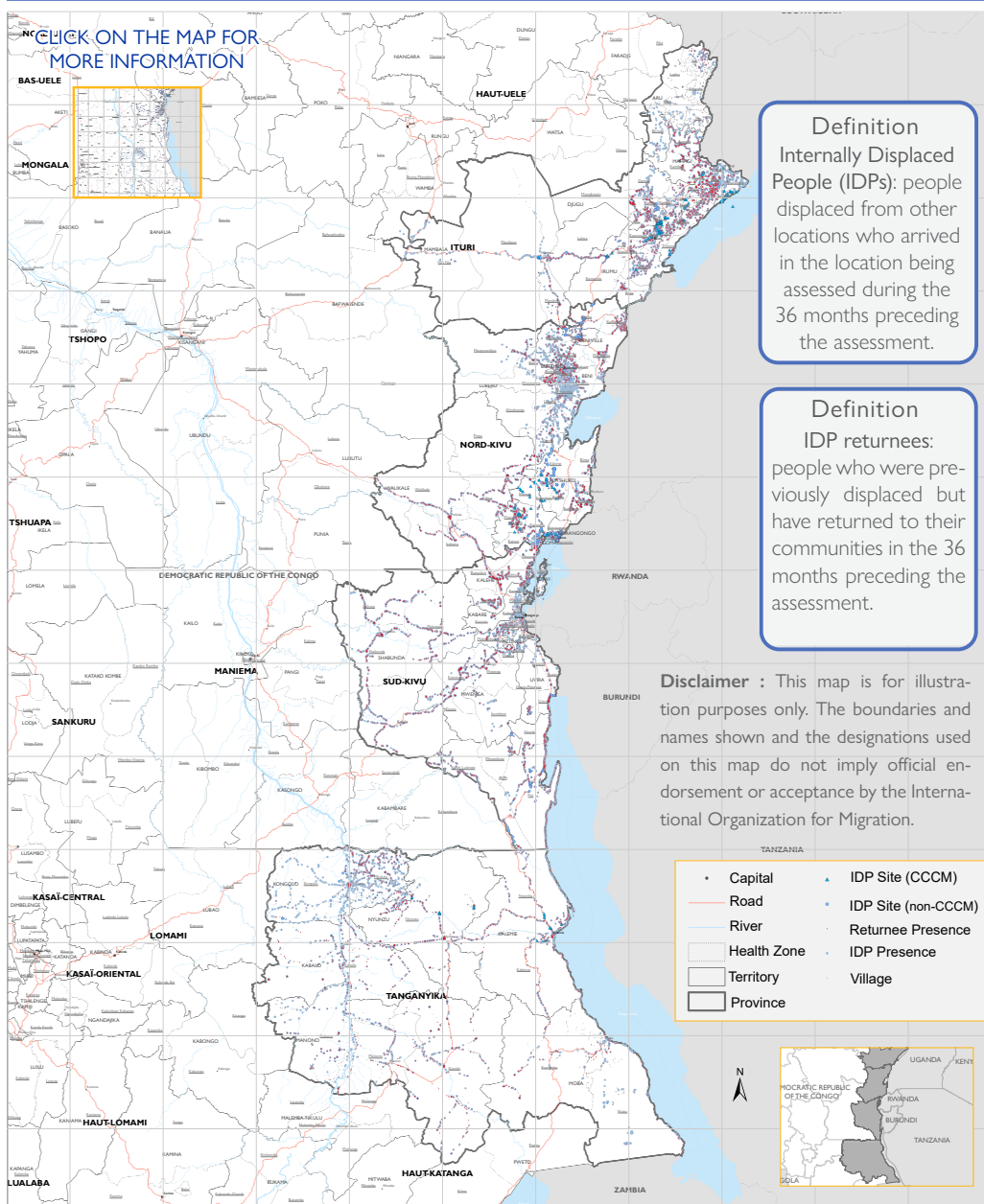


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SUMMARY: Provinces of Ituri, North-Kivu, South-Kivu and Tanganyika



 **6,135,363**
Internally Displaced People (IDPs)*

 **3,967,874**
IDP Returnees

 **21,614**
villages assessed & **78%** coverage

 **63,256**
key informants

 **20%**
of the population displaced

 **422,116**
IDPs living in sites under the CCCM mechanism

 **330,213**
IDPs living in sites or collective centres not under CCCM

IDP & RETURNEE FIGURES

Province	Status	Households	Individuals	Villages assessed	Total population**
ITURI	IDPs	362,088	1,727,808	5,774 of 7,380	7,103,488
	Returnees	232,986	1 161 450		
NORTH-KIVU	IDPs	509,087	2,544,880	5,374 of 7,813	10,755,949
	Returnees	321,135	1,762,367		
SOUTH-KIVU	IDPs	290,879	1,514,280	5,336 of 6,675	8,693,364
	Returnees	129,034	701,275		
TANGANYIKA	IDPs	77,137	348,395	5,130 of 5,589	3,382,033
	Returnees	69,129	342,782		

* The figures for IDPs and returnees refer to people currently in a situation of displacement or return at the time of the assessment.

