








WFP Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) – Eastern DRC Emergency Situation Report 2025 #1



IN NUMBERS

- 
Over 700,000 people displaced in Goma since January 2025
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25.5 million people are food insecure (IPC Phase 3 and 4)
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1.4 million reached with malnutrition treatment and prevention support in 2024
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3.5 million beneficiaries reached with food and cash assistance in 2024.
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USD 397 million required country-wide to provide life-saving assistance in the next six months.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The security situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has deteriorated rapidly as the March 23 Movement (M23) armed group seized Goma and advanced into new territories in North and South Kivu, displacing over 700,000 people. IDP camps have been evacuated, destroyed, or abandoned, leaving thousands without shelter and increasing humanitarian needs. WFP has temporarily paused its operations in frontline areas but is prepositioning resources for rapid resumption when conditions allow. WFP retains critical staff in place to be able to respond as soon as resources are available and security permits.

Situation Update

- The humanitarian situation in eastern DRC continues to worsen due to escalating violence. Heavy clashes between M23 and the Congolese armed forces (FARDC) have led to mass displacement, destruction of IDP camps, and a deepening food security crisis. The ongoing insecurity has also triggered civil unrest, looting, and disruption of humanitarian supply chains.
- Limited access to food, high market prices, and depleted food stocks are exacerbating hunger. Over 3 million people were displaced only in 2024, leading to an unprecedented protection and food crisis.
- The crisis is heightening the risk of disease outbreaks, including Mpox (90% of global cases), cholera, measles, and malaria.
- Reports indicate an increase in sexual violence, forced recruitment into armed groups, and attacks on humanitarian personnel.
- Water, electricity, and communication networks have been severely impacted, with essential services cut off in many areas.
- WFP is working closely with UN agencies, NGOs, and government partners to address immediate needs and prepare for a potential large-scale response.



WFP/ Moses Sawasawa / Goma population and displaced people at the Kivu Lake



WFP/Moses Sawasawa Displaced people fleeing the Kanvaruchinya IDP camp)



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WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- The main driver of displacement in DRC is conflict. The number of IDPs in DRC is estimated to be 6.9 million, without counting the people displaced by the most recent crisis.
- WFP operation in DRC plans to support 7.1 million people country-wide in 2025 across all interventions (crises and resilience). So far in January WFP has only reached 376,000 people due to the security situation.
- In 2024, WFP reached 3.5 million beneficiaries with food and nutrition assistance. Food assistance is partially paused in North Kivu and South Kivu, especially in locations taken by M23 or in the frontlines of the conflict.
- It is estimated that 4.5 million children under five, and 3.7 million pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls, are expected to face acute malnutrition countrywide from January to June 2025. WFP has supported 1.4 million people with malnutrition treatment and prevention.

Supply Chain

- Escalating violence continues to block supply routes to Goma, making it difficult to deliver essential food supplies to the city. The airport in Goma has sustained severe damage.
- Lack of commercial and humanitarian flow of items have impacted market functionality, leading to a surge in price of food.
- WFP has around 4500 mt of food available around Goma, but several warehouses have been looted.

- WFP is assessing options for internal transfers, local procurement and sourcing from the WFP global commodity management facility hub to resume operations as the situation improves.

Funding Appeal

- WFP urgently needs USD 397 million to maintain country-wide operations in DRC between February 2025 and July 2025.

UNHAS

- The WFP-managed UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) has been a key enabler of humanitarian action and was instrumental in supporting recent relocation and evacuation of humanitarians.
- UNHAS is only funded until early-March 2025. USD 21.1 million are required to continue operations.

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