

# ANGOLA

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Approximately **12,300** people, fleeing conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), have arrived in Angola since April 2017.

UNHCR airlifted **100 metric tons** of **core relief items** on 30 April to assist the new arrivals, who are currently accommodated in overcrowded reception centres in the Dundo area.

The Government of Angola is providing emergency food rations. UNHCR is urgently procuring **food** for the new arrivals for an initial **15 days**.

## KEY FIGURES

**12,300**

Newly-arrived Congolese refugees

**40%**

Percentage of **children** among the new arrivals

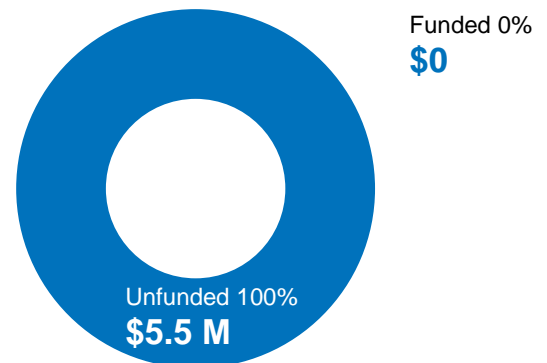
**58,000**

Total number of refugees and asylum-seekers in Angola

## FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (AS OF MAY 2017)

**US\$ 5.5 million**

requested, including an additional \$3 million for the emergency response until end-June 2017



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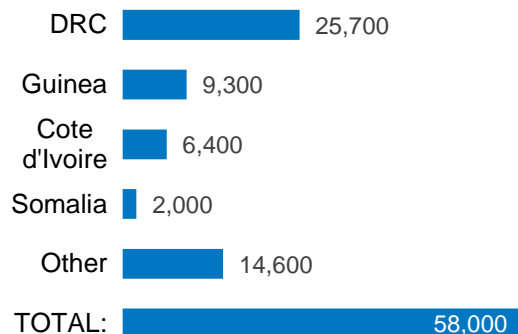
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- Angola: UNHCR airlifts aid to newly-arrived refugees from the DRC
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## POPULATION OF CONCERN

### By country of origin



## Operational Context

Refugees continue to arrive from the Kasai region, DRC to Lunda Norte province in Angola. Nearly 400 new arrivals, originating from Mosunga, Poto Poto, Sengue and villages in Kamonia Territory, were recently relocated from border areas to Cacanda reception centre. Refugees described fleeing from violence and hiding in the forest for several days to avoid militia attacks before they were able to cross the border to Angola. They also reported that more people are making their way to Angola.

New arrivals are currently being accommodated in reception centres, which are overcrowded. Some refugees are forced to stay outside in the open and are constructing some makeshift structures to protect themselves from the rain. The Government of Angola is providing emergency food rations.



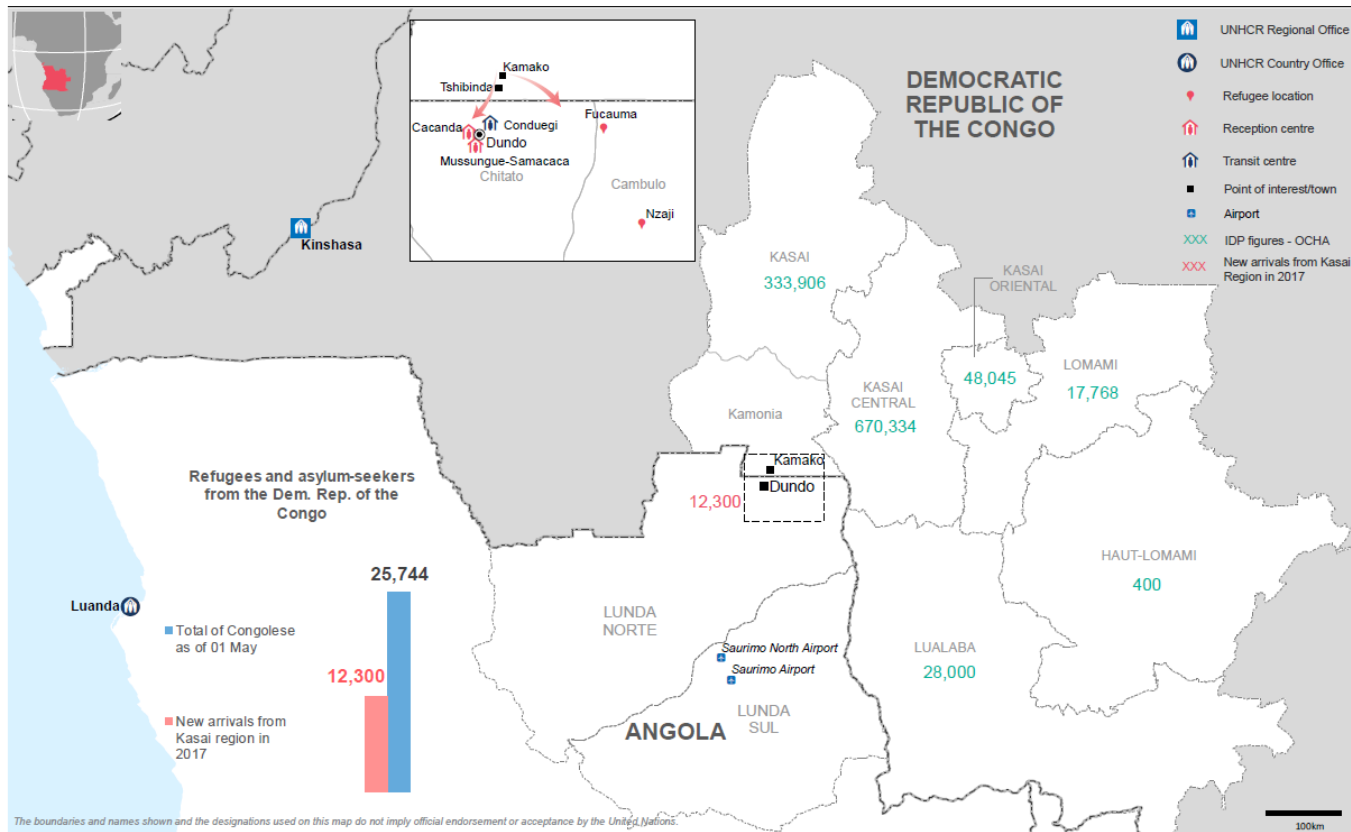
*A plane carrying UNHCR core relief items arrived in Luanda, Angola, to assist people who fled a recent surge of violence in the DRC. UNHCR will be airlifting more relief items to Angola in coming days. The aircraft, supported by UPS, landed 30 April carrying plastic sheets and rolls to provide shelter during the rainy season, sleeping mats, thermal fleece blankets, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, jerry cans and plastic buckets. UNHCR will be airlifting more relief items to Angola in coming days.*

