The spread of COVID-19 in the Democratic Republic of Congo has exacerbated the emergency situation the country has been experiencing for decades. Here are a few highlights of WFP’s efforts in 2020 to end the largest food security crisis in the world (in numbers).

**RESILIENCE PROGRAMMES**

In partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), WFP scaled up the implementation of joint resilience programmes in North and South Kivu, Tanganyika, and North and South Ubangi, benefitting around 517,000 people.

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- **1.5 million children** and pregnant and nursing mothers and girls also received specialised nutritious foods for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and the prevention of acute and chronic malnutrition (stunting).

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- Despite road poor accessibility and security challenges, WFP delivered almost 77,000 metric tons of food assistance throughout 2020. By plane, by helicopter, by boat, by train, by lorry, by foot, WFP and its partners spared no effort to deliver and save lives.

- WFP activities contributed to achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2.1 concerning access to food. WFP assisted almost 6.9 million people across the country, of which 3.7 million people who received in-kind emergency food assistance.

**WFP IN THE DRC**

**6.9 MILLION BENEFICIARIES**

- 56%
- 44%

**150,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN**

- 48%
- 52%

**1.5 MILLION MALNOURISHED BABIES & MOTHERS**

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