Headline

**Executive Board Meeting:** Between 20 and 24 June, WFP Country Director (CD) Peter Musoko attended the Executive Board meeting in Rome, Italy. The CD actively engaged with partners such as USAID BHA, the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, Japan, Belgium, and Germany to strengthen partnerships and attract resources. The partners raised their concerns over the deteriorating security situation in eastern DRC and its impact on WFP activities and the overall humanitarian response.

Situation Update

**USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Affairs (BHA) mission to Kananga:** WFP accompanied BHA’s Agreement Officer’s Representative, with a BHA delegation, to Kananga from 3 to 15 June. The delegation visited WFP distributions, including a location where WFP is conducting the pilot varying ration sizes based on household vulnerability. The delegation also visited the WFP warehouse in Kananga and a health centre to witness nutrition activities and to meet with cooperating partners. WFP is committed to continuously improving its performance and partner relations.

**Emergency Response in eastern DRC:** WFP has been serving people affected by M23 attacks and clashes in Kiwanja and Rutshuru areas since April. In early June WFP assisted 17,000 beneficiaries in Rwanguba, and 70,000 displaced people following M23 attacks on Kibumba. WFP also assisted around 67,000 people in Kanyaruchinya, a suburb of Goma, in June, an area which also houses people displaced from Nyiragongo. In late June, WFP responded to fresh alerts in Rutshuru and Kiwanja to around 56,000 beneficiaries and another 25,000 in Rugari. WFP faces challenges to conducting its operations as insecurity has forced the suspension of UN movements around Rutshuru and Goma throughout June. For example, a general food distribution in Ntamugenga was interrupted for three days on 17 June and on 20 June, only critical activities were permitted in Kiwanja and Rutshuru as a result of the clashes.

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.

### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **Overview**: Despite the insecurity challenges WFP faced in June, WFP assisted **1,135,000** people. WFP supported **550,000** individuals with in-kind distributions and **359,000** people received cash assistance. Most of WFP's cash distributions are set to pick up in July following internal changes to the cash transfer system. WFP served **225,000** children and pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLW/Gs) with nutritious products to treat and prevent malnutrition.

- **Tanganyika**: WFP reached **136,000** people with all forms of assistance. WFP distributed in-kind assistance to **104,000** people and supported **7,000** people with cash. WFP reached **24,000** children and PLW/Gs with malnutrition prevention and treatment activities.

- **Kasai Central and Kasai Oriental**: June distributions reached **159,000** individuals with either cash, in-kind or nutrition assistance for prevention and treatment. Some **73,000** people received in-kind distributions and an additional **19,000** individuals received cash assistance, though further cash distributions will take place in July. A total of **67,000** children and PLW/Gs benefitted from nutrition activities. WFP is finalizing a strategy to counter the sale of fake WFP coupons following a reported incident. The plan will include sensitising beneficiary communities through local radio.

- **Kasai**: WFP, reached **94,000** people with overall assistance as planned. WFP supported **67,000** individuals with in-kind distributions. WFP's cash distributions are planned for July. WFP assisted **26,000** individuals with life-saving malnutrition treatment products.

- **North Kivu**: WFP supported **275,000** people with all forms of assistance despite the worsening insecurity and mass population displacement. WFP reached **154,000** beneficiaries including internally displaced persons with in-kind assistance. WFP food distribution activities were delayed in Tshengerero, Kinoni and Kinihira affecting 50,000 beneficiaries because of the armed violence. Additionally, WFP reached **114,000** people with cash assistance and a further **6,000** beneficiaries with malnutrition treatment and prevention support. WFP delayed several malnutrition activities in Walikale territory since a truck carrying 10 MT of nutrition commodities was blocked in Lubero due to insecurity. WFP is seeking alternative transport routes through Uganda to mitigate the impact of impassable roads affected by insecurity.

- **Ituri**: WFP reached **291,000** people overall in June. WFP provides assistance in face of the ensuing Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) crisis in Koma, Lolanda and Lolwa affecting South Sudanese refugees and internally displaced people. In-kind assistance reached **96,000** people and **132,000** people received cash assistance. WFP uses biometric registration which has helped to eliminate duplications and ensure that WFP serves all those communities in need. Additionally, WFP reached **63,000** individuals with malnutrition treatment and prevention activities.

