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Democratic Republic of Congo Emergency Situation Report #1

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In numbers

3.2 m people food insecure in Kasai alone

1.4 m people internally displaced in Kasai

2 m people internally displaced in the Kivus and Tanganyika

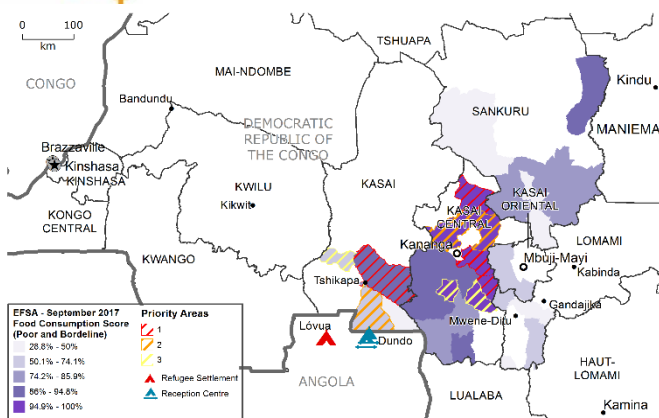
27,000 refugees from Kasai in Angola

Highlights

- WFP has declared a Level 3 (L3) emergency in response to the growing humanitarian crisis in the Kasai region.
- WFP is scaling up its life-saving assistance to reach 1.2 million food insecure people in Kasai. USD 86 million is required from October 2017 to March 2018.
- WFP and partners continue to respond with food assistance to urgent needs in the Kivus and Tanganyika caused by existing and new displacements.

Kasai Region, Democratic Republic of Congo

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now missed up to three consecutive planting seasons and risk missing another due to the conflict and resulting displacement. This has precipitated a steep decline in local food production which is likely to continue into 2018.

- Kivu Region: The security situation in the Kivus remains volatile as IDP numbers approach 500,000 in South Kivu and 1 million in North Kivu. New displacements continue. Recent clashes between FARDC and militia groups in South Kivu province has led to the suspension of humanitarian assistance in affected areas, especially Fizi. Continued insecurity and bad road conditions in North Kivu has resulted in limited humanitarian access to IDPs.
- Tanganyika Province: In Tanganyika, there are currently over 500,000 IDPs. The situation remains tense, exacerbated most recently by clashes in Pweto and the suspension of assistance in Kalemie to relocate IDPs.

Situation Update

- Kasai Region: The deepening humanitarian crisis in Kasai is leading to severe food insecurity in the region – afflicting nine out of ten people in the hardest hit communities - with GAM rates exceeding the emergency threshold of ten percent in many locations (September 2017 Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA)).
- Violent conflict has caused widespread displacement, with an estimated 1.4 million people internally displaced in Kasai and 27,000 refugees having fled to neighbouring Angola.
- People have suffered a loss of livelihoods, and the extensive destruction of household assets, agricultural land, and community infrastructure, including health facilities.
- Sixty-two percent of households in Kasai have

WFP Response

- WFP is scaling up the provision of food assistance to reach 1.2 million people in Kasai in order to avert a humanitarian disaster in the region.
- WFP is mobilizing staff and assets from across the world to support the rapid scale up of its operations in Kasai.
- The emergency operations will incorporate both protection and gender considerations through risks analysis and inclusion of mitigation measures, as appropriate.
- WFP will also provide essential food assistance in the Kivus and Tanganyika, access permitting, and will continue to closely monitor the security

situation and populations movements.

- In collaboration with UNHCR, WFP is providing food assistance in October to recently arrived CAR refugees, which are residing with host communities in North Ubangi province.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP is working with partners to provide a standard food basket comprised of 400g of maize meal, 120g of pulses, 30g of vegetable oil and 5g of salt to meet the 2,100 kcal per person per day nutritional requirements.
- Specialized nutritional food, including Plumpy'Doz and Plumpy Sup, will be provided for the prevention and treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM).
- A regional nutrition specialist has been deployed to DRC to support the implementation of WFP's nutrition response together with key partners.
- 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 full transition to livelihoods and the eventual return of displaced people in safety and dignity.
- Overall, WFP has provided emergency food assistance to 272 000 conflict affected people in eastern DRC, including IDPs, refugees and returnees.



Supply Chain

- In September alone, 640 metric tons of food have been distributed in Kasai and an additional 2,201 MT of food stocks have been procured.
- Due to limited transport capacity to support the emergency response in Kasai, WFP is deploying 53 off-road trucks from across the region to ensure continued access to affected populations during the rainy season.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Cluster

- The Food Security Cluster (FSC), co-led by WFP and FAO, is continuing to function as a coordination mechanism for all actors working on the emergency response in Kasai.
- The FSC food security response strategy has identified priority areas for geographic targeting at the health zone level as well as potential response options.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- Discussions are under way for the possible activation of the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) in Kasai, North Kivu, and Tanganyika.
- In Kasai, WFP and the inter-agency ICT Working Group are implementing measures to address immediate emergency communications needs in Kananga, Tshikapa and Mbuji-Mayi.
- An assessment will be conducted in North Kivu and Tanganyika to gauge ETC needs in these locations.



Logistics Cluster

- The logistics platform continues to receive, store and transport essential food and non-food items on behalf of humanitarian partners.
- A Civil-Military Coordination Officer has been deployed to Kananga to facilitate civil, military and UNDSS coordination and humanitarian access, in collaboration with OCHA.
- Fuel contingency stocks are being put in place in Kananga to avoid delays in the humanitarian response due to fuel shortages.
- For up-to-date maps from the Logistics Cluster, click [here](#).



UN Humanitarian Air Service

- The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) has increased the frequency of flights to support the emergency response and is now offering access to seven airstrips within Kasai - Luiza, Lusambo, Kamonia, Ilebo, Tshikapa, Kananga, and Mbuji Mayi.

Resourcing Update

- The scale-up in Kasai requires additional resources. USD27million is required immediately to ensure the provision of emergency food assistance to December 2017, and a total of USD135million is needed to assist food insecure people through to June 2018.
- Without urgent resources, WFP anticipates a food pipeline break in November 2017.
- Globally the WFP net funding requirements for all its operations in the DRC for next 6 months are USD 129 million.

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Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall: USD 812.6 million WFP share: USD 86.7 million
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WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements (Oct 2017 – Mar 2018)

EMOP 200799	USD 13.6 million
PRRO 200832	USD 33.3 million
EMOP 201092*	USD 86.2 million
Food Security Cluster	USD 0.6 million
UNHAS	USD 5.2 million

*At the formal end of the project (Dec 2017), the net funding requirement will be \$29,838,051, if no additional resources are received.