

# Zambia

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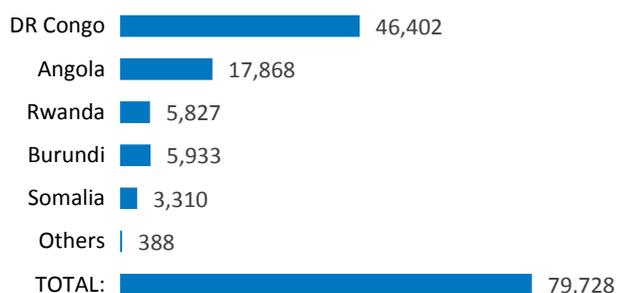
540 new asylum-seekers arrived in April: 428 from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 72 Burundi, 32 Somalia and four with other nationalities.

By end of April, 51 boreholes in Mantapala Settlement provide 14,253 refugees 31.88 litres of water per person.

117 refugees departed to third countries under the resettlement programme by end of April 2019.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

### Host Countries

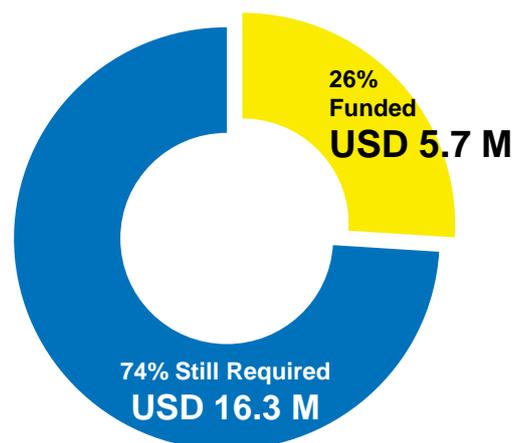


\*Other nationalities include: Congo Brazzaville, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Namibia, Nigeria, State of Palestine, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Zimbabwe.

## FUNDING (AS OF 9 JULY 2019)

# USD 22 million

UNHCR's 2019 requirements for the Zambia operation



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

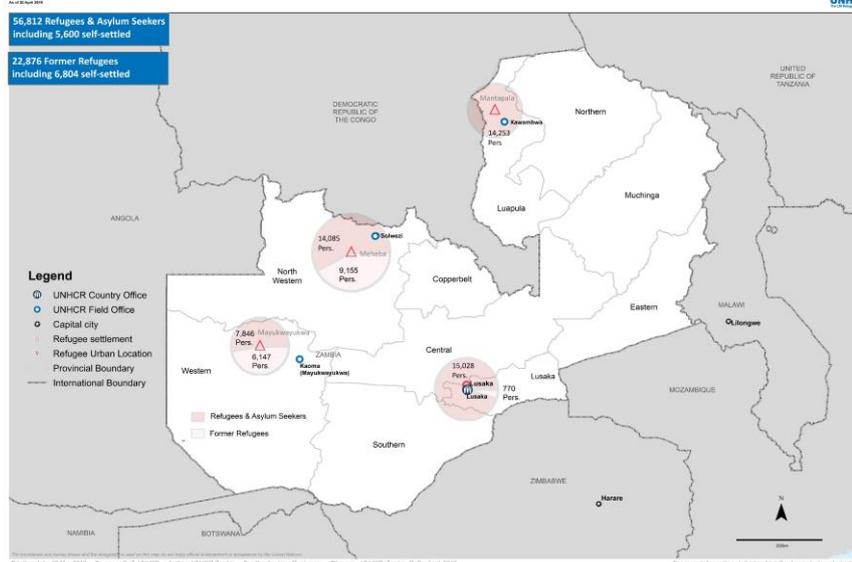
- 52 National
- 28 International
- 27 Affiliate

### Offices:

- 1 Representation Office in Lusaka
- 2 Field Offices in Solwezi and Kawambwa

### UNHCR Zambia: People of Concern

The map shows the total number of People of Concern to UNHCR by location including Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Former Refugees



## Working with Partners

- UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, works closely with the Office of the Commissioner for Refugees (COR) in the Ministry of Home Affairs and key government line ministries. It also works in partnership with the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) and NGOs: Zambia Red Cross | Action Africa Help | Self Help Africa | Plan International | People in Need | Oxfam Caritas Czech Republic | CARE International | Norwegian Church Aid | World Vision Zambia.
- The majority of the NGOs and UN agencies are providing support in Mantapala Settlement, in northern Zambia. Together with the Government, UNHCR also provides care and maintenance in the older refugee settlements of Meheba in Western Province and Mayukwayukwa in North Western Province.

