

Angola

1 – 31 March 2019

On 8 March, **International Women Day** was celebrated in Lóvua settlement. Women's parades, dances, and a girls' football tournament were the main activities.

Formal primary education classes started in the Lóvua Settlement. Thus far, a total of **3,386 children are attending school**.

The setting up of a **new clinic in Centre 2** has started by using Refugee Housing Units, which are also being allocated to vulnerable families has also begun.

KEY INDICATORS

75%

of Congolese refugees from Kasai in Angola are women and children

36,633

Biometrically registered Congolese refugees in Lunda Norte Province. A total of **20,063 refugees** are currently receiving food assistance.

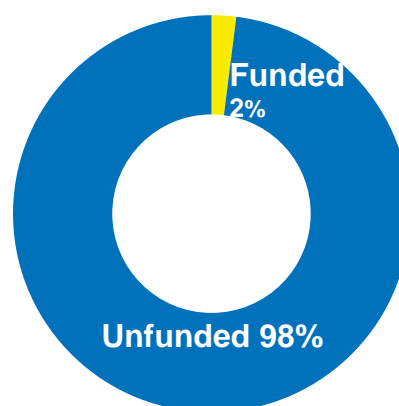
53,000

Inter-agency planning figure for Congolese refugees by the end of 2019.

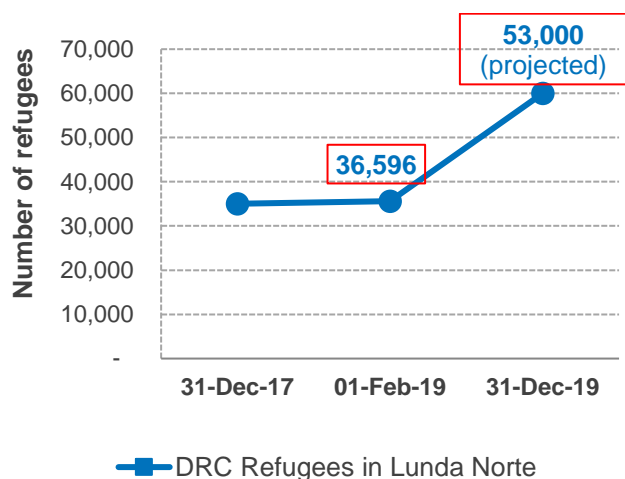
FUNDING

USD 59 million

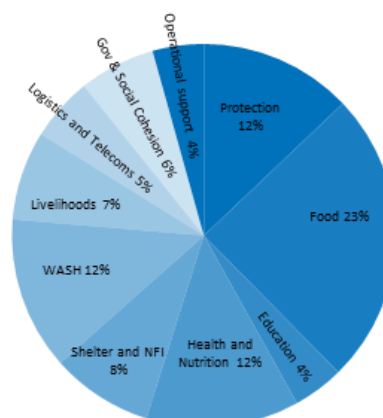
requested for the Kasai emergency in 2019 (Regional Response for the DRC Situation)



REFUGEE POPULATION TRENDS



FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS



Update on Achievements

Operational Context

The outbreak of violence in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in March 2017 triggered the internal displacement of some 1.4 million persons and the flight of over 35,000 refugees into Lunda Norte Province of Angola. However from August 2017, new arrivals decreased drastically. In 2018, the Lunda Norte refugee population increased as a result of births and family reunification.

Refugees from Kasai were initially accommodated in two overcrowded transit centres in Dundo town, as well as spread throughout host communities in and around urban areas. The Government of Angola (GoA) therefore identified an area of land, the Lóvua Settlement, some 95 kms from Dundo town, for the refugees. In August 2017, relocation to this site began. By 19 January 2019, when relocation ended, over 19,700 refugees had been transferred to the Lóvua Settlement by partners.

