

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 31 May 2023

522,333

Internally Displaced People (IDP) as of 31 March 2023

6.29 millions

Returned IDP as of 31 March 2023

2.3 millions

Refugees
520,602

Asylum Seekers
1,731

Repatriated from DRC to neighboring countries

(from 2021 to 2023)

26,392

Repatriated from neighboring countries to DRC

(from 2021 to 2023)

11,712

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

- UNHCR Country Office
- UNHCR Sub-Office
- UNHCR Field Office
- UNHCR Field Unit

IDP, unplanned settlement

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- IDP, planned settlement

Refugee, dispersed

- Refugee, dispersed
- Refugee, arrangement (hosted or rental)
- Refugee, planned settlement
- Refugee, centre

International Boundary

- International Boundary
- Administrative line
- Administrative boundary

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

