



HIGHLIGHTS

18,774

Newly arrived Burundian refugees in DRC since April 2015.

105,744

Refugees from the Central African Republic in the DRC

495,724

Congolese refugees in countries neighbouring the DRC.

5,455

DRC refugees returned this year.

9,622

Refugees repatriated from DRC this year

Populations of concern

A total of **247,033** refugees, **1,491,769** Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

Country of origin	Total
Rwanda	115,571
CAR	105,744
Burundi	22,590
Sudan	1,783
Rep. of Congo	703
Angola (exemption)	558
Other	84

The number (115,571) of Rwandan refugees living in the DRC is based on the validated figure presented by the DRC Government at the Tripartite meeting held in June 2013 in Kigali, minus those Rwandans that returned home since then. As agreed during the tripartite talks, the figure is being verified through the on-going biometric registration exercise.

Funding requested for 2015:

US\$ 208,439,561

32 % received so far

Working with partners

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

In the field, assistance is delivered together with 16 partners: ADES, ADSSE, AGIR POUR LE GENRE, AIDES, AIRD, CNR, COOPI, ERUKIN, IEDA, INTERSOS, IOM, MIDEFEHOPF, OXFAM, SFCG, TSF and WFWI.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Burundian asylum seekers have been arriving in small groups and they have been often found camping outside UNHCR’s hosting structures. Teams of UNHCR and the National Refugee Commission (CNR) ensured they were assisted, properly interviewed and registered, before relocating to Lusenda camp.
- UNHCR has started works at Lulinda, an additional extension of Lusenda. 3,667 hectares have been cleared, 612 plots have been prepared, 1 hangar for non-food items and 1 hut for the police have been built and 515 shelters are under construction.
- At Lusenda, UNHCR started the construction of a maternity ward. Works for the set-up of a market are almost completed.
- This year, 4,616 Rwandan refugees have voluntarily repatriated from the DRC to Rwanda.
- 3,522 protection incidents were documented in North Kivu during this month.

Major achievements

- In Bukavu, UNHCR organized two workshops on global solutions for Rwandan refugees. Provincial and local authorities participated as well as Medias and religious representatives. The aim of these workshops was to involve everyone in the sensitization of refugees for the biometrical registration.
- From 18 to 19 November, UNHCR organized a legal workshop at Université du Kivu on nationality and statelessness. The objective was to sensitize students on legal dispositions with statelessness risks and the importance of birth registration.
- 48 teenagers (24 girls and 24 boys) from Children Clubs of Katungulu and Lulinda have been trained on sexually transmitted diseases, early pregnancy and personal hygiene. Assimilation of essential information will allow teenagers to avoid danger, adopt a responsible behavior and sensitize their peers.

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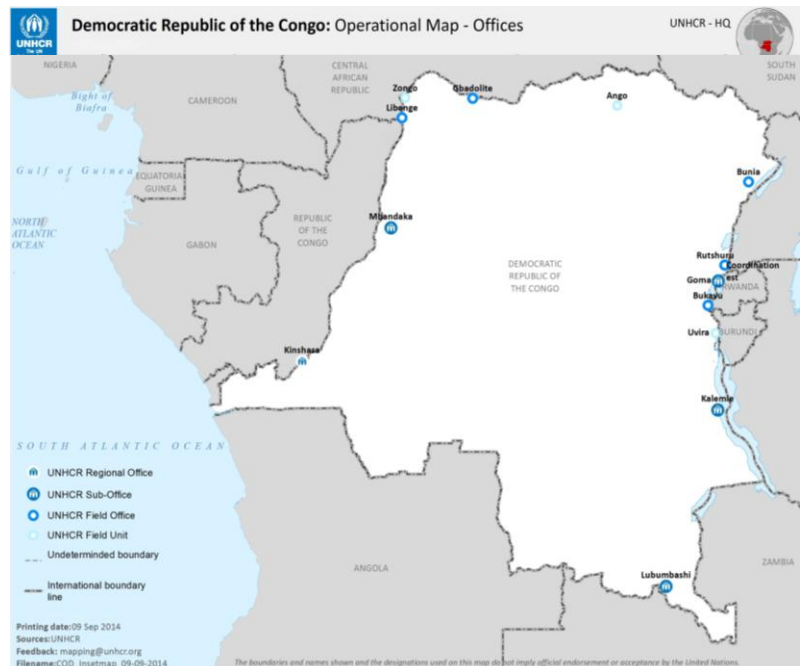
UNHCR Presence

Staff:

299 national staff
 58 international staff
 28 UNVs / 2 Consultants

Offices:

14 offices located in: Kinshasa, Ango, Bili, Bukavu, Bunia, Gbadolite, Goma, Kalemie, Libenge, Lubumbashi, Mbandaka, Rutshuru, Uvira and Zongo



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