In October 2018, GoA initiated an operation to tackle illegal diamond mining, so called *Operação Transparência*. During the operation, over 400,000 Congolese nationals were expelled from Angola. Although the operation did not target refugees, 1,500 refugees in Lunda Norte Province were caught up in it and returned to the DRC. This prompted a surge in relocation to the Lóvua Settlement as refugees accommodated there were at less risk.

Most refugees in the Lóvua Settlement celebrated the election of the new President of the DRC in January 2019 especially as he is from the same ethnic group and area of origin as a large majority of them. Since then, some refugees have been asking to return to the DRC. To address this, an “intentions survey” is being planned.

Inter-Agency partners have been working together to ensure protection, build resilience among refugee communities and peaceful coexistence between refugees and host population. The main priorities for 2019 are: (1) to transition from emergency to development; (2) to strengthen refugees and host communities’ leadership structures; and (3) to support refugees and host communities on livelihood related activities.



Achievements

Highlights

On International Women's Day, refugees and humanitarian partners organized activities to celebrate women refugees who live in the Lóvua Settlement. A theatre play was performed in which a group of refugee women representatives spoke to high ranking women members of the local government about issues that affect refugee women and girls. Moreover, during the festivities, the winning team of the 2019 girls' football tournament was awarded a trophy.

Formal primary education classes have started in three permanent schools in the Lóvua Settlement. A total of 3,386 children are attending school, but this number is likely to increase, as enrolment remains open. Mobilizers will also continue sensitizing the community on the importance and need for children to attend formal education that is recognized by the local government, irrespective of future plans.



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- Out of 36,633 biometrically registered refugees, 20,063 individuals (5,031 households) are receiving assistance in the Lóvua Settlement.
- A capacity building session for police officers on the protection of refugees and the role of states and of UNHCR was conducted in the Lóvua Settlement. The training reached 15 police officers and the police commander of the settlement.
- Total of 61 families have been identified by partners for internal reallocation inside the Lóvua Settlement after having relocated to the settlement spontaneously. They were assisted with food rations during general food distribution (GFD) as they were identified among unregistered families who did not benefit from food assistance.
- A best interests determination (BID) panel was established, and the four cases recommended for family reunification were approved.
- Total of 67 asylum claims have been reactivated, jointly by protection and registration units.



LOGISTICS

Achievements and Impact

- A shipment of medicines was sent to Dundo and another one will follow shortly.
- Two new Volvo trucks are being sent to Dundo to facilitate transportation of goods.

Gaps and Challenges

- Shipment of medicines to Dundo will only cover the needs for medicines until August 2019 and the operation has no funding for additional medicines in 2019.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- In March, partners introduced a new colour-coded triage system in the clinics to ensure that the most urgent cases are seen rapidly and to reduce the overall waiting time. It has been well received as an improvement by both medical staff and patients.
- A large number of patients continue to attend clinics: approximately 1,400 consultations per week (5,548 medical consultations in total), the majority of which are carried out in Clinic 2.
- Main morbidities are: Respiratory Tract Infection (16,62%), Musculoskeletal pain (15,33%), Malaria (15,12%) and Paratuberculosis (14, 52%). Main cause of death is severe malaria, especially among children under five-years-old.
- This month, community mobilizers focused their sensitisation activities on hypertension and prevention of anaemia.
- MHPSS (Mental Health and Psychosocial support): continued to carry out psychosocial education sessions for adolescents boys and girls (workshops on self-esteem) and parents (sexual reproductive health), recreational group-focused psychosocial activities (2-17 years old) and individual consultations and follow-up. In zone H, a community-outreach needs identification was implemented, as well as individual consultations in the distant villages.
- On 1 March, all health partners participated in the official launch of the national campaign against mother to child HIV transmission in the Lóvua Municipality. Four sessions took place at Women's Friendly Space on the same topic, and around 200 pregnant women joined the sessions.
- Total of 405 prenatal consultations and 79 childbirths took place in the health facilities.
- Training of Lóvua traditional midwives on community mobilization for reproductive health was funded and organized by partners. The purpose of the training was to reduce maternal and newborn deaths, end home deliveries, and transform traditional midwives into RH community mobilizers. The training took place in Lumua, a commune of Lóvua Municipality from 18 to 22 March.
- To encourage family planning in the Lóvua Settlement, partners procured nine boxes of oral and injectable contraceptive kits.
- Total of 113 Mama kits/newborn kits were distributed to pregnant women in the Lóvua Settlement.
- Total of 14 Mama-lumieres were elected and are being trained to help pregnant women in the villages where urban refugees were recently relocated.

