

# Angola

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Current Communicating with Communities interventions for the DRC refugees aim to **build the capacity of leaders on key family competencies, conflict resolution and service management.**

Due to the expansion of Lóvua, many villages in the settlement are located far from the existing health centre. **Another clinic will be built** to improve the services delivery.

## KEY FIGURES

**77%**

of Congolese refugees from Kasai in Angola are women and children

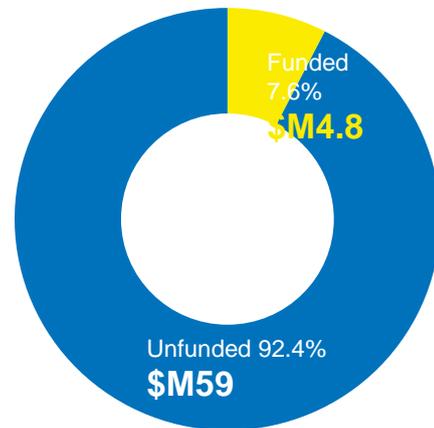
**35,501**

Biometrically registered Congolese refugees in Lunda Norte Province. Total of **23,319 refugees** are currently receiving food assistance.

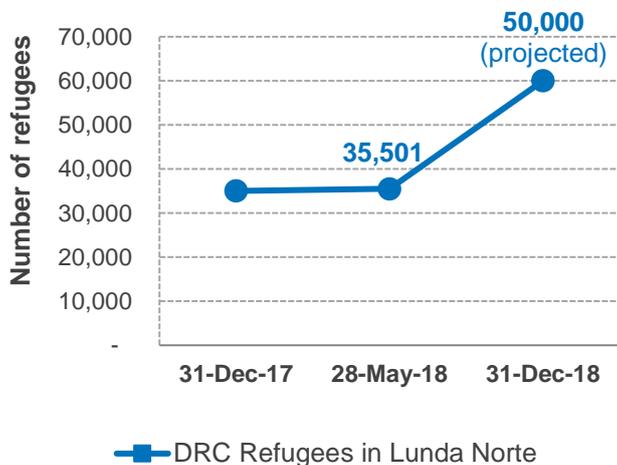
**50,000**

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

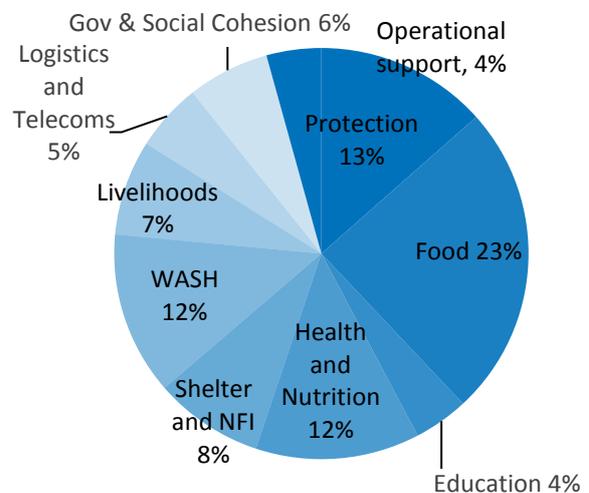
**USD 63,881,333**

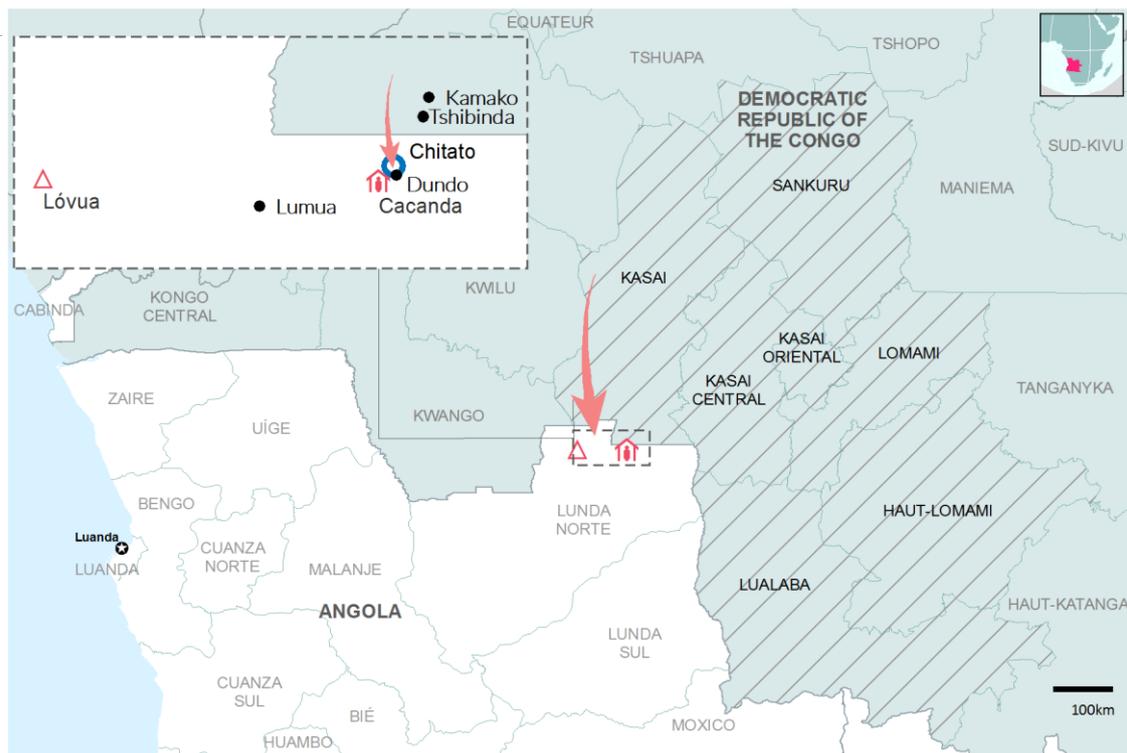


## POPULATION TRENDS



## FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS





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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 Government of Angola (GoA) has an open door policy to welcome Congolese nationals fleeing as a result of the conflict. However new arrivals have significantly decreased since July 2017.

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 launched a new appeal for funding to cover 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.

Currently, 13,532 Congolese refugees (3,338 families) are residing in Lóvuá settlement.

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** Out of the 35,501 biometrically registered refugees, 23,319 individuals (5,763 families) are expected to participate in this month's food distribution. The increase in number of registered refugees is due to the registration of new-borns which resumed in Lóvua this month.
