



# WFP Democratic Republic of the Congo

Situation Report #58 – 31 October 2024



## Highlights

- **Security Update:** Sporadic skirmishes by non-state armed groups resumed in September and October. This comes after the noted reduction in hostilities following the temporary humanitarian truce and the ceasefire which allowed WFP and humanitarian partners to deliver food assistance across frontlines.
- **Regional Director visit to DRC:** WFP Regional Director for southern Africa, Eric Perdison, visited the DRC from October 26 to November 1 for his first mission as RD. He engaged with key partners, including government ministries and the Humanitarian and Resident Coordinator, and visited WFP operations in Kinshasa, Ituri, South Kivu, and North Kivu. The visit also included an operational briefing for donors, highlighting the context in the DRC and the impact of WFP's response.
- **Increasing Needs:** Despite ongoing assistance from WFP and humanitarian partners, the most recent food security analysis show that the number of people facing acute food insecurity remains unchanged, highlighting the need for renewed targeting and response planning especially considering the current resource constraints. The situation is particularly severe in places hosting internally displaced populations, including in sites where WFP and other humanitarian partners respond.

	<b>25.6 m<sup>1</sup> people facing acute food insecurity</b>
	<b>26 provinces affected by food insecurity</b>
	<b>6.9 m people displaced<sup>2</sup></b>
	<b>1.7 m people reached in September 2024</b>

## Situation Update

- **Security: A complete cessation of hostilities is yet to be achieved** as incidences of insecurity and fighting continue to be reported in several areas, particularly in the four eastern provinces. The M23 rebel group resumed its offensive after adhering to the ceasefire and truce for some time, prompting counter-attacks by the Congolese armed forces. Additionally, incidents involving other non-state armed groups caused WFP to temporarily suspend operations in parts of North Kivu and Ituri to ensure the safety of beneficiaries, staff, and cooperating partners. These operations have since resumed.
- **Mpox:** Cases of mpox continue to be reported in the DRC. As of 9 November, the DRC recorded nearly 40,000 suspected cases, and over 1,000 deaths (Ministry of Health). Vaccination has been rolled out and so far, 44,337 people have been vaccinated. **Meanwhile, cases of the Marburg virus disease** continue to be reported in neighbouring Rwanda, raising concerns about potential spread to DRC given the proximity and porous borders between the countries. Health authorities are closely monitoring the situation.

<sup>1</sup> According to the integrated food security phase classification (IPC) analysis, [September 2024](#)

<sup>2</sup> As per IOM Displacement Report, [August 2024](#)

- **Increasing Needs:** In addition to the eastern provinces, the Mai Ndombe region also faces increased needs with over 200,000 displaced people and 2.6 million facing acute food insecurity<sup>3</sup>. The 2024 Humanitarian Response Plan named Mai Ndombe as a priority for humanitarian response.
- **Cases of malnutrition are also on the rise.** The [latest IPC analysis on acute malnutrition](#) estimates that 4.5 million children under 5 and 3.71 million pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls are facing or expected to face elevated levels of acute malnutrition between July 2024 and June 2025 and need treatment. Continued food and nutrition assistance is vital for boosting immunity, aiding recovery, and reducing mortality among these vulnerable groups.

## WFP Response

- Under the revised Country Strategic Plan 2021-2024, WFP is targeting **7.1 million people** with food, nutrition, and resilience support in 2024, though targets will be revised in line with the fast-changing situation.