Gaps and Challenges

- The construction of Clinic 3 will soon be finalized by partners in order to provide better access to medical services in zones G, H and I.

- Even though condom distribution in the Lóvua has become a normal activity – 2,406 condoms were distributed to 2,161 women and 248 men from 1 to 26 March - adherence to contraceptive methods is still low.
- Although cases of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and Severe Acute Malnutrition remain low, the operation only has Plumpy sup (for MAM) until end May 2019.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- The construction of four water tanks and water distribution systems inclusive of water points is still in progress. It is expected that at least two boreholes should be functional by mid-April.
- A mapping of GPS points and elevations of all water points, springs and boreholes was conducted in March. This will facilitate the plan for the water distribution network. Bushes around springs were cleared and water sources were opened in some zones in the settlement.
- Nearly 5,7 million litres of water was distributed in the last three weeks of March 2019. This translates to an average of 18 litres per person per day.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

- The construction of the registration centre in the Lóvua Settlement was completed at the beginning of March.
- The construction of a clinic in Centre 2 has started using Refugee Housing Units (RHUs).
- Total of 54 households received shelter support in March. A cumulative total of 161 houses constructed using sun-dried bricks have so far received roofing sheets, timber and nails. This amounts to a total of 712 beneficiaries.
- Distribution of plastic sheets and tents for emergency shelter continued in March. So far, a total of 880 plastic sheets and 40 tents were distributed.
- Training for the installation of RHUs was conducted from 18 to 22 March. A total of 15 people were trained. During the training three RHUs were installed for vulnerable households. A further four units were installed for the new clinic in Centre 2.



LIVELIHOODS

Achievements and Impact

- A livelihood demonstration farm (DEMO) has been established in the Lóvua Settlement and practical trainings ongoing.
- An agricultural beneficiary database is being developed, the exercise has started with verification of the existing beneficiaries. Total of 525 beneficiaries have been reached so far.
- The Global Livelihood Monitoring Framework is being developed and is in its initial phase with capacity building training and organization of livelihood base surveys. Total of 300 beneficiaries have been chosen for this phase of the framework.
- Twenty livelihood mobilizers have received training in data collection using the Kobo collect tool.

Gaps and Challenges

- So far, 20 livelihood mobilizers have benefited from the DEMO training programme. However, due to limited funds DEMO is not equipped with all the necessary equipment.

Working in partnership

Humanitarian and development partners are actively supporting the Government of Angola to ensure adequate and effective response to the needs of the Congolese refugees. A monthly inter-agency coordination meeting is held in Luanda. In Dundo, weekly inter-agency meetings ensure a comprehensive and integrated operational response to the refugee situation. Sectoral working group coordination meetings are also organised weekly in Dundo

Partners in the response:

- Angolan Red Cross Society
- ADPP - Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo Angola
- Caritas
- FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- IOM - International Organization for Migration
- JRS - Jesuit Refugee Service

- LWF - Lutheran World Federation
- MAG - Mine Advisory Group
- MdM - Médicos del Mundo
- NCA - Norwegian Church Aid
- PIN - People in Need
- UNAIDS - The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- UNDP - United Nations Development Programme
- UNDSS - United Nations Department for Safety and Security
- UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund
- UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNICEF - United Nations' Children's Fund
- UNRCO - United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office
- WFP - World Food Programme
- WHO - World Health Organization
- WVI - World Vision International

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