** Population estimates come from the Provincial Health Division (DPS, 2023) of each province.

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) continues to face armed, inter-ethnic and inter-community conflicts, natural disasters and disease epidemics that have created one of the world's most complex and persistent crises. The constant threat of violence and insecurity, particularly in the country's eastern provinces, and the recent resurgence of armed conflict in the provinces of North Kivu and Ituri, has led to a substantial increase in population displacement since mid-2022. Furthermore, millions of people are at risk, and thousands more are affected by new cholera epidemics and natural disasters.

The situation has been particularly exacerbated over the past year by the actions of two groups in particular – the Cooperative for the Development of Congo (CODECO) and the March 23 Movement (M23) – whose actions have led to significant displacement and increased vulnerability of affected populations. Furthermore, the country's forthcoming elections are likely to be subject to allegations of fraud, irregularities and violence. These allegations are likely to provoke displacement and security incidents in the country, and exacerbate the already difficult situation of many displaced people living in overcrowded camps or with host families, facing severe deprivation and lacking access to basic social services.

Given the need for accurate information agreed by the authorities, IOM - through its Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) - has been conducting Mobility Tracking (MT) assessments since 2018. These exercises are implemented in the DRC with the aim of providing estimates on presence, number of affected population groups (IDPs, returnees), reasons for displacement, duration of displacement and specific needs within defined locations. Data for the MT exercise is collected on a bi-annual basis by teams of trained enumerators, through key informant interviews and direct observations at a village level. As part of this process, IOM ensures the participation of government representatives during data collection to promote and build capacity in the event of handover. IOM data is then presented to and validated by the provincial Population Movement Commission (Commission de mouvement de population – CMP in French).

The summary statistics presented in this report are drawn from the latest MT cycle for each province, which took place between February and May 2023, to produce an overview of the displacement situation in the Eastern DRC region. (Click on the following links to view the recent MT dashboards for the provinces of [Ituri](#), [North-Kivu](#), [South-Kivu](#) and [Tanganyika](#)).

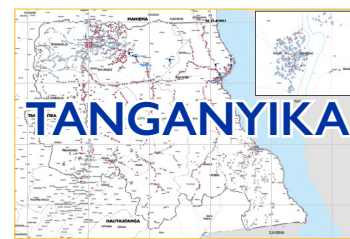
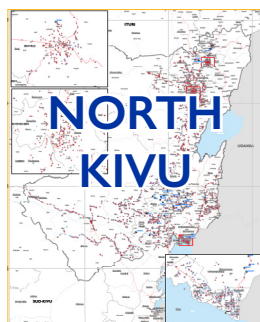
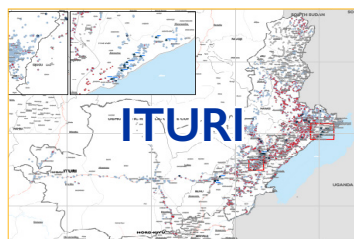
In the four eastern provinces of the DRC, comprising Ituri, North-Kivu, South Kivu, and Tanganyika, in April 2023 DTM identified **6,135,363** internally displaced people (IDPs) and **3,967,874** returnees, present in 67 per cent of assessed villages. DTM estimates that the highest proportion (41%) of IDPs (2,544,880 individuals) are in North Kivu, followed by 28 per cent (1,727,808) in Ituri, 25 per cent (1,514,280) in South Kivu and 6 per cent (348,395) in Tanganyika. Among displaced people living in host families, the main reasons for displacement are attacks by armed groups (84%), inter-community conflict (12%) and natural disasters (3%). At the time of the assessment, an estimated **1,082,015** people were displaced by the M23 crisis, including a significant proportion (22%) of those in collective sites and centers.

Internally Displaced People in Host Communities: Of the total number of IDPs reported, 88 per cent live in host communities. DTM identified **5,383,034** IDPs (1,041,683 households) in **14,517 host villages** out of a total of 21,614 villages assessed. The vast majority of communities (17,838 villages, or 83%) in eastern DRC generally host no/small numbers of IDPs at any one time, up to five hundred individuals in each village. This represents around a third of the IDP population in host communities (1,718,551 or 32%). Conversely, around a third of IDPs living in host communities (1,944,003 or 36%) live in six per cent (1,355) of villages containing IDP populations of over a thousand.

