

Democratic Republic of the Congo

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This document provides a mid-month update on major evolutions occurring between the publication of UNHCR's monthly operational reports. This is not an operational report.

Refugees

- Following the expulsion of Congolese citizens from Angola, the National Refugee Commission **identified 122 refugees, registered in Angola, among the expelled**. Their refugee status was confirmed by UNHCR Angola, while 5 other cases were not confirmed. UNHCR and partners War Child and CNR are closely monitoring the protection situation by reporting incidents, conducting referrals, and pursuing their cash for protection programme in the region.
- UNHCR published a mid-year update of the Regional Refugee Response Plans (RRRP) for the [South Sudanese situation](#) and the [Burundian situation](#). For the South Sudanese situation, the [DRC's specific response](#) and an [infographics version](#) are also available, as well as for the Burundian situation (click here for [DRC's specific response](#), and here for the [infographics version](#)).
- In collaboration with IOM, **UNHCR resettled an extremely vulnerable Central African refugee family to Norway**. This was the second Central African refugee family to be resettled from the DRC.
- On 1 October, UNHCR started the **physical verification of all Burundian refugees living outside of camps** in South Kivu Province. This will allow UNHCR to update numbers of refugees and deliver ID cards.
- At Mulongwe settlement, UNHCR's partner AFPDE **increased access to water for Burundian refugees to 20L/person/day**, the humanitarian standard, thanks to the connection of three new water sources to the settlement's water system.
- The **funding gap for the Burundian situation** in the DRC persisted, depleting **essential medication stocks** and leading to more frequent referrals to secondary health structures.
- On 12 October, UNHCR and partners started a mission to **verify the numbers and the situation of an estimated 12,500 South Sudanese refugees remaining in border areas** in Dungu Territory, Haut-Uele province.
- **18,138 individual ID cards were distributed to Central African refugees** in 4 camps in Nord and Sud-Ubangi Provinces, from August to date. ID cards allow refugees to move freely in the DRC.

Internally Displaced People (IDPs)

- Following recent clashes in Ituri Province, **the two IDP sites of Bunia town have seen new arrivals**. After physical verifications by UNHCR and other coordination actors, 8,684 people (3,352 households) were counted in both sites, as opposed to 6,918 (3,073 households) in September; **an increase by 1,766 people**. All, including new arrivals, will benefit from food distributions by WFP and Caritas.
- After an assessment mission in two territories of Ituri Province, UNHCR, its partners Caritas, and the Government's Civil Protection authority, found that **70% of those displaced in September had returned** to their villages of origin, while **7,600 remain displaced**.
- In early October, UNHCR carried out a **large-scale cash distribution to over 17,600 IDPs and returnees** in Luiza Territory (Kasai Central Province), one the areas worst-hit by the 2017 violence.

- UNHCR's partner INTERSOS **trained 67 IDPs and host community members in manufacturing sanitary pads** out of cloth, in an effort to promote feminine hygiene and self-reliance in Masisi Territory, North Kivu Province. A production unit was also finalized, and fabrics and sewing machines were purchased for beneficiaries (both men and women) to start their activities.
- In the first half of October, **distributions of cash and in-kind goods started for 2,002 households** in Fizi Territory, as part of a shelter project implemented by UNHCR's partner NRC. On 13 and 14 October, 2,775 households in Fizi Territory, both IDPs and host community members, also received non-food item (NFI) kits.
- UNHCR supported the Ministry of Interior in **registering the birth of 134 IDP girls and 166 IDP boys** in a district of Rutshuru Territory, North Kivu Province, within the logic of preventing statelessness.

Coordination activities

Protection Cluster

- The Protection Cluster trained some 30 UN, NGO and government staff on **Protection Information Management (PIM)**, enabling them to collect data to inform protection responses. The training was held in Kananga, Kasai Central Province, and others will follow in Mbuji-Mayi and Tshikapa.

Cash Working Group

- The National Cash Working Group shared the preliminary results of a 4W mapping of cash-based interventions in the DRC. So far, **US\$15.8 million in cash assistance has been delivered, or will be delivered** by humanitarian actors in the DRC by the end of 2018.

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