



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS: YEAR TO DATE

5,600

Cases of sexual violence (SGBV) identified in 2014 and referred to comprehensive services

10.000+

Former Angolan refugees repatriated back to their home country (**10,834** on 10 Dec. 2014)

443,253

Congolese nationals are living as refugee outside of the DRC

359

Birth certificates have been given to newly born refugees in Inke (out of a total of 379 births)

4,458

Protection incidents recorded in North-Kivu during the month of November 2014

Current refugee tendencies

A total of **200,837** refugees, **2,715,185** IDPs and **24,384** returnees in 2014

Populations of concern

Country	Total
CAR	68,156
Rwanda	119,111
Burundi	9,259
Angola (exemption)	558
Ang: local integr.	27,824
Ang: vol-rep	18,000

The total number of Rwandan refugees living in the DRC is based on the validated figure presented by the DRC Government at the Tripartite in Kigali in June 2013, minus those Rwandans that returned home since then. As agreed during this same Tripartite, these figures will be further validated during a planned biometric registration in 2015.

With regards to the Central African refugees, it is important to note that the 68.156 resembles those that are currently registered in UNHCR's ProGress database. The ongoing verification exercise in- and outside of camp context will allow UNHCR to come up with new statistics early 2015.

Some 18,000 Angolans have opted for voluntary return, while 27,824 former Angolan refugees have opted for local integration in the DRC.

Planning figures 2015

A total of **405,849** refugees & **2,715,185** IDPs

Populations of concern

Country	Total
CAR	90,000
Rwanda	245,000
Angola	45,349*
Burundi	10,000
Others	15,500
Total	405,843

* Out of this number, 558 persons are refugees. The remaining are former Angolan refugees that have opted for local integration (18,000) and voluntary repatriation (26,791, which is the total of 37,625, minus those returned in 2014)

Budget 2014

USD 197.4 million requested



Expenses in 2014: US\$84.052.206*

* US\$33.320.252 came from UNHCR core funding

Total budget requirements for 2015: US\$216.299.540

Working with partners

- Together with the DRC Government authorities, in particular the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), UNHCR manages and implements humanitarian assistance and protection for refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons. Within the collaborative approach, support is delivered jointly with MONUSCO, WFP, OCHA, UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, FAO, UN-HABITAT, UN-WOMEN and IOM among other agencies and NGOs. UNHCR is also the lead of the Protection and Prevention component of the Comprehensive Strategy to Combating SGBV in DRC, under the STAREC.

In the field, assistance is delivered together with 14 implementing partners: ADES, ADSSE, AGIR POUR LE GENRE, AIDES, AIRD, CNR, COOPI, ERUKIN, IEDA, INTERSOS, MIDEFEHOPF, SFCG, TSF and WFWI.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- On 19 August 2014, UNHCR launched the final assisted **voluntary repatriation of former Angolan refugees**. At the end of November, a total of **10,410** persons had returned back home. In total, UNHCR is aiming to repatriate **37,336** Angolans from Kinshasa, Bas-Congo and Katanga.
- To ensure the smooth continuation of the voluntary repatriation of former Angolan refugees, a **Tripartite** was held in Kinshasa from 24 until 26 November, between UNHCR and the governments of Angola and the DRC. So far, 12,000 out of the 18,000 temporary residency cards have been given to Angolans who opted for local integration in the DRC, financed by UNHCR.
- In 2014, UNHCR has so far repatriated a total of **5,293** Rwandan refugees and **901** Burundian refugees to their respective home countries. With support, UNHCR will finalize a biometric verification of Rwandan refugees in the DRC.
- Furthermore, this year UNHCR has finalized the repatriation of **119,024** Congolese returnees coming from the Republic of Congo. The largest group of Congolese refugees living outside of the DRC can be found in Uganda, which number stands at **184,502**.
- On 25 November 2014 the **16 Days of Activism** was launched throughout the entire country, which had as theme: 'early marriages'. The campaign aims to reduce prevalence of sexual violence (SGBV) through sensitization and advocacy. For instance, partner Search for Common Ground had organized participatory theater in several sites to show the dangers of early marriages (see picture right, in Libenge, Equateur).
- Since the existence of Inke refugee camp (Equateur), 341 birth certificates have been distributed. In total 369 babies have been born in the camp, making the total of registered babies amount to 93%.
- UNHCR is protecting **sex workers** in North Kivu (Masisi). This month 79 internally displaced sex workers have followed their regular consultations and were treated for sexually transmitted diseases. Furthermore, they enrolled themselves into a family planning program, which avoids women from having unwanted pregnancies. As part of its work here, UNHCR is also helping sex workers and child victims of sexual exploitation to go back to school or generate their own income.
- **4,458 protection incidents** were recorded in the month of November in North Kivu, showing the high protection needs in Eastern Congo. During the first ten months of 2014, a total of **15,873 protection incidents** have been reported in Katanga Province, of which over 88 per cent (or 14,057) took place in the regions of Kalemie, Manono, Mitwaba and Pweto.



