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Headline





- Integrated Phase Classification 20 (IPC 20):** On 9 February, WFP Country Director, Peter Musoko, and the Food Security Cluster participated in the DRC Government’s official validation of the IPC 20 results. Published in October 2021, the results revealed that 25.9 million people are projected to be food insecure in the period January-June 2022, with 5.4 million in Phase 4 (emergency levels) and 20.5 million in Phase 3 (crisis levels). These results were formally endorsed by the DRC Government, WFP, FAO, and other partners.

Situation Update

- National Government Partnerships:** On 10 February, WFP Country Director Peter Musoko took part in the DRC Government’s presentation ceremony for the 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Outlook. On 11 February he met with the Director of the Strategic Food Reserve to discuss the Strategic Plan that was developed with WFP’s support. The same day, the Country Director met with the Honourable John Banza Lunda, a DRC parliamentarian, to discuss cooperation on advocacy, returning internally displaced people in Tanganyika, and school feeding.
- UN Senior Policy Group:** On 8 February the Country Director participated in the DRC UN Senior Policy Group dialogue on Human Rights.
- Private Partnerships:** On 15 February, the Country Director met with the Director-General of the Trust Merchant Bank, a national partner for cash-based programmes to explore financing options for smallholder farmers.
- Mission to North Ubangi:** WFP’s Deputy Country Director, Natasha Nadazdin, visited field activities in North Ubangi where WFP supports refugees from the Central African Republic who are living in and outside of camps.

WFP Response

- Under the Country Strategic Plan 2021-2024, WFP continues its large-scale assistance targeting around **8.6 million** people with food and nutrition support in 2022.

	25.9 m highly food-insecure people (51% female/49% male) (50% children/50% adults)
	26 provinces affected
	5.7 m people displaced (52% female/48% male) (58% children/42% adults)
	6.3 m people reached in 2021 (59% female/41% male) (61% children/39% adults)
Total 2022 funding requirements	US\$ 645.4 m
6-month Net Funding Requirements (March – August 2022)	
Food Assistance	US\$ 112.6 m
Nutrition	US\$ 8.1 m
Other activities	US\$ 15.6 m
Total	US\$ 136.3 m



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Overview:** WFP’s February distributions were affected by the delayed arrival of cereals from international supplies and a lack of flexible cash for purchasing locally. WFP has secured local purchase contracts for maize meal and pulses for March deliveries and April distributions. Overall, **677,613** beneficiaries received assistance, of which **263,426** received in-kind commodities, **203,852** benefitted from cash-based assistance, and **210,335** were reached with malnutrition prevention and treatment activities.
- Tanganyika:** In February, WFP assisted **67,706** beneficiaries overall. Some **22,797** people were reached with cash assistance and another **46,909** children and pregnant and lactating women and girls received assistance through malnutrition treatment and prevention activities. In-kind and cash distributions are planned for March to **66,468** and **26,089** beneficiaries respectively.

- **Kasai Central and Kasai Oriental:** February distributions reached **73,491** people overall. Of these, **21,519** received in-kind assistance, despite to the continued impact of maize meal shortages from delayed international supplies, and another **20,336** received cash assistance. An additional **31,636** received malnutrition treatment.
- **Kasai:** WFP reached **112,031** beneficiaries overall in February. In-kind assistance in Kalonda West health zone reached **31,455** people. Due to insufficient stocks of cereals and beans, a half ration of those commodities was distributed. WFP does not plan to conduct March general food distributions due to resource shortages. Cash distributions, delayed due to rain and internet disruptions, assisted **46,379**. Some **34,197** people have received malnutrition prevention and treatment activities.
- **North Kivu:** Overall **208,673** beneficiaries were reached in February. Of these, **150,256** received in-kind assistance, **23,808** received cash assistance, and **34,609** benefitted from malnutrition preventions and treatments. WFP also assisted **45,586** vulnerable people in Bwito-Rutshuru area who are victims of insecurity from armed conflict.
- **Ituri:** WFP assisted **139,692** beneficiaries in February. Despite the shortage in cereals and delays experienced with cash preparations, WFP reached **24,203** beneficiaries with in-kind assistance and **90,532** beneficiaries with cash in Gethy. Cash was distributed to internally displaced people in camps in Rhoé, as part of the emergency response. Some **24,957** people benefitted from nutritional activities.
- **South Kivu:** WFP reached **74,020** people overall in South Kivu. This includes **35,993** people who received in-kind assistance. Additionally, **38,027** children and pregnant and lactating women and girls received products to treat and prevent malnutrition. Cash distributions to refugees in Lusenda, planned for March, have begun.

