

Highlights

1. After Sudan, the DRC¹ is the country with the second-largest population of internally displaced persons in Africa.
2. Beyond internal displacement, the DRC also serves as a host country for over 600,000 refugees and asylum seekers from neighboring countries.
3. The absence of an adequate civil registration system exposes many people in the DRC to the risk of statelessness, which risks deepening the exclusion of unregistered forcibly displaced people, children not registered with civil authorities, and communities living in affected or hard-to-reach areas. UNHCR has joined the United Nations Legal Identity Program to support the Government of the DRC in establishing a robust, inclusive and crisis-resilient registration system, ensuring that no one is left behind.
4. In eastern DRC, the provinces of Ituri, Bas-Uele, Haut-Uele, Tshopo, North Kivu, and South Kivu are grappling with an Ebola virus disease outbreak unfolding in a particularly challenging environment, characterized by persistent insecurity, population displacement, and limited access to essential services.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers in DRC

as of 31 August 2026

601,675

Internally Displaced People (IDP) as of 30 June 2026

6.10 millions

Returned IDP as of 30 June 2026

3.64 millions

Repatriated from DRC to neighboring countries

(from 2022 to 2026)

54,447

Repatriated from neighboring countries to DRC

(from 2022 to 2026)

33,082

Congolese Refugees in Africa

as of 31 August 2026

1,324,528*

*Only figures for Rwanda are as of August 31, 2026. Figures for other countries are as of July 31, 2026.

Total number of people forced to flee



Numbers of Congolese refugees



Administrative boundary level 1

-  Refugee, centre
-  IDP, planned settlement
-  Refugee, formal settlement
-  IDP, unplanned settlement
-  UNHCR Country Office
-  UNHCR Sub-Office
-  UNHCR Field Office
-  UNHCR Field Unit

Confirmed cases of Ebola in the provinces**

-  3 - 22
-  23 - 256
-  257 - 1066
-  1067 - 5406

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

¹Democratic Republic of Congo

**Source of confirmed Ebola cases: SitRep N°116/MVEBDB/08/09/2026 – Institut National de Sante Publique

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