In Numbers

- 814 mt of food distributed
- 2,327 USD cash-based transfers
- USD 245,000 six-month (June 2023 - November 2023) net funding requirements
- 127,090 people assisted

Operational Updates

- To ensure front-line workers’ safety and wellness, WFP had to lighten its footprint in Kindamba, Pool Department, following several reported security incidents in the area. As of 31 May 2023, the Kindamba sub-office team was transferred to the sub-office in Nkayi, Bouenza Department, which now coordinates and monitors the activities implemented in both Bouenza and Pool Departments. WFP maintains its offices and storage facility in Kindamba and continues all activities there, including regular monitoring missions.

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

- WFP provided in-kind food assistance to an estimated 14,769 refugees from the Central African Republic in the districts of Bétou, Dongou, Ikpembele, Ibenga, Enyellé and Impfondo (Likouala Department).
- As part of the treatment and prevention of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM), WFP assisted an estimated 7,145 children aged from 6 to 59 months and 13,709 breastfeeding women in urban areas (Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire) and the Departments of Pool, Bouenza and Plateaux. The distributions were implemented through health centres with the National Directorate of Hygiene and Health Promotion.

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

- WFP delivered an estimated 211 metric tons of food to schools located in the Bouenza, Cuvette, Lékoumou, Likouala, Plateaux, Pool and Sangha Departments for the second term of the school year.
- WFP provided food assistance to an estimated 62,335 schoolchildren in seven Departments through the McGovern-Dole supported school feeding programme.
- An estimated 9,367 schoolchildren received meals through the Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF) modality which links school feeding programmes with local smallholder farmers to provide schools with local and diverse food.
- WFP conducted a communication mission, which covered the seven Departments where the in-kind school feeding programme is implemented, and collected photos, videos and stories of beneficiaries and community members.
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2024)

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Strategic Result 01: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 01: Food-insecure people affected by shocks have access to adequate food all year round

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.

Photo: Cooks preparing school meals in the Ikpengbele school, Likouala Department. WFP/Cécile Mercier

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

- As part of the Adaptation Fund-financed project, WFP and the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin, finalised the recruitment process of the project team with three local coordination assistants coming on board. The five-year project aims to build adaptive capacity to climate change of vulnerable communities living in the Congo River Basin.
- WFP, the Government of the Republic of Congo - through its Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Livestock - and the Government of Brazil signed an agreement on a new South-South cooperation project with the aim of improving the food security and nutritional status of smallholder farmers, particularly women, and school children in the Republic of Congo. The two-year project is funded by the India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation (IBSA Fund).

Monitoring and Assessment

- WFP measured the Market Functionality Index (MFI) of several markets in the Departments of Lékoumou, Bouenza, Pool, Plateaux and Likouala. Designed jointly by the Supply Chain and Research, Assessment and Monitoring units, this corporate tool aims to help WFP make informed transfer modality decisions and detect changes in market functionality over time.
- WFP hosted a monitoring mission from the US Department of Agriculture which has been funding the McGovern-Dole school feeding programme since 2017. The mission visited the Bouenza and Lékoumou Departments.
- The Country Office management team travelled to the Likouala Department to monitor emergency food assistance for refugees and the school meals programme, as well as to assess the working conditions of the front-line workers of the Bétéou sub-office.

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