



WFP Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Headline

WFP reached 5.9 million people with food assistance in 2021. WFP assisted 4.4 million people with in-kind food, 1.5 million beneficiaries with cash-based transfers and 1.7 million with nutrition assistance to cure or treat malnutrition.

UNHAS 2022 funding shortfalls: The Steering Committee met on 29 December to agree on reducing UNHAS coverage due to a lack of resources. Lubumbashi, Kisangani, Kindu, Baraka and Uvira have been removed from the flight schedule. Despite these cuts, UNHAS has a shortfall of USD 12.2 million remains for 2022.

Situation Update

- **Kenya-DRC trade mission conference:** WFP Country Director, Peter Musoko, gave the keynote speech at the Kinshasa leg of the conference which took place from 30 November to 3 December. The Country Director discussed enhancing private sector involvement in food security.
- **16 Days of Activism:** WFP colleagues participated in the campaign to end gender-based violence, which commenced on 25 November, [through a series of Tweets](#) and events. As pictured above, staff wore t-shirts and held placards to 'orangez le monde', orange the world and raise awareness for gender-based violence.

WFP Response

- Under the Country Strategic Plan 2021-2024, WFP continues its large-scale assistance targeting around **8.7 million** people with food and nutrition support in 2022.

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **Overview:** WFP DRC's distributions in December reached **1,234,000** beneficiaries with either cash-based transfers (CBT), in-kind, or nutrition assistance to prevent and treat malnutrition. In-kind assistance was provided to **574,000** individuals. All distributions were completed despite severe insecurity in certain areas, such as in Beni. WFP reached

	27 m highly food-insecure people
	26 provinces affected
	5.6 m people displaced
	5.9 m people reached in 2021 (Jan – Dec)
Total 2022 funding requirements	US\$ 645.4 m
6-month Net Funding Requirements (January – June 2022)	
Food Assistance	US\$ 104.3 m
Nutrition	US\$ 10.0 m
Other activities	US\$ 9.6 m
Total	US\$ 123.9 m

Photo legend: WFP Goma Sub-Office colleagues gathered to celebrate the 16 Days of Activism campaign to end gender-based violence. Credit: WFP.

379,000 people with CBT. WFP provided over **279,000** children and pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLW/G) with nutritious products to prevent and treat malnutrition.

- **Tanganyika:** In December, WFP's Kalemie office distributions advanced well, reaching over **367,000** beneficiaries overall. This included **104,000** people who received in-kind food assistance and **214,000** people who received cash assistance. Approximately **49,000** beneficiaries were reached with nutrition assistance for the treatment of malnutrition.
- **Kasai central and Kasai oriental:** The WFP office in Kananga reached **183,000** beneficiaries in December with either in-kind, CBT, or nutrition assistance. WFP provided double distributions of in-kind food following delivery delays in November and reached around **68,000** beneficiaries. Despite insecurity in the region which postponed deliveries, cash assistance in Bena Leka resumed and reached **66,000**

people. WFP assisted **49,000** children and PLW/G with malnutrition treatment and prevention activities.

- **Kasai:** In December, WFP's Tshikapa office assisted **110,000** people. In-kind distributions were completed successfully, reaching over **20,000** conflict-affected people in the Banga Lubaka health zone. CBT distributions were completed in November and will resume in January. Specialized nutritious foods for the prevention and treatment of malnutrition were distributed to **89,000** children and PLW/G.
- **Ituri:** WFP assisted **212,000** beneficiaries in Ituri during the reporting period. WFP distributed in-kind food assistance to **157,000** vulnerable people, notably **47,000** internally displaced people in Rhoee and Djugu. WFP distributed cash assistance to around **51,000** internally displaced people and refugees in December. About **4,000** children and PLW/G received malnutrition treatment assistance. Nutrition activities in Drodoro, Lita, Mwanga and Rwampara were postponed due to insecurity.
- **North Kivu:** The WFP Goma Office reached an estimated **138,000** people through in-kind food distributions, CBT, or nutrition activities for malnutrition treatment in December. Despite severe security constraints and new security measures imposed by authorities in parts of Beni territory, in-kind distributions were completed, reaching **100,000** beneficiaries. Cash transfers assisted over **15,000** people. About **22,000** children and PLW/G received nutritious supplies to treat malnutrition.
- **South Kivu:** In December, the Bukavu office reached **221,000** people. This includes **124,000** displaced people, returnees and host families who received in-kind food assistance comprising of a half ration without cereals due to the delayed arrival of products. WFP provided cash assistance to **51,000** beneficiaries in the region this month. Malnutrition treatment products were provided to **40,000** children and PLW/G. Malnutrition prevention activities recovered very well from postponements in November, reaching **25,000** beneficiaries.
- **Refugee assistance:** The Gbadolite office delivered double cash distributions for November and December to **56,000** beneficiaries in four refugee camps in the Ubangis on 17 December. An additional double distribution for Central African refugees and host populations in Yakoma territory for over **5,000** beneficiaries was achieved. Double distributions every two months are conducted to minimise contact in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Supply Chain

