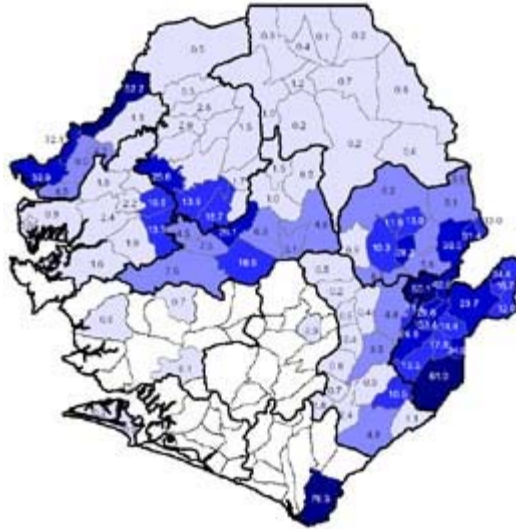


POPULATION DISPLACEMENT

Overview

The resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) took place in 5 phases between April 2001 and December 2002, following the National Resettlement Strategy. All together 221,745 IDPs were formally resettled in this period



*Expected Returns of Displaced population;
% IDPs & Returnees per chiefdoms*

As of 30 November 2003, the number of Sierra Leonean refugees remaining in asylum countries in the West Africa region was estimated at 81,088, with the main populations being 33,194 in Guinea (15,378 assisted in camps), 38,463 in Liberia (13,349 in camps) and 6,269 in The Gambia.

UNHCR have assisted the repatriation of Sierra Leoneans in asylum outside the country since September 2001. So far, 245,750 have repatriated voluntarily, of whom 153,270 have received individual assistance from UNHCR.

There are approximately 66,856 Liberian refugees in Sierra Leone, of which 55,305 are assisted in refugee camps and way stations (July 2003). The old caseload of 7,249 Liberian refugees from the 1990s have been individually screened and are located mostly in urban areas.

Coordination Mechanisms

Until the end of the IDP resettlement program, there was a coordination mechanism for dealing IDP assistance and resettlement. The IDP coordination committees are naturally no longer existing, but the reintegration of IDPs and other vulnerable groups continue to be an objective for the coordination mechanisms in the districts, such as for the technical committees on health, education, agriculture, water and sanitation, child protection / social welfare and food aid.

The assistance of Liberian refugees is coordinated by UNHCR in collaboration with NaCSA. A number of sector committees are functional, comprising the implementing partners in the refugee camps.

Key Partners

A large number of agencies are involved in the sector, most significantly UNHCR, OCHA, NaCSA and their implementing partners.

Western Area	Southern Area	Eastern Area	Northern Area
	UNHCR, NaCSA, IRC, PWJ, SC-UK, BPDA, AFCON	UNHCR, NaCSA, IRC, SC-UK, CRS, LWF	UNHCR, NaCSA, IRC

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Below are 1985 Population Census data, 2001 projected population estimate and number of registered IDPs and returnees per district.

District	Previous Population (1985)	Projected Population CSO 2001	Expected IDPs by district of origin (expected to return)	Returnees & Refugees by district of origin (expected return from Guinea and Liberia)	Total Estimated Return, Returnees & IDPs	% Population Displaced
Kailahun	233,839	348,800	38,130	48,927	87,057	25.0%
Kenema	415,958	482,000	10,091	6,358	16,449	3.4%
Kono	389,687	595,360	24,758	29,829	54,587	9.2%
Bombali	316,729	507,819	25,947	3,673	29,620	5.8%
Kambia	186,231	242,676	532	27,251	27,783	11.4%
Koinadugu	145,431	238,407	411	755	1,166	0.5%
Porto Loko	347,580	459,017	13,324	4,341	17,665	3.8%
Tonkolili	243,051	322,310	29,525	1,445	30,970	9.6%
Bo	268,666	382,098	61	115	176	0.0%
Bonthe	97,975	130,744	13	9	22	0.0%
Pujehun	117,185	151,527	16	4,289	4,305	2.8%
Moyamba	250,514	381,244	235	127	362	0.1%
Western Area	554,243	1,267,000				
TOTAL	3,567,089	5,509,002	143,043	127,119	270,162	4.9%

NOTE: This table only considers IDPs and refugees officially registered for assistance in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia. Source : Population Data Pack – February 2003.