- **Protection Hubs:** Protection partners opened three Protection Hubs in Lóvua refugee settlement. The hubs enhance coordination and communication among all partners, creating a place of reference for the refugee community for all protection services, namely prevention and response to Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), child protection, psychosocial support, legal protection and counselling. The hubs offer daily services from Monday to Friday with time allocated between partner staff and mobilisers to allow transition towards community-based case management by trained refugees.
- **Child Protection:** During the reporting period, 79 refugee and religious leaders attended two trainings on child protection, prevention and response in emergency contexts, and the role of church leaders in child protection.
- **Education:** The enrolment of school children is on the rise. Currently 4.753 students are attending classes. Despite morning and afternoon shifts, the four schools are insufficient to accommodate all the pupils.
- **Statelessness:** Two Government focal points from the Foreign Affairs Ministry and the Ministry of Justice have benefitted from two statelessness workshops in Kenya and Ivory Coast, organised by UNHCR and the African Union respectively. The initiative aims at statelessness prevention in a renewed partnership between the Government and UNHCR Angola.
- **Leadership Training:** Training on leadership skills and conflict resolution for the newly elected refugee leaders is on-going in Lóvua settlement. Social cohesion, profile mapping of village population, negotiation and conflict resolution are some of the issues being debated.
- **Communicating with Communities (CwC):** New partnerships have been engaged to implement CwC interventions for the DRC refugee population in Lunda Norte. The aim is to empower the refugee population and build the capacity of village leaders on key family competencies, conflict resolution and services management, namely in regards to communication, water related services, child-friendly spaces and health promotion. Community and village leaders, social mobilisers and radio broadcasters will be able to better manage a platform to deliver services for refugees with specific needs.



