

# Angola

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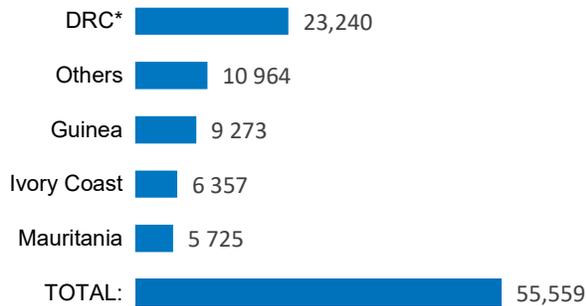
A new market has been built in Lóvuá settlement to facilitate selling and buying of goods. The market will be officially opened on 3 September with about 100 traders operating in it.

Since the beginning of COVID-19 pandemic, in March 2020, UNHCR and partners have been working together to include refugees and asylum-seekers in the health and socio-economic responses.

Protection outreach to refugees and asylum-seekers have been expanded. Ten helplines have been operating and two refugee community centers are soon to be re-inaugurated in Luanda.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 24 AUGUST 2020)

### Country of Origin

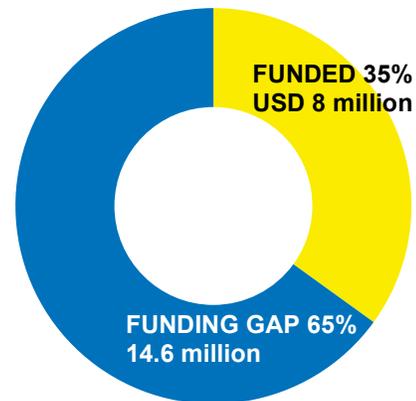


\*The number of Congolese refugees and asylum-seekers includes 13,934 people of concern registered prior to 2017, who are part of the regular caseload.

## FUNDING (AS OF 25 AUGUST 2020)

### USD 22.6 million

UNHCR's financial requirements in Angola for the regular programme and the Congolese situation



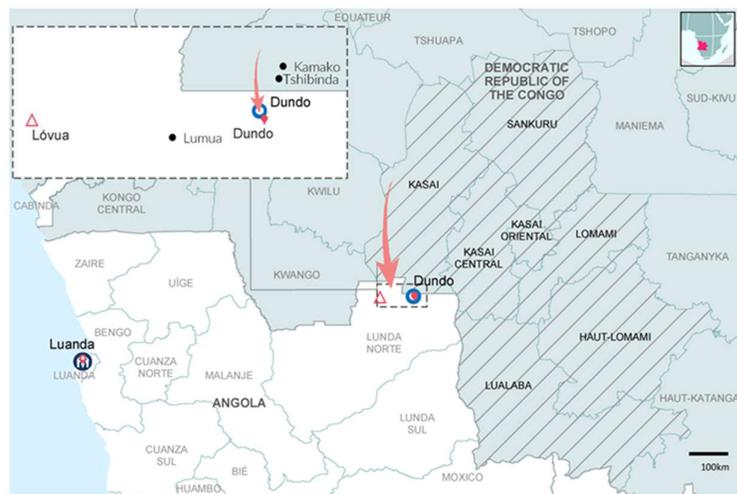
## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

- 23 National Staff
- 8 International Staff
- 13 Affiliated Workforce
- 4 IUNV

### Offices:

- 1 Branch Office in Luanda
- 1 Field Office in Dundo



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 Areas affected by outbreak of violence since August 2016
  UNHCR Country Office
  UNHCR Field Office
  Refugee location
  Refugee settlement
  Congolese refugees

## Working with partners

Humanitarian and development partners are supporting the Government of Angola (GoA) to ensure adequate response to the influx of refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to Lunda Norte Province as well as to cater for the needs of refugees and asylum-seekers in urban areas.

In 2020, UNHCR has worked side by side with partners, which include: Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo (ADDP) for Education and Livelihoods; Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) for Shelter, WASH, Energy and Environment; World Vision International (WVI) for Child Protection, Camp Management and Logistics; Medicos del Mundo (MDM) for Health, and Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) for Protection (legal, child protection and GBV) as well as Livelihoods, Health and Material Assistance.

## Main activities

### Highlights and Statistics Update

- As of August 2020, the refugee population in Angola consists of 55,559 people of concern, including 9,306 (16 per cent) who arrived in 2017 due to the Kasai Emergency. About 6,349 Congolese refugees reside in Lóvua settlement while 46,253 (84 per cent) people of concern in Angola are based in urban areas, the vast majority living in the capital Luanda.

