



WFP Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) – Eastern DRC Emergency Situation Report 2025 #6

IN NUMBERS



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



28 million people are food insecure (IPC Phase 3+) in DRC



1.6 million conflict-affected people received food assistance in eastern DRC between January and April 2025



6,800 MT of commodities distributed



USD 478.5 million required country-wide to provide life-saving assistance in the next six months.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The ongoing conflict in Eastern DRC is having a drastic impact on food security. The latest update of the Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) shows a significant increase in acutely food insecure people in DRC from 25.5 million in September 2024 to 28 million between January to June 2025, including 3.9 million people at emergency levels of hunger (IPC Phase 4). This represents the highest number ever recorded in the DRC. Mass displacement, destruction of IDP camps, and rising food prices have been key drivers for a spike in food insecurity especially in North and South Kivu.

WFP is navigating the complex operational context balancing its humanitarian mandate, impartiality and duty of care responsibilities towards its staff.

Situation Update

- The **security situation** in the East remained highly volatile in May, the March 23 Movement (M23) maintained its stronghold in the locations under its authority in both North and South Kivu. Meanwhile, the State of Siege has been extended in parts of North Kivu and Ituri. Besides the M23, other non-state armed groups continue to perpetrate attacks against the Congolese armed forces and its allies.
- As conflict persists in eastern DRC, AU-designated mediator and President of Togo Faure Gnassingbé is leading discussions focused on harmonizing the Nairobi and Luanda Processes, streamlining AU mediation efforts and enhancing coordination with the EAC, SADC, the US and Qatar to restore DRC-Rwanda relations.
- **Executive Director's visit:** WFP Executive Director Cindy McCain and Regional Director for East and Southern Africa Regional Office Eric Perdison were in DRC in May. The mission gained a first-hand account of the changed operating environment and interacted with families receiving cash assistance and nutrition interventions in North Kivu and Ituri. The delegation also got a chance to meet with community leaders and community protection champions, engage with NGO partners, development partners and the UN Country team and met with the Governors in Beni (North Kivu) and Bunia (Ituri) to affirm WFP's commitment to stay and deliver amid the crisis in DRC.

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's crisis response programme managed to reach nearly 830,000 people across the country in April.
- WFP's emergency food assistance was provided across all target provinces including North and South Kivu where it had paused due to the conflict escalation. Apart from General Food Assistance, WFP provided commodities for malnutrition intervention.
- In areas where displaced people have returned, WFP is adopting a vulnerability-based targeting approach. In May, WFP rolled out a targeting process in Rutshuru territory in North Kivu. WFP is also planning to roll out targeting interventions in Beni territory in northern North Kivu, which has over 100,000 people facing emergency and crisis levels of food insecurity. WFP is also planning to conduct post-distribution monitoring in territories of North Kivu to assess the impact of assistance and the distribution process. Learning and evidence from these processes considers the simultaneous demands of responding to continuous new displacements, protracted displacement and large-scale forced returns, and allows WFP to calibrate its assistance effectively in a context of reduced resources.

Supply Chain

- WFP has an in-country stock of nearly 31,000 MT of various products (26,000 MT allocated to operations in eastern DRC and 5,000 MT allocated to operations in western DRC). In addition, 94,000 MT of commodities are in various stages of purchase and delivery and are destined for operations in the DRC.
- Following the needs in Uvira due to unfeasibility of cash transfers as a modality, WFP plans to open a new corridor for in Baraka /Fizi Lusenda in South Kivu to support operations for 40,000 beneficiaries in that territory. An assessment is ongoing to explore the option of using the lake from Kalemie in

Tanganyika for delivery of food commodities to the territory.

- WFP is supporting the Mpox response by transporting vaccines, drugs, and sensitization materials to affected provinces as part of its On-demand service provision to the Humanitarian community in DRC. Furthermore, hot meals were provided to over two hundred confirmed and suspected Mpox cases in North Kivu.

Funding Appeal

- WFP urgently needs USD 478.5 million to maintain country-wide operations in DRC between June to November 2025.
- WFP is revising its plans and requirements in DRC considering the evolving operational context and needs and the funding outlook. Without additional resources, WFP would have to severely reduce its level of assistance as resources for in-kind and cash-based transfers will be depleted in coming months.

UNHAS

- UNHAS transported 1,383 passengers and 19.2 MT of essential light cargo in May. The overall number of passengers transported remained low as the UNHAS fleet is now down to six fixed-wing aircraft due to reduced available resources and destinations such as Goma and Bukavu are not included as the respective airports remain closed.

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