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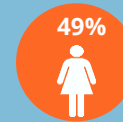
In Numbers

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, school feeding, vulnerability analysis and mapping (VAM), and emergency preparedness and response (EPR).
- The September general food distribution was rescheduled for October due to delays in the delivery of maize meal. WFP Angola continues to work to ensure the delivery of the necessary food commodities as soon as possible.
- On 21 September, Angola opened its air space for international commercial flights.
- The last WFP Aviation Service flights between the Humanitarian Hub in Johannesburg and Luanda were organized on 22 and 24 September.

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 28 September, according to UNHCR statistics, the active refugee population was at 9,340 (6,384 refugees residing in Lóvua settlement and the remaining urban refugees living in and around Dundo).
- The repatriation process, which was started by UNHCR in October 2019, is still suspended due to the COVID-related travel restrictions.
- 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 14 October 2020, 6,680 COVID-19 cases, including 222 deaths, have been confirmed in the country. The new Presidential Decree eased some of the

restrictions introduced by the Government to reduce and mitigate the risk of spread of COVID-19. In-classroom classes should resume in October. At the same time, many restrictions remain in place (use of masks, restrictions on capacity and working hours of public establishments etc.)

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 following 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)

- Due to the delay in the delivery of maize meal, the September distribution had to be rescheduled for October. To ensure that the beneficiaries are aware of this change, WFP conducted a sensitization campaign in Lóvua, working with the volunteers from the Food Management Committee to pass on the messages to refugees in the settlement and address all the questions they might have.

- WFP Angola started preparations for the October post-distribution monitoring survey.
- During the sensitization campaign about the delay of September GFD, refugees have increasingly suggested that WFP should take the lead in implementing the livelihoods programme and consider implementing a strong agriculture capacity-strengthening programme for all households in the settlement.

Technical Assistance

Vulnerability, Analysis and Mapping

- WFP works to strengthen the 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.
- WFP plans to technically coordinate the food security assessment in the south of Angola, which is funded by the European Union (including the preparation of assessment tools, training of trainers and enumerators, data analysis). WFP has developed an Android application for data collection, which was tested by the team from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The assessment, initially planned for October/November 2020, has now been postponed to January/February 2021.
- The administration of Viana municipality (Luanda province) requested the Ministry of Agriculture to conduct a rapid food security assessment to inform a COVID-19 response intervention. The Ministry of Agriculture and WFP plan to jointly draft a workplan for the assessment.

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 plans to continue supporting 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.

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 children under five, WFP Angola will support

the Ministry of Health, the Provincial Directorate of Health, and partners in delivering trainings on care for children with malnutrition.

- WFP started working on the procurement of ready-to-use supplementary food (RUSF) and anthropometric equipment for the Luanda Provincial Health Directorate. The RUSFs should arrive in Angola at the end of October.
- WFP will 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, and maps.
- Civil Protection teams will receive necessary training in procurement, logistics planning, warehousing, transport, risks management, monitoring and evaluation, targeting, and reporting.

Supply Chain

COVID-19 Air Cargo/Passenger Service

- Two more flights by the COVID-19 Air Passenger Service were successfully organized on 22 and 24 September. Should regular commercial flights not

take place between Luanda and Johannesburg, the next flight is expected at the end of October.

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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)
Strategic Outcome 1: <i>Refugees and other crisis-affected populations in Angola are able to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements during times of crises</i>	0.8 m	0
GFD for Refugees	0.8 m	0
Strategic Outcome 2: <i>National institutions in Angola have strengthened capacity to implement programmes to advance food security and nutrition by 2022</i>	3.89 m	2.24 m
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
Total	4.69 m	2.24 m