In Numbers

- **1.58 million people** in acute food insecurity in south western Angola
- **US$ 5.7 million** six-month (October 2022 – March 2023) funding shortfall
- **30,555 people assisted** in the second round of commodity voucher distributions from July to September 2022
- **6,553 DRC refugees** received in-kind food assistance in September 2022

Operational Updates

Crisis Response

Drought Response in Huila and Cunene

- In September, WFP finished the second cycle of commodity voucher distributions for vulnerable families affected by the drought in southern Angola (started in July). 30,555 people were assisted in the provinces of Huila and Cunene. Each family received 25 kg of rice, 25 kg of maize meal, 10 kg of pulses, 5 L of oil, and 1 kg of salt. The distributions were carried out in coordination with Civil Protection.

- WFP also organized supply chain training for 8 Civil Protection officials in Cunene.

- WFP started the training of community health agents for the nutrition treatment programme in Huila province. A total of 10 agents were trained in September. In total, WFP, and co-operating partner ForAfrika, plan to train 80 community health agents who will be screening children under the age of 5 years and administering treatment for moderate acute malnutrition at the community level.

Refugee Assistance in Lunda Norte

- 6,553 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) residing in the Lovua refugee settlement in Lunda Norte received food assistance from WFP in September. Out of these, 124 refugees were repatriated to DRC in September and were also provided food at transit centres.

- For the asset creation programme, 120 participants received seeds donated earlier by the Government (40 for rice production and 80 for corn). In addition, 30 rice farmers from the areas where the planting starts later, will receive seeds between November and December.
Service Provision

Last-Mile Delivery of Medical Supplies

- WFP completed the second distribution cycle of medical supplies for HIV, TB, and Malaria in Benguela and Cuanza Sul provinces. More than 970 health facilities were reached during this cycle.
- Post-delivery monitoring to selected municipalities and health facilities started in September as part of the delivery verification exercise.

Challenges

- The acute food-security situation in southern Angola remains of concern, due to the compound effects of consecutive years of dry weather conditions, including in 2022.
- In April, WFP started the distribution of commodity vouchers to vulnerable families in the most drought-affected areas of Huila and Cunene provinces. With the available funds, WFP will be able to support these operations only for one more round of distributions. Additional funding is urgently needed to ensure the continuation of this critical programme.

Donors

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WFP Angola ICSP is currently undergoing a budget revision.