

## CENTRAL AFRICA AND THE GREAT LAKES

Classification: UNHCR Bureau/Operations

## 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	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	..	..	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
<b>Arrivals</b>										
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	-
<b>Durable solutions</b>										
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
<b>Refugees</b>										
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 <sup>2</sup>	427.5	218.8	168.5	157.9	186.8	219.6	217.1	222.6	215.3	216.9
<b>Total population of concern to UNHCR</b>										
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 <sup>2</sup>	..	..	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%
<b>Total</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	1,267,663
Prima facie (group)	97%
Individually recognized	3%