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# Population Data Analysis

Regional Bureau  
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## Overview

As of the end of September 2022, Southern Africa hosts around **8.6 million persons of concern (PoCs) to UNHCR**. This includes 1.1 million refugees and asylum-seekers and 6.9 million internally displaced persons (IDPs), as well as others of concern, refugee returnees and IDP returnees. **The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) represents 77 per cent of the regional data.**

## Refugees, Asylum-Seekers and Others of concern

The region hosts **785,000 refugees, 278,000 asylum-seekers and 36,000 others of concern**.<sup>1</sup> Among those 1.1 million PoCs, 74 per cent of them are from the countries outside of the Southern Africa region.<sup>2</sup> The top five countries of origin are Central African Republic (243,000), Rwanda (242,000), DRC (228,000), Burundi (84,000) and Ethiopia (61,000).

## Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

In Southern Africa, there are **6.9 million internally displaced persons (IDPs)**. Most of them are conflict-induced, 6.4 million, but there are also natural disaster-induced IDPs, 0.5 million. The data on IDPs are reported in DRC, Congo, Mozambique and Zimbabwe (see Figure 1).

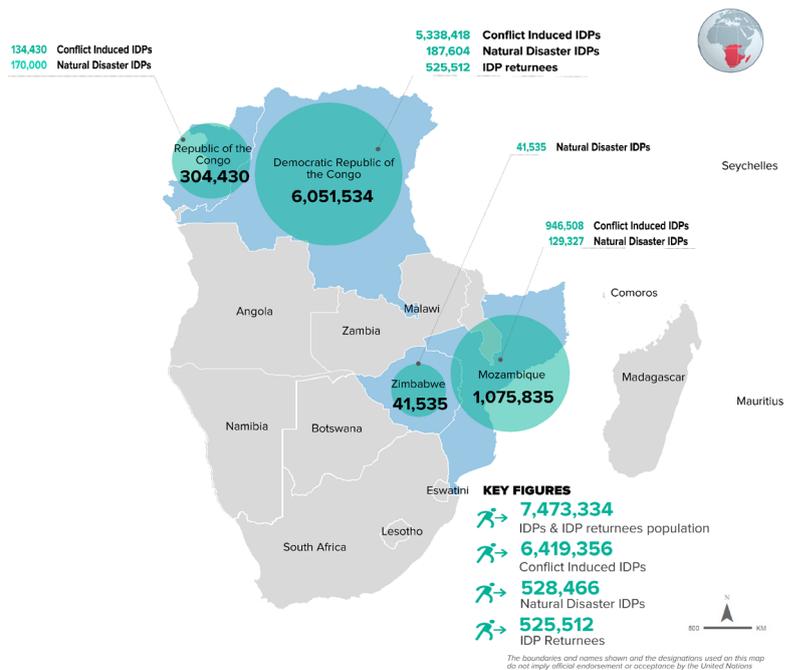


Figure 1. Number of IDPs in RBSA by Cause as of 30 September 2022

## Durable Solutions

In 2022, 15,402 persons have been repatriated voluntarily thus far, with 2,805 persons repatriated in September. The largest group of returns was from Zambia to the DRC, with 2,159 persons. Further, there has been notable movements from Angola to the DRC in September, where, 47 families of 143 persons were repatriated to destinations in the DRC such as Kassai Province, Kinshassa, Kwilu Province and Goma.<sup>3</sup>

From January to September 2022, 4,497 individuals of 1,063 cases were submitted for resettlement with 57 per cent of children under age 18. 76 per cent of the submitted individuals were referred to the United States (3,417).

In the same period, 2,067 individuals departed for resettlement. The highest number of those departed also headed to the United States (1,285). In terms of country of asylums, the highest number of submitted applications were from Malawi (1,438) and Zambia (1,367). Congolese (DRC) is the nationality with the highest number of submissions (3,618) and departures (1,729).

**Data Sources:** proGres v4 (PRIMES) hosts the data of refugees and asylum-seekers in 11 countries. In South Africa, the data are managed by the government. In Angola, DRC, Zambia and Zimbabwe, some portions of the data are external. For IDP data, the source of DRC’s IDP figure is the OCHA; the sources in Mozambique and Zimbabwe are the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) of the IOM; and the source in the Republic of Congo is the government, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action (MASAH).

<sup>1</sup> Others of concern refer to those who are not refugees, asylum-seekers, IDPs, returnees or statelessness but need assistance by UNHCR. In most cases in Southern Africa, they are family members, i.e., spouse or children, of (a) refugee(s) or (an) asylum-seeker(s).

<sup>2</sup> The Southern Africa region refers to the 16 countries covered by the Regional Bureau for Southern Africa of UNHCR including Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Congo, DRC, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

<sup>3</sup> The updated figure of voluntary repatriation to DRC affected increase of the number of refugee returnees in DRC.

## KEY FIGURES



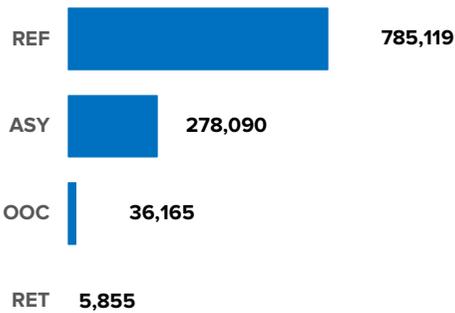
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Total Population of concern



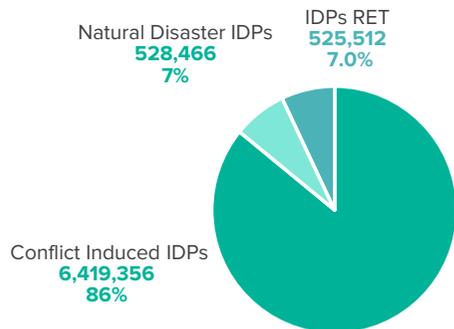
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Refugees, asylum-seekers, other of concern & returnees\*\*

