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REGIONAL BUREAU FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA
Refugees, asylum seekers, returnees and IDPs
as of 28-Feb-26

6.4M Refugees and asylum seekers
- **5.7M** Refugees
- **691K** Asylum seekers

17.1M Internally Displaced Persons
- **13.8M** Conflict
- **3.3M** Natural disasters

153K Refugee returnees in 2026

68.1K Stateless Persons

Sudan Situation

4.4M Sudanese Refugees
862K Refugees in Sudan
89K Returnees in 2026
9.0M IDPs in Sudan

South Sudan Situation

2.5M SSD Refugees
619K Refugees in SSD
26K Returnees in 2026
2.0M IDPs in Sudan

Ethiopia Situation

165K Ethiopian Refugees
1.1M Refugees in Ethiopia
233 Returnees in 2026
1.9M IDPs in Sudan

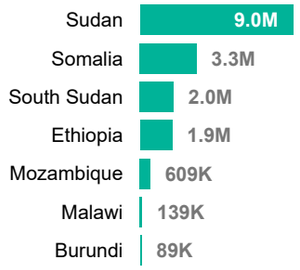
Somalia Situation

925K Somali Refugees
47K Refugees in SOM
21 Returnees in 2026
3.3M IDPs in Sudan

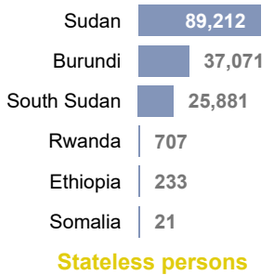
Burundi Situation

279K Burundi Refugees
110K Refugees in Burundi
37K Returnees in 2026
89K IDPs in Burundi

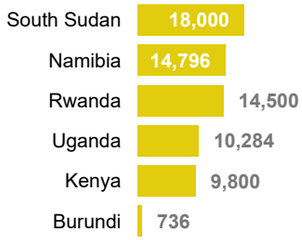
Total IDPs



Refugee returnees in 2026



Stateless persons

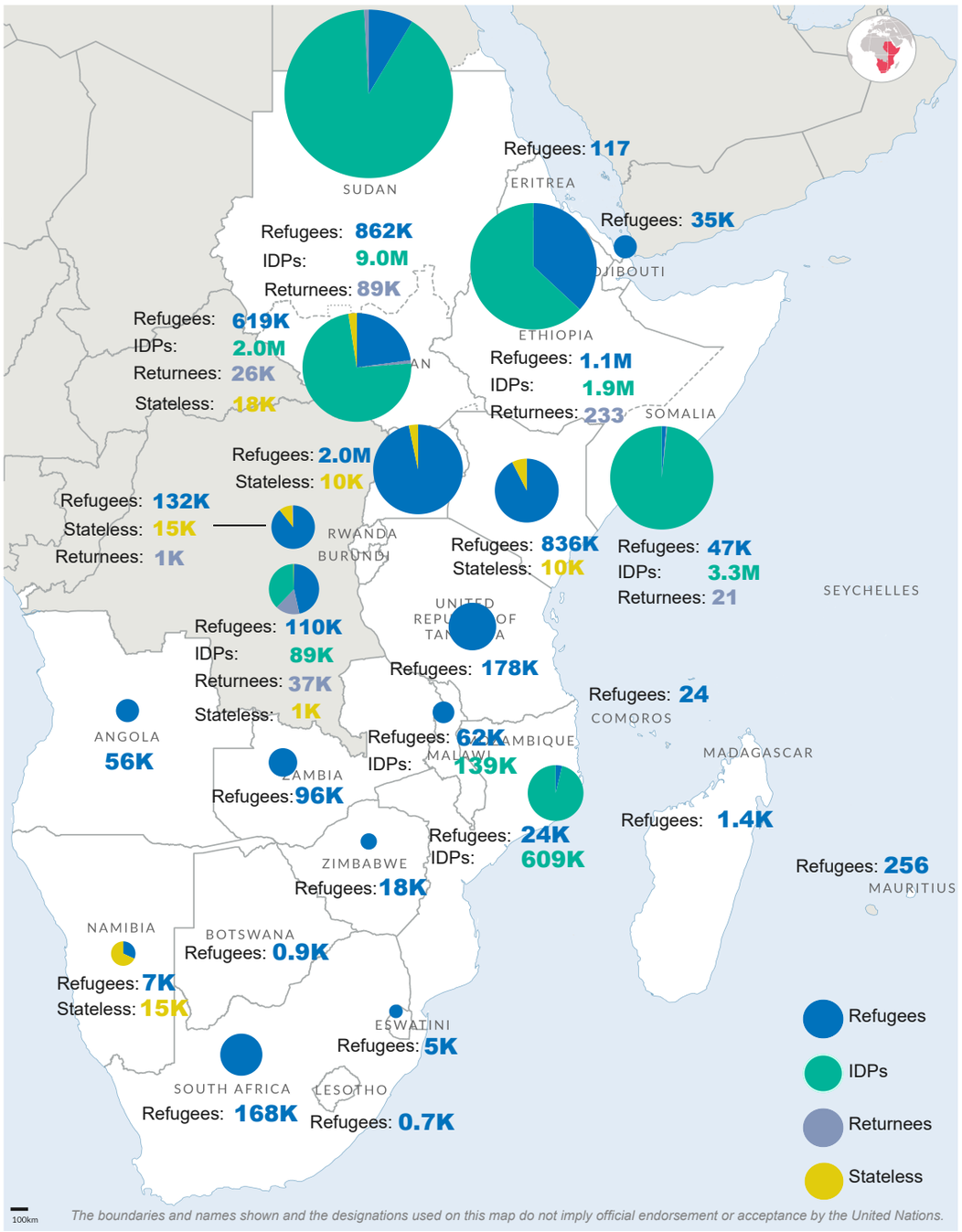


DRC Situation

1.2M Congolese Refugees
604K Refugees in DRC
Returnees in 2026
6.5M IDPs in DRC

Refugees by CoA

Total Refugees, Asylum- Seekers, Refugees Returnees and IDPs in the ESA Region



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