

Democratic Republic of the Congo

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KEY INDICATORS

541,153

Refugees in DRC as of 28 February 2018

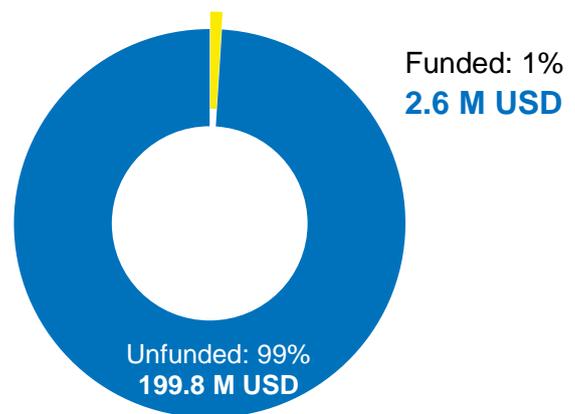
4.49 Million*

Internally Displaced People in DRC as of 31 December 2017

FUNDING 2018 (AS OF 7 MARCH 2018)

USD 202.4 M

requested for the DRC (including special situations)



Burundian refugees

- During the reporting period, 584 recently arrived refugees were transferred to Mulongwe site from transit centers, bringing the total number of refugees accommodated in the site to 3,246.
- UNHCR partner ActionAid paid school fees to cover the second term for refugee children at Mulongwe site. The fees will be paid for refugee children from Lusenda camp in the coming weeks.
- The 1st of March, the Katalukulu Health Center was inaugurated after rehabilitation by operational partner AFPDE (*Association des Femmes pour la Promotion du Developpement Endogene*). The Center is integrated in the national public health system and will be managed by UNHCR medical partner ADES. Refugees will receive free healthcare and locals will benefit from reduced fees.
- Cash distribution for food purchase was organized by UNHCR and WFP between 9th and 15th March in Lusenda camp. The amount of the cash voucher has been reduced by 20% (from 15 \$ to 12\$ per person).
- In Mulongwe site, construction works continued, with 51 common dorms completed and other 12 under completion.
- Cash-based Interventions were launched this week in Mulongwe site, through provider Vodacash. 749 households received SIM cards (out of 850 households planned) that will allow them to receive multi-purpose cash for shelter, education and to start income-generating activities.
- On 7th March, 2,580 Burundians (asylum seekers and others who had not claimed asylum) hosted in a makeshift site close to Kamanyola (Walungu Territory, South Kivu Province) left DRC to Rwanda upon their request.

Central African refugees

- New clashes in Rafai area, Central African Republic, 150 km east of Bangassou, pushed new asylum seekers to cross into DRC, using dugout canoes to reach Ndu and Nganya (Bas-Uele Province). Migration authorities did not give figures yet but reported massive arrivals since 10th March. The refugee committee in Ndu reported to have welcomed 500 people.
- On 13th March, a vulnerability survey, carried jointly by UNHCR and WFP, was launched in Inke camp. The survey, carried using Kobo Toolbox software, aim at identify vulnerable refugee households in order to better target the assistance. The same activity will be carried out in the other CAR refugee camps where the interviewers were already trained.

Rwandan refugees

- A pilot registration exercise for Rwandan refugees using Kobo Toolbox software was launched in the two Kivu provinces on 8th March. 15,681 refugees were already recorded in the territories of Kalehe (South Kivu Province) and Masisi (North Kivu Province). In parallel, a biometric registration exercise was ongoing in transit centers in both Kivu provinces. 602 refugees came to renew their refugee certificate and other 110 were new registrations.

South Sudanese refugees

- 500 refugee households in Doruma, Dungu, Meri and Biringi received farming tools and seedlings for the upcoming agricultural season. In Biringi, a bakery was opened by an association of ten refugees supported by UNHCR partner ADSSE which provided a stove, construction material, baking tools, ingredients and training. Promotion of self-reliance activities is of outmost importance for refugee households, also due to the reduction of 20% of the cash grant for food provision.
- A new borehole was drilled in the newest part of Biringi site. Two others were already drilled in Aru after UNHCR acquired a water drilling machine. More boreholes are needed in Meri site where water availability is below 9 liters per person per day instead of the standard 20 liters.
- Health and nutrition committees were established at the new Kaka site (Haut-Uele Province). The committee are composed by refugee women and men who support medical partner ADES in identification and referral of sick refugees and in carrying sensitization campaigns on disease prevention and nutritional screening.

Internally Displaced People (IDPs)

Ituri

- Since mid-December 2017, clashes between Hema and Lendu communities in Djugu Territory have displaced an estimated 200,000 people (according to Provincial Authorities) and forced other 39,000 to cross into Uganda.
- Presence of security forces was reinforced in Djugu Territory. Nevertheless, since beginning of March, a new wave of violence was recorded, with dozen of villages completely destroyed. The violence was spreading towards Irumu Territory and the town of Bunia, with heavy casualties among civilians, including children. Moreover, seven children drowned during the crossing of Lake Albert to join Uganda on 8th March.

Kasai

- CARITAS reported over 23,000 people in urgent need of food, shelter and healthcare, including severely malnourished children, pregnant and breastfeeding women, in the area of Kakenge (Mweka

Territory, Kasai Central Province), where a wave of inter-community violence was ravaging villages since early February. UNHCR, MONUSCO, CARITAS and the Archbishop of Mweka agreed on the need to host a forum that will bring together key stakeholders and affected people to find a peaceful solution; and to identify people in urgent need so UNHCR and other agencies can assist them.

- UNHCR partner ActionAid, carried out a two-days training on data collection about Gender-Based Violence cases using Android mobile phones for 78 community protection volunteers and paralegals from Miabi, Kabeya Kamenga and Lupatapata territories of Kasai Oriental Province as well as from Dimbelenge Territory of Kasai Central Province. This was the second training of this type.

Tanganyika / Haut-Katanga

- From 6th to 8th March, UNHCR organized a training on protection monitoring and on use of tablets with Kobo Toolbox software for data collection. 36 UNHCR and partner staff were trained.

South Kivu

- UNHCR Protection teams from South Kivu held a training of trainers with the aim to train partner's INTERSOS protection staff (monitors, supervisors, psychosocial agents, database assistants) on the key elements of protection monitoring, community-based protection, accountability to affected populations and Prevention on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. More sessions will be held during March.

Cluster Activities

- In Tshikapa (Kasai Province), a meeting organized by the Protection Cluster with members of the Health Cluster established a mapping of free healthcare providers and a system for monitoring the effectiveness of free healthcare. The meeting was called after reports of IDPs saying they were facing difficulties to access free healthcare.
- The Protection Cluster in South Kivu, with the support of CARITAS and UNHCR, facilitated a workshop on 6th and 7th March for 20 of its members with the aim to harmonize community-based approaches and improve coordination in the support work to community structures.

Working in partnership

- Together with the DRC Government, through the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), UNHCR ensures international protection and delivery of multi-sectorial assistance to persons of concern. UNHCR closely collaborate with other UN Agencies and other humanitarian actors for a coordinated and effective response. UNHCR works with 15 implementing partners (ACTION AID, ACTED, ADES, ADSSE, AIDES, AIRD, ADRA, COOPI, CNR, DRC, INTERSOS, NRC, SAVE CONGO, TSF and WAR CHILD) and many operational partners.
- UNHCR leads the Protection Cluster, which coordinate the protection actors in their support of IDPs and other vulnerable. UNHCR co-leads the Protection and Prevention component of the National Strategy on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in DRC. UNHCR leads also the Shelter Working Group within the Shelter/NFI Cluster.

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