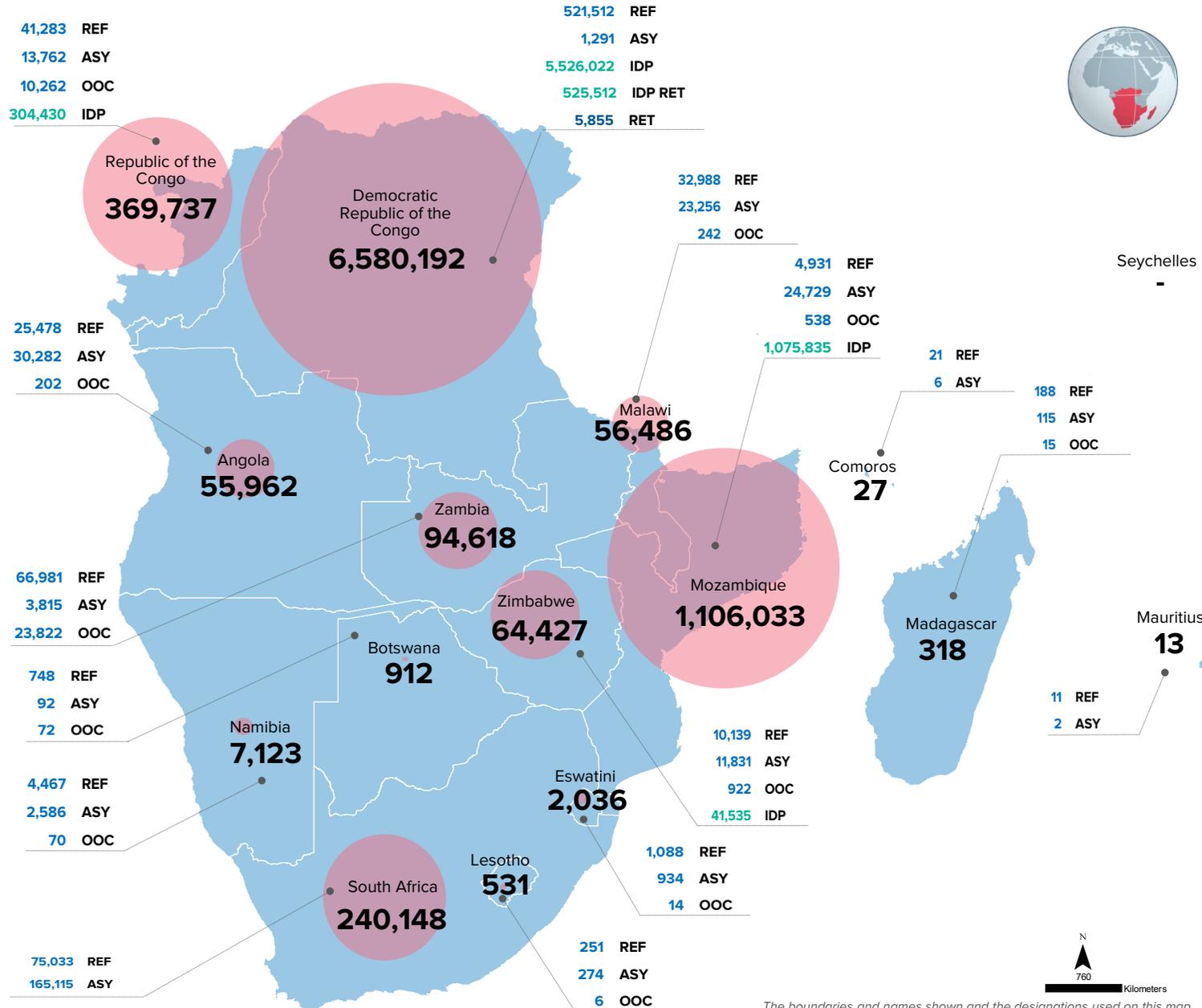


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Conflict induced and Natural Disaster IDPs



## PoCs IN SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION\*



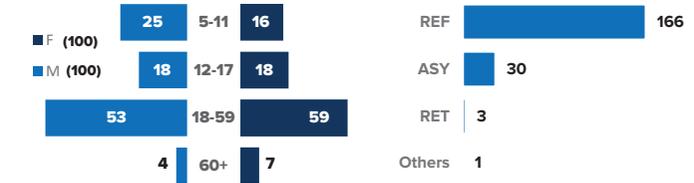
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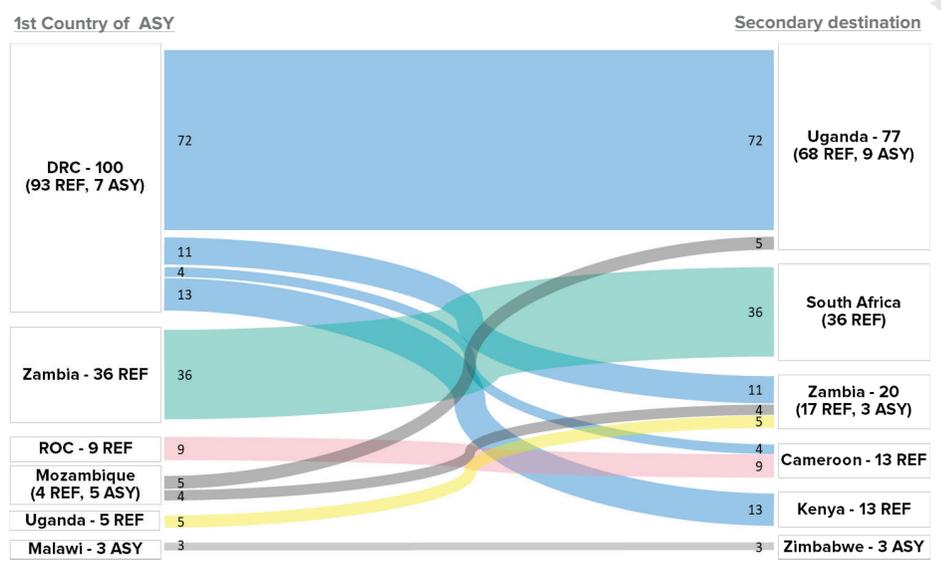
**CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS KEY FIGURES**