UNHCR/Martim Perreira

# Angola Emergency

## Outflow of Congolese refugees from the Kasai region

as of 01 May 2017



## Achievements



### PROTECTION

UNHCR is supporting the Government of Angola to register asylum-seekers, identify people with vulnerabilities and specific needs, as well as to strengthen the humanitarian response by obtaining reliable information on the population of concern. Registration will be undertaken in phased format. UNHCR, the Ministry of Social Assistance and Reintegration (MINARS) and WFP are implementing an information campaign to advise the new arrivals on the registration process.



### HEALTH

Many children are suffering from diarrhea, fever and malaria. The Government, with the support of UNICEF and *Médecins Sans Frontières* (MSF), is providing health services through mobile centres. People in need of urgent medical attention are referred to local hospitals. Refugee health committees have been established in both reception centres.



*Refugee children from the DRC at Mussungue transit centre in Dundo, Angola. More than 12,000 have fled conflict and violence in the Kasai region since April. The reception centres accommodating new arrivals are overcrowded and some new arrivals are forced to staying in the open. Some refugees have built makeshift shelters with branches foraged from the surrounding area. UNHCR/Pumla Rulashe*



#### **FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

The Government of Angola is providing initial food assistance (including maize, rice, beans, oil, salt and sardines) to the most vulnerable refugees. This assistance is not sufficient to meet all needs and UNHCR is procuring food locally to provide assistance to 12,000 people for 15 days.



#### **SHELTER AND NFIS**

UNHCR airlifted close to 100 metric tons of core relief items from its warehouse in Dubai to Luanda on 30 April. The plane delivered 2,400 plastic sheets as well as 70 plastic rolls to provide shelter; 14,250 sleeping mats; 16,470 thermal fleece blankets; 5,600 mosquito nets; 3,640 kitchen sets; 3,200 jerry cans; and 4,000 plastic buckets. Core relief items will be distributed to the new arrivals in the reception centres. A second UNHCR airlift arrived in Luanda on 2 May to provide family tents, plastic sheeting and solar lanterns.



### **CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT**

UNHCR advocates the relocation of refugees further away from the border to appropriate facilities that meet minimum reception conditions. Response partners are supporting the Government of Angola to assess the suitability of a site in Nzaji, Camulo municipality, located some 90 kilometres from the border and 96 kilometres from Dundo. This site was previously used to accommodate internally displaced people during the civil war in Angola.



### **WATER AND SANITATION**

UNICEF and MSF are constructing latrines and showers, installing water tanks and distributing jerry cans (4,000) in the reception centres.

## **Working in partnership**

In line with the Refugee Coordination Model, the Government of Angola has requested UNHCR to coordinate the inter-agency refugee response in Angola. UNHCR has mobilized a multi-sectoral team to strengthen its operations in Angola and is working closely with local authorities and humanitarian response partners in Luanda and Dundo.

## Financial Information

UNHCR Angola had an initial annual budget of **USD 2.5 million** to protect and assist some 46,000 people of concern. In response to the current emergency, UNHCR is appealing for a total of **USD 5.5 million** to provide immediate lifesaving assistance, including food and core relief items.

The UN country team is currently preparing a submission for a CERF rapid response grant.

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the Angola operation, as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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