



Country Sheet

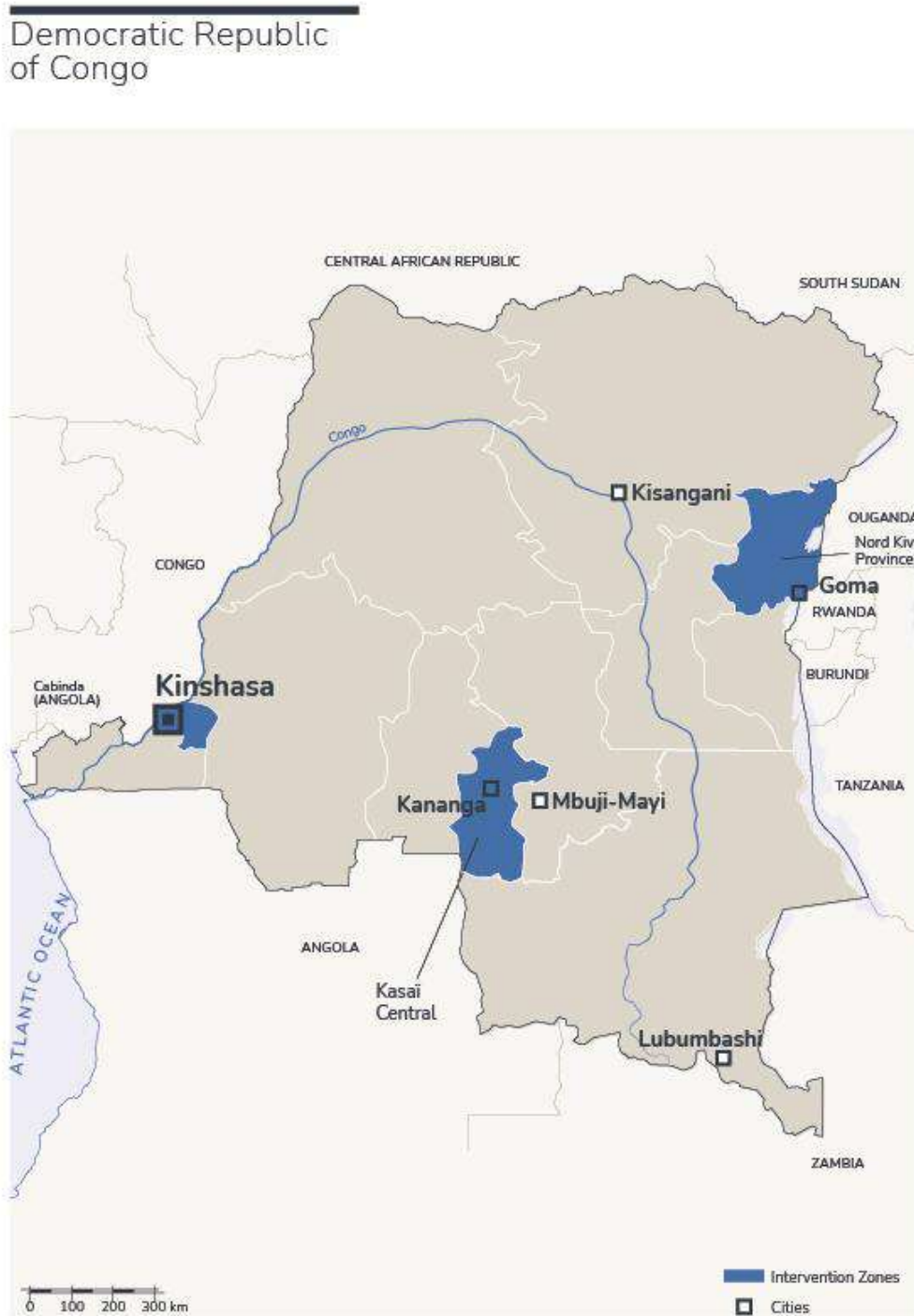
Democratic Republic of Congo





HI's team and areas of intervention

There are 133 employees in HI's team in DRC.





General Country Data

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DATA	DRC	Rwanda	BELGIUM
Population	92.3	13.3	11.5
HDI	0.33	0.38	0.86
Gender development index	0.845	0.945	0.974
Maternal mortality	740	297	3
GINI index	42.1	43.7	27.2
Population under UNHCR mandate	5,934,206	145,474	105,050
INFORM index	7.6	4.5	1.7
Fragile states index	107.3	86.7	31.9
Population covered by at least one measure of social protection (%)	14.1	8.9	100
Official development assistance received (\$ million)	3,025.53	1,191.1	0

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified on 02/05/2002
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Signed on 18/03/2009
UN convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Signed on 13 September 2015



c. Geopolitical analysis

Social, cultural and demographic context

The second largest country in Africa, four times the size of France and eighty times the size of Belgium, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is a country whose history is marked by power struggles over its wealth that are still main cause of most of its troubles.

