DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

DRC AT A GLANCE

as of 30 September 2026

Highlights

1. After Sudan, the DRC[1] 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, Nord-Kivu, Sud-Kivu, Sud Ubangi and Nord Ubangi 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 30 September 2026
596,407

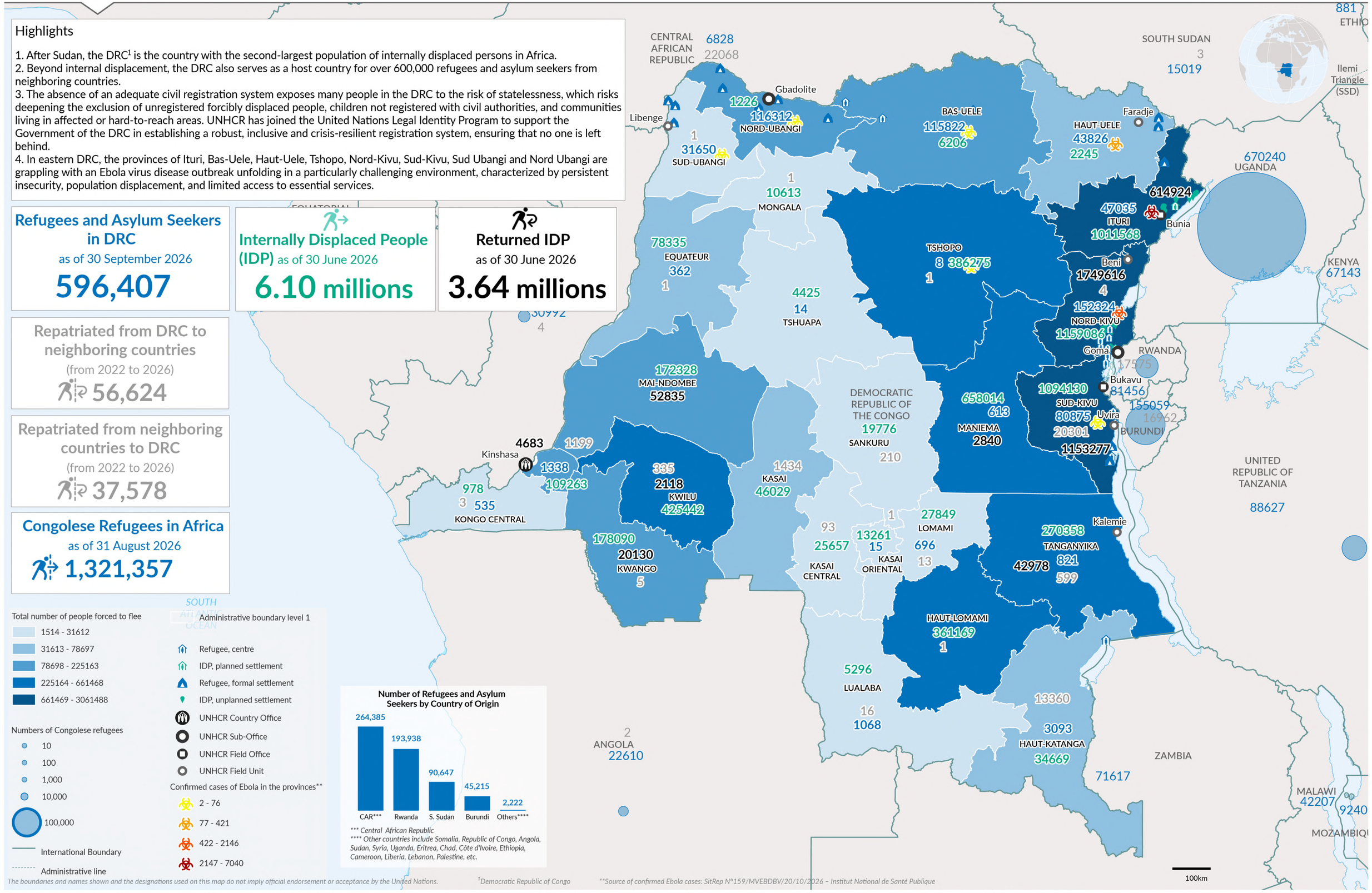
Internally Displaced People (IDP) as of 30 June 2026
6.10 millions

Returned IDP
as of 30 June 2026
3.64 millions

Repatriated from DRC to neighboring countries
(from 2022 to 2026)
56,624

Repatriated from neighboring countries to DRC
(from 2022 to 2026)
37,578

Congolese Refugees in Africa
as of 31 August 2026
1,321,357



Total number of people forced to flee
- 1514 - 31612
- 31613 - 78697
- 78698 - 225163
- 225164 - 661468
- 661469 - 3061488

Numbers of Congolese refugees
- 10
- 100
- 1,000
- 10,000
- 100,000

International Boundary
Administrative line
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**
- 2 - 76
- 77 - 421
- 422 - 2146
- 2147 - 7040

Number of Refugees and Asylum Seekers by Country of Origin

*** Central African Republic
**** Other countries include Somalia, Republic of Congo, Angola, Sudan, Syria, Uganda, Eritrea, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Liberia, Lebanon, Palestine, etc.

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

[1]*Democratic Republic of Congo*

***Source of confirmed Ebola cases: SitRep N°159/MVEBDBV/20/10/2026 – Institut National de Santé Publique*

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