have already received household items by UNHCR, including blankets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, mosquito nets, buckets and water cans.
- Since 21st December, UNHCR has transferred 1,709 Congolese refugees new arrivals from Nyakabande transit centre (Kisoro district) to Kyaka II settlement (Kyegegwa district). Another 637 remain at Nyakabande, with 540 scheduled to depart for Kyaka II on 4th January.

