In Numbers

234.5 mt of food distributed

505,324 USD cash-based transfers

1 USD million six-month (August 2022 - January 2023) net funding requirements

140,070 people assisted

Highlights

• In July, Mr. Sidi-Mohamed Babah assumed the position of WFP Deputy Country Director for the Republic of Congo.
• WFP took part in the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2020-2024 review workshop, organised by the Resident Coordinator Office (RCO) to align this strategic framework with the new National Development Plan 2022-2026 which identifies agricultural development as its first strategic pillar.

Operational Updates

Strategic Result 1: Food-insecure people affected by shocks have access to adequate food all year round

• WFP delivers food assistance through in-kind food and Cash-Based Transfer (CBT) in the Likouala and Pool Departments. In July, 6,594 Central African Republic refugees living in the Enyellé district (Likouala Department) received food assistance through CBT.
• In July 2022, 1,153 beneficiaries received in-kind food assistance from WFP in the Likouala Department.
• Among these beneficiaries, 100 people participated in the Food for Assets (FFA) agricultural project in Bétoù (Likouala Department) growing and starting to harvest peanuts, rice and beans.
• In the Pool Department, 1,087 beneficiaries participated in the rehabilitation of a new road between Ngamadzambala, Minsamvi and Loukakou in return for CBT assistance.

Strategic Result 2: Equitable national social protection interventions effectively target vulnerable populations, including school-aged children with sustained access to safe and nutritious food.

• WFP convened a workshop with government representatives and partners to validate the Terms of Reference for the new McGovern-Dole (2021-2026) baseline evaluation. Those discussions are necessary to establish institutional coordination mechanisms to support the transition of the national school feeding programme to the Government in the long run.
**WFP Country Strategy**

**Country Strategic Plan (2019-2024)**

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**Strategic Outcome 01:** Everyone has access to food

**Focus area:** Emergency Response

**Activity:**
- Provide unconditional and/or conditional food and nutrition assistance to people affected by shocks.

**Strategic Outcome 02:** Equitable national social protection interventions effectively target vulnerable populations, including school-aged children with sustained access to safe and nutritious food

**Focus area:** Addressing the root causes of hunger and food insecurity, and improving national institutions and systems for social protection

**Activities:**
- Provide safe, adequate and nutritious school meals to targeted school children.
- Provide technical support to Government for improved implementation of shock-responsive social protection interventions.

**Strategic Result 03:** Smallholder productivity and incomes

**Strategic Outcome 03:** Targeted smallholder farmers and communities benefit from productive and sustainable livelihoods which support nutrition value chains

**Focus area:** Building the resilience of smallholder agricultural systems

**Activity:**
- Provide analytical, technical and equipment support for smallholder farmers aimed at encouraging market-oriented and climate-resilient production and livelihoods.

**Strategic Result 08:** Enhance global partnership

**Strategic Outcome 05:** National Humanitarian and development actors have access to WFP expertise

**Focus area:** Crisis response

**Activity:**
- Provide on-demand logistics common services to humanitarian partners.

- An experience-sharing workshop took place in Komono (Lékoumou Department), involving civil society and government partners, United Nations Children’s Fund, World Health Organization and WFP. It reviewed the Joint SDG Fund project, completed in June 2022 after 30 months of implementation, carried out to improve the living conditions of indigenous populations in the Republic of Congo.

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Targeted smallholder farmers and communities benefit from productive and sustainable livelihoods which support nutrition value chains.

- WFP organized a technical workshop on cassava and banana processing technologies, involving 24 supported smallholder farmers from the Pool and Bouenza Departments, 10 government experts and the WFP Madagascar team. Facilitated by WFP’s Centre of Excellence in China, with technical support from the Chinese Academy of Tropical Agriculture Sciences (CATAS), this workshop was part of the remote training (including video courses and distance workshops) of 240 Congolese smallholders on cassava and banana value chains. It was also an opportunity to strengthen the institutional partnership between China and Congo through South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) facilitated by WFP.

- As part of the European Union-funded ProManioc project aimed at strengthening the artisanal cassava value chain, videos of recipes based on innovative cassava products were filmed. Intended for wide dissemination, these videos will serve to raise public awareness on the use of the processed products promoted by the project.

**United Nations Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS)**

- On 30 and 31 July 2022, UNHAS and UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) organised two voluntary repatriation flights to repatriate 105 Central African refugees to Bangui, Central African Republic (CAR). Voluntary repatriation had been halted for the past two years - until July 2022 - due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the volatile political and security situation in CAR.

**Monitoring**

- During the first six months of 2022, WFP assisted 290,230 people.

- The preparation of the seminar for the mid-year Annual Performance Planning (APP) review took place throughout the month. The mid-year APP will be held in the coming weeks.

- The report led by two external consultants as part of the finalisation of the Joint SDG Fund project has been reviewed by the evaluation committee and shared with United Nations Children’s Fund, World Health Organization and World Food Programme’s technical staff.

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**Photo:** Honoré, a refugee from the Central African Republic, and a WFP beneficiary, cultivating his garden in Bétou, Likouala Department. WFP/Cécile Mercier