

Refugee return to and from the DRC

2007



7 November 2007

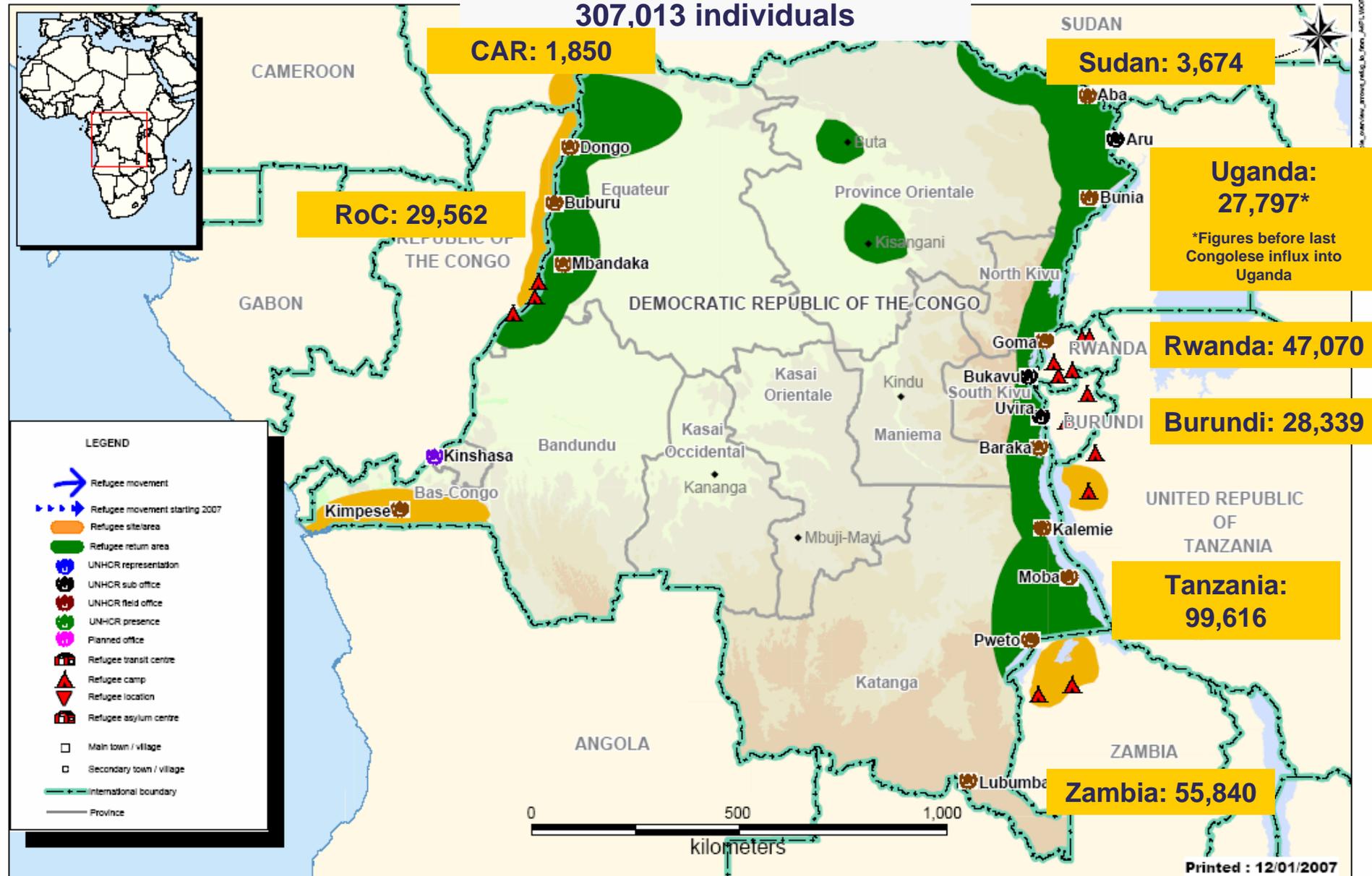
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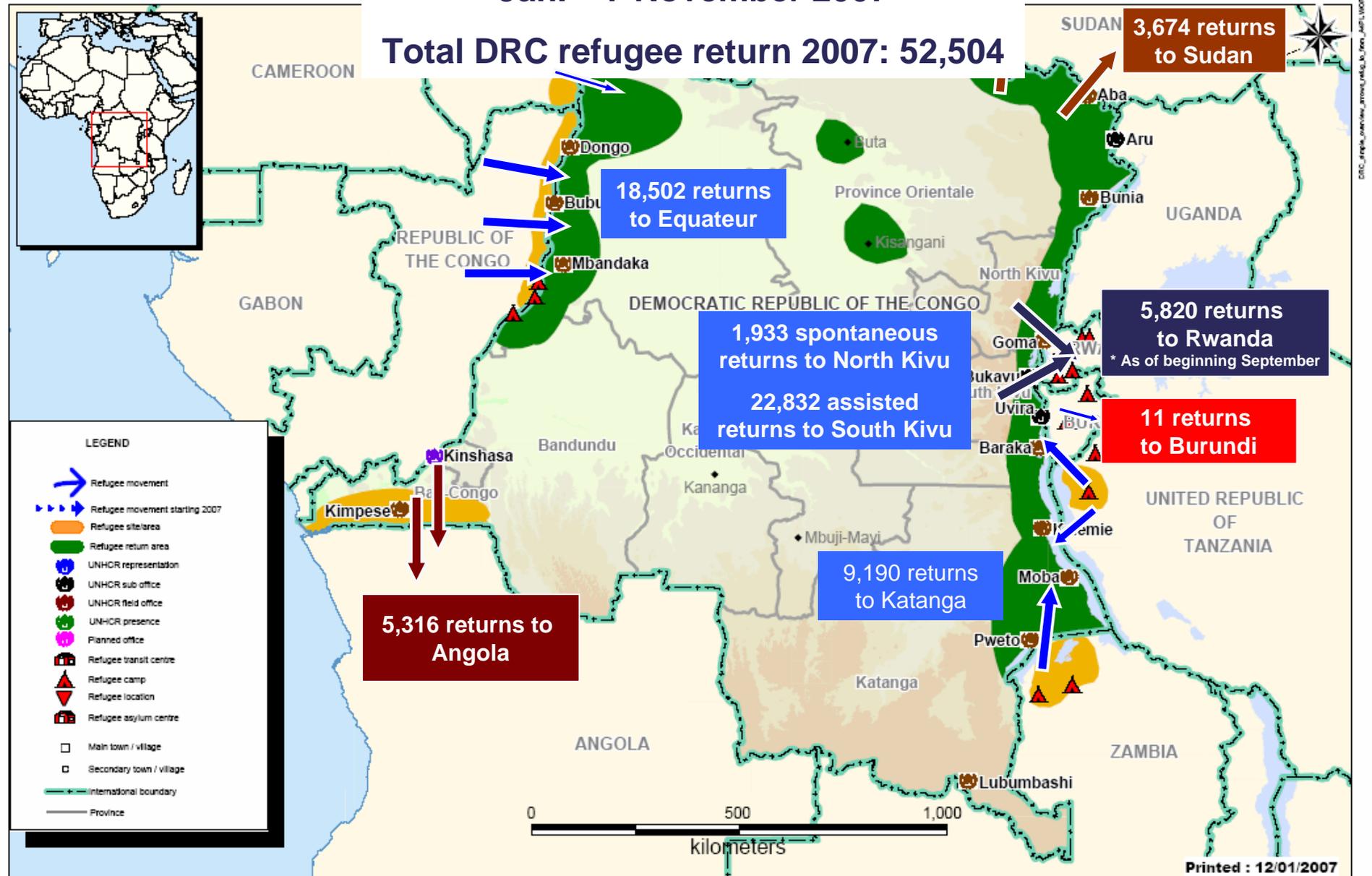
DR Congolese refugee population

307,013 individuals



Refugee return to and from the DRC Jan. – 7 November 2007

Total DRC refugee return 2007: 52,504



DRC Repatriation

Jan – 7 November 2007

- 22 convoys/repatriation ships to Katanga (Moba/Pweto/Kalemie)
- 58 repatriation ships to South Kivu (Baraka/Fizi)
- 102 repatriation boats to Equateur (Kungu/Dongo, Imese, Buburu)
- Voluntary refugee return to Rwanda by road continues (5,820 returnees)

Trends of voluntary refugee return

- During third quarter returns to South Kivu continue to increase, possibly North Kivu crisis may affect return trends
- Return to Equateur on the increase – new repat axis Imese - extreme remote return areas
- Assisted return to Katanga started in April 2007 – currently Moba on hold due to incident, Kalemie has restarted on 11 October

The way ahead

Tentative revised 2007 planning figures
(t.b.c. with asylum countries):
24,000 to South Kivu (some 2,000 from
now)

20,000 to Katanga (some 11,000 from now)

18,000 to Equateur (planning figure already
surpassed by 500 returns)

**Total: 62,000 Congolese refugee
returnees**