

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 30 April 2023

522,579

Internally Displaced People (IDP) as of 31 March 2023

6.29 millions

Returned IDP as of 31 March 2023

2.3 millions

Refugees

520,096

Asylum Seekers

2,483

Repatriated from DRC to neighboring countries (from 2021 to 2023)

24,808

Repatriated from neighboring countries to DRC (from 2021 to 2023)

11,713

Congolese Refugees in Africa as of 31 March 2023

1,027,328*

*These figures also include asylum seekers and may change depending on the update received from the countries of asylum

Congolese refugees in Rwanda as of 31 March 2023

75 809**

**In these figures, the chiefdoms of origin are not specified for 8,356 people

UNHCR Country Office (circle with building icon)

UNHCR Sub-Office (circle with building icon)

UNHCR Field Office (circle with building icon)

UNHCR Field Unit (circle with building icon)

IDP, unplanned settlement (triangle with building icon)

IDP, planned settlement (triangle with building icon)

Refugee, dispersed (circle with building icon)

Refugee, arrangement (hosted or rental) (circle with building icon)

Refugee, planned settlement (triangle with building icon)

Refugee, centre (house icon)

International Boundary (dashed line)

Administrative line (dotted line)

Administrative boundary (solid line)

Total number of people forced to flee

- 14 - 19189
- 19190 - 54569
- 54570 - 116671
- 116672 - 613265
- 613266 - 3455852

Numbers of Congolese refugees

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

