

Highlights

1. After South Sudan, the DRC¹ is the second country with the largest internally displaced persons in Africa
2. The DRC hosts over 0.5 millions refugees and asylum seekers.
3. Lack of a proper civil registration system puts many at risk of statelessness in the DRC. UNHCR joins the United Nations Legal Identity Program to help the DRC government put in place a strong registration system that is inclusive for all types of populations, ensuring that no one is left behind.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers in DRC

as of 31 August 2024

525,630

Internally Displaced People (IDP) as of 31 July 2024

6.4 millions

Returned IDP as of 31 July 2024

2.3 millions

Refugees
523,710

Asylum Seekers
1,920

Repatriated from DRC to neighboring countries
(from 2022 to 2024)

26,044

Repatriated from neighboring countries to DRC
(from 2022 to 2024)

13,120

Congolese Refugees in Africa

as of 30 June 2024

1,063,997*

*Only figures for Rwanda are as of August 31, 2024. Figures for other countries are as of December 31, 2023.

Congolese refugees in Rwanda

as of 31 August 2024

82,798

Country Office (Building icon)
Sub-Office (Circle icon)
Field Office (Square icon)
Field Unit (Dot icon)

Numbers of Congolese refugees

- 10
- 100
- 1,000
- 10,000
- 100,000

Total number of people forced to flee

- 14 - 18591
- 18592 - 71704
- 71705 - 114705
- 114706 - 545860
- 545861 - 4259973

Refugee, centre (House icon)
IDP, planned settlement (Green house icon)
Refugee, formal settlement (Blue triangle icon)
IDP, unplanned settlement (Green triangle icon)