*Training on leadership skills and conflict resolution for community leaders in Lóvua. UNHCR / B.Clemente*



## FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

### Achievements and Impact

- **Nutrition:** A total of 3,070 children (6 to 59 months) were screened for malnutrition in Lóvua, resulting in identification of 22 cases of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 32 with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM).
- **General Food Distribution (GFD):** General and nutritional food rations were supplied from 14 – 24 May, to all refugees in Lóvua settlement and in Dundo town.



## HEALTH

### Achievements and Impact

- **Primary health care and medical consultations:** In Lóvua, 747 consultations were undertaken. The main morbidity was linked to musculoskeletal pain (28 per cent), upper respiratory tract infections (19 per cent), followed by malaria (16 per cent) and parasitizes (16 per cent). Twenty one patients are receiving the HIV/AIDS prophylaxis and 45 patients are benefiting from the TB treatment programme.
- **Sexual & reproductive health (SRH):** Antenatal (ANC) and postnatal care (PNC) services continue. In Lóvua, 85 women received ANC consultations and fifty one women attended their first

PNC consultation. All 581 registered pregnant women received “mama kits” and are under medical monitoring.

- Two delivery tables arrived at the new maternity ward in the settlement clinic.
- **Vaccination:** In Lóvua a total of 2,343 children were vaccinated against measles and rubella, and 787 against polio.
- **Stress management training:** On 18 May, protection emergency partners attended a training on stress management and self-care, providing a forum for discussion and exchanges among staff.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- **Health Facilities:** Due to the expansion of Lóvua, many villages in the settlement are located far from the existing health centre. Partners have agreed to build a second clinic.



*Water was found at Lóvua settlement: the type of soil at 138m is coursing sand. UNHCR / Omer Akpro*



## WATER AND SANITATION

### Achievements and Impact

- **Sanitation:** A trial assessment of latrines for people with specific needs was completed in Lóvua. Refugees agreed to keep using and to maintain the six prototype latrines installed for testing.

- To date, 908 household latrines and showers (benefitting 4,173 people) have been constructed in the refugee settlement including in 83 households of people with specific needs (elderly, single mothers, caregivers of unaccompanied children and people with disabilities).
- **Water:** Water trucking in Lóvua finishes at the end of May. The first borehole finally reached water at 138 metres.
- **Communicating with Communities (CwC):** 80 newly-recruited mobilisers in Lóvua will facilitate WASH services in the settlement. In addition, and in the course of the next four months, daily hygiene messages will be broadcast via the community radio in Lóvua.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- **Sanitation:** The lack of latrine slabs presents serious health risks. Until new slabs arrive, partners are using the old slabs from Cacanda reception centre.



## SHELTER & SITE PLANNING

### Achievements and Impact

- **Site planning:** Currently 41 villages are complete in Lóvua settlement and five new villages are fully plotted to receive refugees living with the urban communities and awaiting to be relocated.
- **Market area:** Partners and the Government of Angola have agreed on a market at the settlement. This market has been included in the site planning layout and will soon be developed.

### Working in partnership

- Humanitarian and development partners are actively supporting the Government of Angola to ensure adequate and effective response to the needs of the Congolese refugees. A bi-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.
- On 14 May an extraordinary UN Country Team meeting was held to receive the debriefing from Mrs Leila Zerrougui, the Special Representative of the Secretary General (MONUSCO) for DRC. Mrs Zerrougui met with President João Lourenço on the volatile situation of the DRC and conveyed Angola's good work in supporting a peaceful political transition in its neighbouring country.
- On 22 May, Lunda Norte's Governor, two MPLA members of Parliament and several provincial authorities visited Lóvua settlement. The delegation spoke with refugees assuring them the Government would continue hosting and protecting them until conditions were met for a safe return to the DRC.

### 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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#### **LINKS**

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