### Food and Nutrition Assistance (September 2024)

- **Overview:** In September, WFP assisted **1.7 million unique beneficiaries across the country**, of whom 58 percent were women and girls, across all activities. WFP provided 1.3 million people with cash-based transfers (CBT) and in-kind transfers for general food assistance, and 360,000 with malnutrition treatment and prevention supplies. This marks WFP's highest monthly reach in 2024, as low level of available resources limited reach to more beneficiaries in the first half of the year. The rapidly growing humanitarian needs surpass available resources hence WFP is only reaching a fraction of people in need.
- **North Kivu:** WFP reached **649,000 people** with in-kind assistance, cash and malnutrition treatment and prevention supplies. However, the deterioration of the security situation in northern North Kivu limited WFP's ability to reach most of the people in need.
- **Ituri:** WFP assisted **347,000 people** with food assistance, cash, and malnutrition treatment.
- **South Kivu & Tanganyika:** WFP reached **551,000 people (355,000 people in South Kivu and 196,000 in Tanganyika)** with food assistance, cash, and malnutrition treatment commodities. The flooding of the Lake Tanganyika and Congo Basin destroyed road networks and disrupted WFP and financial service providers' ability to reach some affected areas.
- **Western provinces:** WFP reached **178,000 people** with emergency food, cash, and nutrition activities. Of these, 51,000 were beneficiaries of programmes in North Ubangi which included refugees from the Central African Republic. Meanwhile, some 126,000 people in the Kasais were reached by WFP operations including commodities for treatment and prevention of malnutrition and emergency food assistance.

## Supply Chain

- **Supply Chain:** WFP has an in-country stock of nearly 38,000 mt of various commodities (36,000 mt allocated to operations in eastern DRC and 2,000 mt allocated for operations in western DRC). Additionally, 96,000 mt of other commodities are at various stages of procurement and delivery destined for operations in DRC.
- WFP is providing critical transport and logistics support for vaccine delivery in response to the mpox outbreak in DRC. WFP supported land, water and air transport for the delivery of 47,000 vaccines and 66,000 ancillaries to affected provinces (Sankuru, South Kivu and South Ubangi) for the Mpox response.

## Clusters and Common Services Logistics Cluster

- **Information Management and Geographical Information Systems:** The logistics cluster shares updates of documents and operational maps on the dedicated [portal](#). The logistics cluster monitors and shares physical access alerts via: [drc-logs@logcluster.org](mailto:drc-logs@logcluster.org).

## Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- The food security cluster has released the [latest IPC analysis](#), revealing that nearly a quarter of the population in the Democratic Republic of Congo (25.6 million people) remains at crisis and emergency levels of food insecurity (IPC3+).
- Most camps are classified to be facing IPC phase 4 (emergency level of acute food insecurity) despite the food assistance provided by humanitarian partners (including WFP). This is due to the limited access to and lack of livelihoods opportunities.
- The acute food insecurity situation is further exacerbated by chronic food insecurity which affects a large part of the country, making the population particularly vulnerable. The IPC analysis for chronic food insecurity reports that 40 million people (40 percent of the analysed population) suffer from chronic food insecurity due poor investment in agriculture, poor infrastructure, epidemics, and socio-economic factors.
- The DRC requires bold humanitarian aid coupled with extensive long-term development support to address both acute and chronic food insecurity.


## UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- **Operational Overview:** In October, UNHAS regular and special flights transported **3,875 passengers** and **41.72 mt** of essential light cargo.

<sup>3</sup> As per the latest IPC and IOM Displacement report

- **Special Flights:** UNHAS also facilitated the UNHCR repatriation flight of 69 refugees from Gbadolite to Bangui in Central African Republic on 2nd October. UNHAS facilitated the transportation of 1566 kg of Mpox Vaccines (19,240 doses) to Gemena, Lusambo and Kamituga on behalf of Logistics partners.
- **Flight disruptions:** On 15 October, EUHAF Helicopter UNO-202H made an emergency landing in Ibumba. The helicopter, en route from Minembwe to Salamabila, encountered an engine malfunction, necessitating an immediate landing. UNHAS coordinated with MONUSCO to launch a search and rescue operation to extract the eight passengers and three crew members onboard. This incident, along with a similar emergency landing in early July when a helicopter combusted upon landing, prompted a temporary suspension of helicopter operations for a comprehensive safety assessment. This evaluation was completed, and flights have since been cleared to resume.