- **Access:** Poor road conditions, worsened by heavy rains, are considerably affecting WFP ability to deliver food to

distribution sites and health centres throughout the country. In December, the temporary closure of the RN1 (due to the collapse of the road) halted all movement on the RN1 for a few days. This road, linking Kinshasa to Tshikapa, is the main supply road to the Kasais. Alternative supply options via river and rail have been tested by WFP in the past, but they add two to three months to the journey, hence are not a viable option for reliable supply to Kasai operations. Similarly, deliveries to the WFP warehouse in Bunia were disrupted by an overturned Tanzanian truck (due to poor road conditions) on the RN27 – the main road linking the border crossing in Mahagi to Bunia. At the same time, the 200km road stretch from Beni to Bunia remained blocked due to insecurity and road attacks for several weeks, impeding deliveries to Bunia. Convoys were subsequently organised by WFP to resume food transport operations.

- **Western Corridor/Matadi:** Following lengthy discussions with *Office Congolais de Contrôle* (OCC), the 105 containers of corn meal held at Matadi for three months are being cleared and delivered to WFP's warehouse in Kinshasa. So far, 50 containers have reached Kinshasa, of which 12 are awaiting imminent distribution to Tshikapa following a further round of customs clearance.
- **Western Corridor/Pointe Noire:** WFP is establishing a long-term agreement to allow swift multimodal supplies of food to reach DRC through Pointe Noire, via Brazzaville. The Pointe Noire option adds capacity on the supply of international food to the Western DRC, particularly the Kasais, that have been affected by congestion at Matadi Port. The first 2,000 MT shipment of food using this corridor is due to arrive in March 2022.

Clusters and Common Services

Logistics Cluster (LogCluster)

- **COVID-19 Response:** LogCluster continues to provide free storage for WHO and the DRC Ministry of Health. Items from Kinshasa to two affected health provisions (Kongo Central and Lomami) were transported by road and air. Cold chain materials were held and transported to support the National Programme of Vaccination.
- **Coordination and Information Management / Geographic Information Systems:** LogCluster DRC's annual [satisfaction survey](#) for 2021 was launched; open until 14 January. Monthly LogCluster meetings continued in Kinshasa, Goma and Bukavu. Logistics information was shared through [the portal](#) and three operational maps were published. Physical access alerts were monitored and shared via dcr-logs@logcluster.org.

- **Gaps and Needs exercise in 2021:** The final review of the report is ongoing.
- **Humanitarian Funds:** USD 1 million allocated for logistics projects in Fizi, South Kivu. The first committee meeting will take place on 12 January.

Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- **Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2022:** The HRP is being finalised. In the absence of in-kind food assistance, crisis- and acute-level food insecurity will persist in 2022. Nearly 27 million people need food and livelihoods assistance, including 6.1 million in extreme emergency (IPC 4) and 20.9 million in crisis (IPC 3). Families unable to meet their food needs will be forced to adopt irreversible measures that undermine local production systems and economies. Assets and purchasing power will be lost, welfare levels will drop, and famine looms.
- **Humanitarian Fund allocation 2021:** Two reserve allocations were launched in December for the Hauts-Plateaux and for pre-positioning inputs. A Strategic Review Committee comprised of cluster members, international and national organisations, and UN agencies will evaluate projects.
- **IPC lessons learned:** A workshop was held on 15 to 17 December for the provincial IPC working groups. Each province presented their regional context, what worked well and what did not during the 20th round of IPC analysis, and their recommendations for future analyses.
- **Cluster members list:** The list was updated based on implementing partners participation in meetings and trainings. The cluster has 92 active members.

Bilateral Services Provision (BSP)

- **Storage and transport:** BSP continues to provide storage and transport of items to partners.
- **Framework document:** BSP are working on the framework document covering logistics bilateral services for humanitarian actors and government.