**AGES, GENDER AND LEGAL STATUS OF MOVERS \*\***

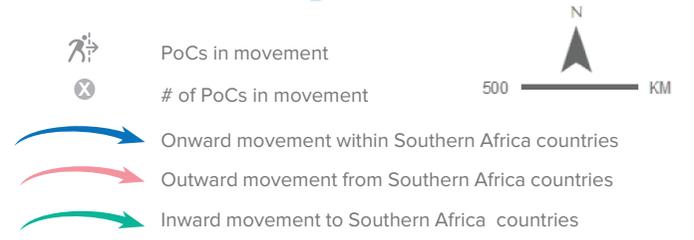
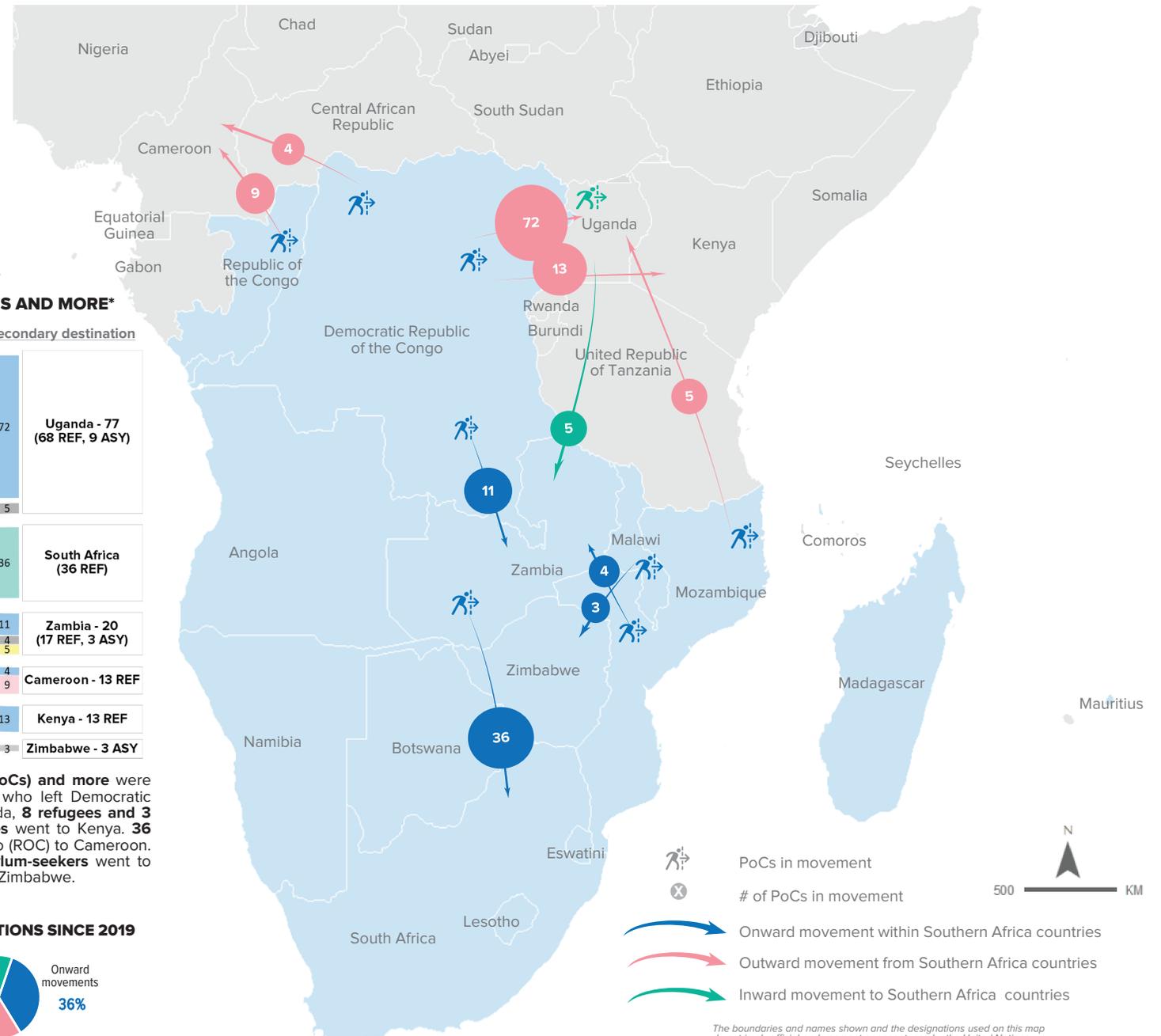


**CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVED 3 PERSONS AND MORE\***

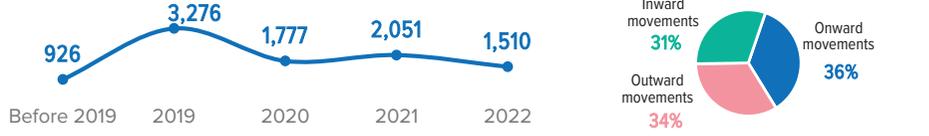


In September 2022, 162 cross-border movements of 3 Persons of Concern (PoCs) and more were recorded involving 147 refugees and 15 Asylum-seekers. From the 100 PoCs who left Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), 68 refugees and 4 asylum-seekers went to Uganda, 8 refugees and 3 asylum-seekers went to Zambia, 4 refugees went to Cameroon and 13 refugees went to Kenya. 36 refugees left Zambia for South Africa. 9 refugees went from Republic of the Congo (ROC) to Cameroon. From the 9 PoCs who left Mozambique, 4 refugees went to Zambia and 5 asylum-seekers went to Uganda. 5 refugees left Uganda to Zambia. 3 asylum-seekers went from Malawi to Zimbabwe.