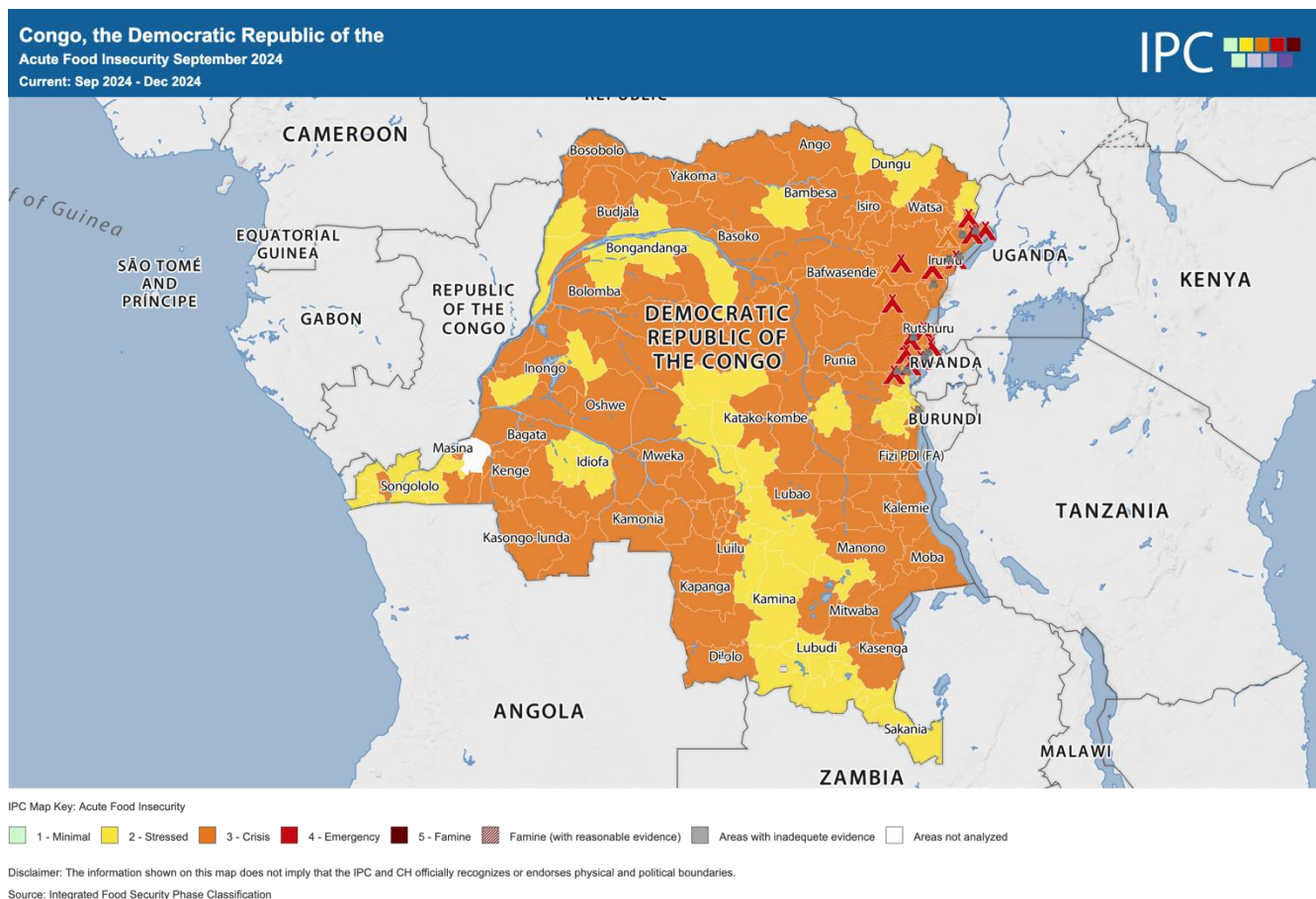
 **Communications, Advocacy and Marketing**

- **Content collection and production:** WFP communications team collected context on nutrition and school feeding activities to support donor visibility requirements and case study collection efforts for operations.
- WFP DRC published an article on misinformation to sensitise the importance of community sensitization on WFP.org. (Read here: [Why disinformation threatens humanitarian operations in restive DRC | World Food Programme](#)).
- **Social Media Engagement:** WFP continued to amplify WFP operations in DRC on social media pages (Facebook, Twitter and most recently Instagram- which the Country Office launched in the month).

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## Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Map for Acute Food Insecurity in DRC



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