

CENTRAL AFRICA AND GREAT LAKES

Classification: UNHCR regions (Global Report)

A. REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND OTHERS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees*	2,498,391	1,278,608	984,520	922,712	1,091,679	1,283,430	1,268,511	1,300,601	1,257,902	1,267,663
Asylum-seekers**	-	2,212	3,676	22,507	18,945	35,492	41,750	25,720	26,133	25,299
Returned refugees***	259,606	1,522,856	371,169	127,362	122,333	55,487	57,049	106,104	116,112	119,890
Internally displaced	216,400	882,900	607,960	725,000	50,000	59,000	23,458	109,000	1,970	855
Returned IDPs	..	..	-	1,100	630,000	-	42,000	-	-	-
Stateless/Others	..	..	-	10,600	10,600	742	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	1,967,325	1,809,281	1,923,557	1,434,151	1,432,768	1,541,425	1,402,117	1,413,707

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. ** Pending applications. 1995: data available for industrialized countries only. *** Also based on country of asylum reports.

2. Refugees--displacement and durable solutions during the year

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	44,150	328,703	255,129	120,910	265,064	231,517	87,654	96,497	142,529	167,588
Individually recognized*	-	162	1,072	7,141	2,062	9,537	7,058	23,328	2,804	2,823
Resettlement	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	24	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	169,736	1,522,106	370,963	129,790	140,252	54,359	69,121	135,777	199,155	151,552
Resettlement	49	45	53	351	265	411	744	424	782	1,051
Naturalization	..	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. 1995: industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of return reports.

3. Asylum and refugee status determination during the year (incl. appeal/review)

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
New applications	-	948	1,664	28,112	5,419	27,186	13,953	8,266	7,311	4,281
1951 Convention status	-	162	841	7,141	2,062	368	6,832	22,301	749	2,794
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	231	-	-	9,169	226	1,027	2,055	29

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	9,551.8	4,888.3	3,764.0	3,527.7	4,173.7	4,906.8	4,849.7	4,972.4	4,809.2	4,846.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	18.9	9.7	7.4	7.0	8.3	9.7	9.6	9.8	9.5	9.6
Per 1,000 km ²	427.5	218.8	168.5	157.9	186.8	219.6	217.1	222.6	215.3	216.9
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	7,521.4	6,917.2	7,354.1	5,483.0	5,477.7	5,893.1	5,360.5	5,404.8
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	14.9	13.7	14.5	10.8	10.8	11.7	10.6	10.7
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	336.7	309.6	329.2	245.4	245.2	263.8	239.9	241.9

* Total population of concern to UNHCR: annual estimates (Table A.1). Figures for GDP per capita, national population and land area are the most recent available estimates.

B. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, LOCATION, LEGAL BASIS AND RECOGNITION, END OF 2004

1. Population of concern to UNHCR--demographic characteristics*

Sex	<5	5-17	18-59	60+	Various	Total	<5 (%)	5-17 (%)	18-59 (%)	60+ (%)	F/M (%)
Female	87,726	158,389	184,837	12,719	76,766	522,044	20%	36%	42%	3%	52%
Male	85,284	156,177	155,114	10,689	65,393	472,657	21%	38%	38%	3%	48%
Total	173,010	314,566	339,951	23,408	142,159	994,701	20%	37%	40%	3%	100%

* May not reflect the total population of concern to UNHCR.

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	777,571
Urban	92,963
Dispersed/various	514,757
Total	1,385,291
Camps/centers	56%
Urban	7%

* May not reflect the total population of concern to UNHCR.

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	26,808
1969 OAU Convention	831,703
UNHCR Mandate	203,350
Other/unknown*	205,802
Total	1,267,663
1951 UN Convention	2%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	1,224,046
Individually recognized	36,051
Other/unknown	7,566
Total	1,267,663
Prima facie (group)	97%
Individually recognized	3%