

# Southern Africa Region

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The Southern Africa region (16 countries) has nearly **5.8 million people of concern** – 1.1 million refugees and asylum-seekers, mainly from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Ethiopia and Somalia.

UNHCR in the Southern Africa region contributes to protection and solutions in its response for **4.7 million internally displaced persons (IDPs)** in the DRC and the Republic of the Congo (ROC).

Since the beginning of the year until 31 October, UNHCR has organized **7,554 voluntary returns** in the region and assisted a further **14,757 self-organized voluntary returns** (to DRC). UNHCR has also assisted **1,165 resettlement departures**.

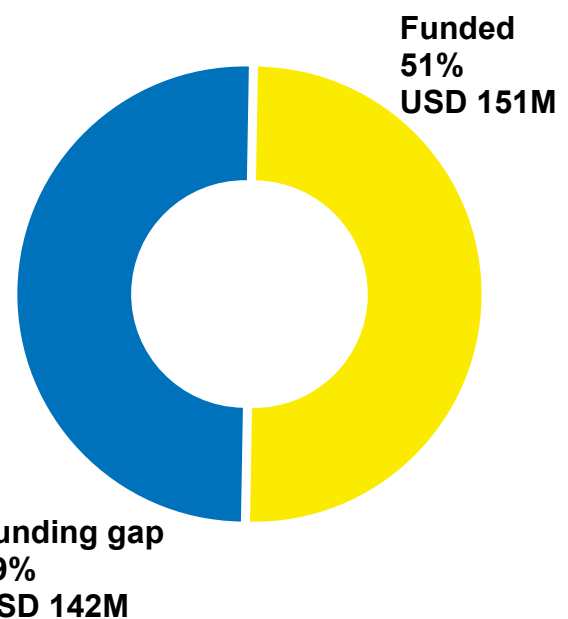
## PERSONS OF CONCERN IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (30/6/2019)

Refugee	Asylum-seeker	IDPs	Other	Total
<b>Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)</b>				
538,009	1,272	4,516,865	1,611	<b>5,057,757</b>
<b>South Africa</b>				
82,823	184,976			<b>267,799</b>
<b>Republic of the Congo (ROC)</b>				
29,777	13,801	134,430	11,762	<b>189,770</b>
<b>Zambia</b>				
54,926	3,737		23,113	<b>81,776</b>
<b>Angola</b>				
39,900	30,180			<b>70,080</b>
<b>Malawi</b>				
13,732	25,299		205	<b>39,236</b>
<b>Mozambique</b>				
4,666	20,452			<b>25,118</b>
<b>Zimbabwe</b>				
8,706	11,155		953	<b>20,814</b>
<b>Namibia</b>				
2,749	1,519		9	<b>4,277</b>
<b>Botswana</b>				
2,078	204		7	<b>2,289</b>
<b>eSwatini</b>				
923	836			<b>1,759</b>
<b>Madagascar</b>				
111	80			<b>191</b>
<b>Lesotho</b>				
116	33			<b>149</b>
<b>Mauritius</b>				
21	5			<b>26</b>
<b>Comoros</b>				
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<b>Seychelles</b>				
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<b>778,537</b>	<b>293,549</b>	<b>4,651,295</b>	<b>37,660</b>	<b>5,761,041</b>

## FUNDING (22/10/2019)

# USD 293 million

UNHCR's financial requirements in 2019



## PRESENCE AND STAFF (30/11/2019)

Angola	57
Botswana	6
Democratic Republic of Congo	432
Malawi	58
Mozambique	29
Namibia	2
Republic of Congo	60
South Africa (Regional Bureau)	78
South Africa Unit	37
Zambia	100
Zimbabwe	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>888</b>



## UNHCR's Strategic Directions for Southern Africa

In September 2019, UNHCR established the Regional Bureau for Southern Africa, based in Pretoria, as part of the regionalization and decentralization process in order to deliver the High Commissioner's strategic directions: ensure more effective protection, leverage solutions with a broad range of actors, engage more consistently at regional level, allow more effective interaction with host governments and partners as well as strengthen quality assurance and support to country operations.

**Protect:** UNHCR advocates accession to, and ratification of, international and regional instruments on refugees, IDPs and stateless persons as well as lifting existing reservations. UNHCR also supports the development of national legal frameworks and structures on the protection of refugees and stateless persons.

**Respond:** UNHCR provides protection and emergency assistance to populations of concern and host communities, anchoring the response in national services and government systems, development plans, multi-year strategies and regional protection frameworks and policies.

**Include:** UNHCR promotes social cohesion and peaceful co-existence in refugee-hosting communities through a community-based approach, protection monitoring and social and legal assistance.

**Empower:** In most countries in the region, as prospects for voluntary repatriation remain limited, UNHCR is focusing on advancing local integration through advocating for socio-economic and legal inclusion as well as enhancing education, self-reliance and livelihood programmes in cooperation with host governments and other relevant stakeholders in line with the Global Compact on Refugees.

**Solve:** UNHCR promotes comprehensive solutions to refugee situations hosted by asylum countries in the region through voluntary repatriation, local integration and third country resettlement.

## Financial Information

UNHCR is grateful for the support provided by donors who have contributed to the Southern Africa region and who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with softly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

### EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

United States of America 48m | CERF 5.2m | European Union 4.3m | Japan 3.4m | Belgium 2.3m | Sweden 2.2m | Finland 1.7m | France 1.6m

### SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

United States of America 27.1m | Germany 13.1m | Private donors Australia 10.2m | Private Donors Germany 5.3m | Canada 4.6m | Sweden 4m | Private donors Republic of Korea 2.1m

### UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD

Sweden 99.8m | Private donors Spain 61.2m | United Kingdom 44.6m | Norway 44.5m | Netherlands 37.5m | Private donors Republic of Korea 31m | Germany 26.7m | Denmark 24.4m | Private donors Japan 16.1m | Switzerland 15.1m | Private donors Italy 14.2m | France 14m | Private donors USA 11.7m | Private donors Sweden 10.4m | Ireland 10.2m

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