Democratic Republic of the Congo

RESETTLEMENT AND COMPLEMENTARY PATHWAYS

August 2024

KEY FIGURES

TOTAL REFUGEES AS OF 31 AUGUST 2024	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED FOR RST SINCE 2022	TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE RESETTLED SINCE 2022	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED FOR RST IN 2024	TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE RESETTLED IN 2024
523,710	**574**	**444**	**53**	**426**

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

As of August 31, 2024, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) had more than half a million refugees, totaling 523,710, primarily from the Central African Republic, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Burundi.

The UNHCR operation in the DRC considers resettlement and complementary pathways as part of its protection and durable solutions strategy. Resettlement remains the most appropriate solution for refugees who cannot return to their country of origin and have acute protection needs in the host country. The operation estimates that more than 79,808 refugees in the DRC need to be resettled. Since the end of 2022, more than 2,000 people have been identified and processed for resettlement.

To date, 53 individuals have been submitted to resettlement countries: 47 to the USA, 2 to France, and 3 to Canada. 426 refugees have been resettled in the USA. Protection needs assessments for refugees continue in the field in more than ten settlement areas to determine their eligibility for resettlement and complementary pathways.

The operation has also coordinated and provided logistical support for Circuit Rides (missions of the United States Government and its partners) for more than 550 refugees in 2023 (of which 426 people have departed to the United States by the end of August 2024), and for approximately 650 refugees in 2024.

CHALLENGES

- No dedicated staff for resettlement in the field;
- Insecurity and remoteness of refugee sites;
- Quality data issues in proGres due to prima facie recognition (family composition);
- High logistical costs for organizing Circuit Rides;

PRIORITIES UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR

- Continue submissions under the USA quota and the unallocated global quota;
- Continue case profiling and holding RST Panel sessions;
- Organize capacity-building sessions for UNHCR staff and partners in Kinshasa;
- Provide logistical support for organizing pre-screening missions of the USA partner in Aru and Gbadolite;

COUNTRY OF RESETTLEMENT 2022 - 2024

USA	FINLAND	CANADA	FRANCE
428	**9**	**5**	**2**
INDIVIDUALS	INDIVIDUALS	INDIVIDUALS	INDIVIDUALS

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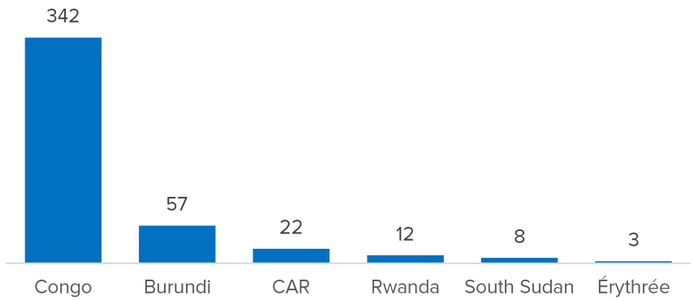
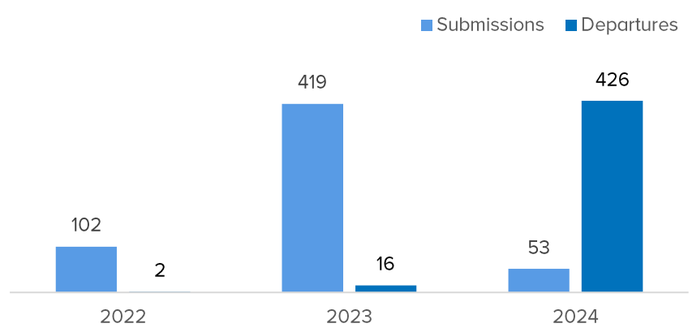
MONITORING OF INDICATORS (2024)

