Overview of the Refugees and Asylum-seekers by nationalities in Southern Africa

As of 30 June 2025

Country of Asylum	Refugees	Asylum-seekers	Others of concern	Total individuals	% of Total on Column
Democratic Republic of the Congo	**515,084**	**1,550**	**117**	**516,751**	**48.4%**
Central African Republic	207,218	84	0	207,302	19.4%
Rwanda	201,238	142	0	201,380	18.9%
South Sudan	55,589	470	0	56,059	5.3%
Burundi	50,076	191	0	50,267	4.7%
Other	940	164	117	1,221	0.1%
Somalia	23	499	0	522	0.0%
SAMCO*	**77,135**	**104,893**	**156**	**182,184**	**17.1%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	26,440	27,623	11	54,074	5.1%
Ethiopia	14,221	33,281	1	47,503	4.4%
Other	10,984	23,237	141	34,362	3.2%
Somalia	22,225	5,861	1	28,087	2.6%
Burundi	3,092	6,300	2	9,394	0.9%
Bangladesh	173	8,591	0	8,764	0.8%
Zambia	**82,017**	**11,159**	**18,086**	**111,262**	**10.4%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	63,639	6,522	0	70,161	6.6%
Burundi	11,607	3,774	0	15,381	1.4%
Angola	0	1	13,986	13,987	1.3%
Somalia	4,721	541	0	5,262	0.5%
Rwanda	972	16	4,100	5,088	0.5%
Other	1,078	305	0	1,383	0.1%
Congo	**62,481**	**16,300**	**13,447**	**92,228**	**8.6%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	29,116	10,003	3,019	42,138	3.9%
Central African Republic	30,270	5,265	2,974	38,509	3.6%
Rwanda	2,812	427	7,297	10,536	1.0%
Other	190	258	151	599	0.1%
Sudan	54	249	5	308	0.0%
Chad	39	98	1	138	0.0%
Malawi	**35,235**	**23,400**	**4**	**58,639**	**5.5%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	25,278	12,835	0	38,113	3.6%
Burundi	6,716	6,155	0	12,871	1.2%
Rwanda	3,141	4,051	4	7,196	0.7%
Ethiopia	23	186	0	209	0.0%
Somalia	70	105	0	175	0.0%
Other	7	68	0	75	0.0%
Angola	**25,887**	**30,279**	**202**	**56,368**	**5.3%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	23,012	500	14	23,526	2.2%
Other	1,738	7,560	172	9,470	0.9%
Guinea	126	9,146	0	9,272	0.9%
Côte d'Ivoire	417	5,940	0	6,357	0.6%
Mauritania	323	5,402	0	5,725	0.5%
Somalia	271	1,731	16	2,018	0.2%
Mozambique	**5,340**	**19,227**	**1,956**	**26,523**	**2.5%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2,939	6,504	803	10,246	1.0%
Burundi	1,085	7,541	747	9,373	0.9%
Rwanda	849	2,722	311	3,882	0.4%
Somalia	434	1,893	82	2,409	0.2%
Côte d'Ivoire	0	428	0	428	0.0%
Other	33	139	13	185	0.0%
Zimbabwe	**9,290**	**13,516**	**1,015**	**23,821**	**2.2%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	8,108	4,354	680	13,142	1.2%
Mozambique	0	8,484	16	8,500	0.8%
Burundi	505	292	60	857	0.1%
Rwanda	506	99	120	725	0.1%
Other	161	164	138	463	0.0%
Mali	10	123	1	134	0.0%
Total	**812,469**	**220,324**	**34,983**	**1,067,776**	**100.0%**

* SAMCO refers to UNHCR's South Africa Multi-Country Office serving nine countries: Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, and South Africa. Congo refers to Republic of the Congo.

Author: UNHCR DIMA - RBSA **Contact**: rsarbdima@unhcr.org, **Source**: UNHCR PRIMES.

REGIONAL BUREAU FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

Overview of the refugees and Asylum-seekers by nationalities in South Africa Multi-Country Office (SAMCO*)

As of 30 June 2025

Country of Asylum (in SAMCO*)	Refugees	Asylum Seekers	Others of Concern	Total Individuals	% of Total
South Africa	**68,927**	**98,688**	**0**	**167,615**	**92.00%**
Ethiopia	14,121	32,705	0	46,826	25.70%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	20,451	25,770	0	46,221	25.37%
Other	10,151	20,948	0	31,099	17.07%
Somalia	21,584	5,025	0	26,609	14.61%
Bangladesh	173	8,588	0	8,761	4.81%
Burundi	2,447	5,652	0	8,099	4.45%
Namibia	**5,347**	**1,278**	**61**	**6,686**	**3.67%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	4,725	1,160	4	5,889	3.23%
Burundi	372	53	0	425	0.23%
Rwanda	127	10	1	138	0.08%
Other	80	37	16	133	0.07%
Zimbabwe	43	18	0	61	0.03%
Namibia	0	0	40	40	0.02%
Eswatini	**1,411**	**3,279**	**16**	**4,706**	**2.58%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	606	601	1	1,208	0.66%
Somalia	238	815	0	1,053	0.58%
Burundi	225	517	0	742	0.41%
Rwanda	229	449	1	679	0.37%
Ethiopia	54	561	1	616	0.34%
Other	59	336	13	408	0.22%
Madagascar	**88**	**1,249**	**23**	**1,360**	**0.75%**
Pakistan	70	1,170	1	1,241	0.68%
Other	7	44	1	52	0.03%
Yemen	7	20	0	27	0.01%
Madagascar	0	0	21	21	0.01%
Somalia	0	11	0	11	0.01%
Syrian Arab Republic	4	4	0	8	0.00%
Botswana	**846**	**24**	**49**	**919**	**0.50%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	379	8	0	387	0.21%
Somalia	374	0	1	375	0.21%
Other	32	16	6	54	0.03%
Burundi	45	0	1	46	0.03%
Botswana	0	0	30	30	0.02%
Zimbabwe	16	0	11	27	0.01%
Lesotho	**486**	**206**	**7**	**699**	**0.38%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	265	42	6	313	0.17%
Eritrea	102	68	0	170	0.09%
Other	46	55	1	102	0.06%
Ethiopia	38	10	0	48	0.03%
Nigeria	11	22	0	33	0.02%
Somalia	24	9	0	33	0.02%
Mauritius	**23**	**153**	**0**	**176**	**0.10%**
Burundi	0	76	0	76	0.04%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	12	34	0	46	0.03%
Other	5	22	0	27	0.01%
Cameroon	0	13	0	13	0.01%
Rwanda	0	8	0	8	0.00%
Syrian Arab Republic	6	0	0	6	0.00%
Comoros	**7**	**16**	**0**	**23**	**0.01%**
Sudan	0	8	0	8	0.00%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0	5	0	5	0.00%
Yemen	5	0	0	5	0.00%
Burundi	2	2	0	4	0.00%
None/Stateless	0	1	0	1	0.00%
Total	**77,135**	**104,893**	**156**	**182,184**	**100.00%**

* SAMCO refers to UNHCR's South Africa Multi-Country Office serving nine countries: Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, and South Africa. Congo refers to Republic of the Congo.

Author: UNHCR DIMA - RBSA **Contact**: rsarbdima@unhcr.org, **Source**: UNHCR PRIMES.

For more information visit: UNHCR Data Portal