Protection, Gender and Accountability to Affected People

- WFP conducted Protection Risk Assessments in North and South Kivu and Ituri. Thus WFP ensures activities permit safe and meaningful access to markets, and inclusive targeting and biometric assessments for the funds from the Immediate Response Account. Oversight missions to schools in Kasai covered child safeguarding standards. A WFP-UNHCR mission in South Kivu supported community engagement and safe access for refugees. WFP and partners continue to undergo training on protection in nutrition, cash and school programming, unconditional assistance and targeting in Tanganyika, North and South Kivu and Kasai.

Supply Chain



- **Local Procurement:** WFP signed local contracts for 5,500 MT of maize meal and 1,700 MT of pulses for March deliveries and April distributions.
- **Western Corridor/Pointe Noire:** WFP signed a new contract with Bolloré to handle cargo by rail, barge and road as an alternative to Matadi Port.
- **Remote locations:** WFP are devising a strategy to bring international supplies to remote locations, such as in the Kasais, where travel takes eight-to-ten months due to slow logistics and COVID-19 restrictions.
- **Fleet:** WFP's fleet is suffering under a shortfall of spare parts in areas of Eastern DRC. Commercial trucks are being used to mitigate the impact, although 30,000 MT, or 30% of all deliveries, must use WFP trucks as commercial transporters cannot supply all hard-to-reach areas.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster (LogCluster)

- **Information Management/Geographical Information Systems:** LogCluster shared documents through [the portal](#) and published [operational maps](#), including logistical maps on [Manono](#), [Kongolo](#), [Kabalo](#) and a health infrastructure map of [Manono](#). LogCluster monitored and shared physical access alerts via dcr-logs@logcluster.org.



Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- **IPC Chronic Food Insecurity:** FSC presented the IPC chronic food insecurity analysis, requested by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), demonstrating its utility to decision-making and improving food security investments. FSC estimates between US\$ 500,000 and US\$ 1.5 million is required, depending on secondary data. The HCT approved the recommendations and is supporting resource mobilisation. FAO and WFP could finance the first phase of data mapping.
- **New Humanitarian Architecture:** Following peer-to-peer visits, reviews, and consultations, the HCT will create a national cluster and roving cluster structure to support provinces facing crises. The FSC is the largest cluster with coordinators in five provinces who will be maintained until possibilities for adjustments are assessed.
- **2022 Key Priorities:** At the December 2021 staff retreat, the cluster established the following priorities: produce analyses and studies to understand needs; offer technical support adapted to the nexus and emergency situations; support adaptation and conceptual, strategic and operational adjustments of partners to articulate a clear, technically

realistic, consensual and innovative vision for food security interventions; foster new partnerships at supra- and sub-national levels with private sector, development actors, civil society and government; and strengthen horizontal and vertical advocacy for public engagement and financing.

- **Contingency Stock Strategy:** The pooled fund has granted US\$ 2 million to a local NGO for contingency in-kind stock in Bunia and Beni for three months to assist 25,000 people, following FSC advocacy. FSC has the authority to decide where and when the stock will be distributed.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- **UNHAS Fleet Reduction:** On 1 February, UNHAS implemented the new flight schedule removing aircraft in Kinshasa and caravans in Kalemie and Kananga.
- **User Feedback:** Users have shared their experiences of the direct impact the fleet reduction has on humanitarian operations, the unreliability of commercial options, the lack of alternatives to accessing certain regions by road or air, and the time and resources wasted using alternatives. The route most requested to restore is between Kinshasa, Kananga and Goma, followed by routes in the Kasais and between Kalemie and Lubumbashi. On 4 March, organisations in Kasai signed an advocacy note to the Resident Humanitarian Coordinator to reactivate The United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo's (MONUSCO) regular flights to and from Kananga at least once a week until UNHAS flights are reinstated (should that be decided).
- **Operational Overview:** In February, UNHAS and ECHO Flight project, managed by WFP/UNHAS, transported **4,053** passengers and **63 MT** of essential light cargo.
- **Evacuations:** UNHAS conducted **9** medical evacuations out of Libenge, Mbandaka, Mweso, Ramba, Roe, Kalemie and Walikale.
- **Special Flights:** During the reporting period, UNHAS assisted family reunifications conducted by *Association des Jeunes pour le Développement Communautaire* (AJEDEC), UNICEF and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). UNHAS deployed a helicopter to Bunia from 19 to 22 February to support partners in the province.
- **Republic of Congo:** Following the reopening of the land and river borders, UNHAS resumed regular flights between Kinshasa and Brazzaville, Impfondo and Enyelle, in partnership with UNHCR.

