



## WFP Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) – Eastern DRC Emergency Situation Report 2025 #3

### IN NUMBERS



**7.8 million** people internally displaced in Eastern DRC since December 2024 (OCHA)



**25.5 million** people are food insecure (IPC Phase 3 and 4)



**90 % of IDPs** have poor or borderline food consumption



**3,000 metric tonnes** of commodities being distributed to IDP returnees around Goma



**USD 399 million** required country-wide to provide life-saving assistance in the next six months.

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The ongoing conflict in Eastern DRC has evolved into a complex and volatile struggle, drawing in a growing number of actors and conflicting sides, rivalling for control in the region.

Mass displacement, destruction of IDP camps, and a deepening food security crisis is on the rise to alarming levels. In addition a health crisis is looming on the horizon with multiple disease outbreaks, particularly Mpox being reported.

WFP is navigating the complex operational context balancing its humanitarian mandate, impartiality and duty of care towards its staff. Resultantly, WFP reached over 500,000 people with general food assistance and nutrition supplementation across the country in February.

### Situation Update

- **Escalating violence** in eastern DRC is deepening the humanitarian crisis, with multiple NSAGs involved in the conflict and shifting alliances, between M23 and FARDC, further destabilizing the region. This has caused security breakdowns, frequent prison breaks, weapon proliferation, and rising criminality, complicating WFP operations.
- **11 million** people are prioritized for humanitarian assistance under the 2025 Humanitarian Response Plan for DRC, yet the full scale of needs remains unassessed given the deteriorating security situation since January.
- **Ninety percent** of internally displaced people (IDP) in both North and South Kivu have poor or borderline food consumption, according to recent food security assessments.
- **A health crisis** is unfolding in the DRC, with over 850 Mpox cases reported since January and 500 patients displaced, heightening the risk of disease transmission. Furthermore, disrupted access to safe water is exacerbating the spread of water-borne illnesses such as cholera.
- **In the western region of the country**, clashes between Mobondo and the FARDC in Mai Ndombe, Kwilu and Kwango provinces are causing recurrent displacement affecting people and raising insecurity concerns in the area.

## WFP Response

### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP's emergency food assistance and nutrition activities aim to reach 6.4 million people across DRC in 2025. Despite the volatile security situation in eastern DRC, WFP managed to reach 600,000 people across the country with assistance in January.
- WFP's emergency food assistance in South Kivu remains paused particularly given the looting of commodities as all the stocks in Bukavu were lost. However support for nutrition supplementation in health centres is ongoing. Emergency food assistance has also resumed for IDP returnees around Goma.
- For northern North Kivu, WFP shifted to in-kind food assistance in some areas that were planned to receive cash assistance to mitigate the prevailing cash liquidity challenges caused by the disruption in banking services in Goma and Bukavu. In Bunia, Ituri, WFP provided double food rations to mitigate risks of losing food commodities due to insecurity.
- WFP undertook a rapid assessment to better understand IDPs movement and current needs. Trend analysis shows that 42 percent of IDPs have moved back to their villages or are living with host families (39 percent). In North Kivu, all camps are now empty, with 50 percent of IDPs returning to their villages. In South Kivu, 22 percent of IDPs are still in camps, 37 percent have returned to their villages, and 30 percent are living with host families.

### Supply Chain

- WFP has an in-country stock of nearly 15,000 metric tonnes of various products (13,000 tonnes allocated to operations in eastern DRC and 2,000 metric tonnes allocated to operations in western DRC). At the same time, some 94,000 metric tonnes of other commodities are in various stages of purchase and delivery and are destined for operations in the DRC.
- Following the takeover of Bukavu by the M23 rebels, the security situation deteriorated rapidly, and WFP warehouses were attacked. Over 6,000 mt of food commodities (about 100 percent of the stocks in the warehouse) were

lost. Coupled with the commodities that were lost in Goma, over 17,000 mt of WFP commodities have been lost this year.

- WFP is assessing options for internal transfers, local procurement, and sourcing from global commodity management facility hubs to replenish and preposition stocks for immediate distribution once conditions allow. WFP is already in negotiation with local suppliers that have expressed availability of some 8,500 mt of commodities to be delivered for WFP operations in Goma.

### Funding Appeal

- WFP urgently needs USD 399 million to maintain country-wide operations in DRC between March 2025 and July 2025.

### UNHAS

- UNHAS transported 1,779 passengers and 12,5 metric tons of essential light cargo over the reporting period. These included people that were relocated from Beni, Bukavu, Bujumbura and Kalemie to Kinshasa and Lubumbashi due to insecurity. However, the overall number of passengers transported over the month is much below the average as humanitarian operations have been hampered by the insecurity in the east.
- The active fighting in North Kivu and South Kivu prompted UNHAS to extend its no-fly zone thereby limiting access to locations for humanitarian response, particularly those in and around active combat. UNHAS is facing funding shortfalls for its operations in DRC beyond March, jeopardizing life-saving humanitarian access across the country.

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