### COVID-19

- As of March 2020, UNHCR Angola has been closely monitoring the developments of the fast-evolving situation of COVID-19 crisis. The well-being of UNHCR's people of concern, as well as UNHCR and partner staff is at the centre of prevention and response efforts. UNHCR has been working closely with UN sister agencies and national authorities to guarantee access to health facilities and services for people of concern in a non-discriminatory manner.
- As of 31 August, there are 2,624 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Angola, from which 1,454 are active cases, 1,063 recoveries and 107 deaths.

### Protection and Registration

- Outreach and needs assessments through household visits have been expanded in Luanda. UNHCR and partners have stepped up food and material assistance, including grants for rent, medicines and NFI distribution, targeting the most vulnerable cases.
- Continuous registration activities have been conducted in Lóvua settlement during 2020, with COVID-19 preparedness plan in place.
- A new Protection Hub was inaugurated in Lóvua settlement in June 2020;
- Training with the Ministry of Interior for law enforcement officials on refugee rights have been taking place regularly since April 2020, with participation of UNHCR to lead discussions on how to ensure refugees' rights are respected in the midst of COVID-19.
- Border monitoring has been strengthened at the border with DRC in Lunda Norte Province. In coordination with the Operation in DRC, UNHCR continues to closely monitor the security situation in Kasai and Kasai Central.
- Training of partners and awareness raising sessions on COVID-19 prevention with refugee and host communities took place in Lóvua settlement and in Luanda. In the settlement, a group of refugee journalists has been trained by UNHCR and partners to lead the mobile radio campaign.

- UNHCR engages in continuous advocacy with GoA line ministries on several issues such as registration and documentation of refugees and asylum-seekers in urban areas, as well as support to the National Commission for Refugees (CNR).

### Field

- Due to COVID-19 preventive measures put in place, UNHCR and partners have been conducting two-month food ration distributions to ensure all 6,349 refugees residing in Lóvua settlement have access to food. Food distributions have also been re-designed in order to ensure physical distancing and other preventive measures, including provision of PPE to all staff and community workers involved.

### Health

- UNHCR is strengthening health services and systems, including expansion of the health clinic in Lóvua settlement, with establishment of differentiated referral mechanisms for case management of respiratory illness; training for health workers in Lóvua settlement for identification and referral of cases, as well as for conducting sensitization campaigns on COVID-19 preventive mechanisms; establishment of an isolation centre and a quarantine center in Lóvua settlement for COVID-19 suspected cases and their families; and procurement of additional PPEs and medicines to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- UNHCR's protection partner has recruited two nurses and two refugee health monitors to assist in the monitoring of vulnerable cases and medical referrals required in Luanda, for both COVID-19-related cases or general healthcare, especially for those with chronic illness.

### Education

- As of August 2020, 589 refugee students in Lóvua settlement have benefitted from remote learning thanks to a group of 16 teachers from UNHCR's education partner and 18 refugee teachers who prepare weekly assignments and distribute them to all children enrolled in Lóvua settlement schools, from 3rd to 6th grade and secondary education students (7th grade).
- For the literacy component, UNHCR's education partner is adapting their program by organizing small groups with one-hour lessons so it can be concluded in 2020.

### Shelter

- In view of COVID-19 emergency contingency plan, a number of common structures in Lóvua settlement needed adaptation and refurbishment to ensure risk management. These include the creation of one isolation center and one quarantine centre and connecting them to water supply and laundry infrastructure; construction of a market centre with 105 stalls and installation of 471 tippy taps for handwashing. All of these works have been completed.
- 800 households have benefitted from additional core relief items (buckets, jerry cans and others) as a result of COVID-19. A double distribution of soap to compensate the increase need for handwashing during COVID-19 crisis has been organized alongside the general food distribution in Lóvua settlement;
- Reconstruction of houses has also been conducted due to the heavy rainfall in Lóvua settlement.

### Water and Sanitation

- UNHCR and partners have diversified water supply in Lóvua settlement in 2020. Water trucking, which at one point covered 100 per cent of the water supply in the settlement, now provides only 17 per cent of water now. There are on average, 36,000 litres of water supplied by trucks per day. With the installation of boreholes, as of now water from this source covers about 82 per cent of water supply per day in the settlement at 170,000.00 l/d;

- In 2020, UNHCR and partners started supporting 4 host communities in Lóvua settlement with hygiene promotion and sanitation facilities. Households identified as vulnerable benefited from all services for construction of sanitation facilities.
- New water points have been established in Lóvua settlement, while soap and buckets have been installed in key areas of the settlement, aiming at ensuring handwashing stations at the household level as well as in the communal area.

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