REGIONAL BUREAU FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

POPULATIONS THAT UNHCR IS MANDATED TO PROTECT AND ASSIST

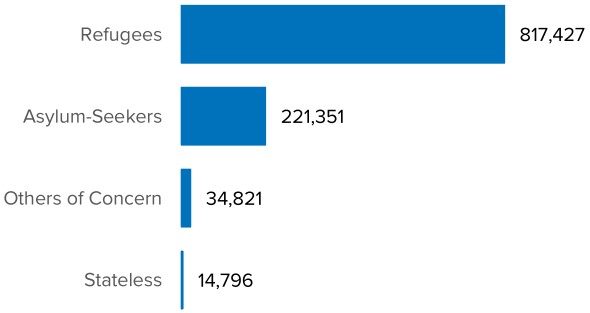
As of 31 May 2025

KEY FIGURES

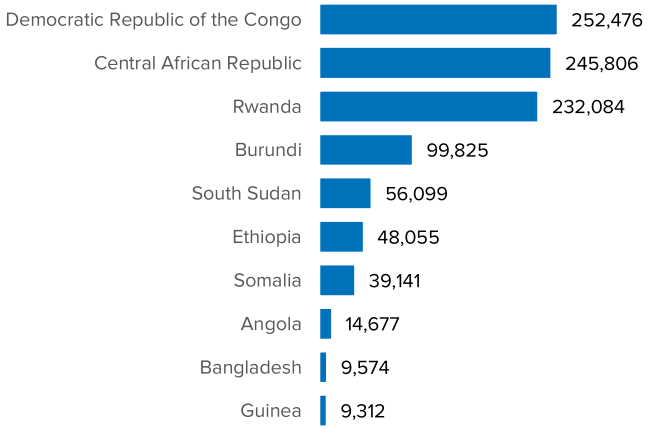
1,088,395

REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS, OTHERS OF CONCERN, RETURNEES & STATELESS

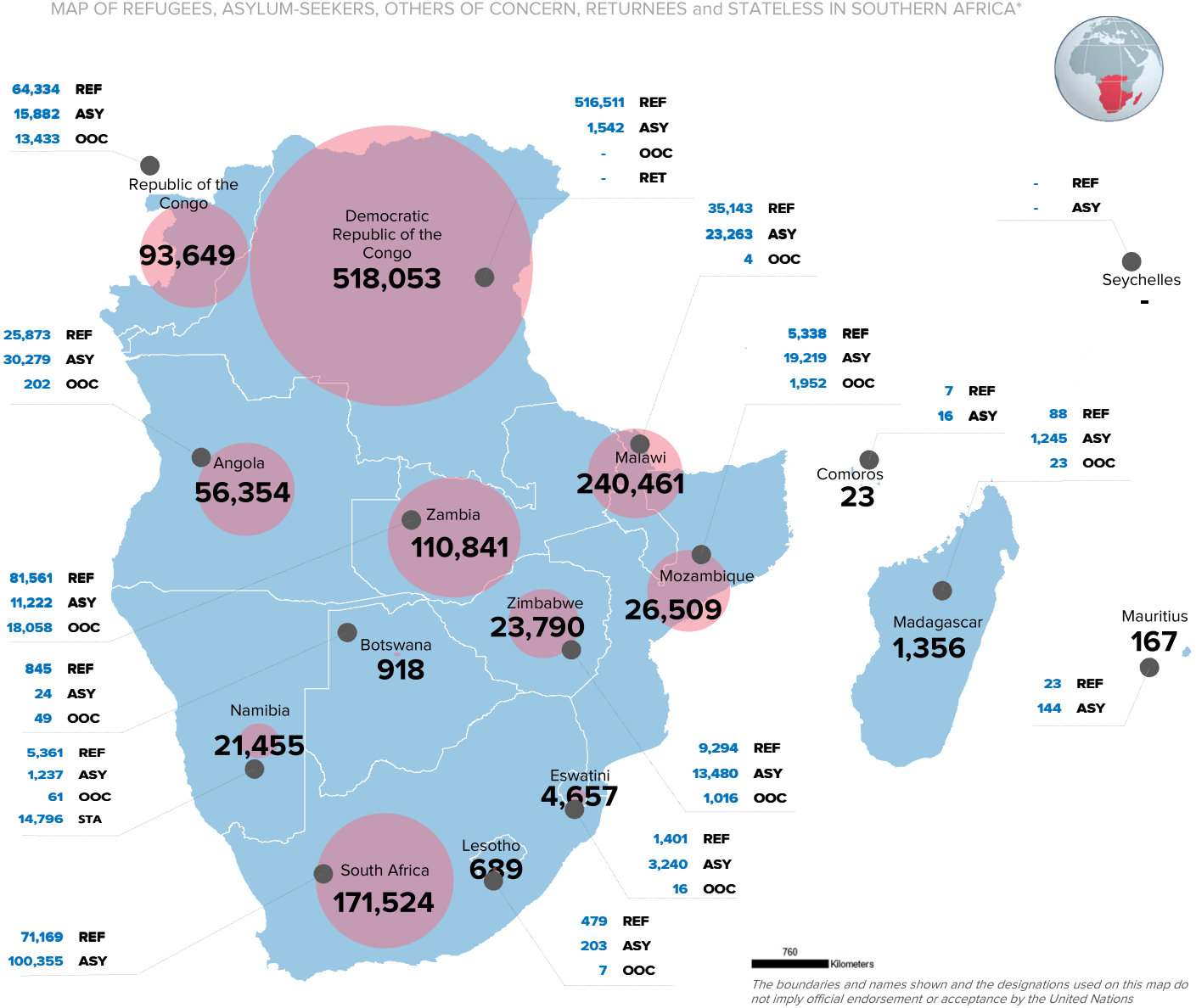
Population by legal status



Top 10 country of origin



MAP OF REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS, OTHERS OF CONCERN, RETURNEES and STATELESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA*



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 = Other person of concern; RET = Returnee IDP = Internal Displaced Person IDP CFI = Conflic-induced IDPs IDP RET = Returned IDPs DRC = Democratic Republic of the Congo ROC = Repulic of the Congo