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WFP Republic of Congo In Numbers

Country Brief

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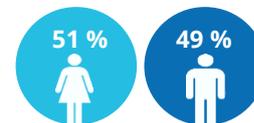


4.033 mt of food distributed

306,030 USD cash-based transfers

14 USD million six-month (September 2021 – February 2022) net funding requirements

51,289 people assisted in August 2021



Operational Updates

Strategic Result 01: Food-insecure people affected by shocks have access to adequate food all year round.

- WFP is providing value vouchers to 11,591 refugees from the Central African Republic in Betou and Impfondo (Likouala Department) and to 4,610 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo in the Bouemba district (Plateaux department). Through this activity, beneficiaries are accessing food from a network of identified retailers.
- WFP provided Treatment and Prevention of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) to 9,524 vulnerable children and Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) in the departments of Likouala and Pool. The beneficiaries included refugees and people affected by the floods.
- In the Pool department, 995 families benefited from a Food Assistance for Asset (FFA) programme. In the framework of this activity, a rural road connecting Kindamba and Mayama is under rehabilitation.

Strategic Result 02: Equitable national social protection interventions effectively target vulnerable populations, including school-aged children with sustained access to safe and nutritious food

- In August, schools were closed because of the holidays, so no hot school meals were provided. WFP dedicate this period of the year to plan the School Feeding Distribution for the first semester of the School Year 2021/2022.
- The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and WFP started the negotiations for the next phase of a McGovern Dole programme from 2022 to 2025.
- WFP is implementing a Home-Grown School Feeding programme called "Cantines Ya Buala". In August, WFP provided training to 40 smallholder associations in the Bouenza department.

Operational Context

The Republic of Congo (RoC) ranks poorly on the Human Development Index. Its food production is below national requirements, with only 2 percent of arable land currently under cultivation, covering 30 percent of the country's food needs. Forty-eight percent of Congolese live on less than USD 1.25 per day.

WFP is assisting 61,000 people affected by catastrophic flooding, which took place two years in a row, with high negative impacts on food security and livelihoods. Vulnerability assessments show that between 36 and 79 percent of the population living in impacted areas is moderately or severely food insecure. Sustained food assistance is needed to avoid a full-blown food crisis in affected areas.

WFP also supports refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR) in Likouala and asylum-seekers from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in Plateaux with food assistance.

WFP's operations in RoC contribute to the global efforts to reach Sustainable Development Goals 1 (End Poverty), 2 (Zero Hunger), 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), 4 (Quality Education), 5 (Gender Equality) and 17 (Partnerships).



Population: 4.5 million

2019 Human Development Index: 149 out of 189 countries

Income Level: Lower Middle

Chronic malnutrition: 21.2% of children aged 6-59 months

WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2019–2024)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
155 m	63.5 m	14 m

Strategic Result 01: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 01: Food-insecure people affected by shocks have access to adequate food all year round

Focus area: Emergency Response

Activities:

- Provide unconditional and/or conditional food and nutrition assistance to people affected by shocks

Strategic Outcome 02: Equitable national social protection interventions effectively target vulnerable populations, including school-aged children with sustained access to safe and nutritious food

Focus area: Addressing the root causes of hunger and food insecurity, and improving national institutions and systems for social protection

Activities:

- Provide safe, adequate and nutritious school meals to targeted school children.
- Provide technical support to Government for improved implementation of shock-responsive social protection interventions

Strategic Result 03: Smallholder productivity and incomes

Strategic Outcome 03: Targeted smallholder farmers and communities benefit from productive and sustainable livelihoods which support nutrition value chains

Focus area: Building the resilience of smallholder agricultural systems

Activities:

- Provide analytical, technical and equipment support for smallholder farmers aimed at encouraging market-oriented and climate-resilient production and livelihoods

Strategic Result 08: Enhance global partnership

Strategic Outcome 04: Humanitarian and development actors and national systems have access to WFP expertise and services

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Provide on-demand logistics common services for partners

Strategic Outcome 03: Targeted smallholder farmers and communities' benefit from productive and sustainable livelihoods which support nutrition value chains

- The steering committee of the Joint SDG fund programme was held in Brazzaville with the Ministry of Social Affairs, UNICEF, WHO, representatives from indigenous associations and other relevant stakeholders. The main achievements of this programme and the results of the baseline were presented.
- On 18 August, WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture launched the roadmap validation process for the Food System Summit.
- The managerial and marketing capacities of 16 groups of women producers of Mbala Pinda are being reinforced. Training was planned in August. Further, photos and videos of each group are being recorded for future reference.

- In the Pro Manioc programme framework, financed by the European Union, 50 groups are receiving processing equipment.
- The India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation fund (IBSA) awarded the WFP RoC Country Office with USD 1,000,000 to enhance smallholder farmers access to local markets and government staff capacity strengthening through South-South Cooperation. The implementation of this programme will start in January.

Monitoring

Floods monitoring in Likouala, Sangha, Cuvette and Plateaux

- From August to January of each year, floods are expected in the north of the country. WFP and the partner Cloud to Street are closely monitoring the level of rivers in the departments prone to risk.
- WFP has been assisting the vulnerable population affected by the 2020 floods since the beginning of the emergency. At present, the assistance focuses on people affected by the loss of crops and the lack of products in the market.
- WFP has been monitoring the local market situation over the last month, and early harvest of cassava was identified. This coping strategy is used every year by the local population and implies the sale of this product at low prices and a decrease in the variety of other products on the market (namely corn and peanuts). Consequently, people are not accessing a diversified diet.

Influx of Central African Republic refugees

- A Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) was performed together with UNHCR to determine the refugee population's food security and nutritional situation in the Likouala department.
- In August, UNHCR was in the process of registering about 1,000 refugees in areas close to urban centres. At present, around 23,287 refugees are in the Likouala and Plateaux departments.

Donors

The Adaptation fund, Canada, the European Union, France, the Global Partnership of Education, Germany, IBSA fund, People's Republic of China, Japan, Mastercard, Republic of Congo, the SDG fund, Share the Meal, United States of America, and the WFP Innovator Accelerator.

Photo: Clémentine, 77 years old, inhabitant of Ité, a village along the Ubangui river (south of Betou) which was flooded in 2019 and 2020. © WFP/Cécile Mercier