

WFP D. R. Congo

External Situation Report #28

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In Numbers

26.2 m highly food-insecure people

26 provinces affected

5.2 m people displaced

4.2 m beneficiaries reached since the beginning of 2021

Highlights in August 2021

- **WFP Country Director's mission to the Kasais:** between 25 and 27 August, WFP DRC Country Director Peter Musoko led a mission to various sites in the Kasais, including Tshikapa and Kananga.
- **Support to the 20th Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC):** WFP continues to work closely with IPC national and global partners to complete the required data collection and analyses to inform the forthcoming IPC.
- **Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) mission:** WFP took active part in an HCT mission from 11 to 13 August in Ituri. WFP's newly onboarded Deputy Country Director for Operations, Natasha Nadazdin, accompanied the delegation to the region, which has been facing conflict-related issues, influx of displaced people from North Kivu, and humanitarian access constraints, among other challenges. The delegation met with the military governor ad interim, designated since the state of siege was declared in the region; visited IDP sites in Komanda; held a HCT meeting in Goma, and conducted a series of situational briefings with various agencies. UNHAS facilitated the mission, transporting a delegation led by the DRC Humanitarian Coordinator David McLachlan-Karr composed of 20 people. It included the country representatives of UNICEF, UNHCR, UN Women, FAO, UNFPA and OCHA and a representative of the International NGO Forum, as well as WFP's Deputy Country Director.

Total funding requirements in 2021

USD 662.5 m

WFP 6-months Net Funding Requirements (Sep 2021 – Feb 2022)

Food Assistance	USD 68.6 m
Nutrition	USD 4.6 m
Other activities	USD 18 m
Total	USD 91.2 m

Situation Update

• **WFP Country Director's mission to the Kasais:** between 25 and 27 August, WFP DRC Country Director Peter Musoko led a delegation on mission to various sites in the Kasais, including Tshikapa and Kananga. Mr. Musoko met the Kasai Central Province's *a.i.* Governor along with some cabinet members, like the Ministers in charge of Planning and Humanitarian Affairs; he also discussed plans for the region with Heads of United Nations Agencies present in Kananga; hosted an all staff meeting for WFP employees; visited WFP offices and the construction site of the future WFP Tshikapa Office, and discussed key strategies, such as resource mobilization, with staff from the offices based in the province. The delegation also included a staff wellness counsellor to listen and support WFP staff.

• **Support to the 20th Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC):** WFP continues to work closely with IPC national and global partners to complete the required data collection and analyses to inform the forthcoming IPC. WFP DRC and partners are conducting Emergency Food Security Assessments (EFSA) across the country; these assessments include visits from enumerators and a subsequent data analysis to corroborate the findings for each region visited. Throughout the month of August, WFP and partners completed the EFSA covering several areas in the DRC, including but not limited to South Kivu, Kasai Central, Kasai Oriental, Sankuru, and Lomami. Data analysis is ongoing by the relevant humanitarian actors, including WFP. Once the remaining data collection exercises are completed and all due results are ratified,

these will build the foundation of the next IPC publication. The FSC is fully engaged in this analysis, which will feed the People in Need (PiN) calculation for both the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).

WFP Response

- Under the Country Strategic Plan 2021-2024, WFP continues with its large-scale assistance, targeting **8.7 million people** with food and nutrition assistance throughout 2021.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **Overview:** for the fourth month in a row, WFP DRC reached in a single month over 1 million beneficiaries. August's distributions reached some **1,157,000 beneficiaries** with either cash, in-kind, or nutrition assistance to prevent and treat Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM).

- By the end of August, WFP reached **274,000 people with cash-based transfers (CBT)**. Cash distributions planned for August in South Kivu and the Kasais had to be postponed to early September.
- In-kind assistance advanced well at the same time, having reached **537,000 individuals** in August despite security and access constraints.
- Meanwhile, health workers' strikes in DRC affected the provision of Nutrition assistance, mainly channeled through 1,200 health centres across the country. Despite these challenges, **WFP reached 95,000 mothers and children** with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) treatment activities and another **346,000 mothers and children** with MAM prevention activities in August. This included carry overs from July's distributions, which could not be performed as planned due to pipeline breaks in the stock of Specialized Nutritious Foods (SNFs) in parts of DRC.

- **Tanganyika:** in August, WFP's Kalemie office reached **245,000 beneficiaries** across all transfer modalities. It included in-kind distributions in Kalemie, Mitwaba, Manono and Nyunzu and CBT distributions in Kalemie (direct cash transfers) and Kabalo (Mobile Money Transfers - MMT).

