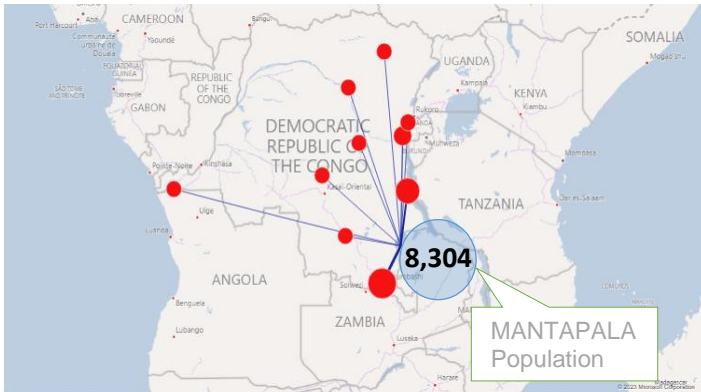


Mantapala Settlement, which covers approximately 8,000 hectares, was established in early 2018 to host refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who entered Zambia through Luapula and other northern border entry points. The refugees coexist with a farming host community of approximately 7,000 people in 11 villages surrounding the settlement. In 2022, more than half of the refugee population in the settlement chose to return to the DRC as part of the voluntary repatriation programme which began in December 2021.



8,304 Mantapala Population (Refugees and Asylum-Seekers) as of 31 October 2023



Artifacts



Refugee Receiving Cash Through WFP CBT



Refugee Receiving Core Relief Items



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REGISTRATION AND RSD

COR and UNHCR registered 1066 new arrivals (515 female and 551 male) between January and October 2023. UNHCR supported COR to provide RSD service to asylum seekers. Out of the 1,113 new arrivals, 1,066 were biometrically registered and had access to RSD. Among them, 372 were granted refugee status at first instance, 474 are pending first-instance interviews, 149 are pending assessment, 62 are pending appeal applications and nine are pending reviews.

WASH

There are 68 boreholes in Mantapala settlement comprising 62 hand pumps and six solar-powered water boreholes mounted with two overhead tanks with a storage capacity of 10,000 litres each. The boreholes supply above 20 litres of portable water per person per day. Area Pump Minders and Pump Operators provide support to the community to ensure the cleanliness of the water points and biweekly chlorination of water points.

PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS

A total of 791 PSNs were identified, verified, and validated in proGres database. Out of this number, 465 were supported with a monthly Multi-Purpose Cash grant of ZMW 125 to improve their wellbeing.

EDUCATION

There are three schools in Mantapala: Early Childhood Education, Mantapala A, and B Schools offering early childhood, primary and secondary education to both refugees and host community members.

At the end of October 2023, a total of 3,296 out of 4,167 school-age refugees were enrolled in the school. Among them, 50.3 percent were girls. Children from the host community accounted for 13 percent (or 511) of the total enrolment.

LIVELIHOOD

A total of 102 refugees (54 males and 48 females) and 65 host community persons (40 males and 25 females) have received livelihood support in the form of groceries, goats, and chickens for rearing.

HEALTH. Mantapala settlement has one government-run Rural Health Centre (RHC) with seven health workers comprising a midwife, a clinical officer, an Environmental Health Technologist, and four general nurses. UNHCR has also provided an ambulance to support referral services. The RHC serves refugees and hosts with outpatient (OPD) services such as reproductive health, HIV and ART, health education, Maternal and Child Health, COVID-19 prevention and management, and medical referrals for refugees and host community members.

WFP, in coordination with stakeholders, has commenced a livelihood project for 1,000 refugee beneficiaries and 200 hosts.

FOOD AND NUTRITION

WFP, in coordination with UNHCR and partners, distributes cash for monthly food assistance to refugees through the WFP Cash-based Transfer (CBT) network. Eligible refugees receive ZMW170 per person per month through a digital payment system.

VOLREP

UNHCR facilitated the voluntary repatriation of 327 individuals in 102 families as part of the VolRep (Phase 3) programme which started on 17 October 2023 and ended on 01 November 2023. This brings to 11,170 the number of refugees assisted to repatriate to the DRC in three phases since the start of the VolRep exercise in 2021.