

Uganda

9 January 2018

242,406

Congolese refugees
as of 31 December 2017

46,600

Congolese new arrivals
from January to December 2017

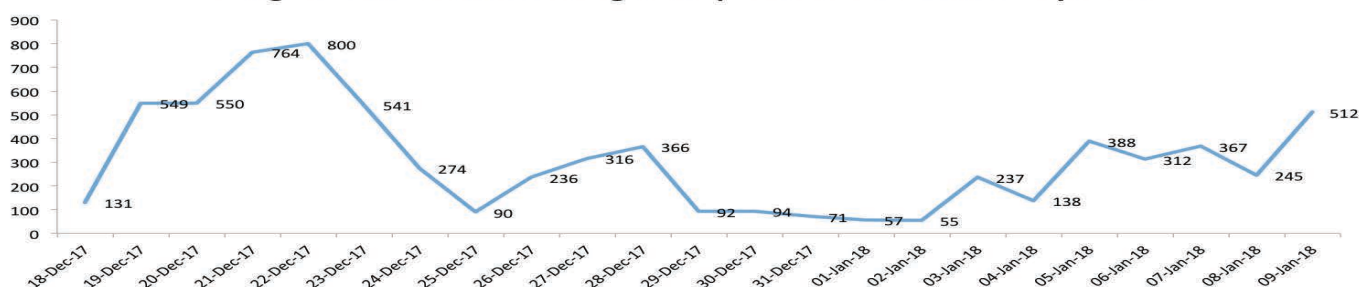
8,915

Congolese new arrivals since
1 December 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- Between 5th and 9th January 2018, 1,824 new refugee arrivals from the Democratic of the Congo (DRC) crossed to Uganda via Kisoro and Kanungu (1,644), and Lake Albert (180), bringing the total number of new arrivals since 18th December to 7,185. More than 60 per cent (4,396) entered Uganda crossing Lake Albert aboard fishing boats, with others (2,789) coming in through Uganda’s southwestern borders with the DRC. Among the latter, the largest majority entered through Nteko and Bunagana border points in Kisoro, with smaller numbers crossing through Ishasha, Kyeshero and Butogta border points in Kanungu.
- The number of daily arrivals through Kisoro entry points has sharply increased during the reporting, with a daily average of 329 people compared to 82 between 31st December and 4th January. At Nyakabande transit centre in Kisoro district, refugees reported increased attacks against civilians by Mai-Mai militia and other armed groups in DRC’s North Kivu region as reasons of flight, including arbitrary killings, rape, abductions and looting. The most recent arrivals fled their homes in Binza, Bukoma, Rutshuru, Masisi, Gisigari, Rubare and Busanza.
- Between 7th and 9th January, the number of refugees crossing Lake Albert dropped to zero due to rough waters. While there have been reports of local peacebuilding initiatives to defuse inter-communal violence in the Ituri region, new arrivals continued to report of a significant number of Congolese wishing to flee but unable to afford the journey’s higher cost.
- Since 19th December, UNHCR has relocated 4,396 refugees from Lake Albert to Kagoma reception centre in Kyangwali settlement, Hoima district. Some 4,090 have been already allocated a plot of land in Malembo C, with 306 others remaining at the reception centre and awaiting settlement.
- At Malembo C, partners have been able to truck 61,000 liters of water per day to new arrivals and old residents, with a water gap of approximately 27,000 liters per day. With two water trucks already on site, two additional water bowsers of 10,000 liters each are needed to supply a minimum of 15 liters per person per day.
- Since 21st December, UNHCR has transferred 2,159 Congolese refugees new arrivals from Nyakabande transit centre to Kyaka II settlement, in Kyegegwa district. Some 2,119 remain at Nyakabande and are awaiting relocation to Kyaka II. The next convoy of 800 individuals is scheduled to depart for Kyaka II on 11 January.

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© UNHCR/Jimmy Ogwang. New arrivals line up for registration at Nyakabande transite centre, Uganda.



© UNHCR/Jimmy Ogwang. New arrivals receive measles and polio vaccination at Nyakabande transit centre, Uganda.