- **South Kivu**: In June, **178,000** beneficiaries received assistance from WFP. WFP reached **54,000** beneficiaries, including IDPs, returnees and host families, with in-kind assistance. Some **87,000** people received cash assistance. WFP in partnership with UNHCR and the Actions et interventions pour le developpement et l'encadrement social (AIDES) launched cash assistance to Burundian refugees. Additionally, WFP distributed nutritious products to treat and prevent malnutrition to **36,000** people.

### Supply Chain

- **Pipeline**: WFP in-country stocks amount to more than 36,000 MT, marking an improvement in the overall supply situation in DRC, particularly through the eastern corridors. The supply of maize meal to the Kasais is affected by delays at Matadi Port. WFP is looking to more local procurement and will adjust rations in the region.

- **Access in Kasai**: Last mile road conditions in the Kasai have improved with the end of the rainy season. Deliveries to various distribution sites or health centres are still only possible using the WFP trucks.
Clusters and Common Services

Logistics Cluster (LogCluster)

- **Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) report:** The GNA report is now available and will help the Logistics Cluster plan its strategy for DRC in the coming years.

- **Medical logistics:** UNHAS facilitated the transportation of Measles vaccines and a medical team in response to the current Measles epidemic in Haut Uele province.

- **Geographical Information Systems/Information Management:** LogCluster shared documents through the portal and published operational maps. LogCluster monitored and shared physical access alerts via dcr-logs@logcluster.org.

Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- **Russian invasion of Ukraine impact analysis:** FSC contributed to an analysis covering the macro-economic impacts of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on DRC. FSC recommends an increased budget, dedicated to food assistance. In addition, FSC recommends an agile response to the crisis, curbing the phenomenon of speculation on prices by releasing country stocks and implementing regulatory market measures, and ensuring social protection.

- **Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) Acute Food Insecurity analysis:** WFP and the rest of the humanitarian community are harmonising data collection tools and funding to ensure solid coordination and improve data analysis for the 21st cycle of the IPC.

- **IPC Chronic Food Insecurity:** The DRC Ministry of Planning in partnership with FSC is mapping existing chronic food insecurity data from the past 10 years. The mapping exercise will run from 25 July to 6 August with support from other ministries, agencies, the World Bank, African Development Bank, NGOs, universities, and research centres. The preliminary results will be published mid-August 2022.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- **User Group Meetings:** UNHAS held user group consultation meetings in Bukavu, Goma and Tanganyika. The users gave feedback on the increase in UNHAS fares which will in turn increase reliance on the European Union Humanitarian Aid Flight (EUHAF). This will exceed the EUHAF capacity, and they will need to review their schedule to accommodate connecting passengers.

- **Operational Overview:** In June, UNHAS and EUHAF, transported 4,037 passengers and 60 MT of essential light cargo. Additionally, UNHAS supported the WFP cash distribution mission in Djangi, Aru, Maibano, and Mambasa.

- **Medical Evacuations:** UNHAS conducted 10 medical evacuation flights out of Beni, Walikale, Gbadolite, Kinshasa and Bunia.

- **Special Flights:** UNHAS conducted 16 special flights for ACTED, Agro Action, Comité International de la Croix-rouge (CICR), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), OCHA, UNFPA, FAO and WFP.

- **Fuel Crisis:** Fuel shortages continue to constrain UNHAS operations, particularly in Mbandaka and Bangui. Flights to the west by UNHAS are now on a case-by-case basis in light of the availability of fuel.

- **Training:** UNHAS conducted an emergency response drill exercise in Kalemie on 22 June. The exercise is done annually at different UNHAS airports to refresh the coordination and response procedures should an incident occur at an airport.

Communications

- **World Refugee Day:** WFP published a multi-media story on women refugees and relations with host communities.

- **Community Radio outreach:** WFP is broadening the range of radio messages broadcast in local languages in North Kivu from beneficiary identification and registration to messaging on fraud sensitization in Kasai Oriental.
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