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Voluntary repatriation since 2004

To country of origin	South Sudan	South Sudan (assisted self-repatriation)	Chad	DRC	others
2002-2006	3,266	1,285	1,378	4,168	74
Jan-Jun 2007	5,154	41	--	1,087	1
Jul 2007	--	--	--	--	--
Aug 2007	--	--	--	--	--
Sep 2007	--	--	3	--	59
Oct 2007	--	--	--	273	--
Nov 2007	--	--	--	--	34
Dec 2007	10	--	--	2	--
Jan 2008	--	--	--	--	--
Total	8,430	1,326	1,381	5,530	168

Refugees and asylum seekers in CAR

Country/region of origin	Number	Main locations
Sudan	4,266	2,678 in Sam Ouandja; others in Bangui, Mboki
DRC	1,825	Molangue, Bangui
Chad	1,625	Bangui
other nationalities	575	Bangui
Total	8,291	

UNHCR Presence

UNHCR has a Representation in Bangui. Its activities are carried out by 3 international staff, 3 international UNVs & 21 national staff. In addition, UNHCR is present in Paoua, Ouham-Pendé prefecture, with 1 national and 1 international staff member.

Working with partners

Implementing partners include the Government's *Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés* (CNR), IRC, DRC, Triangle GH, IMC and CARITAS. UNHCR works closely with the UN Country Team, national and international NGOs and donors, and participates in joint activities, like the provision of protection and assistance to IDPs in the North.

Central African refugees and IDPs

Country of asylum	Number	Location
Chad	50,000	45,000 in Gondjé, Amboko, Dosseye and Yaroungou camps
Cameroon (est.)	45,000	scattered in the east
Sudan (Darfur)	3,000	mainly in Um Dukhun
Total refugees (estimated)	98,000	
IDPs in CAR (estimated)	197,000	incl. at least 100,000 in Ouham, Ouham-Pendé and Nana-Grébizi prefectures
Total displaced	295,000	(CAR refugees and IDPs)

Main objectives and potentials for durable solutions in 2008

- Work closely with the Government, through the National Refugee Commission (CNR), to ensure the protection of and assistance to all refugees in CAR, particularly those with specific needs, through the strengthening of the national asylum system and effective implementation of the new refugee law.
- Assist the CAR government in the elaboration of a national IDP law.
- Provide protection and assistance to Sudanese refugees in Sam Ouandja.
- While pursuing voluntary repatriation as the most durable solution, continue to support refugees who opt for local integration.
- Within the strategic partnership with UN agencies, NGOs and donors, provide assistance and protection to internally displaced persons in northern Central African Republic.
- Mainstream protection and response activities with regard to HIV/AIDS, as well as gender-based violence.
- Facilitate attainment of self-sufficiency among urban refugees
- Facilitate the coordination of protection activities in CAR as the chair of the Protection Cluster.
- Continue to closely cooperate with other UN agencies, as well as national and international NGOs.