

UNHCR receives 15 tons of blankets through ECHO-Humanitarian airlift in Goma.
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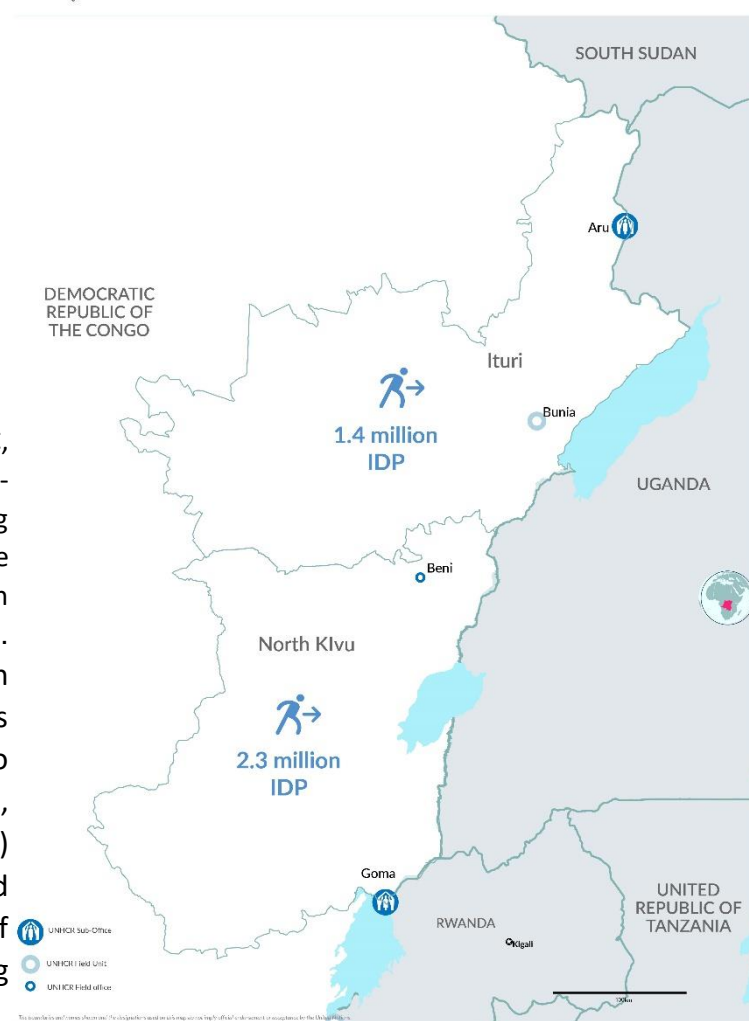
- **881,000** (as of 31 March 2023) people displaced in North Kivu Province since March 2022 by conflict
- **2.3 million** people internally displaced in North Kivu Province
- **1.4 million** people internally displaced in Ituri Province

In the eastern provinces of North Kivu and Ituri in DRC, violent clashes between government led forces and non-state armed groups, including M23, are generating protracted displacement. More than 881,000 people have been displaced since the resurgence of violence in Rutshuru and Masisi territories in March 2022. Spontaneous displacement sites have been established in many locations around North Kivu's provincial capital of Goma. Many have also fled to South Kivu Province. Elsewhere in the provinces, populations in locations such as Beni (North Kivu) and Bunia (Ituri) are facing escalating violence and incidents of human rights violations at the hands of armed groups. The humanitarian response is being scaled up to address urgent needs of the displaced.



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IDP POPULATION IN NORTH KIVU AND ITURI PROVINCE
as march 2023



SECTOR RESPONSE

In the coordinated response to the situation under the leadership of UNOCHA, UNHCR is coordinating the provision of services for the Protection, Shelter and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Clusters in collaboration with UN agencies, international and local NGOs, and government partners.



Protection Cluster

- The UNHCR led Protection Cluster has been engaged in advocacy efforts to local authorities and military to reinforce security measures to protect civilians and their properties, most especially in the localities hosting displaced populations.
- Protection monitoring activities have identified that, due to a lack of fuel for heating and cooking, IDPs are taking greater risks to seek wood and charcoal in the Virunga National Park, which is occupied by armed groups. IDPs sheltering in this area are already at great risk of numerous recorded human rights violations, including Gender Based Violence (GBV).
- The Mine Action Working Group of the Protection Cluster provided an update this week to the humanitarian community on the growing impacts on civilian populations related to improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and explosive remnants of war (ERW). A full analysis and advocacy note will be published in the coming days.



Shelter and non-food items

- On 17 March, UNHCR received 15 tons of blankets from a humanitarian airlift organized by the European Union. These blankets were added to the non-food item (NFI) kits that UNHCR already had on hand to facilitate the distribution of the non-food items and dignity kits to IDPs and vulnerable populations affected by the M23 crisis.
- A distribution of NFI kits in Rusayo Site, 13 km from the city of Goma this week reached 3,588 households (out of the 3,826 targeted) with blankets, mats, 5-litre jerry cans, solar lamps, soap and kitchen utensils.
- Planning for distribution of dignity kits and NFIs in the official Buchagara Site for displaced people is targeting vulnerable families and individuals who have been moved away from the challenging spontaneous sites.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

- UNHCR, as part of its CCCM activities, has launched a series of training sessions on approaches to the management and coordination of displacement sites, targeting the various IDP committees and local authorities across the towns of Beni, Oicha and Mangina in the territory of Beni in the Grand Nord region of North Kivu Province.
- Negotiations with authorities to relieve collective displacement centers are being held in parallel with planning of new sites and implementation of the operational response plan in coordination with the other sectors. To date, a total of 2,938 vulnerable households have been sheltered in the Buchagara displacement site.

INTERAGENCY BUDGET NEEDS

In the context of the [Humanitarian Response Plan 2023](#), which identifies more than 26.4 million people in need in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, UN Agencies and partners are calling for \$2.25 billion, to target ten million people in need.

UNHCR requires \$233 million in order to respond to the needs of displaced people in DRC IN 2023, this comes after receiving just 46% of the funding required in 2022.

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