- **Kasai central and Kasai oriental:** the WFP office in Kananga reached **134,000 beneficiaries** in August with either in-kind, CBT, or Nutrition assistance. In-kind assistance took place in the health zones of Tshibala in the province of Kasai Central and Tshishimbi in the province of Kasai Oriental. To ensure coordination with government and humanitarian actors, the

Head of the Kananga Area Office carried out missions in Kasai Central and Kasai Oriental. He met Governors *a.i.*, Ministers of Planning and of Humanitarian Affairs from the two provinces to provide an update on WFP's activities and prospects in the areas of intervention.

- **Kasai:** in August, WFP assisted **93,000 people** with at least one type of assistance. In-kind distributions targeted conflict-affected areas in the Nyanga health zone (Kamonia territory) and Banga Lubaka (Ilebo territory), while the Tshikapa CBT team registered over **70,000 people** in 12 health areas of the Kakenge health zone for receiving cash assistance in September.

- **Ituri:** in-kind food distributions for August have been completed in Getty Health Zone and IDP sites in Bunia. **Some 51,000 people** have been assisted with WFP food commodities. In CBT, WFP completed refugees' unconditional cash assistance in Meri and Biringi refugee camps, assisting **30,000 people**. Cash distributions in Mahagi started on 28 August and continued throughout the first few days of September. The Bunia office reached in August some **168,000 beneficiaries** across all transfer modalities.

- **North Kivu:** the Goma Office reached in August an estimated **283,000 people** through in-kind food distributions, CBT, or nutrition activities for MAM treatment and prevention. In-kind distributions targeted IDPs and vulnerable host families living in conflict-affected areas in Masisi, Rutshuru, Lubero and Beni territories. Cash transfers started in Beni targeting post-Ebola communities, having reached **77,000 targeted beneficiaries** in August.

- **South Kivu:** in-kind food distributions reached **129,610 beneficiaries** in August, mostly in Fizi, Mwenga and Kalehe territories. WFP reached **229,000 beneficiaries** across all transfer modalities in the month of August. WFP ratified CBT beneficiary lists to start postponed August distributions in early September (mainly targeting refugees' cash assistance).

- **N'sele project:** the Kinshasa office has completed the first cash assistance planned for project's phase 2. Direct cash payments via TMB in Kindundu, Kinduti, Ingili, and Mpasu reached some **10,000 people**, while MMT via Vodacom delivered assistance to another **60,000 people**. New distributions are planned for early September.

- **Ubangis:** in August, WFP assisted **57,000 Central African refugees** in the four camps of Boyabu and Mole (South Ubangi) and Inke and Bili (North Ubangi). UNCHR, FAO and WFP jointly organized in South Ubangi Seasonal Livelihoods Based Programming (SLBP) and Participatory

Community Planning (PCP) workshops to define with the community the activities related to developing the resilience of newly arrived refugees. These activities include food assistance to produce assets linked to environmental protection; support for the nutrition of beneficiaries and the development of their Income Generating Activities, and support for social cohesion and peaceful cohabitation. WFP also started the distribution of food seeds and farming tools to **13,000 beneficiary households** of a Swedish-funded resilience project in the presence of provincial and territorial authorities.

Supply Chain

- **WFP Supply Chain is exploring options to scale up operations for Q4 2021, particularly focusing on Eastern DRC.** It includes investing in local procurement (11,000 tons of maize meal and pulses), besides additional regional procurement of maize meal from Tanzania. It will complement in-country stocks of 25,000 tons. As part of local capacity strengthening activities, WFP Supply Chain will engage various partners to improve the quality of locally supplied food – e.g., food testing laboratories, the *Office Congolais de Controle (OCC)*, in addition to private sector partners, to ensure the food procured and delivered by WFP to beneficiaries is systematically of flawless quality.
- To support nutrition activities in the Kasai, **180 Metric Tons (MT) of nutritious food have been airlifted from Kinshasa to Kananga**; these have been immediately included among September’s distributions.
- **WFP is implementing across DRC a new tool/smartphone application allowing real time recording of food receipts by partners.** This system will be fully functional in Q4 2021 and will substantially improve the transparency of food movements in secondary transportation.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- **The FSC cluster launched an advocacy working group** composed of international and national NGOs and UN agencies engaged at different levels with the food security stakes. The group will: develop an advocacy and communication strategy to give greater visibility to the unprecedented high number of food insecure people in DRC; mobilize resources to the cause and build coalitions for more impactful responses. The strategy embraces a long-term approach; therefore, the workplan will cover several years and long-term changes in visibility, funding, and technical commitments related to food security investments in DRC. 15

organizations are engaged in this working group.

