

## Repatriation of Congolese refugees from Angola to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

- The seventh convoy of the organized voluntary repatriation to DRC departed from Lóvua settlement on **25 November 2019 at 7:30**, in the direction of **Kalamba Mbuji, Kasai Central Province, DRC**.
- The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) utilized **nine passenger buses to transport the refugees to the first waypoint** where refugees changed and boarded **ten trucks**. Eight trucks were utilized for luggage. It was necessary to exchange buses for trucks for the second half of the journey to the border due to the road conditions.
- Refugees spent three nights in the departure center in Lóvua settlement. This enabled UNHCR to send the pre-manifest at least 72 hours prior to the journey as per the request by the bank in DRC, to facilitate the assistance package.
- There are two waypoints on the route to the Kasai Central border at Tchicolondo in Angola, which is a stopping point to enable refugees to have a small break. There is also a transit center near the border.
- **The convoy arrived at the transit center at 17:15**. Due to the long distance to the border, refugees and humanitarian staff spent the night at the transit center. On the following day on **26 November, all 18 trucks crossed the border to DRC at 8:45**.
- **410 refugees were part of this convoy including 250 children.**
- UNHCR partners provided the following assistance to refugees.
  - The International Organization for Migration (IOM) tagged the luggage of the refugees and accompanied the convoy to Kalamba Mbuji, the transit center in Kasai Central, DRC.
  - Medicos del Mundo (MDM) provided medical and MHPSS assistance. Their ambulance also accompanied the convoy to the border.
  - Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) provided WASH and shelter assistance;
  - Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) provided refugees with food during their stay in the departure center and at the transit center. JRS also provided snacks and water for the journey;
- Government of Angola (GoA) officials were present at Lóvua settlement and, together with UNHCR registration and IOM, checked the Voluntary Repatriation Forms (VRF) as well as final boarding of all passengers on the trucks.
- **So far, 2,253 people have been repatriated to DRC.**

Date Data	Destination Destino	Border Fronteira	# of people repatriated # de pessoas repatriadas	# of Families # de Familias	Male adults repatriated Homens repatriados	Female adults repatriated Mulheres repatriadas	Children Repatriated Crianças repatriadas
9 October 2019	Mungamba	Nachiri	218	56	38	50	130
22 October 2019	Mungamba	Nachiri	326	71	58	56	212
30 October 2019	Mungamba	Nachiri	300	70	60	59	181
7 November 2019	Mungamba	Nachiri	395	98	91	76	228
13 November 2019	Kalamba Mbuji	Tchicolondo	200	45	38	34	128
20 November 2019	Mungamba	Nachiri	404	87	78	71	255
25 November 2019	Kalamba Mbuji	Tchicolondo	410	90	82	78	250
				517	445	424	1,384

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