

Democratic Republic of Congo

Demography

Capital:	Kinshasa
Leadership:	Joseph Kabila, President; Antoine Gizenga, Prime Minister; Parliament consists of a National Assembly (500 members) and a Senate (108 members).
Population:	66.5 million
Area/Size:	2,345,410 sq. km; less than one fourth of the United States
Languages:	French (official), Lingala, Kingwana, Kikongo, Tshiluba
Religions:	Roman Catholic 50%, Protestant, 20%, Kimbanguist 10%, Muslim 10%, Other 10%
Ethnicity:	Over 200 African ethnic groups of which the majority are Bantu
Median age:	16.3 years
Literacy:	67.2%
- Males:	76%
- Females:	55%
Access to Safe Drinking Water:	45% of population
Life Expectancy:	51 years
Natural Resources:	Diamonds (industrial and gem), Gold, Coltan, Zinc, Uranium, Copper, Tin, Silver, Cobalt, Niobium, Timber, Hydro Power, Manganese, Petroleum, Tantalum
GNP:	\$19.03 billion
GNP Per Capita:	\$100
Income:	80% of population survives on \$.30/day



- ◆ 75% of population is undernourished
- ◆ Almost 6 million have died since 1996
- ◆ 45,000 die each month
- ◆ Hundreds of thousands of women raped as a weapon of war
- ◆ 1.3 million displaced Congolese
- ◆ 1.1 million Congolese are living with HIV/AIDS