**MAP OF THE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVED 3 PERSONS AND MORE\***



**CUMULATIVE CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS TREND PER YEAR AND PROPORTIONS SINCE 2019**

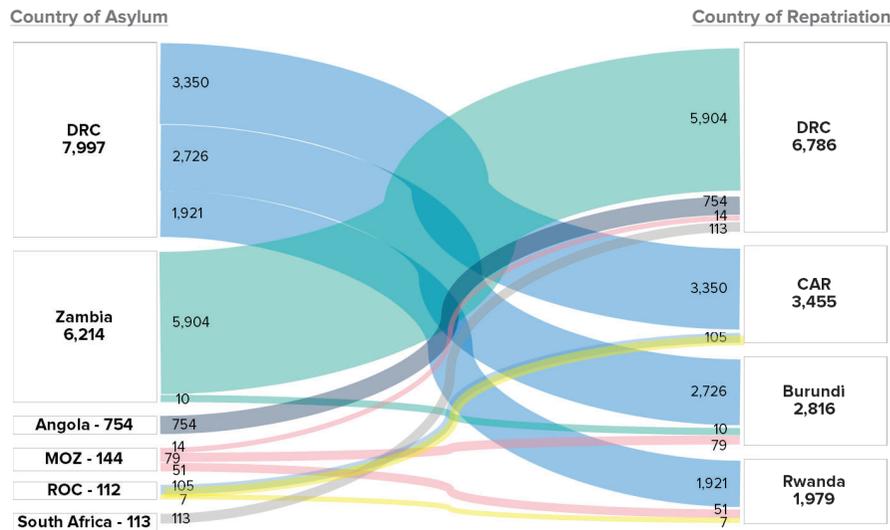


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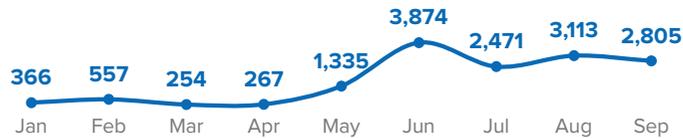


**VOLREP\* WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVE 5 REFUGEES OR MORE\*\***



**TRENDS**

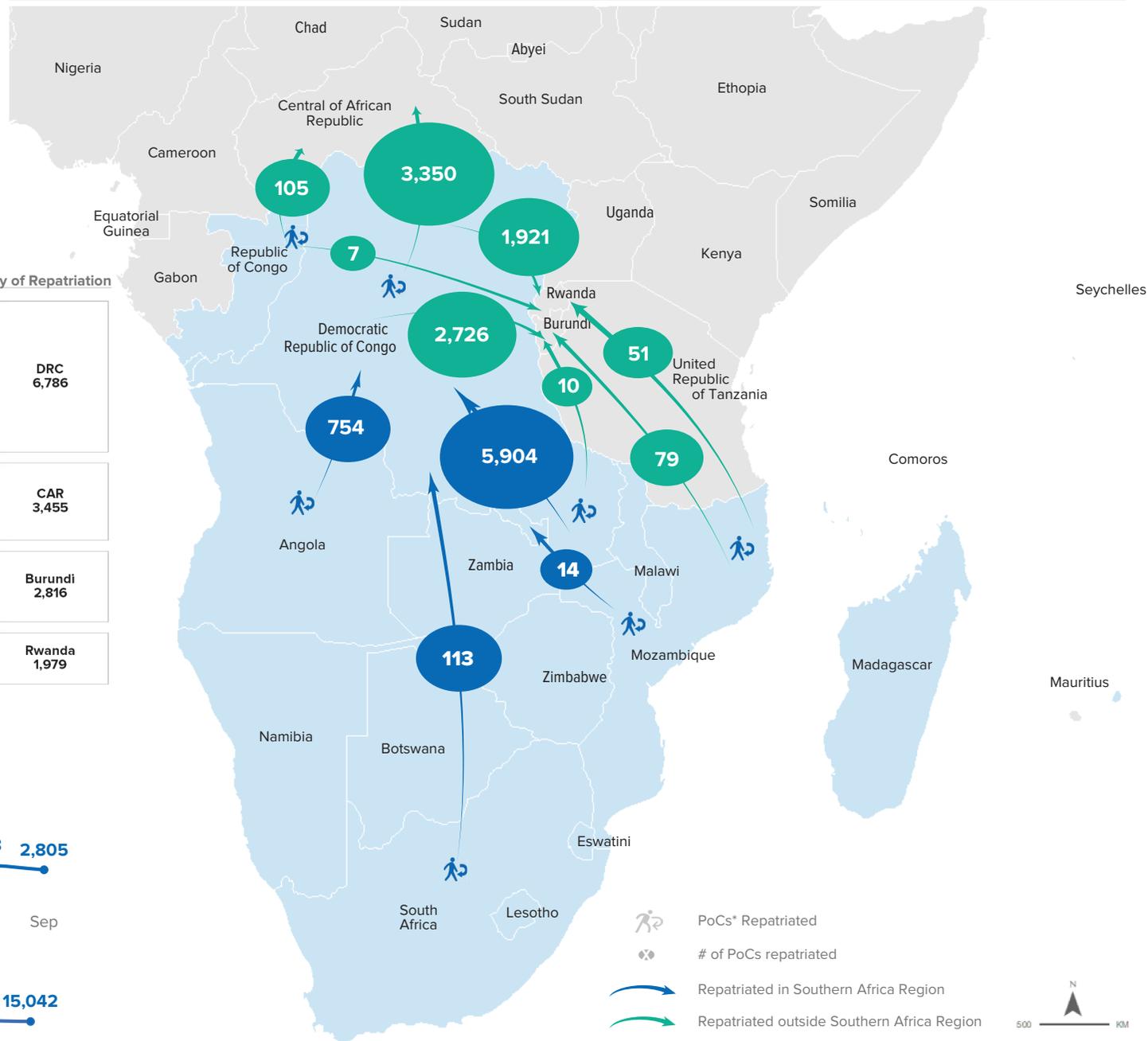
**MONTHLY REPATRIATION SINCE JANUARY**



**ANNUAL REPATRIATION SINCE 2019**



**MAP OF VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION WHERE THE FLOW INVOLVE 5 REFUGEES OR MORE\*\***



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\*VolRep = Voluntary Repatriation PoCs = Persons of Concern