UN Humanitarian Air Service

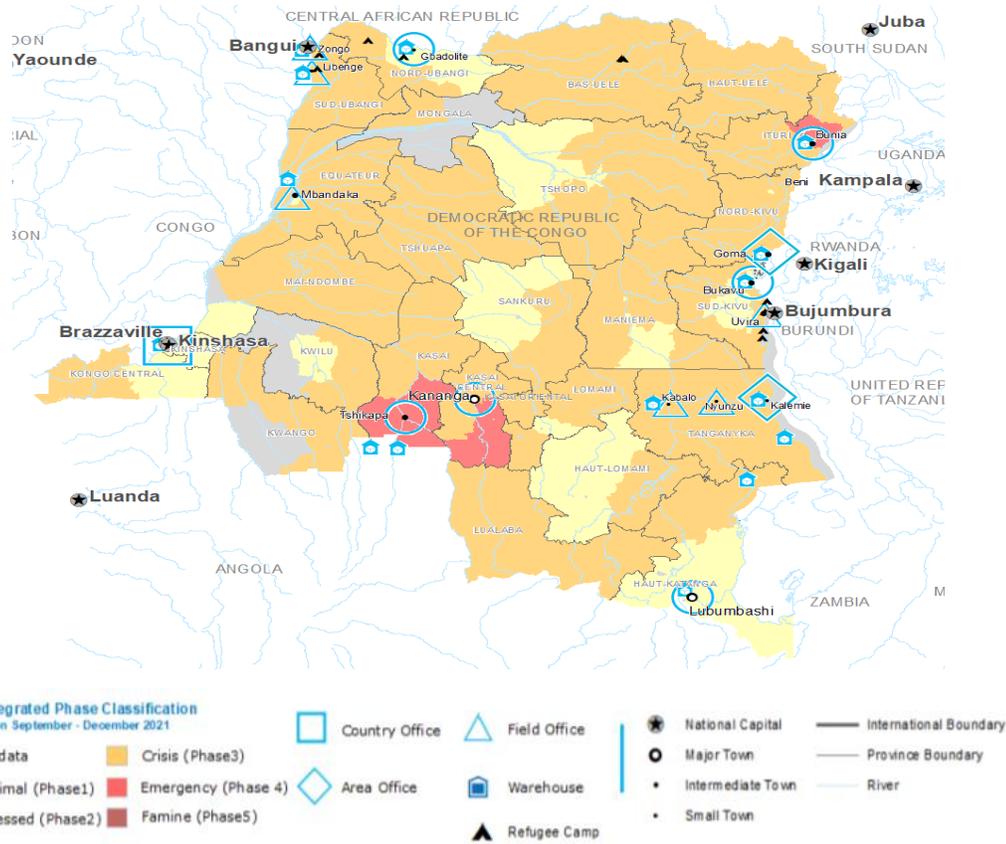
- The Steering Committee met on 29 December to agree on reducing UNHAS aircrafts, routes and destinations due to a lack of resources. Lubumbashi, Kisangani, Kindu, Baraka and Uvira have been removed from the flight schedule.
- **Funding Shortfall:** Despite the decisions taken by the steering committee to reduce costs for UNHAS, a shortfall of USD 12.2 million remains for 2022.
- In December, UNHAS and ECHO Flight project, managed by

WFP/UNHAS, transported **5,233** passengers and **101 MT** of essential light cargo.

- **Evacuations:** UNHAS conducted **13** medical evacuations out of Roe, Kirumba, Kananga and Impfondo (Republic of Congo).
- UNHAS is facilitating additional rotations on the Bunia-Roe axis following the sudden deterioration of security conditions in Drodro, Ituri. The ECHO helicopter was also temporarily deployed to Buna from 27 December to 4 January to support partners in the province.
- UNHAS supports WFP's High Energy Biscuits distribution in Kipupu, Mikenge and Minembwe. In December, four rotations were conducted to Kipupu (6 MT of cargo), six to Mikenge (10 MT) and seven to Minembwe (10 MT).

Communications

- **Content missions:** Two missions were completed, despite being impacted by COVID, to Tanganyika covering malnutrition activities.
- **Billboards:** WFP organised displays at locations across Kinshasa asking people what they cook for Christmas.
- **Social media:** WFP posted tweets on [the nutritional value of okra](#) and [the benefits of school feeding](#).



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