UNHCR Angola Forcibly Displaced Persons Snapshot - February 2025

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Overview

UNHCR has been in Angola for 43 years since the signing of the 'Accord de Siege' in February 1977. During this time, UNHCR has played an important role in the history of Angola such as leading the repatriation of Angolans who fled the long civil war. With reestablishment of peace in 2002, the Government of Angola asked for UNHCR support to facilitate repatriation of Angolan refugees. After voluntarily repatriation took place, from 2003 until 2015, more than 523,000 Angolan refugees returned, more than half coming from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). From 2015 to 2016, UNHCR Angola operation focused on urban refugees and asylum seekers. In 2017, influx of refugees fleeing Kasai region in DRC forced the operation to scale up. The Field Office Dundo was established and, eventually, the Lovua Settlement in Lundo Norte. Currently, there are around **56,000** Forcibly Displaced Persons in Angola spread over provinces such as Luanda and Lunda Norte. These refugees represent a multitude of countries such as the DRC, Rwanda, Mauritania and others. They are located in several provinces across Angola, including Luanda and Lunda Norte. UNHCR is a key observer of the National Council for Refugees (CNR) and works with several partners on the ground to ensure that refugees and person at risk of statelessness are protected and have access to livelihood and durable solutions.

Refugees from DRC include regular caseload and Kasai caseload. Kasai caseload comprised of **9,059** individuals out of which **6,248** are residing in Lovua refugee settlement while **2,811** individuals are in out of camp settings. They are the refugees originating from Kasai region of DRC who came to Lunda Norte province in Angola as a result of conflict in 2017 and were given Prima Facie refugee status. The regular caseload consists of the remaining population (**46,711**) excluding the 2017 Kasai caseload and comprises of refugees and asylum-seekers who came to Angola as far as 35 years ago. The regular caseload includes urban refugees from different nationalities including Congolese,

Population Breakdown

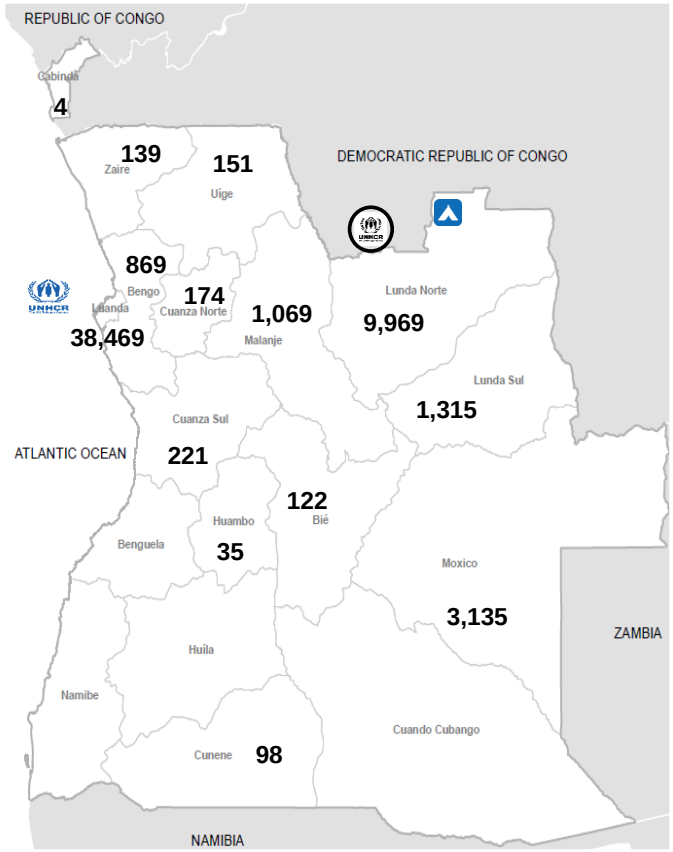
55,770 Total Population of Concern

25,289 Total Refugees

30,279 Total Asylum-Seekers

202 Total Others of Concern

Geographical Distribution



Forcibly Displaced Persons by Country of Origin

Country of origin	Source	Population	
DR Congo	*ACNUR, Governo*	41.90%	22,926
Guinea	*ACNUR*	16.50%	9,272
Ivory Coast	*ACNUR*	11.30%	6,357
Mauritania	*ACNUR*	10.20%	5,725
Somalia	*ACNUR*	3.60%	2,018
Sudan	*ACNUR*	3.50%	1,951
Sierra Leone	*ACNUR*	3.40%	1,910
Eritrea	*ACNUR*	3.30%	1,896
Others	*ACNUR*	2.40%	1,480
Chad	*ACNUR*	1.70%	968
Rwanda	*ACNUR*	1.10%	628
Liberia	*ACNUR*	1.10%	639

Forcibly Displaced Persons by Province

Province	Source	Population	
Luanda	*ACNUR, Governo*	68.20%	38,469
Lunda Norte	*ACNUR, Governo*	18.80%	9,969
Moxico	*ACNUR*	5.50%	3,135
Lunda Sul	*ACNUR*	2.30%	1,315
Malanje	*ACNUR*	1.90%	1,069
Bengo	*ACNUR*	1.50%	869
Cuanza Sul	*ACNUR*	0.40%	221
Cuanza Norte	*ACNUR*	0.30%	174
Uige	*ACNUR*	0.30%	151
Zaire	*ACNUR*	0.20%	139
Bie	*ACNUR*	0.20%	122
Cunene	*ACNUR*	0.20%	98
Huambo	*ACNUR*	0.10%	35
Cabinda	*ACNUR*	0.00%	4

Key Highlights

54% are asylum-seekers

46% are refugees

17% are refugees from 2017 Kasai group

88% are residing in urban area

UNHCR Country Office Lovua Settlement

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