

WFP Democratic Republic of the Congo

September Situation Report #41 – 31 October 2022

Highlights

- Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) acute food insecurity analysis:** On 30 September, the Food Security Cluster presented the preliminary IPC results about the levels of food insecurity in DRC to partners. Between July and December 2022, **26.4 million people are estimated to be in Phase 3 or 4, which is 26 percent of the population.** DRC remains the country with the largest number of people in Phase 3 and above in the world.
- Over **1.8 million** people have been internally displaced in Ituri province since last June as per the latest OCHA situation report accessible [here](#).

Situation Update

- Annual Performance Planning Mid-Term Review 2022:** From 19 to 21 September, senior management, the Heads of Units and Heads of Sub- and Area-Offices held a retreat in Zongo. The key objectives of the retreat were to analyse the performance of WFP DRC in 2022 at the mid-term point against the indicators set out during the planning at the beginning of this year.
- Egypt International Cooperation Forum:** From 06 to 11 September, the Country Director, Peter Musoko, and the Vice-Minister of Planning, His Excellency Crispin Mbadu Panzu, attended the International Cooperation Forum held in Cairo, Egypt. This year's edition focused on climate change and its implications on food, water, and energy security.
- End of Ebola Outbreak:** On 27 September, the Ministry of Health declared the end of the 15th Ebola outbreak in Beni, North Kivu province. The outbreak lasted only one month and 12 days and there was only one confirmed case. Cross-border surveillance was strengthened for the ongoing Ebola outbreak in Uganda, while a preparedness plan was put in

	26.4 m highly food-insecure people (51% female/49% male) (50% children/50% adults)
	26 provinces affected
	5.7 m people displaced (52% female/48% male) (58% children/42% adults)
	6.3 m people reached in 2021 (59% female/41% male) (61% children/39% adults)
Total 2022 funding requirements	US\$ 625.3 m
6-month Net Funding Requirements (November 2022 – April 2023)	
Food Assistance	US\$ 83.6m
Nutrition	US\$ 23.2m
Other activities	US\$ 31.4m
Total	US\$ 138.2m

place also in Ituri province to rapidly detect and respond to any transmission in DRC. WFP is closely monitoring these developments.

- Insecurity:** In South Kivu province, WFP operations were discontinued in Uvira and Fizi territory for two days due to inter-communal tensions and military operations against non-state armed groups.
- Inter-communal violence:** Since late August to early September, inter-communal violence in Mai-Ndombe province has displaced over 35,000 people with an estimated 1,400 people believed to have crossed into Central African Republic. President Felix Tshisekedi engaged customary

chiefs from Kwamouth territory in Mai-Ndombe and called for peace in villages such as Masiambio, Mutsheti and Bibonga where violence and displacement was rampant. WFP is ready to support the affected populations, resources permitting.

- **M-Kengela Report:** The August market bulletin notes that between July and August 2022 the cost of the food basket increased slightly from USD 12 to USD 12.58 cents. In comparison to August 2021, the average value of the standard food basket has increased by 24 percent. As this bulletin coincides with the post-harvest period in the eastern part of the country, the high prices of main commodities reflect the signs of the early hunger season in Rutshuru territory. Most farming households in the east have reported low production between June and July 2022, including crop losses due to the security situation.

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:** In September, WFP reached **1.3 million** people across in-kind, nutrition, and cash-based assistance. WFP supported **627,000** people with in-kind distributions and reached **347,000** people with cash-based transfers. Additionally, WFP assisted **398,000** children and pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLW/Gs) with nutritious products to treat and prevent malnutrition.
- **Tanganyika:** For September, WFP reached **212,000** people, with in-kind distribution and nutrition. For in-kind assistance, **108,000** people received assistance. The 18th and 19th convoys of Congolese returnees from Zambia, arrived in Pweto bringing the total to 5,827 returnees. WFP postponed its cash distributions to the second week of October pending the registration of 66,349 people on the beneficiary information and transfers management platform (SCOPE). Additionally, **104,000** children and PLW/Gs received nutritious products to treat and prevent malnutrition.
- **Kasai Central and Kasai Oriental:** WFP reached **187,000** beneficiaries with in-kind, cash and nutrition assistance. In-kind distributions reached **53,000** beneficiaries in the Mikalayi health zone. Additionally, **43,000** people received cash assistance in the Tshilenge health zone, as part of the pilot study project in Dibaya's territory. The Kananga office supported **91,000** children and (PLW/Gs) with nutritious supplies to treat malnutrition.
- **Kasai:** WFP assisted **208,000** people with in-kind support, cash-based assistance, and nutrition supplies. Additionally, **61,000** beneficiaries received in-kind distribution though there was a delay due to the shortage of cereals. WFP supported **79,000** beneficiaries with cash-based assistance in the Mutena health zone. WFP registered 8,825 people on SCOPE in Kakenge and Luebo health zone. Malnutrition treatment products were supplied to **67,000** children and

pregnant lactating women and girls.

- **North Kivu:** WFP reached **275,000** beneficiaries with general food distributions and nutrition. WFP distributed in-kind food to **238,000** people, including vulnerable host families and internally displaced persons in Beni and Masisi territories. WFP supported **26,000** people with cash-based assistance in Masisi territory despite the fighting in the Bapfuna and Nyamaboko area. The Goma office assisted over **10,000** children and PLW/Gs with malnutrition treatment supplies. The security situation remains volatile in Beni territory.
- **Ituri:** WFP reached **341,000** people with in-kind assistance, nutrition supplies and cash-based transfer. WFP distributed in-kind assistance to **61,000** in Linga, Lita, Udrua and Gupe health zones whilst some delays were experienced in Boga territory. The Goma office reached 198,000 people with cash-based assistance in Meri and Biringi refugee camp. Malnutrition treatment products were supplied to **82,000** children and PLW/Gs.
- **South Kivu:** WFP reached **146,000** people with in-kind assistance and nutrition supplies. WFP reached **103,000** people with in-kind assistance including returnees and vulnerable host families in Kalungu, Kalehe territory and Sebele in Fizi territory. WFP reached **43,000** children and pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLW/Gs) with nutritious supplies to treat and prevent malnutrition. Humanitarian needs continue to increase due to the FARDC and Burundian army operations against armed groups in the territories of Mwenga, Uvira and Fizi further causing internal displacement of an estimated 8,000 people.



