

South Africa Representation Office

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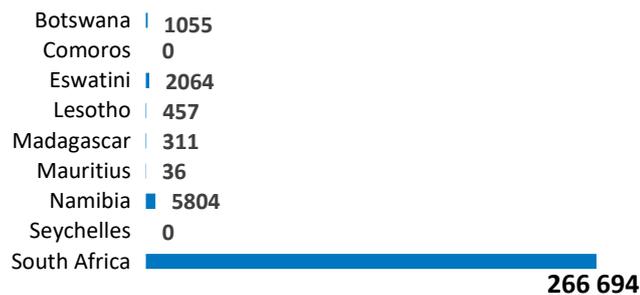
The Representation is a multi-country office, reaching **276,421** people of concern in Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles and South Africa.

COVID-19 is impacting the health and livelihoods of refugees alongside citizens. In South Africa, **5,282** people received **risk communication messages** to maintain community awareness.

Regular priorities include: strengthening **national asylum systems**; ending **statelessness**; enhancing the **protection environment**; strengthening **partnerships**.

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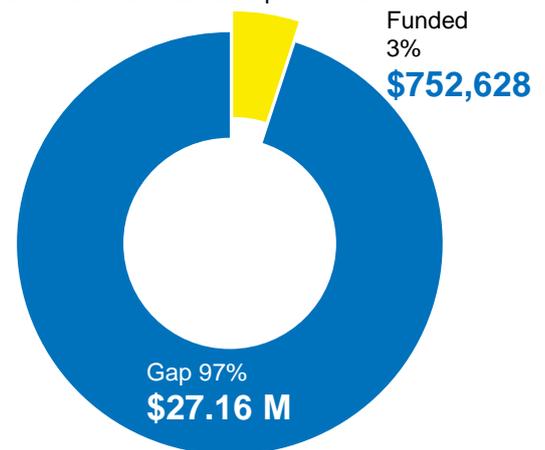
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FUNDING (AS OF 12 JANUARY)

USD 28.0 M

requested for the South Africa Representation



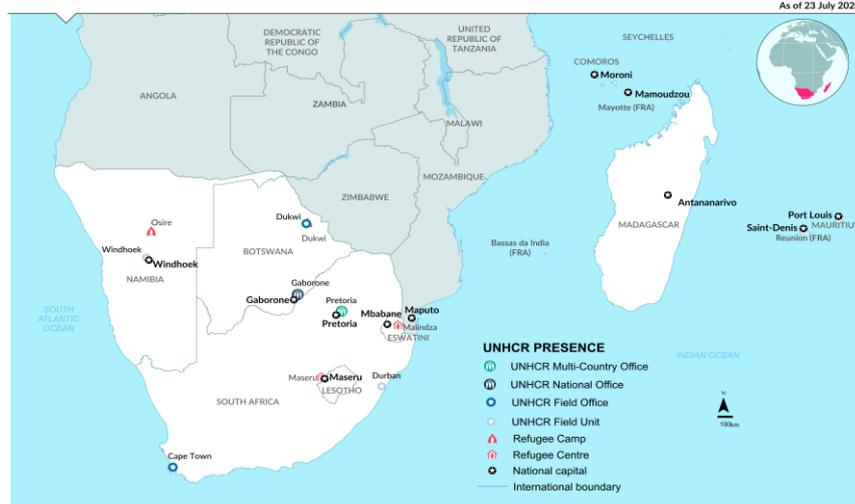
UNHCR PRESENCE

- Representation Office in Pretoria, South Africa, covering 9 countries
- 3 Field Offices in Cape Town (South Africa), Dukwi (Botswana) and Windhoek (Namibia).



SOUTHERN AFRICA MULTI-COUNTRY OFFICE REFERENCE MAP/ UNHCR PRESENCE

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Highlights

■ Since 1 September... **5,282**

people in refugee-hosting communities in South Africa were reached with important information about COVID-19 prevention and mitigation measures through digital pathways and community networks; **1,850** refugees and asylum-seekers in Botswana and South Africa received masks and other equipment to protect them from the spread of COVID-19; a refugee status determination exercise began for the approximately **1,000** refugees and asylum-seekers in Dukwi



Additional handwashing stations in Nata Senior Secondary School, Botswana, help students and staff maintain COVID-19 hygiene levels. In Botswana, refugees attend the national schools alongside Batswana right up until matriculation. ©UNHCR/Kate Pond

camp, Botswana; **2** workshops on statelessness were held for government ministers and journalists in Eswatini, in line with pledges made at the High-Level Segment on Statelessness in November 2019.

Main Activities

- Refugees and host community members continue to be reached with essential information about COVID-19 prevention and response.
- UNHCR provides technical support to the authorities in the nine countries to strengthen national asylum systems, and to work towards eradicating statelessness.
- Under its regular programming, UNHCR provides protection services to refugees and asylum-seekers, including legal assistance, promotion of social cohesion, psychosocial counselling, basic assistance, access to tertiary education and livelihoods.
- Under COVID-19 emergency planning, UNHCR and partners are providing multipurpose cash-based assistance and food parcels to members of the refugee and host communities who are struggling to make ends meet, and supporting health care and sanitation services in refugee camps and settlements.

Durable Solutions

- UNHCR advocates for the local integration of refugees and asylum-seekers wherever possible, and facilitates voluntary repatriation for refugees who wish to return home in safety and dignity. Resettlement is a vital protection tool for a small proportion of highly vulnerable refugees.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR works with 21 implementing partners in the seven countries currently sheltering people of concern: Botswana (2), Eswatini (1), Lesotho (1), Madagascar (2), Mauritius (1), Namibia (3), South Africa (11).

Financial Information

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OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS I USD

Germany 4.4 million

Special thanks to the major donors of unearmarked contributions to UNHCR's global program. Contributed without restrictions on its use, unearmarked funding allows UNHCR critical flexibility on how best to reach refugees and other populations of concern who are in the greatest need and at the greatest risk.

UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS I USD

Sweden 66.9 million | Netherlands 36.1 million | Denmark 34.6 million | Germany 22.1 million | Switzerland 16.4 million | Ireland 12.5 million | Belgium 11.9 million

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