



HIGHLIGHTS

1,874 received food in January 2015	1,742 Former Angolan refugees in the process of being locally integrated	936 Households profiled to determine protection needs	109 departed on resettlement in January 2015
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Population of concern

A total of **2,696** people of concern

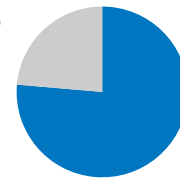
By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Burundi	268
DRC	2106
Rwanda	165
Others	157
Total	2,696

Funding

USD546,748 requested

Gap
24%



Funded

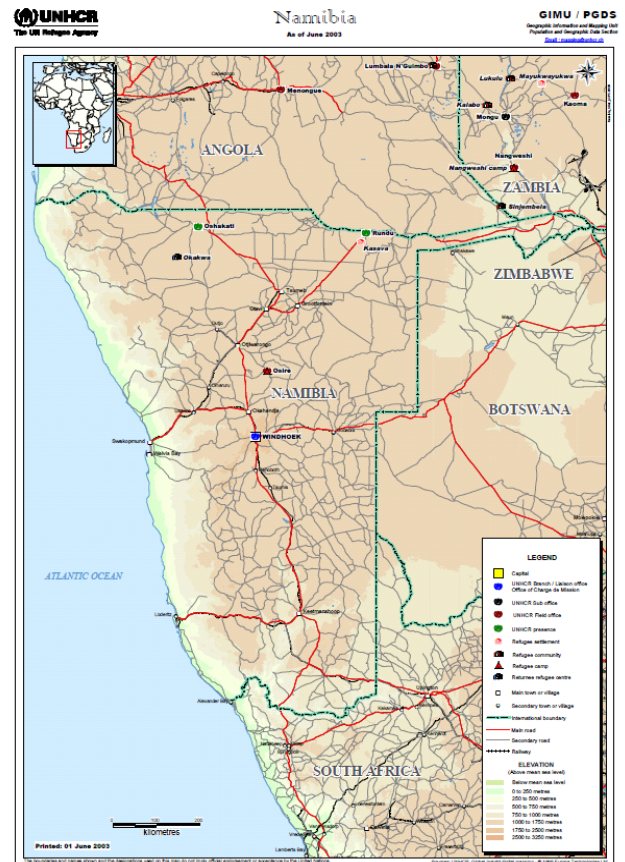
UNHCR Presence

Staff:

- 9 national staff
- 2 international staff
- 3 affiliated staff

Offices:

- 1 offices located in:
CO Windhoek



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR coordinates humanitarian, repatriation and integration assistance with: [Min. of Home Affairs and Immigration](#) | [Min. of Health and Social Services](#) | [Minister of Education](#) | [Africa Humanitarian Action](#)

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- Phase-down-phase-out Strategy: With the number of refugees decreasing in Namibia after finding solutions, a plan of action for the phase down/phase out strategy of UNHCR was established jointly with the Government and other stakeholders in 2013. Senior government officials and senior UNHCR staff have jointly discussed the phase out both at HQ and in Namibia. This allows UNHCR to monitor progress in all key functional areas against a number of benchmarks and to ensure that UNHCR will close its office by mid-2015. UNHCR will continue to provide support for refugees through our regional office in Pretoria.
- In line with its exit strategy discussed since 2012, UNHCR continues to provide capacity building initiatives targeting the Government of Namibia, providing technical support for the development of fair asylum processes.
- In November 2014 and in January 2015, a general verification exercise of the refugee population in Namibia took place to ascertain the actual number of refugees and asylum-seekers that will still remain in Namibia before UNHCR phases out. The preliminary result shows that there are 2,645 refugees and asylum-seekers still remaining in the country. A final report will be compiled and shared with all concerned after the last phase of verification that is scheduled to take place in February in Windhoek.

Voluntary Repatriation

- In 2014, UNHCR received fourteen Namibian refugees who repatriated from Botswana. A total of two persons departed Namibia on voluntary repatriation. In January 2015 a family of three departed on voluntary repatriation to Burundi.

Local Integration

- The Government of Namibia officially committed to locally integrate 2400 former Angolan refugees. Some 1,742 Angolans were interviewed by the government for local integration. The process of fingerprinting for the applications for police clearance was completed on 1 June 2014 for 875 applicants over the age of 18. The applications have been sent to the Ministry of Safety and Security in Windhoek for the issuance of the Certificates of Conduct. Some 819 former refugees have received their Angolan passports, while another 1,193 have received identity documents and 148 have obtained their birth certificates.
- UNHCR has committed to helping construct 11 classrooms blocks for local schools that will be integrating the Angolan children in 3 regions of Namibia (Otjozondjupa, Kavango and Oshana).

Resettlement

- During 2014, a total of 169 cases/460 refugees were submitted to resettlement countries. As a result, during the same period a total of 25 cases/53 persons were resettled to Finland, Denmark, Sweden, USA, Canada and Australia. In January 2015, a total of 109 departed on resettlement to the USA.

Basic Needs and Essential Services

- UNHCR signed a three month agreement with the Ministries of Home Affairs and Immigration, Health, Education and the Africa Humanitarian Action to ensure that persons of concern in Osire are provided with basic needs and essential services, such as food and non-food items, shelter, healthcare services, education and community services. The food distribution takes place once a month. Along with the refugees, new arrivals are supplied with kitchen utensils, mattresses and blankets. Special needs of women and other persons of concern are covered on a regular basis. While the phase-out of UNHCR has not been discussed at Cabinet level, it is envisaged in the strategy that the Namibian government will assume full refugee protection responsibility by 30th of June 2015 when UNHCR will phase out its operation from the country.

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