

# Zambia

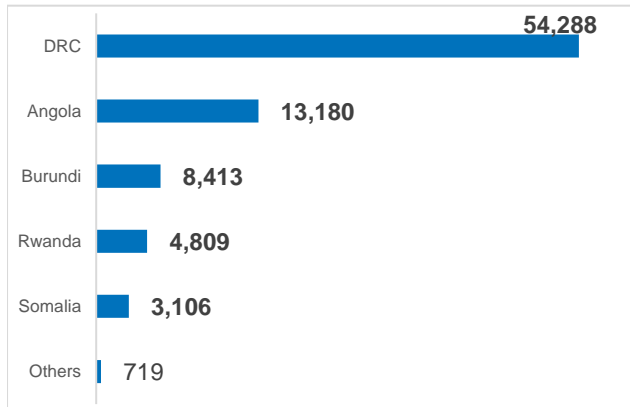
April 2023

A total of **10,851** individuals (**2,922** families) had cumulatively been repatriated since the first phase of the voluntary repatriation programme from Mantapala settlement started in December 2021 all the way to January 2023.

In the month of April, **10** cases comprising **44** individuals were submitted to the USA, Finland & Canada for resettlement consideration. Overall, **111** cases/**432** individuals have been submitted to various countries.

During the month of April, a total of **6,283** (M:2,802; F:3,511) individuals accessed the health services in the three settlements. Children under five comprised **21.3%** (1,343) of the total attendance.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN BY NATIONALITY: 84,515 PEOPLE OF CONCERN (31 MARCH 2023)

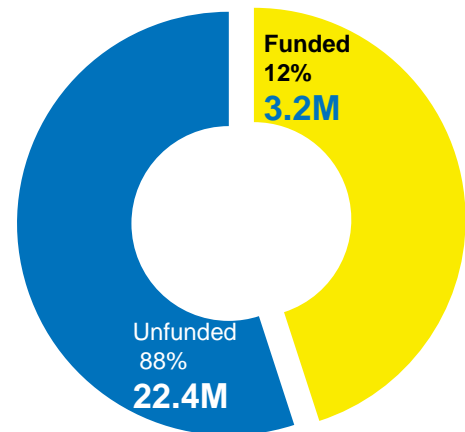


Other Nationalities include the Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Namibia, Nigeria, State of Palestine, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, and Zimbabwe.

## FUNDING (AS OF MARCH 2023)

# USD 25.5 million

UNHCR's 2023 requirements for the Zambia operation:



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### STAFF: 97

54 National Staff

22 International Staff

21 Affiliate Staff

### Offices

1 Representation Office Lusaka

2 Field Offices in Solwezi and Kawambwa



Congolese refugees assisted with voluntary repatriation from Mantapala settlement to the DRC do so in safety and with dignity. Photo: UNHCR/Bruce Mulenga.

## Operational Context

The Government of Zambia, through the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security (MHAIS) leads and coordinates the refugee response in line with its commitments under the Global Compact on Refugees (CCR) and the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF). The 2017 Refugees Act constitutes the main legal framework governing refugee matters in Zambia. The Office of the Commissioner for Refugees under MHAIS leads the implementation of the Act and is the main government interlocutor on refugee matters.

Within the UN system, UNHCR is the lead agency on refugee matters. It provides protection and assistance to refugees across various sectors and in collaboration with other UN agencies and stakeholders. The response to the ongoing arrival of refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is coordinated by an Inter-Ministerial Committee composed of key line ministries, the UN Resident Coordinator's Office and UNHCR. The Ministry of Home Affairs chairs the Committee.

### WORKING WITH PARTNERS

In line with the Global Compact on Refugees and the Sustainable Development Goals, UNHCR works closely with the Office of the Commissioner for Refugees, the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Resident Coordinator's Office in mobilizing, building partnerships and collaborating with other line ministries, UN agencies and stakeholders in responding to and meeting the needs of refugees.

The coordination and management of refugee settlements is led by the Government through the Office of the Commissioner for Refugees and in line with the Refugee Coordination Model. UNHCR supports the Office of the Commissioner for Refugees and works in partnership with the United Nations Country Team development partners, NGOs, faith-based organisations, the private sector and academia.

### KEY INDICATORS

**14,005** Persons of concern have cumulatively been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 since March 2022.

**3,234** Persons of concern have been registered between January and end of April 2023.

**18,000** Are enrolled in schools across the three refugee settlements in Zambia, with **13%** being from the host community.

### MAIN ACTIVITIES

UNHCR and partners support the Government to provide legal and community-based protection and social support. These activities reach **17,183** persons of concern in Lusaka, **37,729** people in Meheba refugee settlement and **22,431** people in Mayukwayukwa refugee settlement, in the North-Western and Western Provinces, respectively. A further **7,172** people in Mantapala settlement in Luapula Province are supported.

## Financial Information

### Contributions for the Zambia refugee operation (in US\$)

Total UNHCR financial requirements in 2023 for Zambia amounts to **US\$ 25.5 million**. Total recorded contributions for the UNHCR operation in Zambia as of 10 May 2023 amount to **US\$3,161,990** (88% funding gap). UNHCR is grateful to all donors for continuous support.

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UNHCR is also grateful for unearmarked contributions made at the global level, which allow UNHCR's critical flexibility to reach people in the greatest need and at the greatest risk.

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