Internally Displaced People in Sites : A total of **752,329** individuals were identified in **420 sites and collective centers**, of which 56 per cent (422,116 individuals or 127,936 households) reside in the **119 sites managed by the CCCM mechanism**, and 44 per cent (330,213 individuals or 69,572 households) reside in the 101 sites and 200 collective centers that are not managed by CCCM. The proportion of IDPs living in sites is highest in the provinces of North Kivu (15% of the province's IDPs, or 388,077 individuals) and Ituri (18%, or 303,020 individuals).

Returnee Population: DTM found returnees in 44 per cent (9,595 villages) of villages surveyed. The number of returnees was highest in North Kivu (1,762,367 individuals, or 16% of the provincial population), followed by Ituri (1,161,450, or 16%), South Kivu (701,275, or 8%) and Tanganyika (342,782, or 10%). The main reasons for return were: improved security situation (49%), improved food situation (21%) and family reunification (15%).

MAPS OF IDP AND RETURNEE PRESENCE AT A PROVINCIAL LEVEL



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Province	Territory	IDPs in Host Communities		IDPs in CCCM Sites		IDPs in non-CCCM Sites		IDP Returnees		Villages eval.
		Households	Individuals	Households	Individuals	Households	Individuals	Households	Individuals	
ITURI	ARU	12,976	66,745	0	0	0	0	5,546	28,809	975
	DJUGU	108,896	527,177	40,238	160,953	40,238	160,953	112,653	533,572	1,999
	IRUMU*	82,019	431,378	11,287	48,699	11,287	48,699	40,816	213,679	1,087
	MAHAGI	58,561	300,713	15,241	42,529	15,241	42,529	55,716	290,134	1,345
	MT Report MAMBASA	22,034	98,775	206	1,036	206	1,036	18,255	95,256	368
* Including the city of Bunia		284,486	1,424,788	66,972	253,217	10,630	49,803	232,986	1,161,450	5,774
NORTH KIVU	BENI	104,915	557,442	0	0	1,382	7,875	82,434	446,163	1,052
	BENI, City	32,493	171,824	0	0	134	849	8,671	48,353	191
	BUTEMBO	12,875	70,215	0	0	38	197	2,428	12,490	361
	GOMA	14,251	74,101	25,162	64,078	6,814	28,956	34,766	190,111	404
	LUBERO	62,467	340,423	0	0	104	534	30,274	169,095	1,411
	MASISI	84,220	422,181	6,518	20,897	10,738	55,169	57,052	302,095	573
	NYIRAGONGO	10,676	54,804	17,081	49,836	25,909	126,861	8,017	46,198	46
	RUTSHURU	44,603	259,161	3,163	10,804	4,226	22,021	60,479	362,874	723
MT Report WALIKALE	41,318	206,652	0	0	0	0	37,014	184,988	613	
		407,818	2,156,803	51,924	145,615	49,345	242,462	321,135	1,762,367	5,374
SOUTH KIVU	BUKAVU	818	3,292	0	0	0	0	242	1,345	358
	FIZI	84,387	445,508	0	0	4,087	20,606	43,304	241,245	741
	IDJWI	402	2,071	0	0	0	0	16	34	80
	KABARE	2,496	11,046	0	0	0	0	223	943	558
	KALEHE	85,287	458,647	0	0	506	2,865	32,643	188,758	742
	MWENGA	36,518	183,662	0	0	408	2,819	15,367	79,820	670
	SHABUNDA	34,239	183,196	0	0	0	0	25,260	131,905	806
	UVIRA	23,258	108,704	0	0	643	2,412	8,035	36,904	551
	MT Report WALUNGU	17,830	89,452	0	0	0	0	3,944	20,321	830
		285,235	1,485,578	0	0	5,644	28,702	129,034	701,275	5,336
TANGAN-YIKA	KABALO	2,614	13,251	0	0	0	0	6,064	29,777	499
	KALEMIE	15,859	72,704	6,508	15,421	0	0	20,260	93,266	668
	KONGOLO	22,422	110,800	0	0	3,953	9,246	8,324	42,492	1,537
	MANONO	15,474	79,832	0	0	0	0	18,155	96,245	982
	MOBA	1,873	9,935	0	0	0	0	2,786	15,056	830
	MT Report NYUNZU	5,902	29,343	2,532	7,863	0	0	13,540	65,946	614
		64,144	315,865	9,040	23,284	3,953	9,246	69,129	342,782	5,130

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