



DR CONGO

FACTSHEET

28 February 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

71,529

South Sudanese refugees, most of whom are new arrivals.

103,420

Refugees from the Central African Republic.

39,499

Refugees from Burundi.

539,106

Congolese refugees in African countries

379

Rwandan refugees repatriated from DRC in 2017

Populations of concern

460,923 refugees,

2.2 million* Internally Displaced Persons

Country of origin	Total
Rwanda**	245,052
CAR	103,420
South Sudan	71,529
Burundi	39,499
Rep. of Congo	676
Angola (exempted cases)	494
Other	253

* Source for IDP statistics: OCHA

** The DRC Government presented the number of 245,052 Rwandan refugees as the outcome of a pre-registration exercise by the National Commission for Refugees from December 2014 to January 2015. Biometric registration of Rwandan refugees is ongoing. So far 42,132 refugees were registered.

Funding requested for 2017:

US\$ 232.9 million

3% received

Working with partners

- Together with the DRC Government, in particular, the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), UNHCR manages and implements delivery of humanitarian assistance and protection for refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Through a collaborative approach, support is delivered jointly with FAO, IOM, MONUSCO, OCHA, UNDP, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNICEF, UNWOMEN, WFP and WHO among other agencies and NGOs. UNHCR leads the Protection Cluster, which coordinates the protection actors in their support to IDPs and other civilians. It also supports the coordination and management of IDP camps. Furthermore, UNHCR co-leads the Protection and Prevention component of the National Strategy on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in DRC.

Throughout the operational area, assistance is delivered together with 12 partners: ADES, ADSSE, AIDES, AIRD, CNR, COOPI, INTERSOS, MIDEFEHOPF, SAVE CONGO, SAVE THE CHILDREN, SFCG and TSF.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Refugees from South Sudan

- Registration of South Sudanese refugees continued at Biringi site, Aru Territory in Ituri Province. New arrivals were registered with biometrics after being relocated to the site from border areas.
- From 12 to 23 February, UNHCR and its partners, together with local authorities and refugees' representative, conducted an evaluation in the four sites, in Rungu territory, identified by the Governor of Haut-Uele province for relocation of refugees from Meri and from border areas of Dungu territory.
- Following advocacy by the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), local authorities of Biringi identified a space for the construction of a primary school that will benefit both to refugee children and those from the host community.
- 160 plots of land of 5,000 m² each have been distributed to 160 refugee households in Biringi for agriculture.
- The construction works of the health center of Meri, Faradje Territory, were completed in February.
- 3 fountains and 3 water tanks were installed at the site of Biringi in order to provide refugees with clean water.
- 19 community gardens have been organized at Meri for the culture of vegetables.

Refugees from Burundi

- February saw an increase of arrivals from Burundi, with 1,688 Burundian refugees arrived in DRC with an arrival rate of 60 individuals per day.
- A space was identified at Lusenda's extension of Lulinda, South Kivu Province, which has been used for the construction of 70 new emergency shelters which were assigned to new arrivals.
- As of 28 February 2017, 1,529 refugees were hosted in the three transit structures of Kavimvira, Sange and Mongemonge, South Kivu Province.
- WFP distributed food vouchers, equivalent to \$ 15 / person, to 25,596 Burundian refugees aged over 6 months, including 400 new arrivals, to purchase their monthly food ration.
- 1,016 refugees transferred to Lusenda camp in February received Non-food Items kits (including blankets, mats, mosquito nets, jerry cans, bucket, soap, kitchen set) and firewood.
- 4,800 new seedlings were planted in Lusenda camp for the second cultural season.

Refugees from Central African Republic

- The chief of Kpasagba groupment (Inke camp in North Ubangi Province) offered 8 km² of land to create community fields for refugees and host community.
- On 7 February, 1,504 primary school pupils received school uniforms at Boyabu camp, South Ubangi Province. School fees have been paid for 469 pupils (204 girls and 265 boys) who attend secondary schools out of the camp.
- From 23 to 25 February, 6,537 children received vaccinations against polio in the 4 camps of North and South Ubangi. The vaccination campaign was organized by the Ministry of Health and the Programme Elargi de Vaccination (PEV) with the support of UNICEF and WHO.
- UNHCR donated 3,000 doses of animal vaccine to Zongo municipality, in South Ubangi Province, since in the area an epidemic killed dozens of domestic animals (sheep, pigs and chicken), causing food insecurity among refugees and local population.
- In Mboti camp, Bas-Uele province, cash grants for food purchase were distributed by WFP to the 704 refugees living in the camp.

