

DR Congo

31 October 2017

Additional staff was being deployed following the declaration of a Level III (L3) Emergency on 17 October, with a focus on the Kasai region, Tanganyika and South Kivu

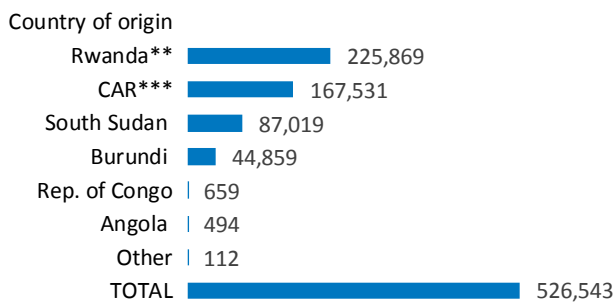
13,117 Rwandan refugees repatriated from DRC in 2017

21,028 newly arrived refugees from the Central African Republic were registered with biometrics in Nord Ubangi province.

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526,543 refugees and 1,287 asylum-seekers in DRC,

4.1* Internally Displaced Persons



* Source for IDP statistics: OCHA as of October 2017

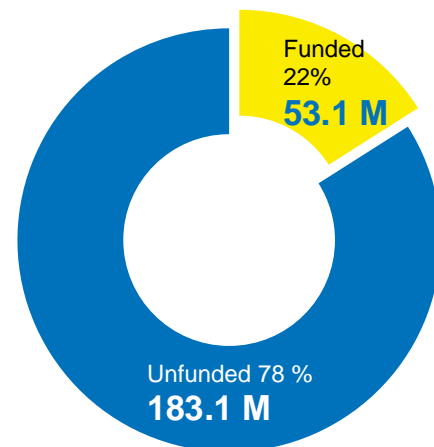
** The DRC Government presented the number of 245,052 Rwandan refugees as the outcome of a pre-registration exercise by the National Commission for Refugees from December 2014 to January 2015. Biometric registration of Rwandan refugees is ongoing. So far 42,132 refugees were registered.

*** Figure includes 64,048 new arrivals recorded by the authorities, registration is ongoing

FUNDING (AS OF 31 OCTOBER)

USD 236.2 M

requested for DRC



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 242 National Staff
- 58 International Staff
- 21 UN Volunteers
- 6 Other Affiliate Workforce

Offices:

- 1 Regional Representation in Kinshasa
- 4 SO: Aru, Gbadolite, Goma, Lubumbashi
- 6 FO: Baraka, Bunia, Kalemie, Kananga, Libenge, Mboko
- 9 FU: Aba, Bili, Bondo, Bukavu, Dungu, Mbuji-Mayi, Tshikapa, Uvira, Zongo



Biometric registration in Kambo, Nord Ubangi © UNHCR / C. Cavalcanti

Working with Partners

- Together with the DRC Government, and 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 Burundi

- In October, 732 Burundian refugees were biometrically registered and 1,222 other were transferred to Lusenda camp.
- All 376 asylum seekers who camped outside of Kavimvira transit centre and Sange gathering point were admitted inside structures for their protection.
- Prevention measures against malaria and epidemic diseases were reinforced in Lusenda camp and transit centers to ensure better health and sanitation.
- ADES and UNHCR advocated to provincial healthcare authorities to allow refugees living with HIV/AIDS to receive ARV treatments directly in Lusenda Health Center.
- From 21 to 30 October WFP organized Cash-Based Transfers at Lusenda camp. Beneficiaries were able to buy food in 17 shops installed in the camp.
- At the Kamanyola site, a kitchen hangar and a medical post were finalized 4,530 wooden sticks were delivered to improve the individual shelters on site.
- In Kamanyola, Burundian refugees and asylum seekers received 1,010 kitchen sets, 425 mats, 414 blankets, 1,675 mosquito nets, 1,350 jerry cans of 10L and 1,008 buckets of 15L.

