

DR Congo

30 September 2017

2,485 Burundian refugees and asylum seekers supported in Kamanyola, South Kivu.

10,921 Rwandan refugees repatriated from DRC in 2017

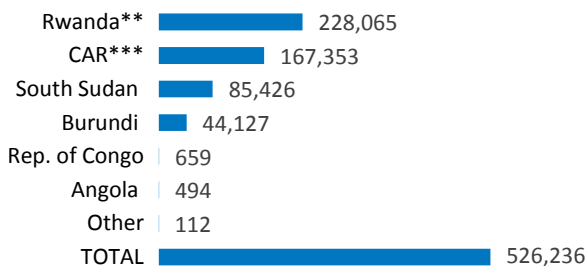
Over 1,000 newly arrived South Sudanese refugees registered in DRC in September.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

526,236 refugees and 1,287 asylum-seekers in DRC,

3,827,347* Internally Displaced Persons

Country of origin



* Source for IDP statistics: OCHA as of 30 June 2017

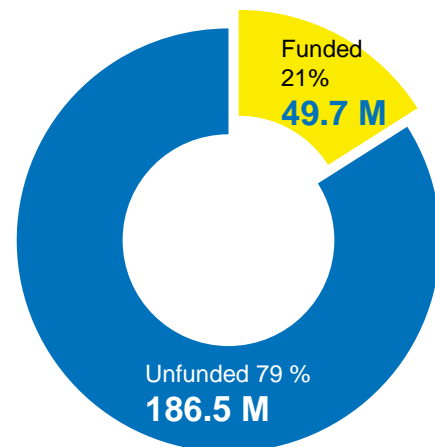
** The DRC Government presented the number of 228,065 Rwandan refugees as the outcome of a pre-registration exercise by the National Commission for Refugees from December 2014 to January 2015. Biometric registration of Rwandan refugees is ongoing. So far 42,132 refugees were registered.

*** Figure includes 64,048 new arrivals recorded by the authorities, registration is ongoing

FUNDING (AS OF 31 SEPTEMBER)

USD 236.2 M

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UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 242 National Staff
- 58 International Staff
- 21 UN Volunteers
- 6 Other Affiliate Workforce

Offices:

- 1 Regional Representation in Kinshasa
- 4 SO: Aru, Gbadolite, Goma, Lubumbashi
- 6 FO: Baraka, Bunia, Kalemie, Kananga, Libenge, Mboko
- 9 FU: Aba, Bili, Bondo, Bukavu, Dungu, Mbuji-Mayi, Tshikapa, Uvira, Zongo



Temporary site opened in Kamanyola to host 2485 Burundian refugees and asylum seekers outside the MONUSCO COB after the incident of 15 September. © UNHCR 2017/ F. Kitoko

Working with Partners

- Together with the DRC Government, and in particular the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), UNHCR manages and implements delivery of humanitarian assistance and protection for refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Through a collaborative approach, support is delivered jointly with FAO, IOM, MONUSCO, OCHA, UNDP, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNICEF, UNWOMEN, WFP and WHO among other agencies and NGOs. UNHCR leads the Protection Cluster, which coordinates the protection actors in their support to IDPs and other civilians. It also supports the coordination and management of IDP camps. Furthermore, UNHCR co-leads the Protection and Prevention component of the National Strategy on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in DRC.
Throughout the operational area, assistance is delivered together with 12 partners: ADES, ADSSE, AIDES, AIRD, CNR, COOPI, INTERSOS, MIDEFEHOPF, SAVE CONGO, SAVE THE CHILDREN, SFCG and TSF.

Main Activities

Refugees from Burundi

- A UNHCR team has been deployed to respond to the needs of 2,485 refugees and asylum seekers sheltered in a field behind the MONUSCO Base following the killing of 39 Burundian refugees and asylum seekers in Kamanyola (South Kivu).
- The temporary site in Kamanyola was connected to the local conveyance water structure. MONUSCO is facilitating the transport of water every day for washing.
- 600 plastic tarpaulins were distributed to the group in Kamanyola.
- UNHCR transported 1250 blankets, 1250 mats and 260kg of soap to Kamanyola. Distribution is planned as soon as the registration lists are finalised.
- Level 1 registration of 2,485 Burundian refugees and asylum seekers was finalised on 30 September.
- Works on Mulongwe site was on halt in the last week of September due to the presence of armed groups in Fizi and Uvira territories.
- In September, 427 refugees were registered. 511 new arrivals were admitted in transit centres.
- A group of 157 refugees (34 households) were relocated from the Transit Centre Kavimvira to Lusenda camp.
- For the food fair of September, WFP organised monetary transfers on the electronic SCOPE cards for the buying of food supplies to 26,636 refugees.
- The mass vaccination campaign against measles, funded by the UNHCR, in 12 health zones surrounding the Lusenda camp was finalised. 55,671 children between 0 and 15 years were vaccinated.

Refugees from South Sudan

- In September, more than 1,000 newly arrived South Sudanese refugees were biometrically registered at Meri and Biringi refugee sites.
- Almost 10,000 families received their monthly cash grants at Meri and Biringi sites, allowing them to purchase goods according to their own needs and priorities.
- In Dungu territory, flour, cooking oil, beans and salt were distributed to 5,240 refugees in Dungu Centre, Duru, Doruma, Bitima and Mogoroko.
- UNHCR significantly increased its support for school fees, uniforms and school supplies. UNHCR covers the expenses for 6,085 primary school-aged refugee children and 800 children from the local communities for the current academic year.

- 350 refugee children started their three-month French induction language classes at the Biringi site, preparing them to integrate into the Congolese public school system.

Refugees from Central African Republic

- H. R. H. the Princess of Hanover visited Gbadolite on 26 September to launch the project “Dignité pour les femmes”. This project aims at improving the access to sanitary pads for vulnerable populations. Both refugees and host community will benefit from the project.
- From 13 to 24 September, an inter-agency mission (UNHCR, WHO, IMA, World Vision, DRC Red Cross, ADES and provincial division for Health) assessed the situation in the Health Zones of Gbadolite, Mobayi Mbongo and Yakoma, where new arrivals are settled.
- UNHCR facilitated transport of drugs and medical equipment donated by World Health Organisation (WHO) to health zones of Gbadolite, Mobayi Mbongo and Yakoma. This will benefit both refugee and host community.
- From 17 to 19 September, UNHCR distributed mats, mosquito nets, jerry cans, kitchen sets and plastic sheets through its partner ADSSE to 4,731 new arrivals in the area of Ndu, (Bas-Uele province). They had to be transported by bicycles for over 100 km due to the lack of roads in the area.
- In Mole camp, medical partner ADES distributed treated mosquito nets and buckets to 113 refugee and local women engaged in income generating activities, as well as to 396 persons with specific needs.

Refugees from Rwanda

- The total number of voluntary repatriations from DRC to Rwanda in 2017 stands at **10,921** as of 30 September. The operation in North Kivu will increase the size of convoys to Rwanda from 150 to 250 candidates.

Internally displaced persons:

- UNHCR led coordination of Protection actors under the Protection Cluster in Kasai and Kasai Central provinces.

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