Repatriation

- The voluntary repatriation of Rwandan refugees resumed in February. The first convoy of 94 people left Bukavu on 15 February. To ensure a good reintegration the return package has been reevaluated.
- On 24 February, a Congolese family of 10 people returned voluntarily from Bangui (CAR) to Gbadolite (North Ubangi). They have been assisted by UNHCR and CNR.

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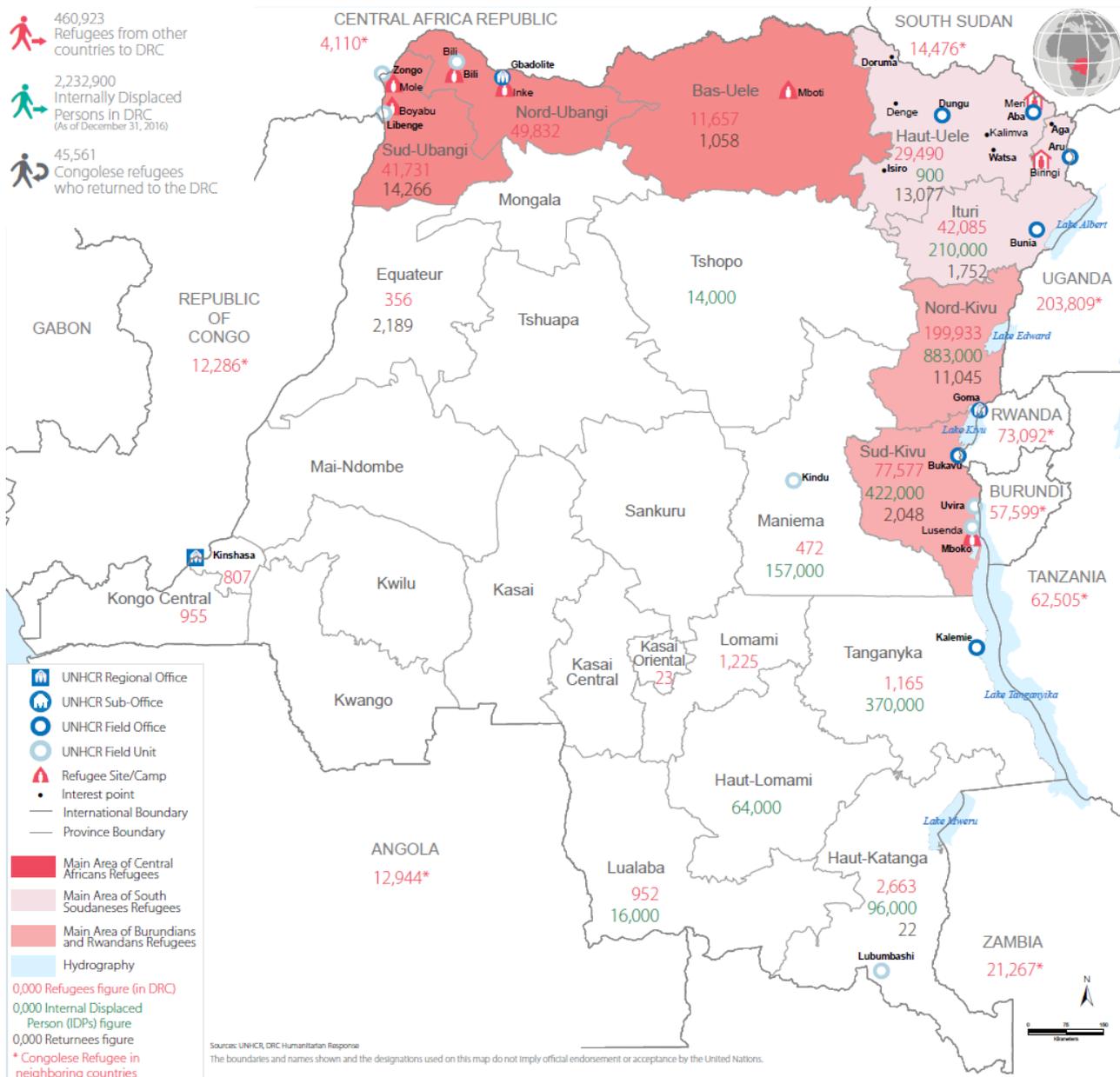
Staff:

- 232 national staff
- 58 international staff
- 20 United Nations Volunteers
- 2 Consultants/Deployees

Offices:

16 offices located in: Aba, Aru, Bili, Bukavu, Bunia, Dungu, Gbadolite, Goma, Kalemie, Kindu, Kinshasa, Libenge, Lubumbashi, Mboko, Uvira and Zongo

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