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KEY FIGURES

77%

of Congolese refugees from Kasai in Angola are women and children

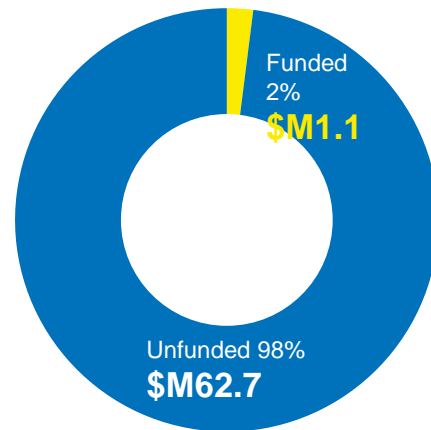
35,411

Biometrically registered Congolese refugees in Lunda Norte Province. Total of 24,528 refugees currently have active status to receive food assistance.

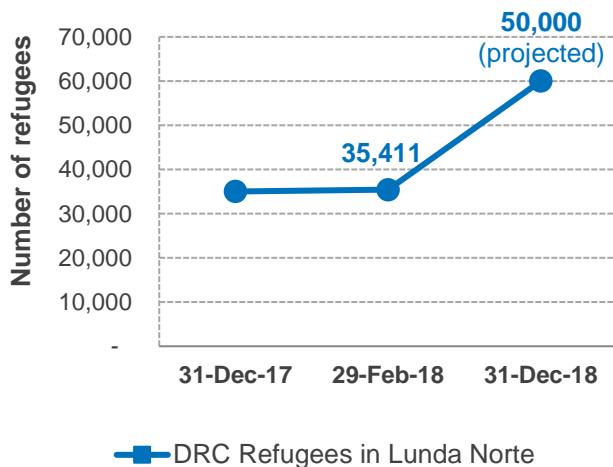
50,000

Inter-agency planning figure for Congolese refugees by the end of the year.

