

Democratic Republic of the Congo

1 – 15 September 2018

This document provides a mid-month update on major evolutions occurring between the publication of UNHCR's monthly operational reports. This is not an operational report.

Refugees

- On 4 September, UNHCR assisted two South Sudanese refugees in traveling to Khartoum, Sudan, to [express their views on peace](#) between warring factions, after they reached a deal in South Sudan. This initiative seeks to ensure **refugees' participation in the next steps of the peace process**.
- As of 15 September, **28,237 Rwandan refugees were registered** in North and South Kivu Provinces; 63% for the first time, while 37% renewed their registration. **74 were repatriated**, bringing the total for 2018 to 2,493 repatriations. These figures are pending verification on the Rwandan side.
- **1,008 Burundian refugees** (318 households) **were relocated** from transit centres to Mulongwe site between 1 and 13 September. Upon arrival, they received non-food item (NFI) kits and were temporarily hosted in common dormitories.
- As of 14 September, **16,590 individual identity cards** had been distributed to Central African refugees over 12 years of age in Bili, Boyabu and Inke camps. UNHCR and CNR launched the same operation in Mole camp on 13 September.
- UNHCR helped **634 young Central African refugees, aged 0 to 5, obtain birth certificates**. None of them had been registered within 90 days after birth, compromising their recognition as CAR citizens. In total in 2018, UNHCR distributed 2,504 birth certificates, both within and after the 90-day deadline.
- UNHCR **distributed second-hand clothes to 4,971 South Sudanese refugees** and host community members at Biringi site, Ituri Province. The clothes were donated by the Japanese clothing company UNIQLO.
- A **5,000-liter water tank and 6 new taps** were installed at Mulongwe site to ensure access to drinking water for newly-relocated Burundian refugees. The ratio of 148 people per water tap is now well within the humanitarian standard of 200.

Internally Displaced People (IDPs)

- As part of a routine survey, UNHCR collected the long-term intentions of IDPs at 8 displacement sites in North Kivu Province. As of 15 September, **2,784 households out of 3,196 had been surveyed**. A large majority (2,596 families) wanted to settle locally, 3 wished to be transferred to other sites, and 185 expressed interest in returning to their area of origin.
- **1,480 IDP families received plastic sheets** at a makeshift site in Bunia, Ituri Province, from UNHCR's partner ADSSE. The sheets replaced worn out ones, which were used as part of shelters.
- **787 human rights violations** were recorded in Ituri Province through UNHCR's protection monitoring. A majority were violations of the rights to property and liberty. 196 cases received a response, in the form of referrals and advocacy.
- UNHCR identified **300 IDP and host community children in need of birth registration** in a locality in Rutshuru Territory, North Kivu Province. A registration mission by the Ministry of Interior, supported by UNHCR, is ongoing.

Coordination activities

Protection Cluster

- The Protection Cluster **issued an alert on ongoing displacements** from North to South Kivu Provinces, where tensions between IDPs and the host community are escalating. There is an urgent need to work on peaceful coexistence, child protection, and access to land and livelihoods.

Shelter Working Group

- On 7 September, the Shelter Working Group (SWG) presented its **global work plan** to the national Shelter/NFI Cluster in the DRC. The SWG will immediately focus on developing guidelines on local construction, Housing-Land-Property, local markets and cash support in shelter. The global work plan is being adapted to the local contexts of the DRC.
- A joint SWG and WASH Cluster assessment in Ituri and North Kivu Provinces was **on stand-by** due to the outbreak of Ebola and violence in both Beni and Djugu territories.

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