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 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 conveyos 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 Biriring 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-Holland.

- **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- Holland.

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.

Acute Food Insecurity Situation: July – December 2022

[Map of Food Security Clusters in the Democratic Republic of Congo]

Acute Malnutrition Situation: July – December 2022
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