

UNHCR D.R. Congo Fact Sheet

31 July 2014

UNHCR operational highlights

- On 30 July UNHCR successfully finished the repatriation of Congolese refugees coming from Republic of Congo. In total 119,024 refugees have safely returned to their home country, which is more than the planned objective of 110,000. Reintegration projects ensure the smooth transition into the DRC.
- From 28 to 30 July the seventh Tripartite meeting has taken place between UNHCR and delegations from the Angolan and Congolese Government in Luanda, in order to organize the repatriation of nearly 30,000 former Angolan refugees living in the DRC. This operation is planned to start in August 2014.
- In July UNHCR in DRC went through a mid-term review to monitor and evaluate objectives and achieved results of 2014. After collecting data in the field, this review was finalized by organizing a two day workshop in Kinshasa on 22 July 2014.
- This month saw the highest influx of refugees coming from the Central African Republic into the DRC since December 2013. Currently there are 64,212 Central African refugees living in the DRC.

Refugees in the DRC as of 31 July 2014

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	TOTAL
Rwanda*	41,184
Central African Republic**	64,491
Burundi	9,396
Uganda	1,211
Sudan	1,790
Republic of Congo	671
Angola	558
Others	71
Total	119,372

During the Tripartite Commission meeting held in Kigali on 20-21 June 2013 it was agreed that the DRC Government, with support from UNHCR, would conduct activities, among them identification and registration of Rwandan refugees as well as a survey of return intentions. In this context the DRC Government, through the Commission nationale pour les réfugiés (CNR), has been able to identify over 241,626 individuals. Preliminary review of the data collected has shown that 30% of the persons approached by the national authorities have indicated that they intend to return.

Other people of concern

Some 47,851 former Angolan refugees live in DRC, including 29,659 candidates registered for voluntary repatriation and 18,192 candidates who have opted for local integration. A voluntary repatriation operation is planned for August 2014.

IDPs in DRC

Province	Number	IDPs displacement sites in North Kivu	Number
North Kivu	908,597	Masisi (17 sites)	101,393
South Kivu	554,981	Rutshuru (12 sites)	35,975
Katanga	543,540	Walikale (1 site)	2,328
Oriental Province	439,215	Goma (1 site)	10,153
Maniema	165,225		
Total*	2,611,558	Total (31 sites)	149,849

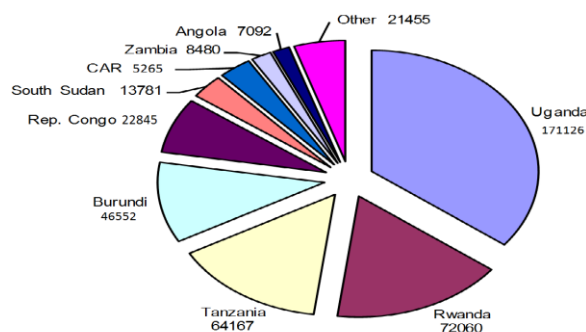
*Source: OCHA – 30 June 2014 (Quarterly statistics)

Working with partners

Together with the DRC Government authorities, in particular the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), UNHCR manages and implements humanitarian assistance and protection for refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons. Within the collaborative approach, support is delivered jointly with MONUSCO, WFP, UNICEF, OCHA, UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, FAO, UNHABITAT and IOM among other agencies and NGOs. UNHCR leads the Protection cluster. UNHCR is also the lead of the Protection and Prevention component of the Comprehensive Strategy to Combating SGBV in DRC, under the STAREC.

In the field, assistance is delivered together with 14 implementing partners: ADES, ADSSE, AGIR POUR LE GENRE, AIDES, AIRD, CNR, COOPI, ERUKIN, IEDA, INTERSOS, MIDEFEHOPF, SFCG, TSF and WFWI.

DRC REFUGEES IN Africa as of 31 July 2014



Total: 432,823

Return of Congolese refugees, 2011–31 July 2014

PROVINCE	2011	2012	2013	2014	TOTAL
Equateur	12,388	46,318	62,527	16,455	137,688
Nord-Kivu	7,147	16,813	-	-	23,960
Sud-Kivu	537	327	286	10	1,160
P.Orientale	837	8,317	5,078	2,658	16,890
Katanga	67	47	131	-	245
Kinshasa	57	21	34	87	199
Total	21,033	71,843	68,056	19,210	180,142