- The FSC aims at strengthening the strategic steering of the sectoral response; as such, it has identified the need of a **national study to inform a food security response strategy for both humanitarian and post-emergency interventions in DRC.** In a context where food security needs continue to increase drastically, this exercise will be based on provincial/regional drivers of food insecurity. A high-level workshop is planned before the end of 2021 to discuss the conclusion of the study and ratify targeting approaches for food security interventions in DRC.



Logistics Cluster (LogCluster)

- **The LogCluster continued to produce logistics documents in support to logistic operations of 53 humanitarian partners.** Here are some examples from August: [map catalog](#) update, six (6) logistics [maps](#), alerts and others could be found [here](#).
- **The LogCluster launched its mid-term evaluation of the [DRC Logistics Cluster in 2021 satisfaction survey by humanitarian partners](#).** In parallel, the LogCluster started the process of recruiting an international specialist to support the team’s plans to conduct the Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) and the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) exercises.



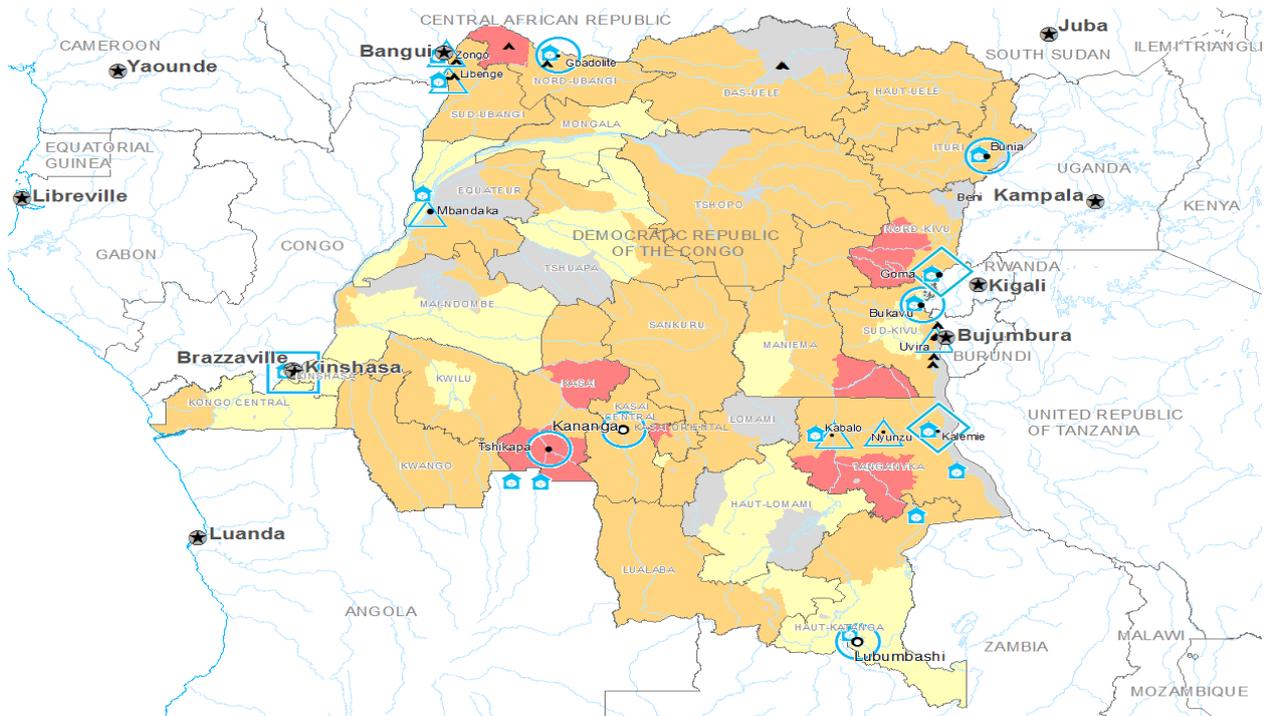
Bilateral Services Provision (BSP)

- **COVID-19 response support:** besides the storage and transportation of medical equipment on behalf of several organizations, WFP BSP received and stored in Kinshasa two oxygen tanks on behalf of WHO. These were later transported to two hospitals in Kinshasa to assist patients affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



UN Humanitarian Air Service

- **Regular and special flights:** throughout August, UNHAS DRC and ECHO Flights managed by WFP/UNHAS transported **4,329** passengers and **44.18** tons of essential light cargo. UNHAS DRC also performed 6 evacuations, including 4 medical evacuations (1 positive COVID-19 case).
- **Complex evacuation performed:** UNHAS performed a critical security evacuation on 19 August on behalf of MSF-Belgium from Bijombo (*Haut Plateaux* province) to Bukavu for three passengers. The planning and execution of the flight were very sensitive given the current insecurity in the area, where UNHAS regular flights have been suspended since July.



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