The DRC is facing a major humanitarian and health crisis that affected more than 25.6 million people in 2020, including over 15 million children. Over the years, armed conflicts and multiple intercommunity violence have left the population very vulnerable. New conflicts emerged in 2016, affecting previously untouched provinces such as Kasai and generating a sharp increase in the number of people in need. In addition, since 2018, outbreaks of Ebola, measles, cholera and Covid-19 have spread in several provinces, undermining an already weakened population and health system.

Since the beginning of 2022, more than 877,000 people have been internally displaced. Today, the total number of internally displaced people in the DRC is almost 4.86 million. The main causes of displacement are attacks and armed conflicts (4.1 million displaced or 83.3%), land and intercommunity conflicts (609,000 displaced or 12.5%) and natural disasters (182,000 displaced or 3.8%). Women represent 51% of this displaced population. North Kivu and Ituri provinces have seen the largest number of returnees in the last three months.

In December 2021, Dibaya territory in Central Kasai province saw a resurgence of militia associated with the Kamuina Nsapu movement – the group responsible for the biggest security crisis in the region between 2016 and 2019. The new general of the militia, David Ndaye Nsabanga, was arrested on 16 January 2022, in Dibaya territory during an operation in which two people were killed.

Also in Dibaya territory, persistent land conflicts are disrupting the social dynamics in an area already weakened by the Kamuina Nsapu conflicts. Between December 2021 and January 2022, two land conflicts were recorded in Dibaya territory, resulting in three deaths and 48 injuries – 17 of them serious. More than 300 people in the Dibanda sector were displaced from their villages to seek refuge in the bush.

In July 2022, more land conflicts broke out in Dimbelengué territory, Lubunga health zone, resulting in the displacement of 1,731 people from Bakwa Tshiya and Bakwa Mayi villages to neighbouring villages and to Dimbelenge territory's main town. More than 3,400 people were displaced to Kasai Oriental in Mulowayi.

Economic situation

There are still not signs of the significant improvements in the socio-economic situation of the DRC long hoped for by its population, despite the obvious presence of wealth and therefore financial resources. The country did, however, move up 11 places in the HDI rankings in 2015, from 186th out of 187 countries in 2013 to 176th out of 188 countries in 2014.



Progress is visible in terms of life expectancy (increasing from 49 years in 1997 to 59 years in 2015), school enrolment (28% in 1995 to 44% in 2014 for secondary education) as well as gross national income per capita (\$338 in 1997 to \$392 in 2015). But this discreet progress in socio-economic indicators does not reflect the reality of much of this vast country and inequalities remain a major cause for concern in most places.

Between 2016 and 2018, during the political crisis linked to a shift in the presidential majority, inflation rose again. Despite a smooth handover at the head of the State in January 2020, the health crisis caused by Covid-19 had a strong impact on the country's socio-economic indicators. In March 2016, 1 US dollar was exchanged for 900 Congolese francs and for 2,000 Congolese francs in August 2020. Purchasing power is declining and basic consumer prices are rising.

As a result of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Congolese state budget was reduced by 40% between 2020 and 2021, despite already being largely insufficient to cover all its prerogatives (11 billion in 2020).

Summary of HI's work in the country

HI has been working in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) since 1995, and in Kisangani (Tshopo province) in the east of the country for a demining project since 2001 and Goma for functional and physical rehabilitation and logistics platforms projects since 2007.

Since 2007, several projects have been run in North Kivu in the fields of physical rehabilitation, victim assistance and care for vulnerable people, including the injured and people with disabilities. Depending on the area and the needs, the interventions – while remaining linked - alternate between development and emergency.



Overview of current projects

Sectors in which HI is running projects, with a focus on beneficiaries and operating partners

Project title and main sectors of intervention:	Main activities:	Beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Project start and end date	Donors funding the project
<p>Project for the prevention of multiple risks and violations incurred by vulnerable populations and multi-sectoral response to protection and assistance needs in the face of shocks</p> <p>Protection Mental health and psychosocial support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection • Mental health and psychosocial support • Kit distribution • Civil engineering 	Host population, displaced people, returnees and refugees All ages	N/A	North Kivu Mweso health area, Masisi territory)	11.2021 – 10.2023	Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (DGD H)
<p>Emergency response project for medical and psychosocial assistance to vulnerable populations affected by sudden onset and multiform crises in the remote areas of Petit Nord Kivu, DRC.</p> <p>Mental health and psychosocial support</p>	Mental health via mobile teams	Host population, displaced people, returnees and refugees All ages	Consortium with Première Urgence Internationale	Petit Nord Kivu	08.2022 – 07.2023	Crisis and Support Centre (CDCS)