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Source : UNHCR PRIMES Author : DIMA/RBSA Data sources: UNHCR PRIMES. For more information or to contribute, please contact UNHCR RBSA DIMA (rsarbdima@unhcr.org)

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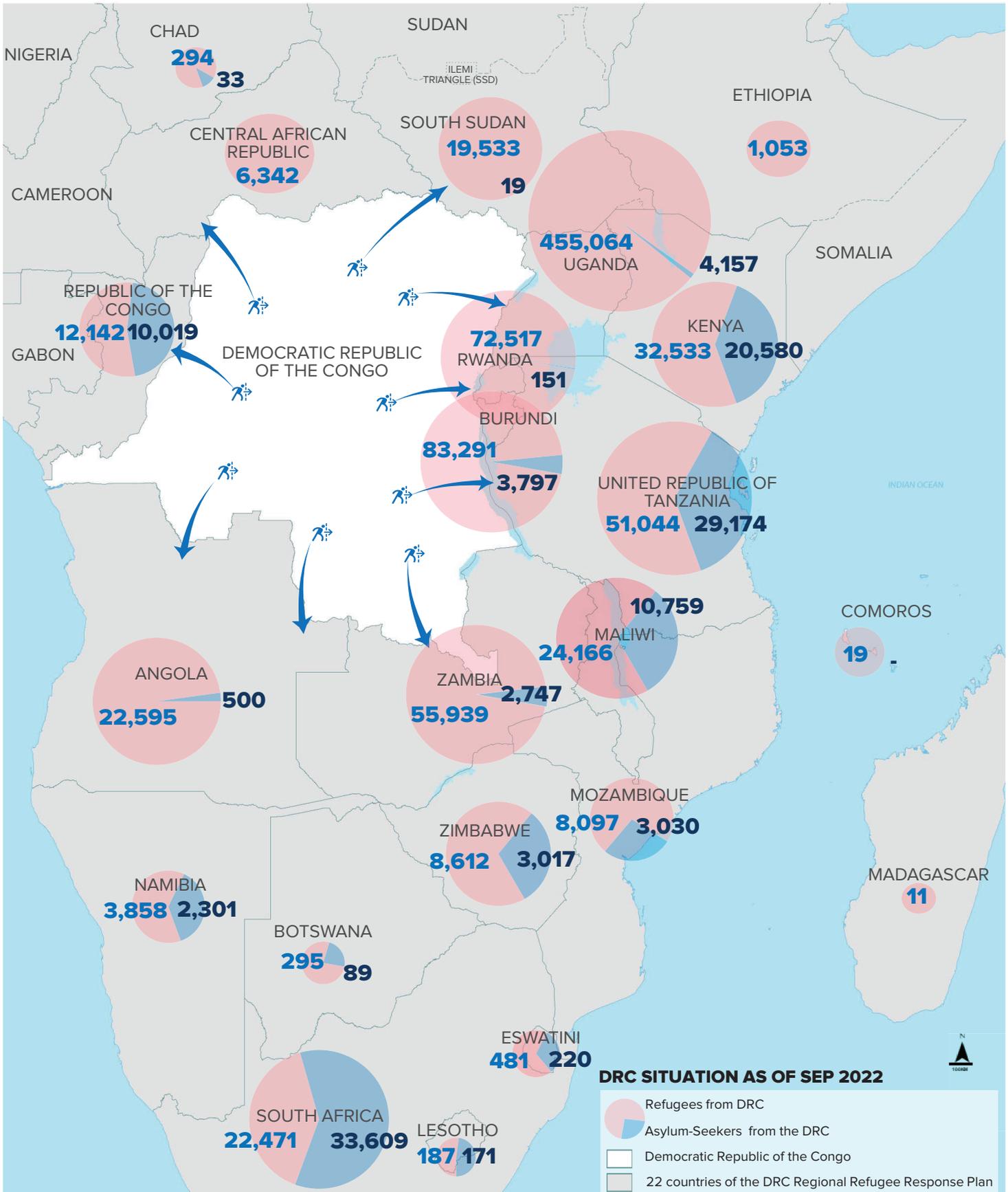
**1,004,733**  
Total Persons of Concern



