

# Southern Africa

September 2020

The 16 countries in Southern Africa host nearly **9.5 million people of concern**, including **1.1 million refugees and asylum-seekers**, mainly from the Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan.

UNHCR in the Southern Africa region contributes to protection and solutions for more than **6.3 million internally displaced persons (IDPs)** – over 5.5 million in DRC, 309,000 in Mozambique, over 304,000 in Republic of the Congo (ROC) and 270,000 in Zimbabwe.

During 2020, over **1,686 refugees and asylum-seekers voluntarily repatriated to their country of origin** from asylum countries in the region. UNHCR has also assisted **149 resettlement departures** in 2020 as of 8 September 2020.

## KEY FIGURES (as of 8 September)

### 770,747

Refugees in Southern Africa

### 312,455

Asylum-seekers in Southern Africa

### 6,385,489

IDPs in the DRC, Mozambique, ROC and Zimbabwe

### 1,938,223

IDP returnees in the DRC

## PRESENCE AND STAFF (as of 8 September) \*

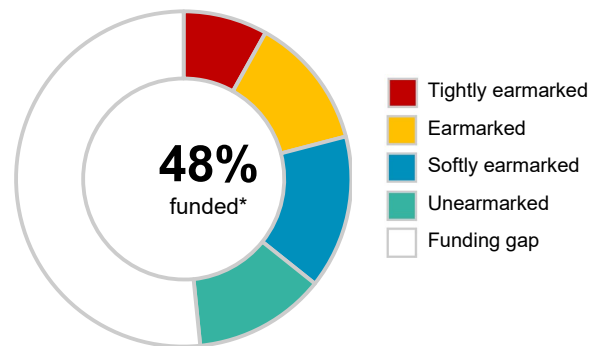
Regional Bureau for Southern Africa	75
Angola	50
Democratic Republic of the Congo	456
Malawi	45
Mozambique	34
Republic of the Congo	61
South Africa Multi-Country Office (Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa)	79
Zambia	102
Zimbabwe	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>931</b>

\*Figures reflect regular UNHCR staff and staff on affiliate contracts.

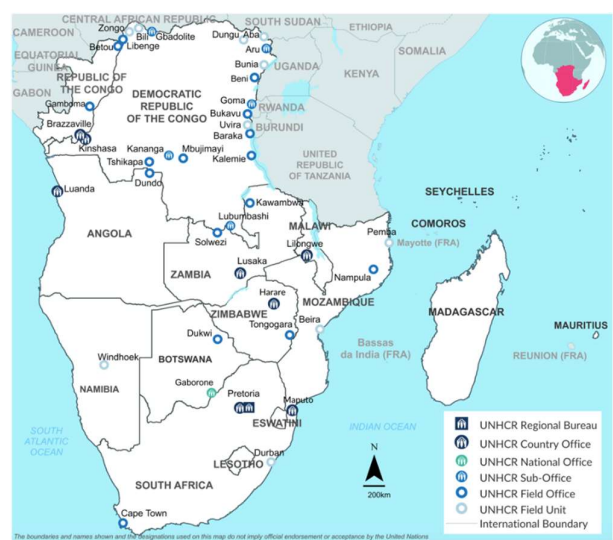
## FUNDING (as of 8 September)

### USD 324.4 million

UNHCR's financial requirements in Southern Africa 2020



\* Including indicative allocation of softly earmarked and unearmarked contributions.



## UNHCR's Strategic Directions for Southern Africa

- 1. Protect:** Strengthen and promote a favourable protection environment for people of concern. Improve the quality and integrity of registration and reinforce data, information management and analysis. Seek improvement in citizenship laws, reinforce asylum systems and legal protection frameworks including child protection and prevention of sexual and gender-based violence.
- 2. Respond:** Strengthen emergency preparedness for displacement of populations due to new evolving emergencies and natural disasters. Seek to innovate operational responses including integrating sustainable sources of energy to mitigate the impact of climate change.
- 3. Include:** Enhance partnerships and synergies with Governments, UN Agencies, NGOs, Regional Economic Communities, development actors, international financial institutions and the private sector. Bring to life the humanitarian-development nexus in both crises and protracted situations.
- 4. Empower:** Empower refugee community members as agents of change and effective partners in delivering protection. Improve two-way communication with people of concern, focus on effective community engagement and support decision-making including through cash-based interventions.
- 5. Solve:** Promote comprehensive solutions to refugee situations. Facilitate durable solutions and alleviate poverty by scaling up livelihoods, financial inclusion and self-reliance strategies to foster local integration and voluntary repatriation when conditions allow.

**The Global Refugee Forum (GRF):** In 2018, the UN General Assembly affirmed the [Global Compact on Refugees](#), for predictable and equitable responsibility-sharing and sustainable solutions to refugee situations. During the first [GRF](#) in December 2019, 87 pledges were made by countries, a city, private companies and organizations in Southern Africa to improve asylum systems, offer land and economic inclusion, and change legislation to address needs and provide solutions. Also, the High-Level Segment on Statelessness was held in October 2019, with 13 States in Southern Africa making 53 pledges.

**COVID-19:** As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect Southern Africa, UNHCR and partners have committed to 'stay and deliver', continuing to provide assistance and protection services under COVID-19 mitigation measures, and expanding outreach to raise awareness among people of concern and host communities about COVID-19. UNHCR is working with Governments, World Health Organization and other UN Agencies, development actors, and NGOs to secure inclusion of people of concern in COVID-19 preparedness and response. Updates on the COVID-19 response are on [Global Focus](#).

## Financial Information

UNHCR is grateful for the contributions from donors to the Southern Africa region.

### **EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS (SOUTHERN AFRICA) | USD**

USA 56.5M | CERF 11.4M | Germany 7.8M | Finland 3.3M | Sweden 3.1M | Unilever 2.5M | UNO-Fluechtlingshilfe 2.2M | European Union 1.8M | Denmark 1.5M | France 1.1M | Japan 1M

UNHCR is also grateful for softly earmarked and unearmarked contributions made at the global level, which allow UNHCR critical flexibility to reach people in the greatest need and at the greatest risk.

### **OTHER SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD**

Germany 62.7M | USA 46.7M | UK 24.8M | Denmark 14.6M | Canada 10.2M | Private donors USA 7.7M | Private donors Australia 7.4M | Private donors Japan 4.4M | Spain 3.4M | Ireland 3.3M | Sweden 3M | France 2.8M | Private donors Germany 2.4M | Private donors UK 2.3M

### **UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS | USD**

Sweden 76.4M | Private donors Spain 52.9M | Norway 41.4M | Netherlands 36.1M | Denmark 34.6M | UK 31.7M | Private donors Republic of Korea 27.2M | Germany 25.9M | Private donors Japan 17.9M | Switzerland 16.4M | France 14M | Private donors Italy 12.4M | Italy 10.6M

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