<p>Functional and physical rehabilitation, inclusive humanitarian action, mental health and psychosocial support and stimulation therapy for vulnerable groups in crisis-affected areas of sub-Saharan Africa Physical and functional rehabilitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional and physical rehabilitation • Stimulation therapy 	<p>Host population, displaced people, returnees and refugees</p> <p>All ages</p>	<p>Ministries of Health, Action Contre la Faim, Médecins Sans Frontières</p>	<p>North Kivu Mweso health area, Masisi territory)</p>	<p>07.2022 – 06.2024</p>	<p>German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO)</p>
<p>Support to improving humanitarian access and services in Mweso health area) Civil engineering</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation of roads • Construction of concrete road infrastructure (bridges and culverts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Populations • Humanitarian actors for transport 	<p>Office des Voies de Desserte Agricole [Agricultural Service Roads Office]</p>	<p>North Kivu 'Mweso Health Area)</p>	<p>07.2022 - 12.2022</p>	<p>Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
<p>Supporting humanitarian actors to strengthen the inclusiveness of humanitarian responses in the Democratic Republic of Congo Inclusive humanitarian action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive humanitarian action • Capacity-building of organisations of people with disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations of people with disabilities • Humanitarian personnel 	<p>UNICEF</p>	<p>Goma (North Kivu), Bukavu (South Kivu) Kalemie (Tanganyika) Kananga (Kasai), Kinshasa.</p>	<p>01.2022 – 12.2022</p>	<p>Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)</p>
<p>Improving access for children with disabilities to quality education and functional rehabilitation Inclusive Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building of educational, health and social sector actors to support children with disabilities • Establishment by the education, health and social system of quality interventions for the holistic care of children with disabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students from the supported schools • Education-sector actors • Civil society organisations working the educations sector • Communities, including health providers 	<p>Ministry of Primary, Secondary and Professional Education</p>	<p>Kinshasa (Municipalities of Limete, Ngaba, Kisenso, Nsele, Selembao, Lemba)</p>	<p>01.2018 – 12.2022</p>	<p>Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening understanding of disability within the community • Active involvement of the communities and parents to improve the quality of life of children with disabilities and their social inclusion. 					
<p>Women's clubs for community health system strengthening</p> <p>Emerging infectious diseases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging good hygiene practices (COVID-19) • Promoting access to health care for vulnerable people • Strengthening women's clubs through improved group governance and management of the solidarity fund, and training in financial education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women members of the 37 women's clubs • Communities 	Hospitals in the municipalities of Bumbu and Selenbao	Kinshasa (Bumbu and Selembao)	08.2022 – 04.2023	Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP)
<p>Nurturing Care Kinshasa : Together for the harmonious development of our children</p> <p>Physical and functional rehabilitation Inclusive Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening functional rehabilitation and physical therapy services • Prevention and early detection of disabilities or delayed development disorders • Capacity building of educational, health and social sector actors to support children with disabilities • Strengthening the capacity of carers to provide attentive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children aged 0-12 yrs (with disabilities or at risk of disability) • Pregnant women or women who have just given birth • Carers of children aged 0-12 yrs 	Provincial Health Division Ministry of Primary, Secondary and Technical Education Ministry of Social Affairs? Humanitarian Action and National Solidarity National Community-based Rehabilitation Programme National Nutrition Programme National Reproductive Health Programme National Association of Parents of	Kinshasa (Municipalities of Bumbu, Nguiri, Montngafoula Selembao)	01.2022 – 12.2026	Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (DGD H) Jos & Mimieke Foundation Fondation Roi Baudouin (FRB)



	care and support children's learning		Children with Intellectual Disabilities of Congo Congoese Association for the Liberation and Development of Mothers with Disabilities			
Emergency food security response through nutrition-sensitive agricultural recovery and food aid activities in Kasai and Central Kasai provinces Food aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to agricultural recovery: Distribution of seeds and farming tools; training in good agricultural practices • Food aid via cash • Malnutrition prevention • Awareness-raising on good nutritional practices and other essential family practices (cooking demonstrations) 	5,463 households	Action Contre la Faim Provincial Agricultural Inspection Office National Seeding Service Provincial Health Directorate via the National Nutrition Programme	Kananga (Dibaya territory, Health Areas of: Fuamba Mupoyi, Kamboke, Tshilela)	11.2021 – 02.2023	Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA)/USAID



Donors

<p>DGD</p>  <p>Belgique partenaire du développement</p>	<p>MAE Luxembourg</p>  <p>LUXEMBOURG AID & DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>BHA</p>  <p>USAID FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE</p>
<p>Fondation Jos et Mimieke sous l'égide de la Fondation de Luxembourg</p>  <p>FONDATION DE LUXEMBOURG</p>	<p>Centre de Crise et de Stabilisation Avec la participation de</p>  <p>MINISTÈRE DE L'EUROPE ET DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES <i>Liberté Égalité Fraternité</i></p>	<p>CDP</p>  <p>CDP Center for Disaster Philanthropy</p>
<p>GFFO</p>  <p>german humanitarian assistance DEUTSCHE HUMANITÄRE HILFE</p>	<p>CERF</p>  <p>CENTRAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND</p>	<p>Fondation Roi Baudouin</p>  <p>Fondation Roi Baudouin <i>Agir ensemble pour une société meilleure</i></p>