



WFP Democratic Republic of the Congo





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Highlights

- **Violence in eastern DRC:** Humanitarian partners estimate that since the fighting began in March over **262,000 people** have been displaced, of whom more than **128,000 are in Nyiragongo territory, North Kivu province**. WFP and its partners are focusing on emergency lifesaving food assistance and have so far reached more than **91,000 people** in Kanyaruchinya and Munigi in Nyiragongo. WFP plans to scale up its response and is targeting **250,000 people** with in-kind food and cash assistance for an initial six months, resources permitting.

Situation Update

- **Conflict in the east:** In North Kivu, the humanitarian situation has deteriorated sharply in the areas affected by the resumption of hostilities between the DRC armed forces and the non-state armed group M23. Over **7,000 displaced people** have taken refuge in Uganda.
- **Pipeline Challenges:** WFP will soon face real shortages when it comes to General Food Assistance (GFA), and prevention and treatment of malnutrition. Shortages of commodities will prevent WFP from implementing its operations at full scale during the first quarter of 2023 already. Therefore, WFP urgently needs funds for these three activities, especially since displaced populations are increasing with the current tense situation in the east.
- **M-Kengela Report:** In North Kivu, the cost of the food basket in September 2022 had increased by 19 percent compared to the same month a year ago. The effects of the clashes between the DRC armed forces and M23 in Rutshuru territory are being felt in the province's markets causing a sharp increase in the prices of essential commodities.

	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\$ 93.3 m
Nutrition	US\$ 23.2m
Other activities	US\$ 20.6m
Total	US\$ 137.1m

WFP Response

- Under the Country Strategic Plan 2021-2024, WFP continues its large-scale operation targeting **8.6 million** people with food, nutrition, and resilience support in 2022.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Overview: In October, WFP reached **1.2 million people** with in-kind, cash and nutrition assistance. This was slightly lower than the 1.3 million people reached in September. WFP supported 625,000 people with in-kind food distributions and

reached 159,000 people with cash-based transfers. Additionally, WFP assisted 423,000 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLW/Gs) with nutritious products to treat and prevent malnutrition.

- **Tanganyika:** In October alone, WFP reached **171,000** people with in-kind and nutrition assistance. WFP completed the registration of 57,000 people in SCOPE, WFP's digital beneficiary information and transfers management platform. Cash distributions for resilience activities (cash for work) in Kabalo were on-hold pending the approval of the new agreement with the identified implementing partner. Additionally, **82,000** children and PLW/Gs received nutritious products to treat and prevent malnutrition. The security situation in Kalemie remains volatile and unpredictable due to recurrent clashes between the DRC armed forces, armed groups and inter-community conflicts between the Twa and the Bantu ethnic groups.
- **Kasai Central and Kasai Oriental:** WFP reached only **223,000** across all assistance modalities in October. In-kind assistance reached **68,000** people. WFP supported **44,000** people with cash assistance however faced limitations in reaching more people in Mbuji Mayi due to inadequate police force to support Trust Merchant Bank (TMB) during cash distributions. Additionally, the Kananga office reached **110,000** children and (PLW/Gs) with nutritious supplies to treat malnutrition.
- **Kasai:** In October alone, WFP assisted **186,000** including conflict affected people with in-kind assistance, cash-based transfer, and nutrition supplies. For in-kind assistance only, **88,000** people received support. The Tshikapa office performance on cash-based activities was low, reaching only **29,000** people because cash distribution activities in Mutena and Ndjoko Pund were postponed to mid-November due to administrative challenges. WFP trained 34 Caritas enumerators on protection risk assessment tools, Accountability to Affected Persons, Prevention on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) principles and the digital complaint and feedback mechanisms (CFM).
- **North Kivu:** Since 20 October humanitarian access is becoming more restricted because of the deteriorating security situation in eastern DRC. OCHA estimates that 262,000 people have been displaced since hostilities began in March. Additionally, more than 128,000 IDPs are in Nyiragongo and approximately 7,000 people found refuge in Uganda. In October, WFP reached **274,000 people** including vulnerable host families and IDP's in Beni and Masisi territories with in-kind support, cash assistance and nutrition supplies. Access to Route Nationale 2, a primary supply corridor in North Kivu between Rutshuru and Goma, is limited. WFP is collaborating with other humanitarian partners and seeking alternative corridors to reach Beni via Masisi to the west or Rwanda and Uganda to the east.

- **Ituri:** WFP reached **140,000** including South Sudanese refugees in Bele territory with cash- based support, in-kind assistance and nutrition treatment and prevention supplies. The Ituri office experienced administrative issues which resulted in only **59,000** people receiving cash assistance, compared to 198,000 people reached in September. WFP nutrition activities in the Lolwa health zone were affected by the repeated Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) attacks along the Lolwa-Komanda road and only managed to reach **27,000** children and PLW/Gs with malnutrition treatment.
- **South Kivu:** WFP supported **211,000** people with in-kind assistance and nutrition supplies. WFP reached **98,000 people** with in-kind assistance alone, attaining 100 percent of its planned target for October. Additionally, **113,000** children and PLW/Gs were reached with malnutrition treatment and prevention activities. The Bukavu office resumed trainings for the Complaint and Feedback Community Committees in Walungu health zone; 60 committee members (37 men and 23 women) were trained on protection, feedback, and complaint management principles and the basic principles of Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).

