REGIONAL BUREAU FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

POPULATIONS THAT UNHCR IS MANDATED TO PROTECT AND ASSIST

As of 31 May 2025

KEY FIGURES

11,554,026

FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE & RETURNEES[1]

As a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations, or events seriously disturbing public order.

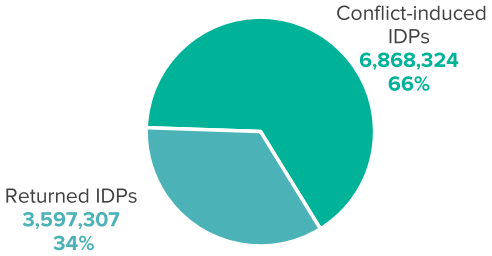
1,088,395

Refugees, asylum-seekers, others of concern, returnees & stateless (9% of the overall forcibly displaced people and returnees population)*

Refugees	817,427
Asylum-Seekers	221,351
Others of Concern	34,821
Stateless	14,796
Returned Refugees	0

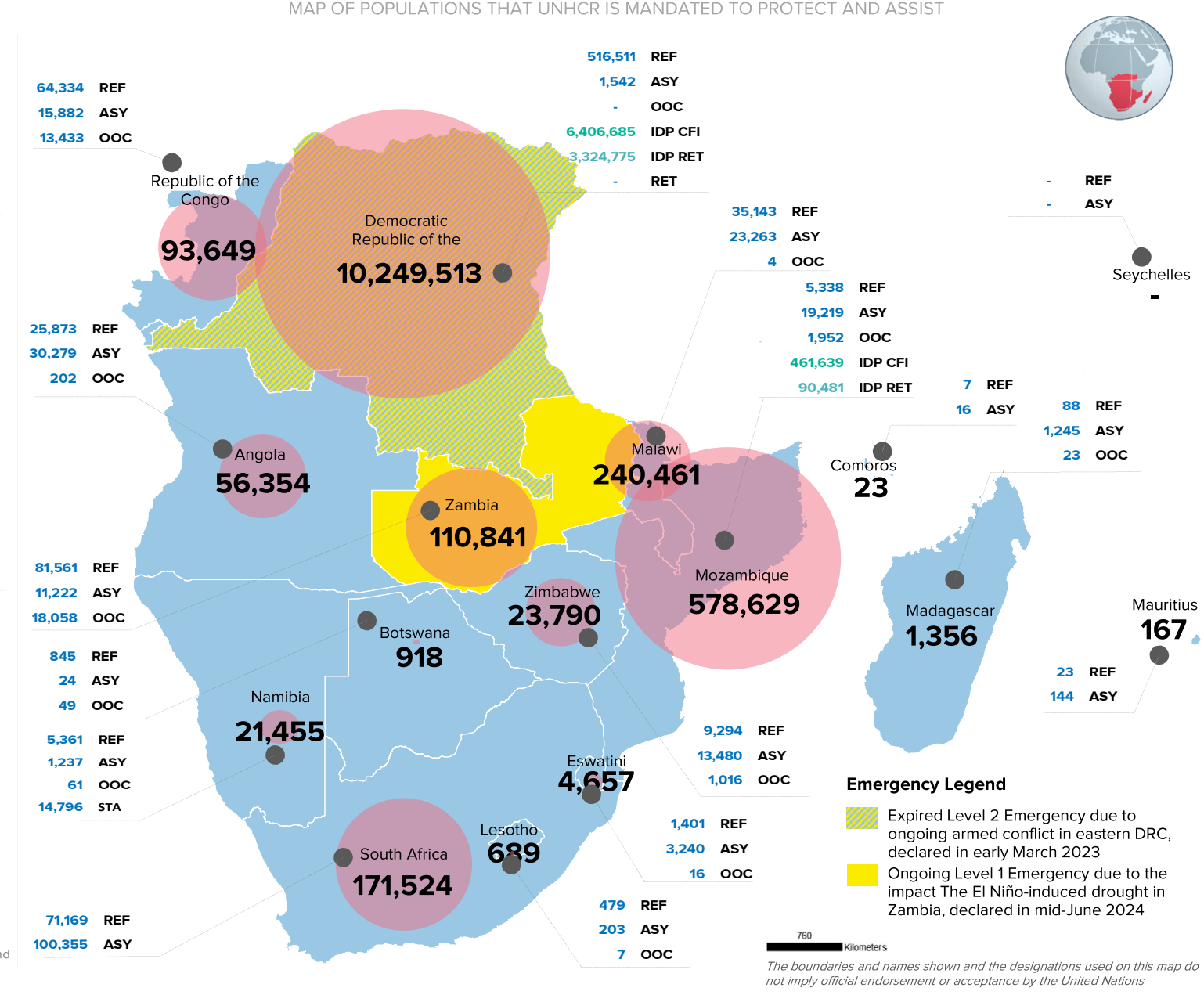
10,465,631

Conflict-induced IDPs and returned IDPs (91% of the overall forcibly displaced people and returnees population)*



1 In addition, there are 1,409,788 people displaced internally in the context of disasters and climate change. The displacement occurred in the following countries:
The Democratic Republic of the Congo (851,501), Mozambique (147,604) and Malawi (410,683)

MAP OF POPULATIONS THAT UNHCR IS MANDATED TO PROTECT AND ASSIST



The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations

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Source: REF, ASY, OOC, RET (UNHCR PRIMES, Government); **IDP DRC** (OCHA); IDP Zimbabwe & Mozambique (IOM); **IDP ROC** (Government, Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action (MASAH).

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* REF = Refugee; ASY = Asylum-seeker; OOC = Others of concern; RET = Returnee IDP = Internal Displaced Person IDP CFI = Conflic-induced IDPs IDP RET = Returned IDPs STA = Stateless DRC = Democratic Republic of the Congo ROC = Repulic of the Congo IDP figures in DRC are as of 31 July 2024