



# WFP Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) – Eastern DRC Emergency Situation Report 2025 #2

## IN NUMBERS

- Over 1 million** people displaced in Goma since January 2025 (OCHA)
- 25.5 million** people are food insecure (IPC Phase 3 and 4)
- 75 % of IDPs** have inadequate diet
- 57 metric tonnes** of nutrition commodities delivered to health Centres in Goma
- USD 397 million** required country-wide to provide life-saving assistance in the next six months.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The security situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has deteriorated rapidly as the March 23 Movement (M23) armed group seized Goma and Bukavu as of 18 February. The un estimates that nearly a million people have been displaced in Goma since the start of the year.

IDP camps continue to be evacuated, destroyed, or abandoned, as people flee the insecurity.

WFP has temporarily paused its operations in areas near and around the frontlines particularly in North Kivu and South Kivu. WFP is preparing for resumption of activities once conditions allow. WFP retains critical staff in place to be able to respond as soon as resources are available and security permits.

## Situation Update

- The humanitarian situation in eastern DRC continues to worsen due to escalating violence. Heavy clashes between M23 and the Congolese armed forces (FARDC) have led to mass displacement including cross-border movement to neighboring countries including Rwanda, Republic of the Congo and Burundi. destruction of IDP camps. The situation is highly volatile, and people’s movements are very fluid, with severe consequences on the humanitarian needs. The ongoing insecurity has also triggered civil unrest, looting, and disruption of humanitarian supply chains.
- **Food security assessments indicate that nearly three-quarters of Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in Goma have an inadequate diet.** The proportion of households with poor food consumption has surged from 13 percent in December 2024 to 71 percent in February 2025. With limited income or livelihoods, most IDPs are resorting to begging, heightening protection risks. Over 80 percent of those interviewed reported losing their food supplies due to the ongoing conflict.
- WFP is working closely with UN agencies, NGOs, and government partners to address immediate needs and prepare for a potential large-scale response.

## WFP Response

### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP operation in DRC plans to support 7.1 million people country-wide in 2025 across all interventions (crises and resilience). So far in January WFP has only reached 400,000 people well below that 1.5 million people WFP had been reaching over the last three months.
- The true scale of need in these conflict-hit regions is far greater. In the DRC, WFP provided assistance to approximately 5.3 million people in 2024, showcasing the immense scale of need.
- Generally, WFP's operation in conflict-affected parts of North Kivu and South Kivu remain paused. However, in Goma, with the support of the host Government and through ongoing engagement to uphold humanitarian principles of independence, some activities have resumed. These include the distribution of nutrition commodities to healthcare centers and the provision of hot meals in mpox treatment centers.

### Supply Chain

- WFP has an in-country stock of nearly 27,200 metric tonnes of various products (26,000 tonnes allocated to operations in eastern DRC and 1,200 metric tonnes allocated to operations in western DRC). At the same time, some 95,000 metric tonnes of other commodities are in various stages of purchase and delivery and are destined for operations in the DRC.
- WFP has around 5200 mt of food available around Goma, but several warehouses have been looted and about 15,000 mt of has been lost (8,000mt in Goma and 7,000mt Bukavu).
- WFP is engaging local suppliers to replenish its stocks that were looted in Goma due to the increased insecurity and unrest to resume operations as the situation improves.

### Funding Appeal

- WFP urgently needs USD 397 million to maintain country-wide operations in DRC between February 2025 and July 2025.

### UNHAS

- The WFP-managed UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) transported 2,400 passengers and 23 metric tons of essential light cargo over the reporting period. These included humanitarians that were relocated from Goma and Bukavu due to insecurity.
- UNHAS is only funded until early-March 2025. USD 21.1 million are required to continue operations.

### Stories from the field



WFP has partially resumed food assistance in parts of Goma, eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) delivering vital nutrition supplies for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition in children aged 6 to 59 months as three weeks of fighting continues to worsen access to food for the most vulnerable.

Read the [latest press release here](#).

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