Supply Chain

- **Procurement:** WFP signed two new contracts for the provision of 787 mt of maize meal for the Tshikapa office, and deliveries are expected in December. Additionally, another tender was launched for the supply of 532 mt for the Kananga office and 400 mt for the Tshikapa office.
- **Operations:** WFP negotiated with *Compagnie Maritime d'Affrètement and Compagnie Générale Maritime* (CMA-CGM) for an increase in the grace period required to return containers to shipping lines once imported commodities are offloaded. CMA-CGM increased its days from 21 to 45 days for Matadi port and 50 days for Pointe Noire. Additionally, containers can be transferred under bond to WFP's freight forwarders warehouse for stripping thus reducing delays.
- **Food Safety and Quality (FSQ):** In formulating the FSQ strategy a team from the Regional Bureau Johannesburg (RBJ) visited Goma and Bukavu between 17 to 28 October. The team met with potential milling companies, *Office Congolais de Contrôle* (OCC) representatives and other key stakeholders involved in the development of the strategy.
- **Bilateral Services Provision (BSP):** WFP successfully transported **2 mt** of medical items belonging to UNFPA from Kinshasa to Kisangani, in Tshopo province.



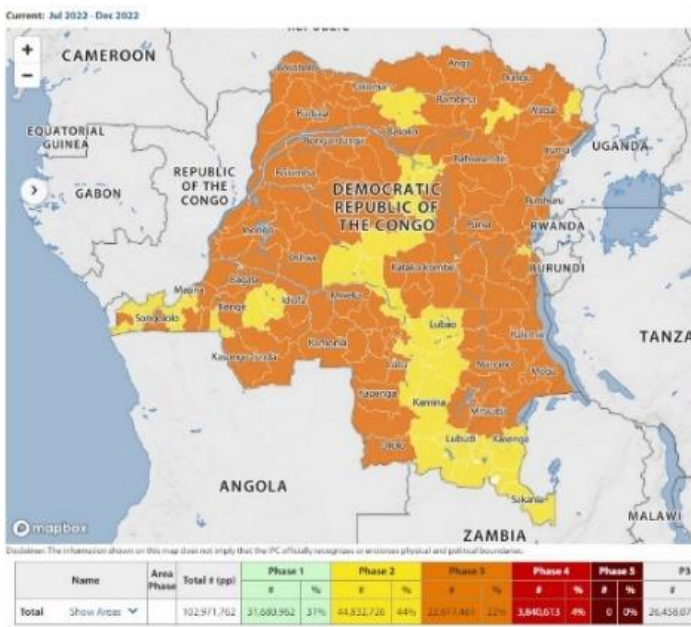
Clusters and Common Services Logistics Cluster

- **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)

- FSC completed the Humanitarian Response strategy for 2023. The cluster successfully convinced the Humanitarian Country Team on three important issues: (i) to target 70 percent of the population in IPC 3 and 4. (ii) to broaden coverage of assistance beyond conflict affected areas, (iii) to consider inflation and the spike in prices of food commodities.
- The FSC funding allocation within the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) increased from USD\$ 765 million in 2022 to USD\$ 1 billion for 2023.

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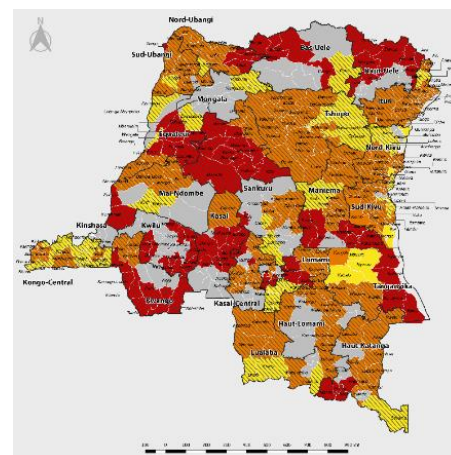
UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- **Operational Overview:** In October, UNHAS and EU Humanitarian Air Force (EUHAF) transported **4,093** passengers and **48 mt** of essential light cargo.
- **Special Flights:** UNHAS conducted ten special flights for UNICEF, UNHCR, *Comité International de la Croix-rouge* (CICR) d, *Médecins Sans Frontières*- (MSF-France), *Médecins Sans Frontières*- Operational Centre Barcelona (MSF-OCBA) and *Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau* (KfW).
- **Medical Evacuations:** UNHAS conducted 41 evacuation flights out of Walikale, Goma, Bunia, Moba, Bukavu, Pweto, Kalemie and Rwindi for OCHA, World Relief, *Médecins Sans Frontières-Hollande* (MSF-Hollande), *Médecins Sans Frontières-France* (MSF-France)
- **Fuel Situation:** UNHAS locations have sufficient fuel reserves except in Kananga, Kasai Central. The fuel shortage in Kananga is due to supply chain delays caused by the landslide that blocked the main road network.

Communications

- The Communications Advocacy and Marketing (CAM) unit supported the organization of the [Makutano event](#) in Kinshasa and Mbuji Mayi. Makutano is a private sector organized event aimed at advocating for a more resilient DRC that is self-sufficient when it comes to food production.
- CAM is working with local media to raise awareness on programme activities across the country. CAM met with journalists in Kinshasa on 21 October and discussed food security matters and efforts to distribute cash assistance in Nsele. CAM is set to meet reporters in Goma on 25 November
- On 31 October, WFP participated in the world cancer day activities by holding pink placards in solidarity and raised [awareness](#) of the day among other staff members and humanitarian partners.
- WFP joined the rest of the UN system in Kinshasa in commemorating the [UN day](#) and met with young people and exchanged ideas on helping DRC achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

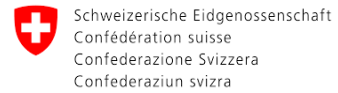
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