

Highlights

1. After Sudan, the DRC¹ is the country with the second-largest population of internally displaced persons in Africa.
2. The DRC hosts more than 600,000 refugees and asylum seekers.
3. The lack of an adequate civil registration system exposes many people in the DRC to the risk of statelessness. UNHCR has joined the United Nations Legal Identity Programme to support the Government of the DRC in establishing a strong and inclusive registration system for all population groups, ensuring that no one is left behind.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers in DRC

as of 31 January 2026

603,990

Internally Displaced People (IDP) as of 31 January 2026

6.47 millions

Returned IDP as of 31 January 2026

4.19 millions

Repatriated from DRC to neighboring countries

(from 2022 to 2026)

49,100

Repatriated from neighboring countries to DRC

(from 2022 to 2026)

14,345

Congolese Refugees in Africa

as of 31 January 2026

1,247,486*

*Only figures for Rwanda are as of January 31, 2026. Figures for other countries are as of December 31, 2025.