## Main Activities

### Protection

- In April, the Office of the Commissioner for Refugees with support from UNHCR, officially launched findings of the study on statelessness and nationality in Zambia.
- A taskforce for Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs) was put in place in Meheba, Mantapala and Mayukwayukwa. This completed the verification exercise for PSNs.
- Workshops on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) for refugees and stakeholders, were conducted by UNHCR in the three settlements.
- Fifty youths (30 women and 20 men) were mobilized in Meheba Refugee Settlement to discuss challenges and solutions specific to the livelihoods of youths.

### Education

- UNHCR, with CARITAS Czech Republic its implementing partner in urban areas, held weekly literacy classes in Lusaka for adult learners, Play-Art sessions and Homework Clubs for pupils from grades one to seven were held.
- UNHCR continued receiving applications for the DAFI scholarship programme for 2019 in Lusaka and the refugee settlements.

### Health

- In Mantapala Settlement, the construction of the new and permanent clinic and the staff house was completed. The clinic awaits physical inspection and certification by the Provincial Health Office engineers before operationalization.
- Meheba Refugee Settlement health facilities received essential medicines from Kalumbila District Health Office for the host and refugee communities.

### Food Security and Nutrition

- The monthly food rations were provided by World Food Programme (WFP) to Congolese refugees in Mantapala Settlement.
- In Meheba and Mayukwayukwa Settlements, border entry points and in Lusaka, new arrivals pending granting of refugee status were provided with food.
- In the three settlements, vulnerable persons, especially the aged, continued to receive wet meals.
- The Cash-Based-Transfer mission undertaken in January to evaluate the feasibility of a cash-based-intervention in Mantapala Settlement, was completed.

### Water and Sanitation

- Hygiene sensitization continued in the three settlements, in some cases targeting households with breastfeeding mothers to prevent cases of diarrhoea in children below two years as well as cholera from occurring during April's rains.

### Shelter and NFIs

- Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) were received in Lusaka and distributed to the three refugee settlements as well as the Makeni Transit Centre in Lusaka.
- Construction of various distribution centres within Mantapala Settlement has reached different levels. In Block 17 of the Settlement, the distribution centre was almost complete, while the distribution centre in Block 12 was at ring beam level and the one in Block four was reaching roof level.
- UNHCR procured and distributed 50 brick-making machines to Mantapala Settlement. Funds permitting, another 50 will be procured for Meheba Settlement. The brick-making machines will increase the production scale, reduce the level of deforestation as refugees will increasingly use bricks instead of timber for construction of shelter.



UNHCR staff at a newly installed Refugee Housing Unit (RHU) in Mantapala Settlement ©UNHCR/Bruce Mulenga

### Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- The refugee response is led and coordinated by the Government of the Republic of Zambia in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, Seventh National Development Plan and the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF). Under the Refugee Act ([Government Of Zambia Act No. 1 of 2017](#)), the COR, within the Ministry of Home Affairs, is mandated to deal with refugee matters. Thus, Zambia has since 2018 adopted the mainstreaming approach, which requires that all line Ministries including Agriculture, Health, Education, WASH and Community Svices, which previously were engaged under separate agreements, become sectors under COR. Coordination of the different sectors and partners is managed through bi-monthly and monthly interagency meetings at field and country level respectively. This is further strengthened through sectoral and bilateral stakeholder interaction. UNHCR is the

primary interlocutor and lead agency for all refugee matters. To respond to the Congolese refugee emergency in a holistic and co-ordinated manner, the Government of the Republic of Zambia has constituted Inter-Ministerial Committee composed of key line ministries.

#### **Access to Energy**

- Solar lamps were distributed to refugees at Mantapala Settlement. There is need to procure street lights as part of the wider strategy to curb SGBV and enhance security.

#### **Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance**

- Through technical support from Trickle Up, an organization that helps people in extreme poverty and vulnerability advance their economic and social well-being, UNHCR has partnered with Self Help Africa and Caritas Czech Republic to pilot the Graduation Approach, targeting the most poor in refugee settings in Zambia, Lusaka, Meheba and Mayukwayukwa. The first cohort of 163 beneficiaries, who were enrolled in January 2018 and received monthly consumption support, productive assets (both agricultural and non- agricultural), technical trainings, mentorship, group savings and credit technical guidance, graduated from the programme in April 2019, after an 18 month period.

#### **Durable Solutions**

- Information related to repatriation, continued to be shared with the people of concern, while 117 individuals had been resettled as of 30 April.

#### **Logistics**

- The COR continued to relocate new asylum-seekers to either Mantapala, Meheba or Mayukwayukwa refugee settlements.

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