

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

- The ninth convoy of the organized voluntary repatriation to DRC departed from Lóvuá settlement on **10 February 2020 at 8:20**, in the direction of **Kalamba Mbuji, Kasai Central Province, DRC**.
- The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) utilized **four passenger buses to transport the refugees to the first waypoint** where refugees changed and boarded **five trucks**. Four 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.
- 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, where refugees and humanitarian staff spend a night.
- **130 refugees were part of this convoy including 80 children.**
- **The convoy arrived at the transit center at 17:24** and on the following day on **11 February, refugees crossed the border at 9:05**. However, refugees had to cross the border on foot due to the state of the bridge. IOM worked with a local team that took the luggage across the border.
- 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 the border.
 - 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 in Lóvuá settlement and at the transit center. JRS also provided snacks and water for the journey.
- Government of Angola (GoA) officials were present at Lóvuá 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, 2,720 people have been repatriated to DRC.**

Date Data	Destination Destino	Border Fronteira	# of Families # de Famílias	Male adults repatriated Homens repatriados	Female adults repatriated Mulheres repatriadas	Children Repatriated Crianças repatriadas	# of people repatriated # de pessoas repatriadas
9 October 2019	Mungamba	Nachiri	56	38	50	130	218
22 October 2019	Mungamba	Nachiri	71	58	56	212	326
30 October 2019	Mungamba	Nachiri	70	60	59	181	300
7 November 2019	Mungamba	Nachiri	98	91	76	228	395
13 November 2019	Kalamba Mbuji	Tchicolondo	45	38	34	128	200
20 November 2019	Mungamba	Nachiri	87	78	71	255	404
25 November 2019	Kalamba Mbuji	Tchicolondo	90	82	78	250	410
27 November 2019	Mungamba	Nachiri	94	72	65	199	336
11 December 2019	Kananga	Kamako	1	--	--	1	1
10 February 2020	Kalamba Mbuji	Tchicolondo	29	28	22	80	130
			641	545	511	1,664	2,720

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