

2017 Kasai Active Refugee Population

Overview

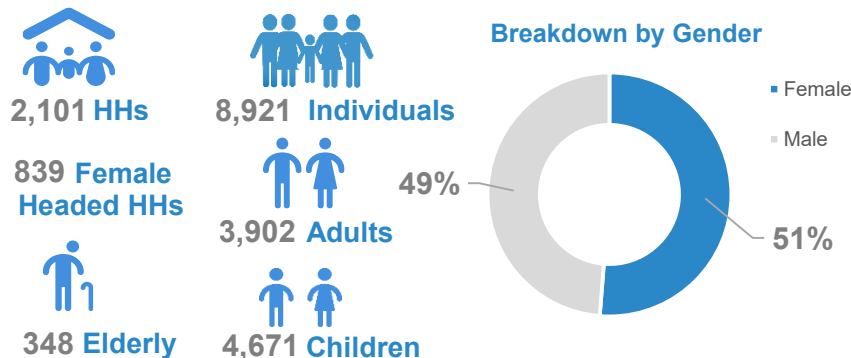
In 2017, around 35,000 Congolese refugees fled conflict and violence from Kasai region in DRC to Lunda Norte Province in Angola, leading UNHCR and the Government of Angola to declare an emergency situation. Lovua settlement was then established on Sep 2017. Since then, the 2017 Kasai refugees, as they are referred to, have been granted asylum and provided with assistance and protection mainly in Lovua Refugee Settlement and other neighbouring areas.

This report comprises active refugee population originating from DRC Kasai region as registered by UNHCR until 30th April 2026.

Highlights

- 100% of 2017 Kasai population were granted refugee status upon arrival.
- 69% of refugees live in Lovua Settlement.
- 31% live in out-of-camp settings.
- 100% of registered refugees are issued household documentation by UNHCR.
- Births and deaths are recorded weekly.
- Registration of new arrivals has been put on hold by GoA since Oct 2017.
- Since mid-2019 more than 14,000 refugees have spontaneously returned home, while 5,143 refugees and their dependants were supported to voluntarily repatriate in coordination with the Governments of DRC and Angola. Still date out of which 332 refugees were repatriated in March 2026.
- UNHCR proGres database is used for documentation, case management and planning purposes.

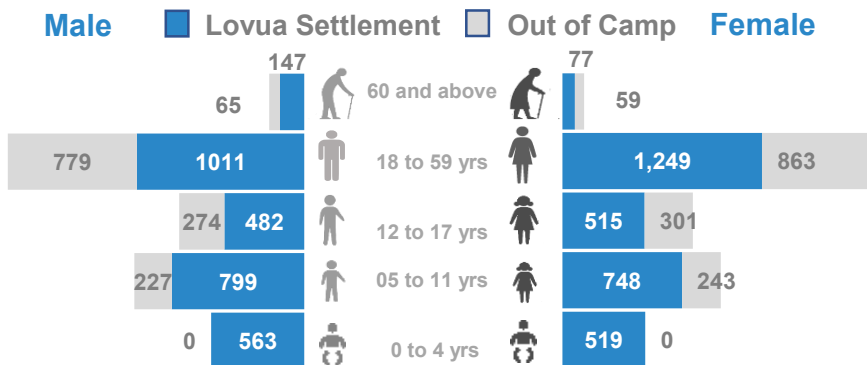
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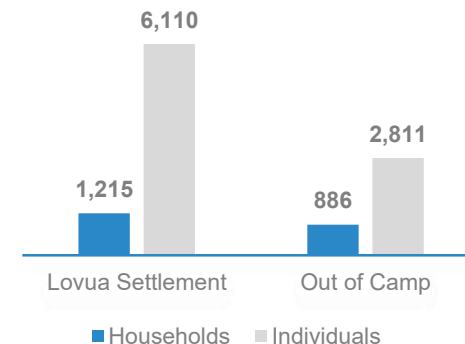
Population by AoO

Bulungu	5
Other	17
Kananga	6
Luebo	62
Tshikapa	8,831

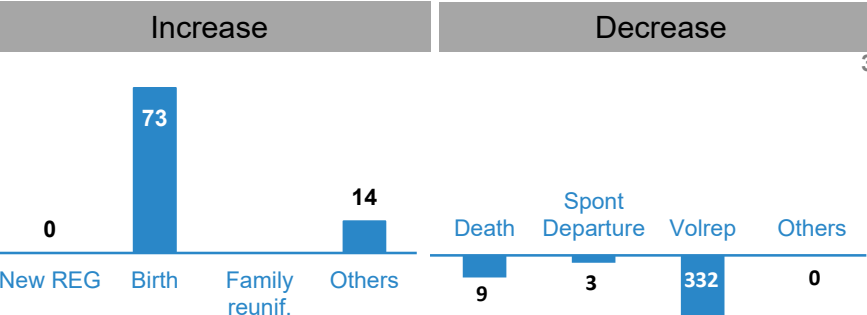
Age and Gender Breakdown



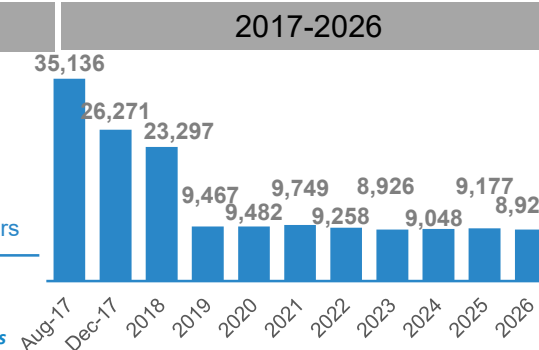
Population by Location Type



Monthly Population Flow



Yearly Population Trends



*A total of 332 individuals have been repatriated to their country of origin for humanitarian reasons