Refugees from South Sudan

- 1,593 newly arrived South Sudanese refugees were biometrically registered in October.
- In Aru (Ituri province), refugees still living in border areas were informed about the possibility to relocate to Biringi site where asylum seekers receive assistance.
- A new primary school with three classrooms built by UNHCR was inaugurated at Biringi site. Some 180 refugees and locals will attend this school.
- 330 children were attending the French language courses in Biringi. ADSSE identified and enrolled 120 children who can now integrate the regular school.
- Some 600 children of primary school age in Biringi, Doruma and Duru received notebooks and writing utensils. UNHCR commissioned refugee tailors at the Biringi site to sew school uniforms, enabling them to earn a small income.
- A new 8 beds health post, constructed by UNHCR and its partners at Biringi site, was inaugurated and handed over to the local authorities.
- Routine vaccinations, including against polio, diphtheria, pertussis, tuberculosis, measles and yellow fever, were administered in Meri.

- 23,400 refugees in Meri and 3,200 in Biringi received their monthly cash grants of USD 16 by the World Food Program (WFP).
- Flour, cooking oil, beans and salt were distributed to 6,800 refugees in Doruma and 1,200 in Dungu.
- Construction works began at the recently allocated Kaka refugee site near the town of Dungu (Haut-Uele province). UNHCR provided refugees with building material and expert knowledge of an engineer. UNHCR's partner AIRD will assist the most vulnerable with shelter construction.

Refugees from Central African Republic

- On 6 October, biometric registration for newly arrived CAR refugees started. In North Ubangi, 21,028 refugees were registered in 4 registration sites.
- From 19 to 22 October, a mobile clinic was organized by UNHCR partner ADES in Limasa (200 km from Gbadolite). 128 people benefited from medical consultations.
- 4 boreholes equipped with manual water pumps have been set up in villages hosting new arrivals in the territory of Mobay Mbongo.
- 102 latrines are completed through cash-based interventions in Bili camp, representing 100% of the planning for 2017.
- In Bili and Boyabu camps all the transitional shelter planned for 2017 were completed (300 for Bili and 200 for Boyabu).
- To support reforestation, UNHCR partner ADES donated to the Municipality of Zongo 200 hoes, 20 pickaxes, 4 watering cans and 400 seedlings.
- Distribution of clothes, donated by Japanese fashion company UNIQLO, started in Mole and Boyabu camps (South Ubangi).

Refugees from Rwanda

- The total number of voluntary repatriations from DRC to Rwanda in 2017 stands at **13,117** as of 31 October. The operation in North Kivu will increase the size of convoys to Rwanda from 150 to 250 candidates.

Internally displaced persons:

- UNHCR led coordination of Protection actors under the Protection Cluster in Kasai and Kasai Central provinces.
- In the context of the declaration of a Level-3 Emergency for several regions in DRC (Kasai region, South Kivu Province, Tanganyika Province), UNHCR initiated the deployment of emergency staff.

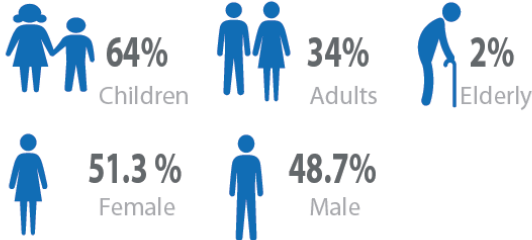
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REFUGEE POPULATION

