

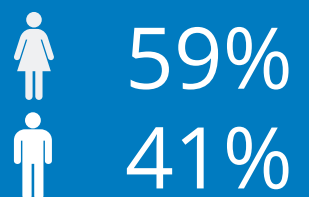


WFP IN THE DRC

The second year of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Democratic Republic of Congo continued to exacerbate the emergency situation the country has been experiencing for decades. Here are a few highlights of WFP's efforts in 2021 to end the world's largest food security crisis (in absolute numbers).

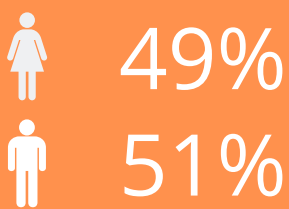
6.3 MILLION BENEFICIARIES

WFP activities contributed to achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2.1 concerning access to food. WFP assisted over 6.3 million people across the country, of which 4 million people received in-kind emergency food assistance.



226,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN

WFP assisted more than 226,000 vulnerable school children by providing home-grown school meals. Even when schools were temporarily closed due to COVID-19-related restrictions, WFP continued to provide alternative take-home rations to school children.



1.8 MILLION MALNOURISHED BABIES & MOTHERS

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



US\$ 75 MILLION OF CASH

1.5 million people received cash-based transfers, injecting US\$ 75 million into local economies. WFP relied more heavily on cutting-edge mobile money transfers, not least to overcome shortages of physical cash.



82,000 MT OF FOOD

Despite accessibility and security challenges, WFP delivered over 82,000 metric tons of food assistance, of which about one third was procured in-country. WFP purchased in-kind food commodities from smallholder farmers, buying from regions with production surpluses and transporting the commodities to food-deficit areas, while boosting smallholder awareness of its quality requirements.



RESILIENCE PROGRAMMES

In partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), WFP reached 358,000 beneficiaries through its resilience-building programmes. WFP and its partners maintained a strong focus on assisting rural women, who constituted 58 percent of assistance recipients.

