

# FRAGILITY IN THE DRC

According to the World Bank, fragility and conflict have persistently affected the DRC: “Political instability, poor governance, and weak state institutions are the main factors that explain the persistent poverty of the Congolese population.”

## SELECTION INDICATORS

### General Statistics

- GDP: **\$47.2 billion**
- GNI per capita: **\$490**
- Population: **84,068,091**
- Extreme poverty: **76.6%** of population

### Levels of Violence

According to UCDP, **25,463 deaths** from 2008-2018 were caused by:

- **State-based** violence (**12,293**)
- **Non-state** violence (**3,853**)
- **One-sided** violence (**9,317**)



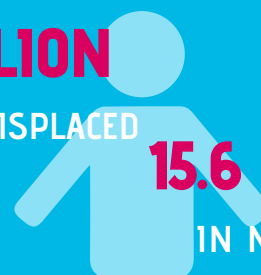
**one in five** young people experience sexual violence **by age 18**

### Fragility Rankings

- OECD States of Fragility: **5**
- Fund for Peace Fragile States Index 2019: **5**
- World Bank Harmonized List of Fragile Situations: **18**
- Institute for Economics and Peace Global Peace Index: **9**
- Holocaust Museum Early Warning Risk Assessment: **5**

**4.8 MILLION**

INTERNALLY DISPLACED



**15.6 MILLION**

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# SELECTION INDICATORS

## Environmental Vulnerability

**Component 1** of the OECD Environmental Fragility Framework, *socio-economic vulnerability, environmental health and food security*, **is extremely fragile**



**12th most vulnerable** to global effects of climate change, yet **5th least prepared** to respond

**13 million severely food insecure** & **51 million lack access to clean drinking water** despite living in Africa's **most water abundant country**



## Assessment of Capacity & Commitment

Improving **inclusive, transparent, and accountable power structures**, including effective, legitimate, and resilient national and sub-national institutions

- *USAID Open Government score: 0.13*

Ensuring strong foundations for **human rights, rule of law, and equal access to justice**

- *USAID Liberal Democracy score: 0.12*

Likelihood that **U.S. assistance** under the Global Fragility Strategy would **measurably help** to reduce fragility, prevent the spread of extremism and violence, and stabilize conflict-affected areas in each such country or region

- *U.S. is the largest bilateral donor to the DRC*
- *USAID intends to strengthen roots for sustainable peace by 2021*