

STATISTICS OF UNHCR'S PERSONS OF CONCERN IN AFRICA BY COUNTRY OF ASYLUM

(As per 31 December 2008)

Region	Refugees¹	Asylum seekers²	Returned refugees³	IDPs (protected and assisted by UNHCR)⁴	Returned IDPs⁵	Stateless persons⁶	Total population of concern
Central Africa-Great Lakes	978,159	17,185	165,761	1,923,820	37,615	-	3,122,540
East and Horn of Africa	763,857	35,344	92,649	3,735,240	970,081	100,000	5,697,171
Southern Africa	161,140	243,841	13,075	-	-	-	418,056
Western Africa	175,349	9,230	15,984	683,956	25,092	-	909,611
North Africa	200,568	20,594	7,036	-	-	64	228,662
Total	2,279,073	326,594	294,505	6,343,016	1,032,788	100,064	10,376,040

¹ Persons recognized as refugees under the 1951 UN Convention/1967 Protocol, the 1969 OAU Convention, in accordance with the UNHCR Statute, persons granted a complementary form of protection and those granted temporary protection. In the absence of Government estimates, UNHCR has estimated the refugee population in 24 industrialized countries based on 10 years of individual refugee recognition.

² Persons whose application for asylum or refugee status is pending at any stage in the asylum procedure.

³ Refugees who have returned to their place of origin during the calendar year. Source: country of origin and asylum.

⁴ Persons who are displaced within their country and to whom UNHCR extends protection and/or assistance. It also includes people in IDP-like situations. This category is descriptive in nature and includes groups of persons who are inside their country of nationality or habitual residence and who face protection risks similar to those of IDPs but who, for practical or other reasons, could not be reported as such.

⁵ IDPs protected/assisted by UNHCR who have returned to their place of origin during the calendar year.

⁶ Refers to persons who are not considered nationals by any State under the operation of its laws.

