

Highlights

1. The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is the country with the largest internally displaced population in Africa
2. 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 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 28 February 2023

523,121

Internally Displaced People (IDP) as of 31 January 2023

6.06 millions

Returned IDP as of 31 January 2023

1.95 millions

Refugees
520,682

Asylum Seekers
2,439

Repatriated from DRC to neighboring countries
(from 2021 to 2023)
23,577

Repatriated from neighboring countries to DRC
(from 2021 to 2023)
11,688

Congolese Refugees in Africa
as of 31 December 2022
1,016,498*

*These figures may change depending on the update received from the countries of asylum

Legend

- UNHCR Country Office
- UNHCR Sub-Office
- UNHCR Field Office
- UNHCR Field Unit
- IDP, unplanned settlement
- IDP, planned settlement
- Returnee, spontaneous location
- Refugee, dispersed
- Refugee, arrangement (hosted or rental)
- Refugee, spontaneous location
- Refugee, planned settlement
- Refugee, centre
- International Boundary
- Administrative line

Administrative boundary

Total number of people forced to flee

- 14 - 19189
- 19190 - 54471
- 54472 - 116671
- 116672 - 563377
- 563378 - 3165038

Numbers of Congolese refugees

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