245	PEOPLE IDENTIFIED FOR RESETTLEMENT, INCLUDING COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTIONS
139	PEOPLE VALIDATED BY THE RESETTLEMENT PANEL
27	CASES VALIDATED BY THE RESETTLEMENT PANEL
53	PEOPLE SUBMITTED BY THE HCR FOR RESETTLEMENT OUT OF A QUOTA OF 100.
11	RESETTLEMENT REGISTRATION FORMS (RRF) SUBMITTED
0	PEOPLE LEAVING THROUGH COMPLEMENTARY PATHWAYS IN THE HOST COUNTRY.
8	REPORTS PROCESSED
6	CASES OF BEST INTEREST DETERMINATION TREATED (21 CHILDREN)
2	CIRCUIT RIDES MISSIONS

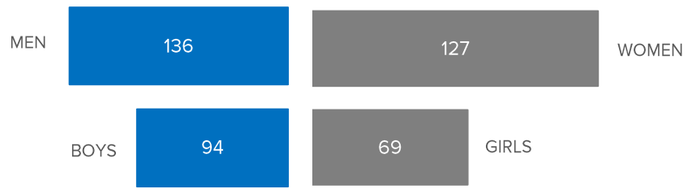
PEOPLE RESETTLED FROM 2022 - 2024



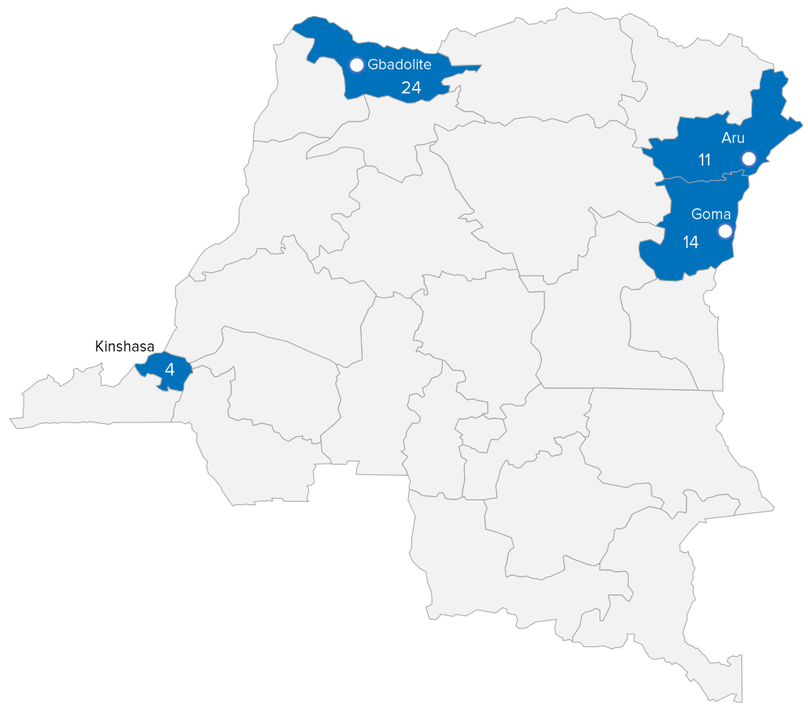
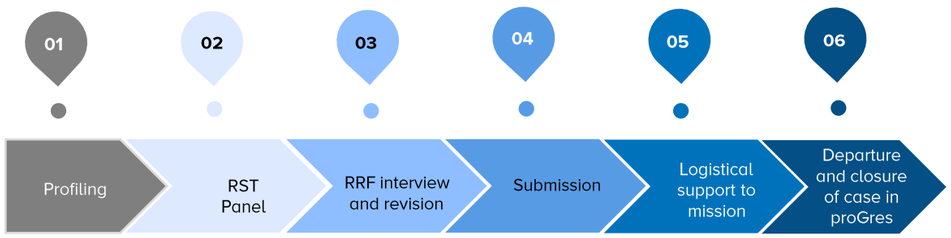
RST SUBMISSIONS AND DEPARTURES SINCE 2022



AGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE RESETTLED IN 2024



INDICIDUALS SUBMITED BY SUB-OFFICES IN 2024



RESETTLEMENT PROCESS IN DRC