CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Statistics - Refugees and Asylum Seekers

As of 28 february 2026

KEY FIGURES

59,131 Total Refugees & Asylum Seekers

18,003 Total Household

50,655 Refugees

8,476 Asylum Seekers

8,245 People with special needs

48,042 (81%) Women & Children

22,557 (38%) Adults (18-59 years)

34,626 (59%) Children (0-17 years)

1,948 (3%) Elderly people (60 years+)

CONTEXT

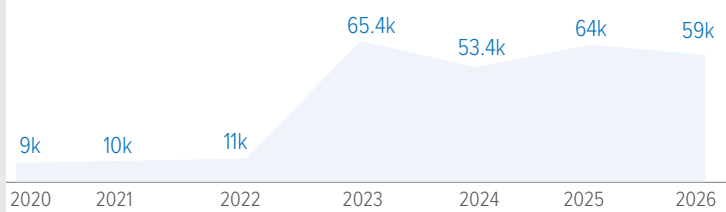
As of February 28, 2026, the Central African Republic was hosting 59,131 refugees and asylum seekers, mainly from Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Chad, South Sudan, and Rwanda. Since April 2023, the country has notably received thousands of Sudanese and Chadian refugees fleeing conflicts, primarily through the border posts of Amdafok and localities in northern Paoua. These refugees have mainly settled in the prefectures of Vakaga, Haut-Mbomou, Ouaka, Mbomou, and Lim-Pendé. UNHCR, in coordination with the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), ensures their reception, registration, and monitoring despite limited resources.
Currently, 12,955 Sudanese refugees are living in hard-to-reach areas outside Vakaga and require assistance and protection.
Support from the humanitarian community enables these refugees to access essential services, including protection, food assistance, shelter, healthcare, and education, particularly in Korsi, in the Vakaga region.

Refugees and Asylum seekers by type of residence

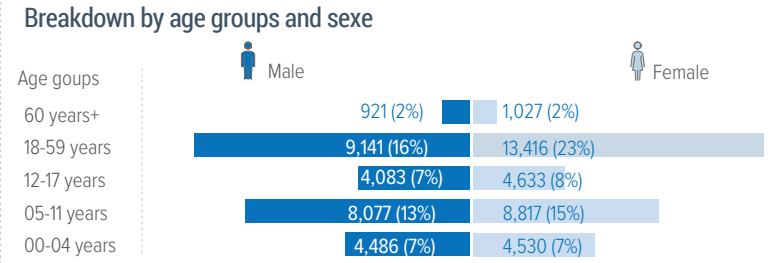
Settlement	Urban	Off-Site
31,659 (54%)	**3,261** (6%)	**24,211** (40%)

Trends of the number of refugees and asylum seekers

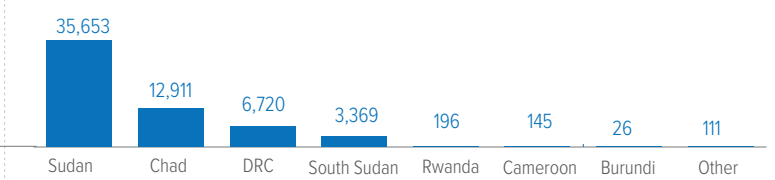
by year (2020-2026)



Breakdown by age groups and sexe

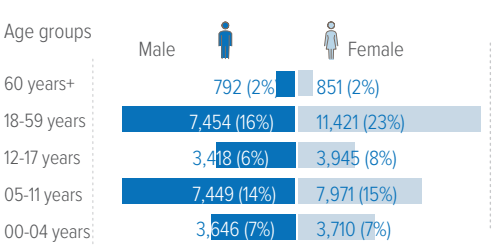


Breakdown of refugees and asylum seekers by country of origin



REFUGEES **50,655** Individuals **15,599** Household

Refugees age and gender breakdown



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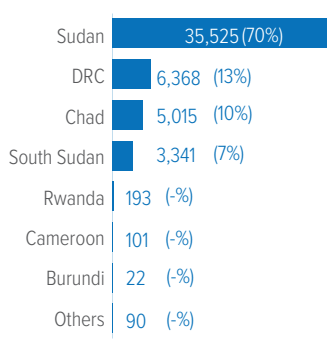
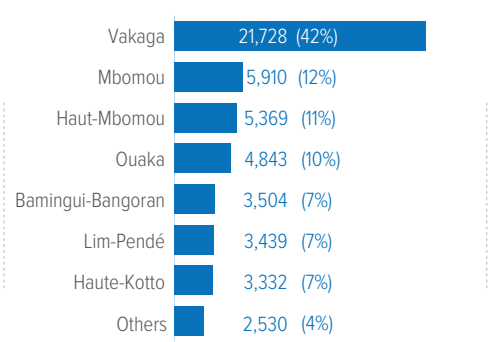


Refugees breakdown by prefecture (Admin level 1)