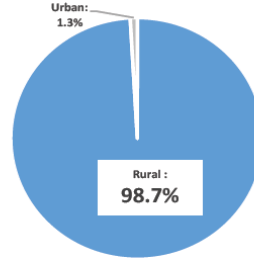


Situation as of 31 October 2017

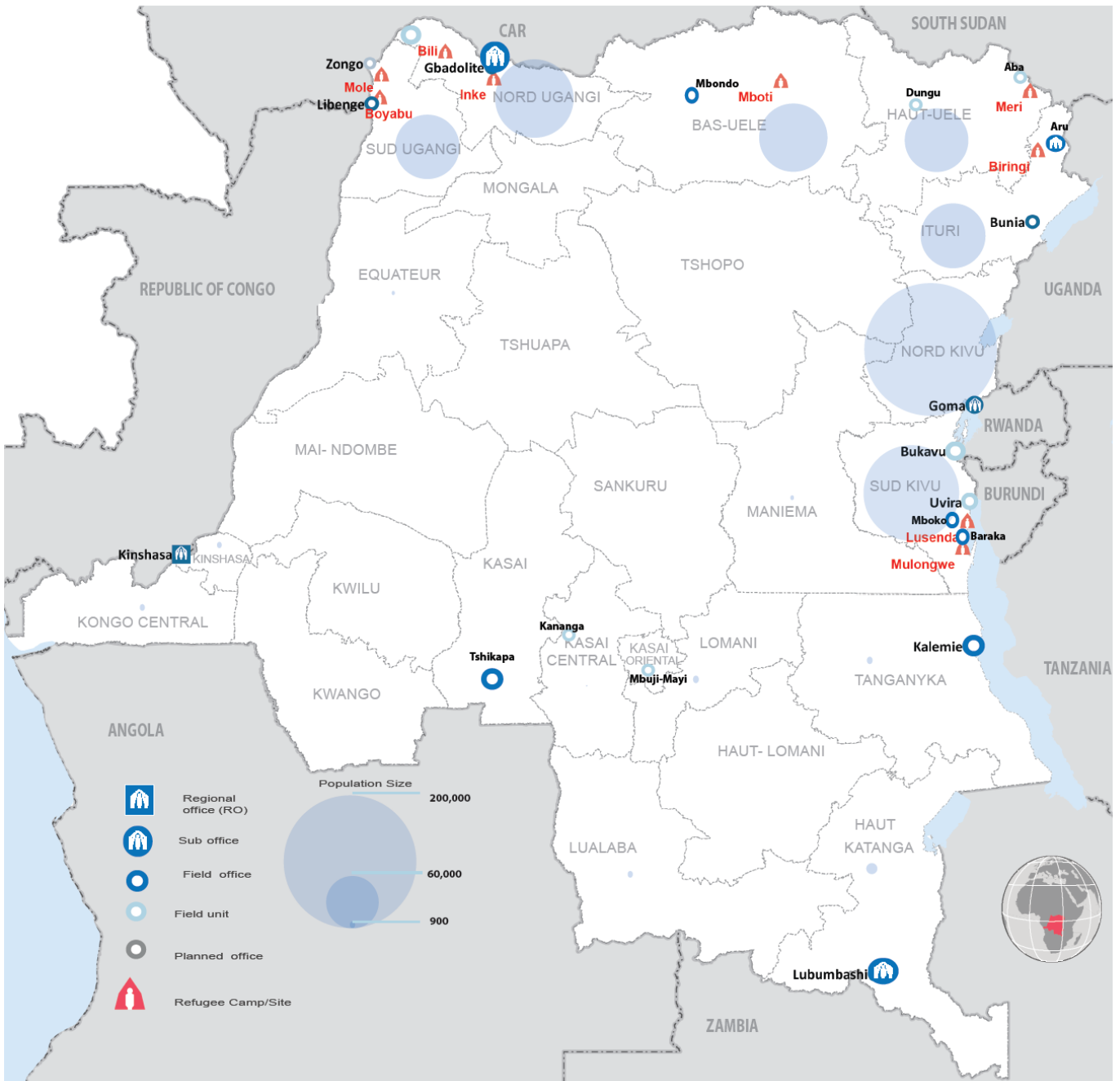
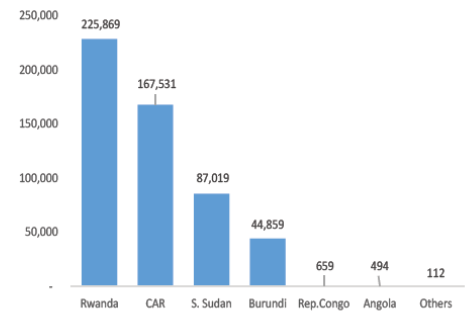
526,543
Total Refugee Population



Refugee Population by Location Type



Refugee Population by Nationality



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