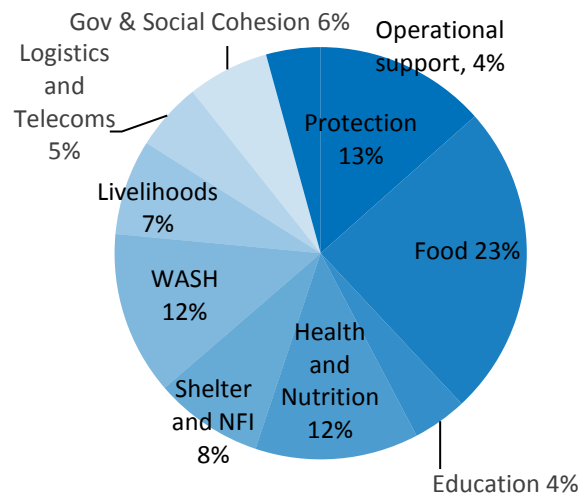
USD 63,881,333

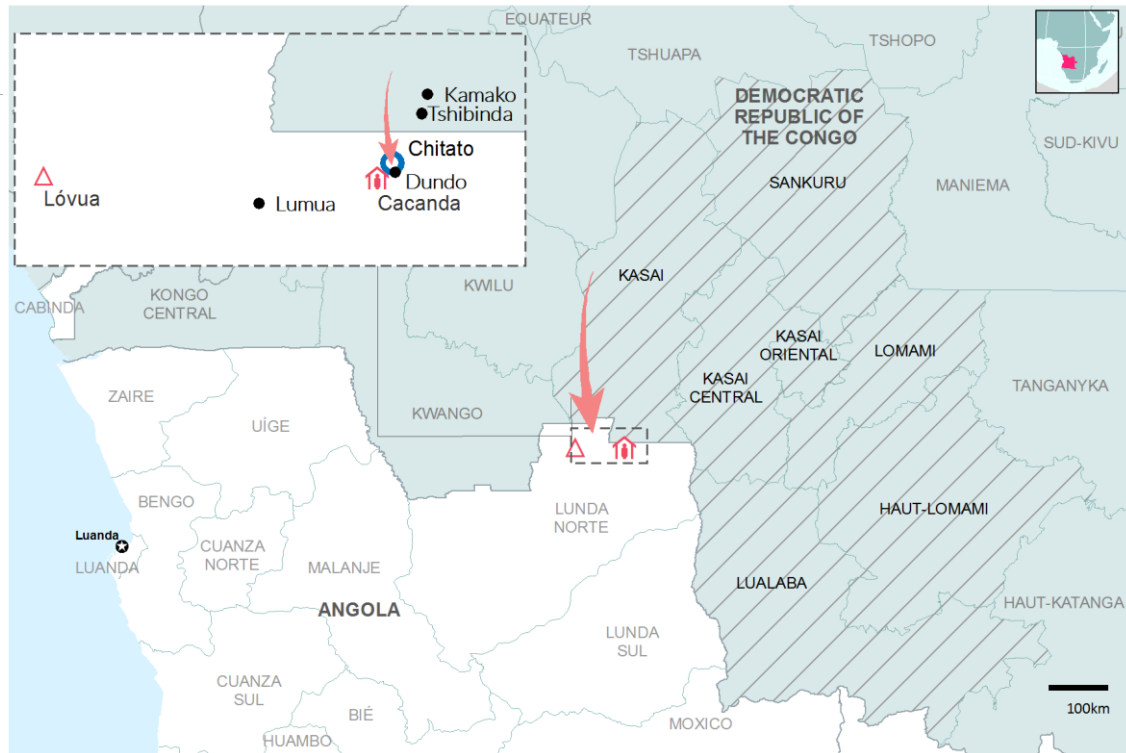


POPULATION TRENDS



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Areas affected by outbreak of violence since August 2016
 Refugee settlement
 Reception centre
 Congolese refugees

Operational Context

The outbreak of violence in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in March 2017 triggered the internal displacement of some 1.4 million persons and the flight of over 35,000 refugees into Lunda Norte Province, Angola. The Emergency Relief Coordinator declared an Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) System-Wide L3 Emergency Response for DRC focusing on the Kasai region, Tanganyika and South Kivu provinces on 20 October for a period of six months.

Despite the Government of Angola's (GoA) open door policy to welcome Congolese nationals fleeing as a result of the conflict, new arrivals have significantly decreased since July 2017. The operation continues to register additional arrivals under family reunification.

As the situation remains volatile in the Kasai region with rising numbers of internally displaced people, humanitarian agencies in Angola maintain the 2017 response planning figure of 50,000 refugees until end of December 2018. UNHCR is not currently facilitating voluntary repatriation of Congolese refugees from Lunda Norte Province to their country of origin.

The interagency humanitarian response for the Congolese refugees covers the areas of protection, emergency shelter, livelihoods, food security and nutrition, non-food items, water, sanitation, hygiene, health including mental health, and education until the end of 2018.

Refugees registered in Mussungue and Cacanda reception centres have been successfully relocated to the new settlement in Lóvua; the relocation of those living with host communities in Dundo is scheduled to be completed by end of March 2018. Currently, 13,562 Congolese refugees (3,388 families) are residing in Lóvua settlement.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** Out of the 35,411 individuals biometrically registered, 24,528 individuals (6,207 families) were present at food distribution and received monthly food rations.
- **Social Cohesion:** The campaign #MoreOfListening is complete. Multi-partner humanitarian teams and government representatives delivered a joint sensitisation campaign on the importance of leadership structures and trust. The upcoming community elections will take place from 27 to 29 March with an estimated total of 1,600 participants.
- This campaign addressed refugees' worries regarding potential repatriation following the visit of the DRC delegation in February, and re-established the link between the emergency response partners and the refugee population.
- **Education:** On 22 March, four schools with three classrooms each opened in Lóvua settlement. Partners, Municipal, Provincial authorities and six national teachers from the municipality welcomed 3,339 refugee and host community children who are now attending both primary and secondary school.
- **Emergency and Preparedness:** A training on Refugee Protection in Emergency and Preparedness in Lunda Sul Province counted with a total of 42 participants from different churches, police forces, Ministry of Education and other provincial authorities. The workshop engaged in basic refugee law concepts, definition of international protection and necessary steps of protection in emergency settings. A similar training will take place in Lunda Norte at the end of May.
- **Media Training:** A working session on "The Role of Communication in Protecting Refugees", was held at CIAM, the national media institute in Luanda, part of the Ministry of Communication. The session targeted the media and its key role in refugee protection. The session had a full-on participation with national and international journalists, editors, photographers and camera crews from a wide spectrum of news agencies, newspapers, radios, TV channels and Communication Officers from all the in line ministries (Interior, Foreign Affairs and Defence). The objective was to explain the role of media professionals in protecting refugees, raise awareness about refugees in Angola, and create a stronger relation with the media in the country.
- This working session strengthened media's perception towards asylum and refugees smoothing relations with the press after the confusing repatriation / refoulement news.
- The success of the Luanda session led to CIAM's request for further three media working sessions to strengthen the capacity of media present in Lunda Norte, Cabinda and Zaire due to the intense migration flows in these provinces.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The number of students present in Lóvua settlement school opening exceeded the registered 3,339. Teachers are registering the new students. In addition, several adults are demanding Portuguese literacy classes and kindergarten facilities to engage several hundred pre-school children during the day. Partners are engaging to obtain funds for these upcoming needs.