**880,360**  
Refugees



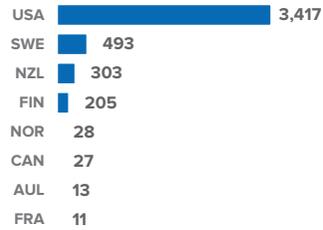
**124,373**  
Asylum-Seekers



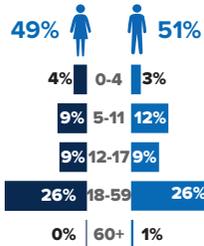
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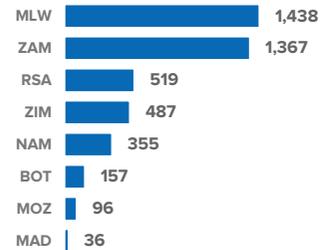
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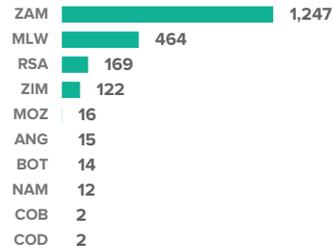
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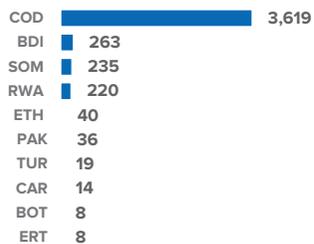
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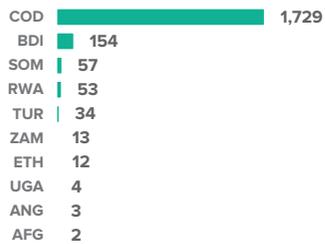
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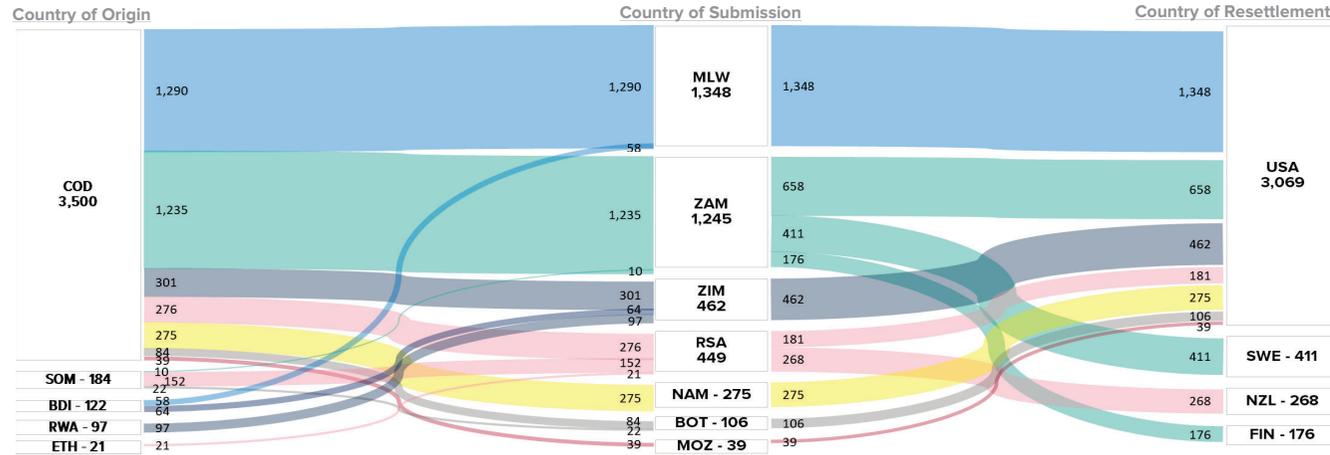
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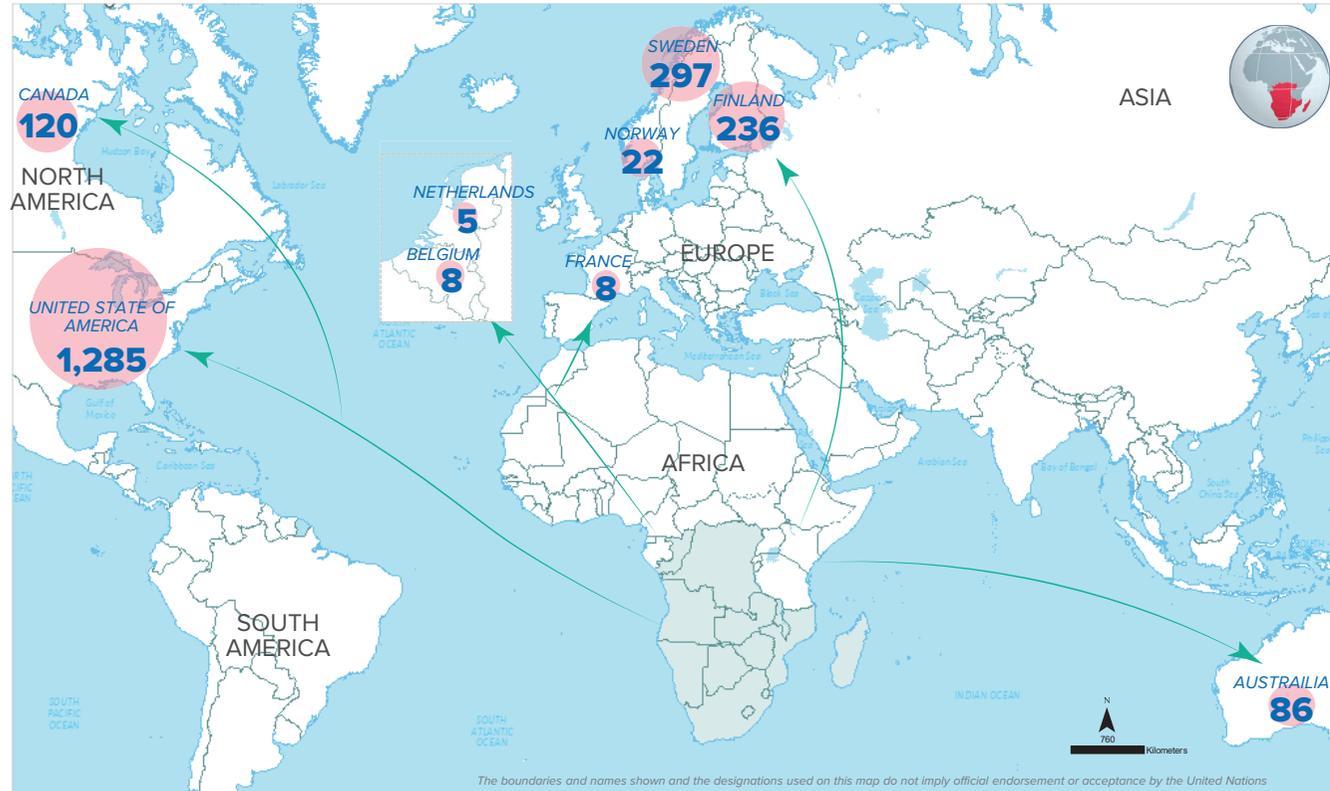
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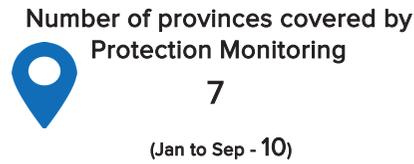
## MOVEMENTS OF GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE RESETTLEMENT CASE MEMBERS



