



# WFP

## Democratic Republic of Congo

### Emergency Situation Report #2

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## In numbers

**3.2 m** people severely food insecure in the Kasai region

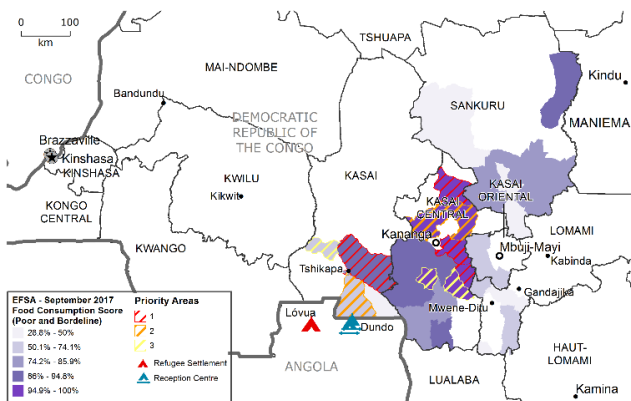
**762,000** people internally displaced in the Kasai region

**2 m** people internally displaced in the Kivus and Tanganyika

## Highlights

- A system-wide Level 3 (L3) emergency response has been activated by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) in the Kasai region, Tanganyika and South Kivu, making DRC the only country in Africa with a system-wide L3 response.
- The WFP Executive Director warned of impending humanitarian disaster during a visit to DRC at the end of October.
- With partners, WFP is scaling up its life-saving assistance to reach **1.2 million** food insecure people in the Kasai region. USD **91.9 million** is required from November 2017 to April 2018.

### Kasai Region, Democratic Republic of Congo



## Visit of the WFP Executive Director

The WFP Executive Director (ED) recently wrapped up a four-day mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), including a visit to the Kasai region. The ED met with Government authorities, international partners and donors, highlighting the humanitarian catastrophe looming in the conflict-ravaged Kasai region, where 3.2 million people are severely food insecure and in need of support.

## Situation Update

- **Kasai Region:** Violent conflict has caused widespread displacement, and according to OCHA, 762,000 are still internally displaced while 710,000 persons have returned to their areas of origin, often to precarious situations. The pace of returns may likely slow down without improved security for remaining IDPs in their area of origin.
- While entering the lean season, access issues are

intensifying due to the onset of heavy rains affecting road quality and causing delays in transport.

- **Kivu region:** The security situation in the Kivus remains volatile as IDP numbers approach 1.6 million. Recent clashes between the Armed Forces of DRC (FARDC) and militia groups in South Kivu province has led to the suspension of humanitarian assistance in affected areas, especially Fizi. Uvira is facing the return of households that fled the clashes and are in immediate need of assistance. Beni, the most unstable territory, continues to experience attacks from the Allied Democratic Forces militia.
- **Tanganyika Province:** More than 585,000 people have fled ethnic violence between the Twa and Luba tribes since last year. The area is in the midst of a humanitarian crisis. Eighty percent of displaced persons have no running water. Access constraints and lack of funding continue to hamper humanitarian assistance in the region.
- **C.A.R. Refugees Situation:** Since April/May 2017, an increase in the level of the conflict in the Central African Republic (C.A.R.) has resulted in an influx of tens of thousands of people from C.A.R. in the North Ubangi and Bas Uele provinces. The majority of these new arrivals are in the remote and difficult to access areas along the Ubangi River.

## WFP Response

- **Kasai Region:** In light of the complex emergency in the Kasai region, and its significant effects on food security, WFP is scaling up activities under the Emergency Operation (EMOP) 201092 to prevent further deterioration of the food security and nutrition status of the population.

- Given the lack of donor contributions to the emergency operations in the Kasai region, WFP has been compelled to rely on internal funding mechanisms which have now been exhausted. Moreover, the onset of the rainy season has increased the turn-around time of limited commercial trucking capacity.
- Due to the compounded effect of these constraints, WFP will support beneficiaries with reduced food assistance, providing half rations under General Food Distributions in the Kasai region in November 2017.
- WFP is conducting a multi-sectoral assessment in the Kasais to assess the feasibility of cash-based programming, potentially starting in December.
- **In Eastern DRC**, WFP is providing food assistance to refugees and IDPs in crisis-affected areas, including Ituri, North and South Kivu and Tanganyika provinces, through its Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO), "Targeted Food Assistance to Victims of Armed Conflicts and Other Vulnerable Groups".
- **C.A.R Refugees:** C.A.R. refugees are assisted under the Regional Emergency Operation.