© UNHCR/Julian Ateame. Aid workers register unaccompanied minors and separated children in Kyangwali's Malembo C, Uganda.



© UNHCR/Julian Ateame. New arrivals wait for the arrival of water trucks at a water collection point in Kyangwali's Malembo C, Uganda.

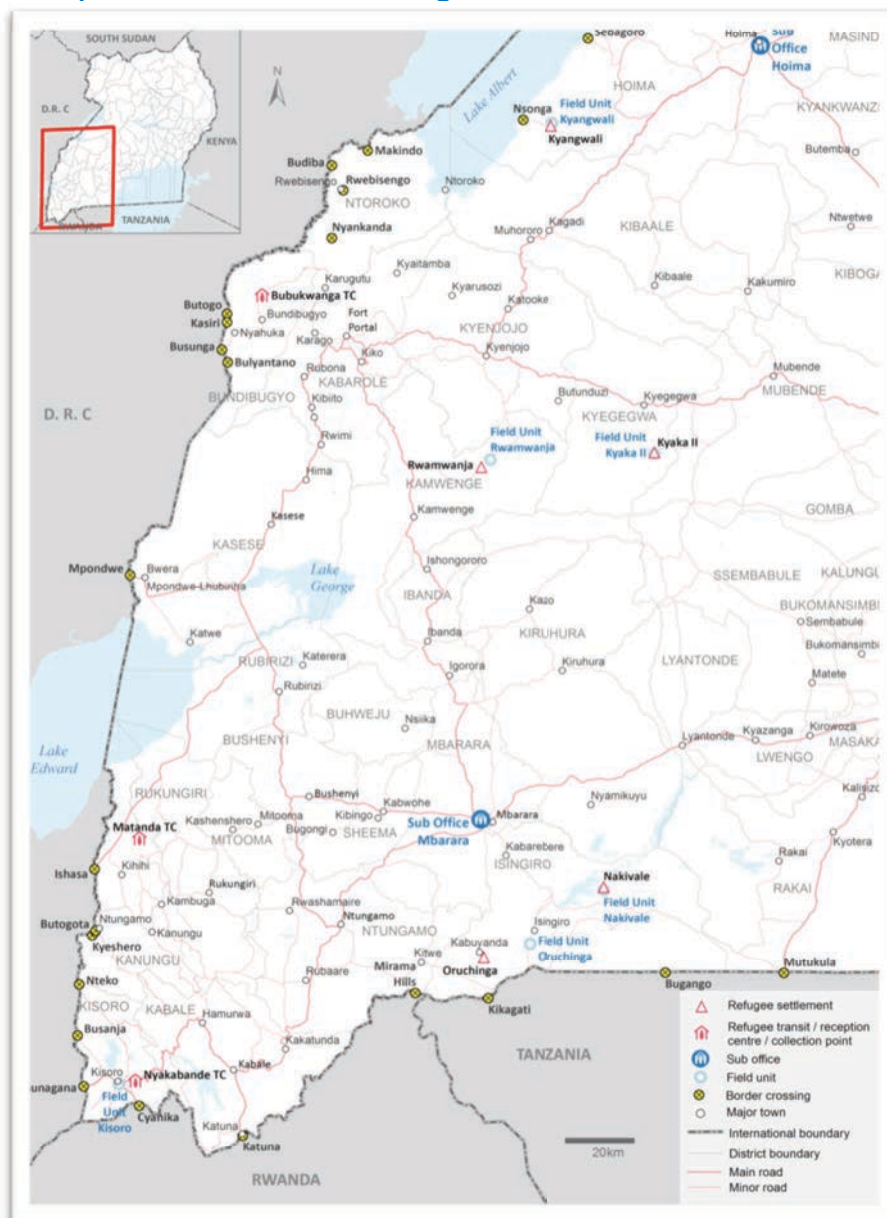


© UNHCR/Martin Bolsterli. A Congolese family inside their makeshift shelter in Kyangwali's Malembo C, Uganda.



© UNHCR/Sophie Namugenyi. A Congolese new arrival builds his own shelter in Kyangwali's Malembo C, Uganda.

Map of southwestern Uganda



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