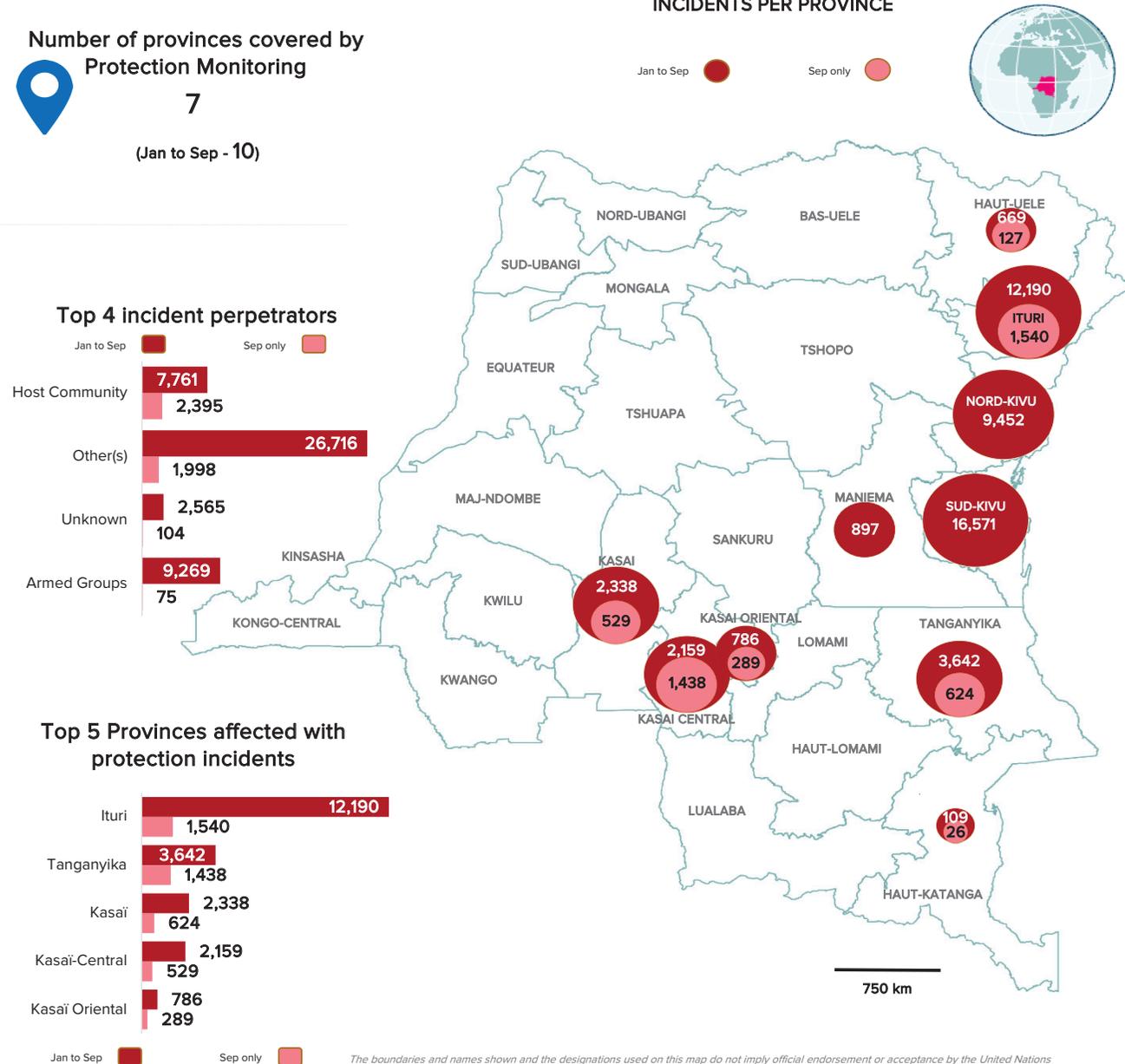
## MAP OF THE DEPARTURES BY COUNTRY OF SUBMISSION



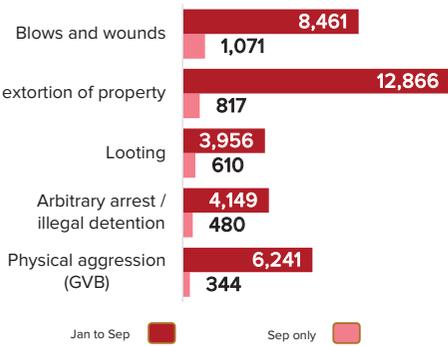
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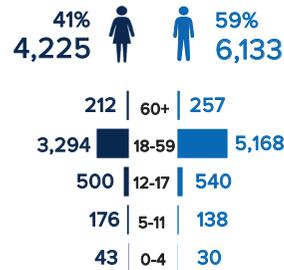
**MAP SHOWING THE NUMBER OF REPORTED PROTECTION INCIDENTS PER PROVINCE**



**Top 5 protection incidents**



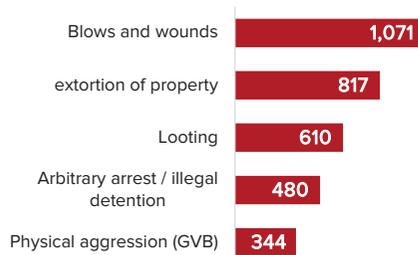
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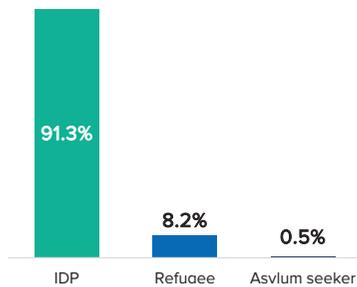
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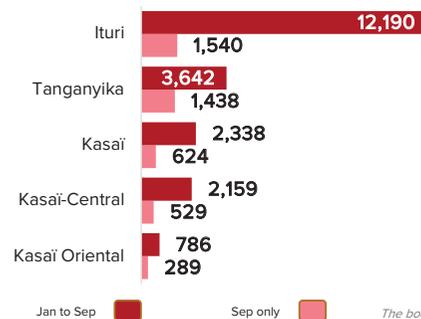
**Victims per top 5 protection incidents**



**Victims by PoC Population group**



**Top 5 Provinces affected with protection incidents**



\*The number of victims in this report is reflected on Refugees, IDPs, Asylum Seekers, Returnees, Residents, and Others.