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **Kasai Region:** In October, WFP supported over 112,000 conflict-affected persons, representing 125 percent of planned assistance, through General Food Distributions with its partners Christian Aid, OXFAM and World Vision.
- In November, WFP is scaling up support to reach 200,000 conflict-affected persons. As part of the ICSP in 2018, WFP is scaling up the provision of food assistance to reach 1.2 million people in the Kasai region to avert a humanitarian disaster.
- WFP is also implementing prevention and treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition programmes in priority health zones of Kasai, Kasai Central and Kasai Oriental provinces, where staff and implementation capacity is being augmented to address significant levels of malnutrition prevalent in the region.
- In Kasai Province, nearly 700 malnourished children aged 6-59 months have received nutrition support under the nutrition treatment programme, which commenced in two health zones. In Kasai Central Province, a nutrition screening was carried out in 10 health areas under Tshikula health zone to prepare for the implementation of the nutrition programme.
- Emergency food and nutrition assistance will complement livelihood activities, undertaken by FAO and other partners, to enable affected people to meet their own food needs. In the longer term,

and as the situation allows, WFP will work with partners to support the transition to sustainable livelihoods.

- **Eastern DRC crisis:** Overall in Eastern DRC, WFP assisted 306,000<sup>1</sup> conflict affected people in October, including IDPs, refugees and returnees. This includes 65,900 conflict-affected persons that WFP supported in Tanganyika.
- **C.A.R. Refugees Crisis:** In North Ubangi province, in collaboration with UNHCR, WFP will in November provide food assistance through cash based transfers to 20,000 recently arrived refugees and host families in six villages. In addition, WFP continues to provide cash assistance to 59,000 C.A.R. refugees in four camps in North and South Ubangi provinces.



### Supply Chain

- WFP's storage capacity will be increased in Kananga and Tshikapa where two new storage locations have been identified. In addition, four Mobile Storage Units (MSU) will be set up to increase cooperating partner storage capacity at remote points to facilitate delivery to distribution sites.
- Transport capacity remains a challenge in the Kasai region. Out of 53 expected trucks, 16 have arrived in DRC and are on the way to Kananga. With the increase of transport capacity, WFP aims to ensure timely food delivery to beneficiaries.
- From Kinshasa and Lubumbashi, the main transshipment points, the delivery of commodities to Kasai Central Province remains the major constraint due to poor road conditions.

## Clusters and Common Services



### Food Security Cluster

- The Food Security Cluster (FSC) is improving harmonization amongst various actors operating in the Kasai region by mapping and updating the weekly 5Ws with partners at national and sub-national level. Additionally, the FSC operational guidelines have been re-disseminated to its members in the region.
- The FSC is involved in the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO)/Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) review to re-estimate the needs for humanitarian response in 2018.

<sup>1</sup> Figures may be subject to revision upon final reconciliation.



## Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- Preparations are underway to activate the WFP-led Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC), pending decision on a proposal from the Humanitarian Country Team.
- Funding for the implementation of common inter-agency radio rooms in the Kasai region (Kananga, Tshikapa and Mbuji-Mayi) has been approved. Meanwhile, WFP is commencing immediate installation of radio communications.
- Funding has been obtained from the Security Emergency Fund to meet immediate WFP needs in security communications.



## Logistics Cluster

- The logistics platform in Kananga and Tshikapa continues to receive, store and transport essential food and non-food items on behalf of humanitarian partners.
- Fuel contingency stocks are being put in place in Kananga to avoid delays in the humanitarian response due to fuel shortages.
- In Tanganyika and South Kivu, the Logistics Cluster is conducting a logistics assessment to evaluate partner needs and identify any potential Logistics gaps.
- For up-to-date maps from the Logistics Cluster, click [here](#).



## UN Humanitarian Air Service

- UNHAS has increased flight frequency between Kananga and Tshikapa from three to five times a week, due to increased demand.
- In addition to augmenting its flight frequency in the Kasai region to support critical humanitarian operations, UNHAS is also planning to position a helicopter in Kananga to enhance access to remote areas, especially during the rainy season.
- Currently, UNHAS has a 12-seater caravan aircraft based in Kananga and is supporting access to seven airstrips within Kasai.
- UNHAS continues to carry out security evacuations where needed; for example, from South Kivu due to the volatile security situation in the region.

## Resourcing Update

- The scale-up in the Kasai region requires additional resources. Overall, WFP requires USD

135 million to resource the emergency operation. For the 6-month period of November 2017 to April 2018, WFP requires USD 91.9 million. Critical shortfalls are increasing from January 2018.

- Given the lead time of at least two months for food to reach the Kasai region, WFP needs resources to be confirmed in November to ensure that commodities are sourced and positioned in time to be able to assist people in need from January onward.
- As part of the Integrated Road Map organizational transformation, all current WFP projects in the DRC will be included under the DRC Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP), beginning in January 2018.
- Globally, the WFP net funding requirements for all its operations in the DRC for the next six months, including under their continuation in the ICSP in 2018, are USD 158 million.

• **Global Humanitarian Funding**      **Overall: USD 812.6 million**  
**WFP share: USD 86.7 million**

## WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements (Nov 2017 – April 2018)

EMOP 200799	<b>USD 14.5 million</b>
PRRO 200832	<b>USD 44.4 million</b>
EMOP 201092*	<b>USD 91.9 million</b>
Food Security Cluster	<b>USD 0.0 million</b>
UNHAS	<b>USD 7.2 million</b>

\*At the formal end of the project (Dec 2017), the net funding requirement will be \$15.6 M, as the project liabilities to the IRA.

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