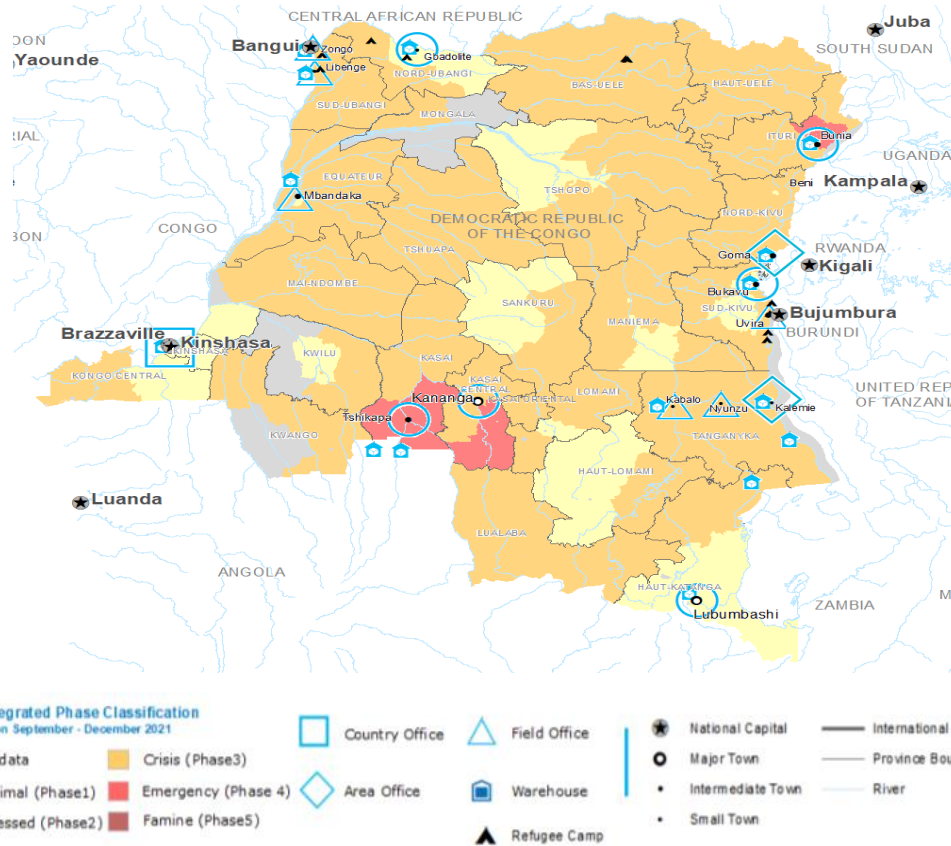
Communications

- **Amani Festival:** WFP ran a stand at the Goma festival running

from 4 to 6 February. WFP held cooking demonstrations, including one with a beneficiary and advocated for good nutrition. Francisco Mendes, Head of WFP's Goma Office, participated in a roundtable discussion on food systems which was broadcast on state TV and local radio.

- **Emergency Food Security Assessment Restitution Workshop:** WFP was present at the workshop held for the Goma provincial government.
- **Content Missions:** WFP conducted a content mission to N'sele, Kinshasa, with *Agence France Presse* and a content mission to Gbadolite where WFP gathered video clips and a story on how WFP and partners are supporting Central African refugees.





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