Ten year-old Congolese refugee attends Portuguese class at Lóvua settlement in northern Angola.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- **Food security:** UN partners continue enhancing food security aimed at ramping up monitoring and evaluation, screening, targeting and feeding the refugee population, with particular attention to those in need of supplementary nutritional assistance.
- **Nutrition:** A total of 255 children (6 to 59 months) were screened for malnutrition in Lóvua resulting in one case of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) identified and 17 with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM).
- **General Food Distribution (GFD):** General and nutritional food rations were supplied to all refugees in Lóvua whilst distribution in Dundo was delayed due to the recent Presidential visit in the area. An alternative distribution site in Dundo was identified by the Provincial Government and assessed by the UN in an added effort to ensure all registered refugees are assisted.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- **Primary health care and medical consultations:** In Lóvua, the main morbidity was linked to musculoskeletal pain (23 per cent), followed by malaria (22 per cent) and upper respiratory tract infections (20 per cent).

- **Sexual & reproductive health:** Antenatal (ANC) and postnatal care (PNC) services continue. In Lóvua, 22 women received ANC consultations; all were screened for HIV/AIDS. 12 women attended their first PNC consultation and received dignity kits. There are a total of 182 pregnant women in the settlement.
- In Lóvua settlement, preparations continue to set up two more women-friendly tents to meet the increasing needs as the settlement is expanding.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

- **Sanitation:** The construction of household latrines continues. Currently the 41 existing villages have a total of 328 communal latrines and showers, 1,700 household latrines, 82 garbage pits and 48 water points.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- **Water:** The final components to begin borehole drilling arrived in Lóvua on 27 March after a problematic journey. The contractor will start drilling the first test site over Easter weekend. Once the first site is underway, additional tests will be undertaken. Each borehole takes approximately 10 days to complete, from beginning of drilling to completion of final tests.



SHELTER & SITE PLANNING

Achievements and Impact

- **Site planning:** Total of 41 villages with 72 plots each are currently complete and occupied in Lóvua settlement. 13 villages are under preparation to be available for future relocation exercises.
- **Shelter:** Total of 819 emergency shelters were built out of the 3,134 shelters erected in Lóvua.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- **Solar lamps:** Total of 410 solar street lamps are ready to be installed in Lóvua settlement but the procurement process for installation is underway.

Working in partnership

- Humanitarian and development partners, working in the country, are actively supporting the Government of Angola to ensure adequate and effective response to the needs of the Congolese refugees. A weekly inter-agency coordination meeting is held in Luanda. In Dundo, weekly inter-agency meetings ensure a comprehensive and integrated operational response to the refugee situation. Sectorial working group coordination meetings are also organised weekly in Dundo.

Partners in the response:

- Angolan Red Cross Society
- CARITAS
- CICAJ - Centro de Investigação Científica e Assessoria Jurídica
- FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- IOM - International Organization for Migration
- JRS - Jesuit Refugee Service
- LWF - Lutheran World Federation
- MAG - Mine Advisory Group
- MdM - Médicos del Mundo
- NCA - Norwegian Church Aid
- PIN - People in Need
- UNAIDS - The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- UNDP - United Nations Development Programme
- UNDSS - United Nations Department for Safety and Security
- UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund
- UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNICEF - United Nations' Children's Fund
- UNRCO - United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office
- WFP - World Food Programme
- WHO - World Health Organization
- WVI - World Vision International

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