



World Food Programme

# WFP Angola Situation Report #02 August 2020



## In Numbers

**312 mt** of food assistance distributed in July 2020 to cover the months of July and August

**US\$ 0 m** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 2.24 m** six-month net funding requirements

**6,456 people** assisted in July 2020 with rations for July and August



## Highlights

- WFP maintains its focus on the refugee response and the provision of technical assistance in the areas of nutrition, supply chain management, vulnerability analysis and mapping (VAM), and emergency preparedness and response (EPR).
- At present, the capacities of the Government and partners to maintain an integrated food security and nutrition response are not yet significantly compromised by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- To ensure the continuity of humanitarian services in the country, WFP COVID-19 Cargo and Passenger Air Service has been established between Luanda and the Humanitarian Hub in Johannesburg. The first passenger flight coming from South Africa landed in Luanda on 25 August.

## Situation Update

- With an operational presence in Luanda, Dundo and Lóvua, WFP continues to work to ensure that refugees from Kasai are able to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements.
- As of 24 August, according to UNHCR statistics, the active refugee population was at 9,306 (6,349 refugees residing in Lóvua settlement and the remaining urban refugees living in and around Dundo).
- The repatriation process, started by UNHCR in October 2019, is still suspended due to the COVID-related travel restrictions.
- WFP Angola estimates that the number of food assistance beneficiaries will remain at around 6,500 in 2020.
- In line with the recently signed agreement with the Government of Angola, WFP started preparations for technical assistance projects on school feeding, VAM and addressing malnutrition in Luanda.

## COVID-19

- As of 08 September, 2,981 COVID-19 cases, including 120 deaths, have been confirmed in the country. In August, the highest number of cases was registered since the beginning of the pandemic.
- Only three out of 18 provinces of Angola have no registered cases of COVID-19 – Cuando Cubango, Huambo and Namibe.
- The measures introduced by the Government to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (mandatory use of masks, reduced working hours, border closures and sanitary cordons) have been extended until further notice.

## WFP Response

- WFP's activities in Angola are defined by the Interim Country Strategic Plan 2020-2022.
- In coordination with the United Nations (UN) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), WFP started providing food assistance to refugees after an official request for support from the Government in May 2017.
- In May 2019, WFP and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs signed a memorandum of understanding on technical cooperation for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 (Zero Hunger) in the areas of nutrition, school feeding and VAM.
- In July 2020, WFP Angola signed an Agreement for the Provision of Technical Assistance with the Ministry of Health of Angola that will be funded by the World Bank. The agreement includes three multi-year technical assistance projects in the areas of school feeding, VAM and early warning, and addressing malnutrition, which is worsening due to the current socio-economic impact of COVID-19, in the Luanda province.

## Food Assistance (Refugee Response in Lunda Norte)

- In July WFP distributed two-month rations, so no distribution was conducted in August.

- Since April 2020, WFP, in collaboration with partners, have conducted general food distributions with a focus on (1) reducing the frequency of GFDs by providing a two-month food ration; (2) reducing the number of beneficiaries at the food distribution point by increasing distribution sites from one to two and increasing GFD days; (3) reinforcing sensitization on nutrition, health and hygiene, the constant washing of hands and the use of masks.
- Due to some delivery delays, the September distribution will be conducted later than initially planned. To ensure that the beneficiaries are aware of this change, WFP started coordinating a sensitization campaign in Lóvua, working with the volunteers from the Food Management Committee to pass the messages to refugees in the settlement and address all the questions they might have. The Food Management Committee is a complaint and feedback mechanism established by WFP and partners to allow beneficiaries to voice their concerns in relation to the assistance being provided as well as on broader protection issues.

## Technical Assistance

### Vulnerability, Analysis and Mapping

- WFP works to build national capacity to analyze the food security and vulnerability situation. Since January 2020, WFP has been assisting the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in the preparation of food security and nutrition assessments.
- A dedicated team of WFP experts is supporting the Government in the gathering and analysis of food security data and information, as well as the development of regular food security and nutrition reports. The data collection via a call center has successfully started in July.
- WFP plans to technically coordinate the food security assessment in the south of Angola (including the preparation of assessment tools, training of trainers and enumerator, data analysis) and also provide with some tablets, if possible.
- WFP will work with partners and stakeholders to revitalize the Food Security Working Group (FSWG) and assist in the review and collation of available data and information on food security at the national level through Integrated Context Analysis (ICA).