Specifics Needs

2,248 Women at risk

359 Children at risk

622 Elderly persons at risk

474 Persons with specifics needs

2,267 Single parent

615 Separated or unaccompany children

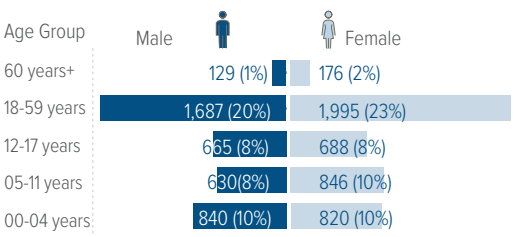
29 Legal and physical protection

401 Serious medical Condition

ASYLUM SEEKERS

8,476 Individuals **2,404** Household

Asylum Seekers age and gender breakdown



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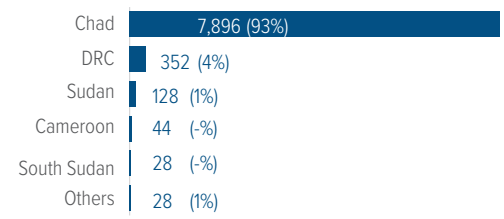

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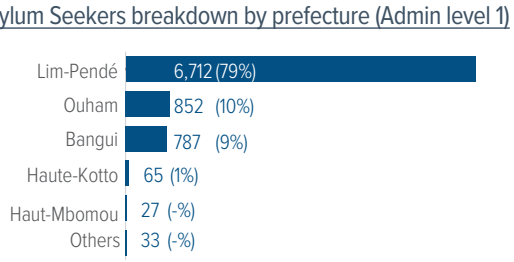


Specifics Needs

349 Women at risk

77 Persons with disability

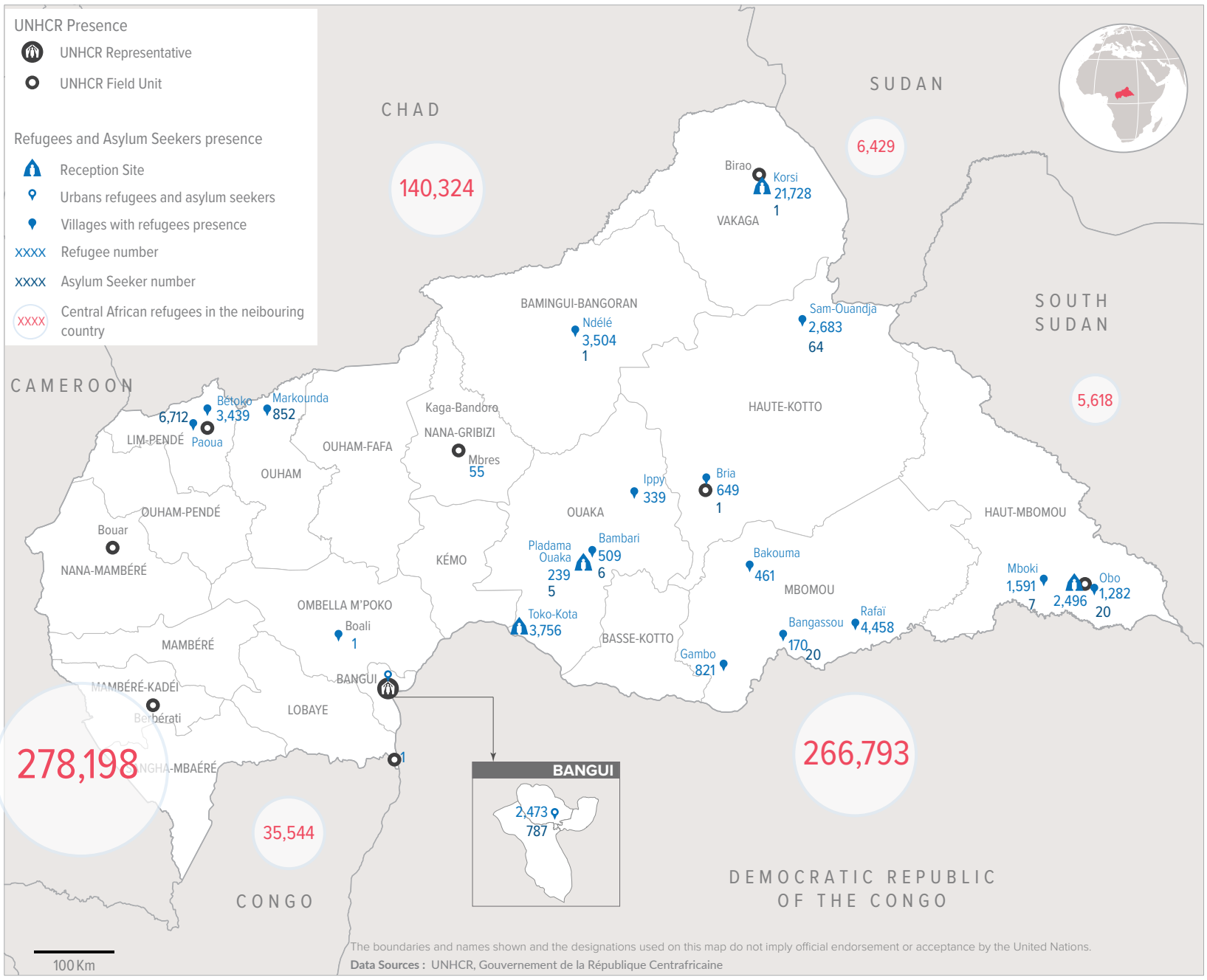
303 Children at risk

252 Single Parent

115 Elderly persons at risk

3 Legal and physical protection

LOCATION OF REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS BY PREFECTURE



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*An individual with specific needs (a person may have one or more specific needs)