



REPUBLIC OF CONGO

FACTSHEET

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HIGHLIGHTS

196

Identified unaccompanied
minors assisted by UNHCR

119,163 DRC
refugees
repatriated

from May 2012 to July 2014

25,786 CAR
refugees

17,637 NFIS
distributed

Since the beginning of the
CAR emergency

Population of concern

A total of refugees

Refugees by country of origin

Country	Total
Central African Republic	27,586
Democratic Republic of Congo	23,587
Rwanda	9,038
Other nationalities	667
Total	60,878

Funding

USD 37 million requested,
8 million funded (23,5%)

Asylum seekers: 3,195

UNHCR Presence

Staff:

52 national staff

7 international staff

7 UNV

Offices:

3 offices located in:

Brazzaville, Betou and Impfondo

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works, in coordination with the CNAR (National Committee for Assistance of Refugees), on all activities aimed at protecting and assisting refugees in urban and rural areas. The CNAR has a presence in Brazzaville as well as in Betou, Impfondo, Ouessou, Pointe Noire and Loukolela where refugees and asylum-seekers are located.
- UNHCR works with other UN organizations as well as with national and international humanitarian partners to find solutions for refugees and asylum-seekers. Monthly meetings established with humanitarian partners to reinforce coordination, particularly in light of the influx of refugees from the CAR into the Congo, are organized.
- Memorandums of understanding have been signed with UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to further ensure that gaps in all sectors are addressed adequately.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- UNHCR with its government partner CNAR ensure registration of all refugees and asylum seekers.
- UNHCR is supporting the CNAR with the production and delivery of identification documents, designates areas where refugee can live, provides overall protection to refugee populations and ensures their freedom of movement.
- UNHCR is strengthening the capacities of local authorities in charge of birth registration in order to ensure that all refugee children hold birth certificates. Campaigns of sensitizations related to the importance of birth registration are conducted.
- UNHCR, in cooperation with other agencies and organizations, ensure identification and support to children at risk, especially in regard of tracing mechanisms and temporary car arrangements
- UNHCR is organizing mass sensitizations campaigns, focus groups and training of different actors, on sexual and gender based violence with special focus on sensitizing the refugees and authorities on the importance of legal proceedings in SGBV cases. UNHCR, through its partners provide medical and social support to SGBV survivors.

Education

- In rural areas, access to education is supported through the integration of refugee children into primary national schools. Schools are provided with material and infrastructures in order to improve their overall capacity.
- For urban refugees, the operation covers the primary school educational needs for the most vulnerable persons, with a specific focus on ensuring access equal education for boys and girls.
- UNHCR provides targeted assistance to secondary education by delivering scholarships to some refugee students depending on their vulnerability and results.

Health

- UNHCR provides primary health care through its medical partner and medicines to health centers,
- Complex medical cases are referred to hospitals and medical evacuations of rural refugees to Brazzaville are organized.

Food Security and Nutrition

- WFP is providing monthly food distribution for the CAR and DRC refugees living in the Likouala department
- Systematic medical screening is undertaken upon arrival of new refugees and cases of acute malnutrition are immediately taken care of.

Water and Sanitation

- UNHCR constructed wells, water points and latrines in Betou and Impfondo and is proceeding to their regular treatment and maintenance

Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR is proceeding to the construction of more than 1,000 shelters in the two refugee camps of Betou and Ikpengbele,
- UNHCR is distributing NFIs to CAR refugees arriving in Betou and Impfondo

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR supports livelihood activities by providing seeds, agricultural/fishing tools and other livelihoods materials to improve food security.
- UNHCR is supporting some urban refugees by providing Income Generating activities

Durable Solutions

- UNHCR facilitates and/or promotes the voluntary repatriation of refugees depending on the situation. 119,163 DRC refugees were repatriated between May 2012 and July 2014.
- UNHCR is advocating with the government to ensure that refugees, including those for which a cessation clause has been pronounced, are provided with the possibility to apply for residence.
- UNHCR recommends some 200 refugees per year for resettlement to third country.

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