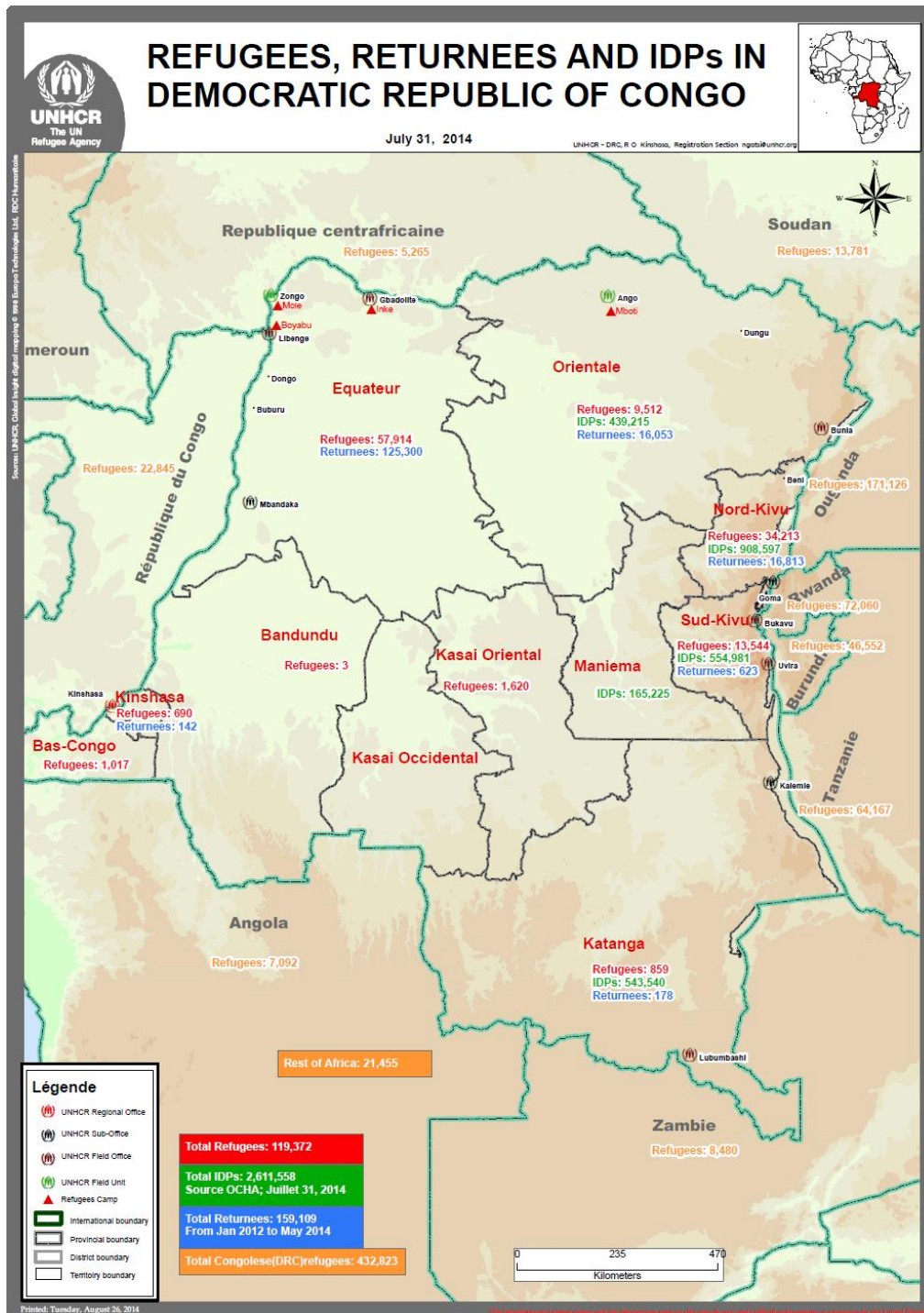
UNHCR 2014 Budget (in USD)

POPULATION	BUDGET
Refugees and asylum-seekers in DRC	20,835,825
Central African Refugees in DRC	56,453,927
Total Refugees and asylum-seekers in DRC	77,289,752
Refugees and asylum-seekers in Gabon	852,671
Stateless	2,552,534
Returnees	39,068,661
IDPs	77,680,167
Total Budget	197,443,785

USD 197,443,785 represents funds UNHCR is seeking for programs in DRC (also covering Gabon).

Achievements

- **119,024** DRC refugees returned from the Republic of Congo (RoC) to Equateur Province and the operation has come to a close at the end of this month. The voluntary repatriation operation started on 5 May 2012. In total **416** convoys were organized to bring these people home.
- During the first two weeks of July, **189** Rwandan refugees (84 households) were repatriated in five convoys.
- By the end of July 2014 the caseload of refugees from the Central African Republic relocated to the 4 camps in Equateur and Oriental provinces had reached **35,961** persons (**35,444** in Equateur and 517 in Oriental Province) out of a total of **64,212** refugees.



UNHCR staff

266 national staff, 60 international staff, 36 United Nations Volunteers and 10 consultants.

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