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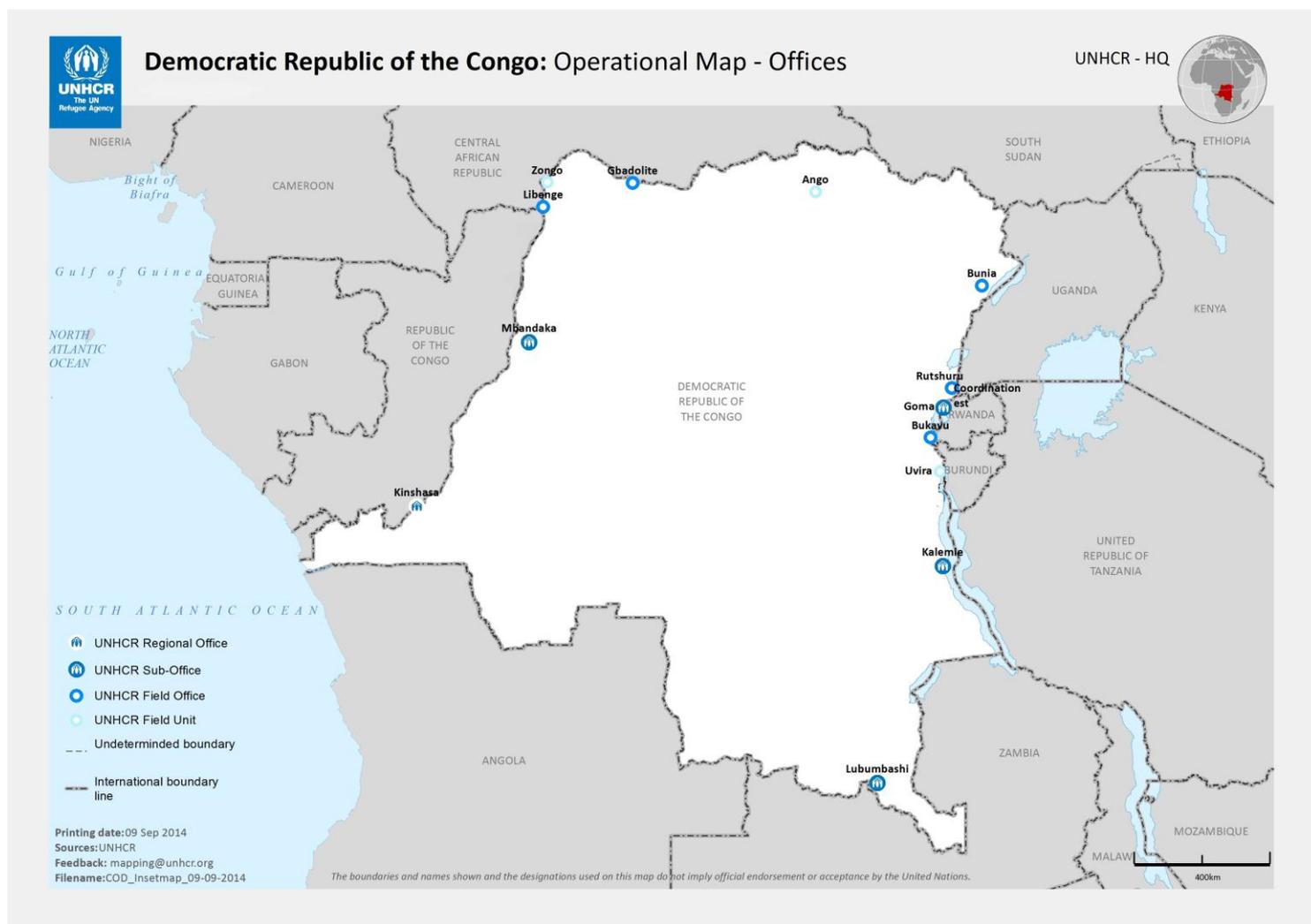
UNHCR Presence

Staff:

264 national staff
61 international staff
34 UNVs / 7 Consultants

Offices:

13 offices located in: Kinshasa, Ango, Bondo, Bukavu, Gbadolite, Goma, Kalemie, Libenge, Lubumbashi, Mbandaka, Rutshuru, Uvira and Zongo



Major achievements 2014

- On 30 July UNHCR successfully finished the repatriation of Congolese refugees coming from Republic of Congo. In total 119,024 refugees have safely returned to their home country, which is more than the planned objective of 110,000. Reintegration projects ensure the smooth transition into the DRC.
- In 2014, UNHCR has so far assisted 10,834 former Angolan refugees to return home (from Kinshasa, Bas-Congo and Katanga) and is ensuring that those 18,000 who want to integrate locally within the DRC receive the right documentation and assistance.

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