Supply Chain

- **Food Safety and Quality:** From 25 September to 06 October, WFP and the PRONANUT DRC line ministry were on a technical nutrition mission in Ghana and Malawi. The objective of the mission was to acquire knowledge surrounding policies and methodologies for food fortification from these two countries that have successfully implemented the process.
- **Bilateral Services Provision:** On 15 September, WFP in collaboration with the Vice Minister of Health, and other implementing partners launched the Africa Centre for Diseases Control (Africa CDC) and Saving Lives and Livelihoods (SLL) project in Kinshasa Province. WFP transported over **10 mt** out of **70 mt** to various distribution points as part of five batches of FAO agricultural seeds and tools.



Clusters and Common Services

Logistics Cluster

- **Information Management/Geographical Information Systems:** The Logistics Cluster shared documents and operational maps on the dedicated [portal](#). The Logistics Cluster monitored and shared physical access alerts via: drc-logs@logcluster.org

Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- **Acute Food Insecurity:** The preliminary results of the IPC show that **26.4 million people** continue to face crisis or emergency in (IPC 3 and 4). The hunger conditions are fuelled by a multiplicity of factors ranging from poor harvest, violence-driven, displacement and food price increases.
- **Acute Malnutrition:** Provisional results on acute malnutrition are being finalized. The aggravating factors of acute malnutrition vary from one health zone or territory but the main reasons are, poor infant and young child feeding practices, acute food insecurity and high prevalence of childhood diseases.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- **Operational Overview:** In September, UNHAS and EU Humanitarian AirForce (EUHAF) transported **4,394** passengers and **38 mt** of essential light cargo.
- **Medical Evacuations:** UNHAS conducted ten evacuation flights out of Kabalo, Walikale, Gemena, Kongolo, Kinshasa, and Goma for *Commission Diocésaine Justice et Paix* (CDJP-Kongolo), The Salvation Army, *Médecins Sans Frontières*-Hollande.
- **Special Flights:** UNHAS conducted eight special flights for UNDP, The Mitchell Group, *Comité International de la Croix-rouge* (CICR), *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ) and *Médecins Sans Frontières*-Hollande.

Communications

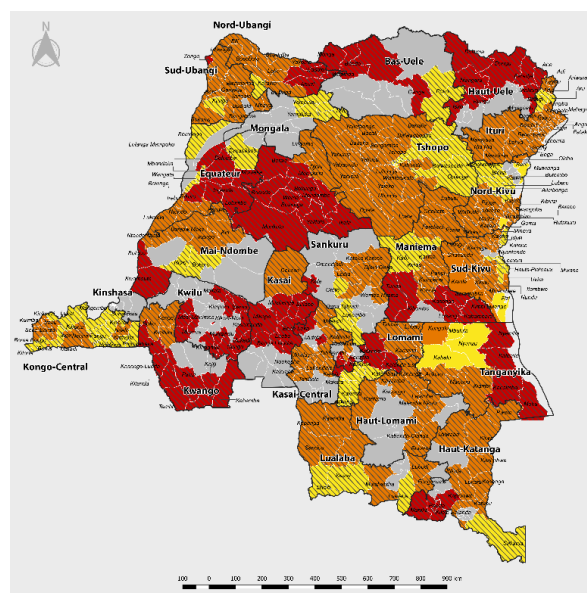
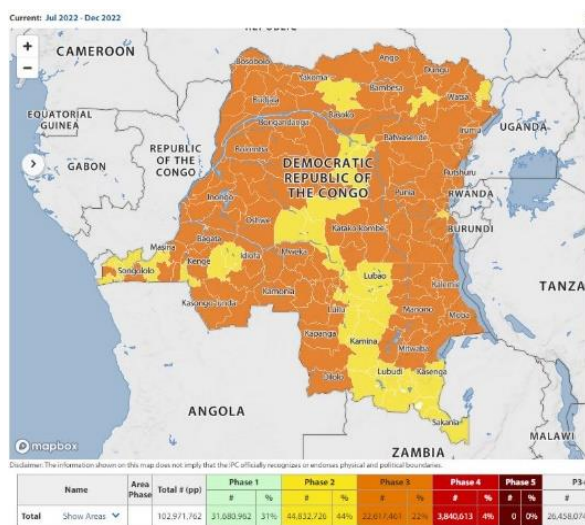
- **Communications Outreach:** An explainer video detailing DRC operations and impact between January to August 2022 is now available [here](#).
- **WFP DRC Twitter:** The [@WFPDRC](#) twitter account organically surpassed the **14,000** follower's mark.
- **World Literacy Day:** On 8 September, WFP [commemorated](#) world literacy day in South Ubangi. WFP has supported over **3,800** women with functional literacy training since January 2022, and over **1,200** women have gained supplementary income.



Pendeza sits with her triplets and two other children during a cash distribution activity in Masisi, North Kivu. ©WFP/Benjamin Anguandia.

Acute Malnutrition Situation: July - December 2022

Acute Food Insecurity Situation: July -December 2022



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