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**Persons of concern in Southern Africa, Data as of 30 September 2022**

Country of Asylum	Location*	Self-settled**	Refugee	Asylum-Seeker	Other of Concern	IDP by Conflict	IDP by Natural Disaster	Returned IDP	Refugee Returnee	Statelessness	Host Community	Total
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Other	No	400,832	949	-	4,956,615	187,604	525,512	5,855	-	-	6,077,367
	IDP Camp	No	-	-	-	381,803	-	-	-	-	-	381,803
	Lusenda	No	26,596	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,596
	Meri	No	26,397	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,401
	Inke	No	17,865	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,866
	Mole	No	10,582	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,604
	Bili	No	10,242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,242
	Boyabu	No	9,422	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,422
	Biringi	No	8,172	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,184
	Mulongwe	No	7,435	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,435
	Bele	No	3,339	303	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,642
Mboti	No	630	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	630	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>521,512</b>	<b>1,291</b>	-	<b>5,338,418</b>	<b>187,604</b>	<b>525,512</b>	<b>5,855</b>	-	-	<b>6,580,192</b>
Mozambique	Other	No	2,032	18,690	75	946,508	129,327	-	-	-	-	1,096,632
	Maratane Camp	No	2,899	6,039	463	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,401
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>4,931</b>	<b>24,729</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>946,508</b>	<b>129,327</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1,106,033</b>
Congo	Other	No	35,701	9,232	10,122	134,430	170,000	-	-	-	-	359,485
	Site du 15 Avril	No	5,582	316	134	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,032
	Site de Bouemba	No	-	4,214	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,220
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>41,283</b>	<b>13,762</b>	<b>10,262</b>	<b>134,430</b>	<b>170,000</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>369,737</b>
South Africa	Unknown	Yes	75,033	165,115	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	240,148
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>75,033</b>	<b>165,115</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>240,148</b>
Zambia	Meheba	No	24,822	485	9,553	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,860
	Mayukwayukwa	No	14,160	14	6,696	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,870
	Other	No	11,156	3,071	769	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,996
	Unknown	Yes	5,600	-	6,804	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,404
	Mantapala	No	11,243	245	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,488
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>66,981</b>	<b>3,815</b>	<b>23,822</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>94,618</b>
Zimbabwe	Other	No	783	28	89	-	41,535	-	-	-	-	42,435
	Tongogara	No	9,356	5,257	833	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,446
	Unknown	Yes	-	6,546	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,546
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>10,139</b>	<b>11,831</b>	<b>922</b>	-	<b>41,535</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>64,427</b>
Malawi	Dzaleka	No	32,988	23,256	242	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,486
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>32,988</b>	<b>23,256</b>	<b>242</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>56,486</b>
Angola	Unknown	Yes	17,393	30,024	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,558
	Lovua Settlement	No	6,374	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,374
	Other	No	1,711	258	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,030
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>25,478</b>	<b>30,282</b>	<b>202</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>55,962</b>
Namibia	Osire	No	3,872	1,381	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,291
	Other	No	595	1,205	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,832
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>4,467</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>70</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>7,123</b>
Eswatini	Other	No	1,088	934	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,036
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>1,088</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>14</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2,036</b>
Botswana	Dukwe	No	549	8	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	584
	Other	No	199	84	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	328
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>748</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>72</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>912</b>
Lesotho	Other	No	251	274	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	531
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>251</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>6</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>531</b>
Madagascar	Other	No	188	115	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	318
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>188</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>15</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>318</b>
Comoros	Other	No	21	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>27</b>
Mauritius	Other	No	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
	<b>Subtotal</b>	-	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>13</b>
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>785,119</b>	<b>278,090</b>	<b>36,165</b>	<b>6,419,356</b>	<b>528,466</b>	<b>525,512</b>	<b>5,855</b>	-	-	<b>8,578,563</b>

Notes: \*'Other' in the location refers to any known location other than camp or settlement sites, covering both urban and rural areas; \*\*self-settled refers to the individuals without available information such as their names and locations, and their locations are categorised to be 'unknown'; those by location in Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zimbabwe could be different from the numbers operation report due to inconsistency in proGres v4.

## Regional protection monitoring harmonization process

In line with the outcomes of the Regional IDP Stocktaking held on 25 February 2022, the Regional Bureau for Southern Africa undertook a project to harmonize the protection monitoring activities in the region. The envisioned regional harmonization aims to encourage the use of common tools to collect and analyze data on protection incidents and reinforce reporting and planning.

The regional protection monitoring harmonization focuses to:

- **Set common definitions of the incident, minimum standards, and objectives of the protection monitoring.**
- **Standardize questionnaires to collect data but be flexible enough for field operations to add and amend questions depending on the context and needs.**
- **Develop reporting/product templates with a standard design and branding for UNHCR.**
- **Develop a narrative to explain externally why and how UNHCR does protection monitoring and identify common indicators for regional reporting.**

The regional protection monitoring harmonization established a regional incident typology framework to efficiently analyze the regional protection monitoring data and, based on the existing practice from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to reach a harmonization approach with Mozambique and to explore the possibility of extending to other countries in the region impacted by forced displacements.

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