## Nutrition

### Food Fortification

- To reduce micronutrient deficiencies in the Angolan population and prevent stunting among children aged 6-23 months in selected areas, WFP Angola will support the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Civil Office (Casa Civil).
- WFP's assistance will be aimed at supporting staple food fortification, home fortification with micronutrient powders, and local production of

specialized nutritious foods.

- WFP continues working with the Ministry of Health to assist in the development of a National Food Fortification Strategy and the establishment of a National Multisectoral Fortification Alliance.

### Prevention of Acute Malnutrition and Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)

- In line with the recently signed Agreement for the Provision of Technical Assistance, WFP will support provincial authorities of Luanda and partners in the COVID-19 nutrition response to improve quality and coverage for screening, early detection, referral, prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition among children in Luanda province.
- To scale up community screening activities for 1.1 million under five years old children, WFP Angola will support the Ministry of Health, Provincial Directorate of Health and partners in delivering trainings on care for children with malnutrition.
- WFP Angola started liaising with the Regional Bureau in Johannesburg on the procurement of ready-to-use supplementary food (RUSF) and anthropometric equipment for the Luanda Provincial Health Directorate.
- WFP will also work with the Government to promote social and behaviour change communication to improve skills in infant-young child feeding practices, protective COVID-19 measures, and safe hygiene. Outreach services will be provided through community mobilizers, health workers and partners to raise awareness and increase mothers' and families' capacity to recognize signs of acute malnutrition.

### School Feeding

- In line with the Agreement for the Provision of Technical Assistance, WFP will start working with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Agriculture, and provincial and municipal governments to develop a school feeding plan for the four drought-affected provinces of Cunene, Huíla, Cuando Cubango and Namibe based on locally produced and available food and products.
- In parallel, WFP will support the Government of Angola in developing a National School Feeding Policy to guide the implementation of the current school feeding programme.
- In close coordination with partners, WFP will map and review content, quality and capacities of monitoring and reporting of a national school feeding programme to develop an action plan for a reliable and timely monitoring, reporting and evaluation.

### Emergency Preparedness and Response

- WFP plans to support national and sub-national authorities, including the Civil Protection Office, on emergency preparedness and response by strengthening their capacity to prepare and respond to shocks, including the current COVID-19 pandemic

- and recurrent droughts in the south of the country.
- Civil Protection Operational centres in the four provinces of Cunene, Huíla, Cuando Cubango and Namibe will be established and equipped with office materials, computers, radios, maps etc.
- Civil Protection teams will receive necessary training in procurement, logistics planning, warehousing, transport, risks management, monitoring and evaluation, targeting, and reporting.

## Supply Chain

- WFP supported a range of supply chain activities for the COVID-19 emergency response, including the revision of primary health care supplies, funded by the World Bank, to guarantee the safety of health services during the pandemic.
- WFP continues to support the World Bank in the quantification of supplies for the malnutrition treatment.
- WFP also assists the National Institute for the Fight

Against AIDS (INLS) in order to strengthen national capacities in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS.

### COVID-19 Air Cargo/Passenger Service

- The first humanitarian cargo to Angola has been dispatched from the Humanitarian Hub in Johannesburg to Luanda on 28 July.
- The first flight of the COVID-19 Air Passenger Service successfully landed in Luanda on 25 August. The flights between Luanda and Johannesburg are now expected every two weeks.

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WFP Angola Interim Country Strategic Plan (2020-2022)		
Strategic Outcomes / Activities	Six-Month Funding Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Funding Shortfall (in USD)
<b>Strategic Outcome 1:</b> <i>Refugees and other crisis-affected populations in Angola are able to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements during times of crises</i>	<b>0.8 m</b>	<b>0</b>
GFD for Refugees	0.8 m	0
<b>Strategic Outcome 2:</b> <i>National institutions in Angola have strengthened capacity to implement programmes to advance food security and nutrition by 2022</i>	<b>3.89 m</b>	<b>2.24 m</b>
School Feeding	0.46 m	0
Nutrition (MAM and Food Fortification)	2.36 m	1.4 m
VAM	0.6 m	0,37 m
Emergency Preparedness and Response (Civil Protection)	0.47 m	0.47 m
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.69 m</b>	<b>2.24 m</b>