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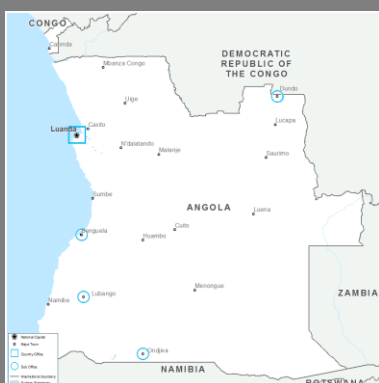
Operational Context

Located in southwestern Africa, Angola is a vast country with a long coastline that has made substantial economic and political progress since the end of the civil war in 2002. However, Angola's economic growth has been volatile and tied to oil, leaving the country with high levels of poverty and inequality. Additionally, Angola's agricultural resources remain underutilized, and the country is exposed to various climate-related shocks.

El Niño conditions have impacted the southern and eastern regions of the country, causing the most protracted drought in 40 years. The El Niño-induced drought is hitting areas of the country where vulnerable communities are already grappling with the effects of six consecutive years of below-average rainfall, dry conditions, and annually decreasing harvests. Based on the figures included in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Humanitarian Appeal, 2.2 million people in Angola are in need of assistance due to the El Niño-induced drought.

Rainfall shortages in the south and center of the country significantly reduce agricultural production, which is the main source of food for rural households. The general rise in food prices also restricts households' purchasing power. Food insecurity and undernutrition remain serious public health problems and are driven by a range of factors, including poverty, limited dietary diversity, poor sanitation and hygiene conditions, and gender inequality.

WFP is working with the Government of Angola and a broad range of partners towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2 (Zero Hunger) and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).



Population: **35.1 million**

2022 Human Development Index: **150 out of 193**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

2023 Global Hunger Index: **99 out of 125 countries**

In Numbers*



2.2 million people in need of assistance due to the El Niño-induced drought



326.4 mt of food assistance provided through in-kind and nutrition assistance and commodity voucher interventions



USD 28.2 million six-month (November 2024 – April 2025) net funding requirements



14,772 beneficiaries reached in October 2024

53%



47%



Emergency Response

El Niño Response

- WFP assisted 1,508 children under 5 diagnosed with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in Huíla and Cunene provinces, two of the hardest hit by the El Niño-induced drought, under the community-based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) programme in October. WFP distributed 14.1 mt of specialized nutritious foods to meet their nutritional needs. In addition, WFP provided commodity vouchers to 7,030 household members living with these children. In total, 231.3 mt of food commodities were provided.
- WFP participated in a joint mission with the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the National Institute for Employment and Vocational Training to Huíla province from 9 to 11 October. The highlight was the inauguration of the solar systems for resilient agriculture and vocational training in Matala and Humpata municipalities. The events were hosted by UNDP and had the participation of local government authorities. This mission aimed to strengthen collaboration between WFP, UNDP, and government entities and explore opportunities to enhance livelihoods, resilience, and environmental sustainability of drought-affected communities.

Refugee Response

- WFP continues to provide food assistance to ensure refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo residing in the Lóvuá refugee settlement in Lunda Norte province are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs. In October, 6,234 refugees received food baskets containing maize meal, pulses, vegetable oil, and salt. WFP distributed a total of 81 mt of food commodities to these beneficiaries.
- WFP, in collaboration with the Provincial Agriculture Department and University José Eduardo dos Santos, completed the second phase of the beekeeping training benefiting 44 participants from both the refugee and local communities in October. WFP also celebrated the first harvest of organic honey. The beekeeping project aims to create new opportunities and foster economic integration while preserving food systems, and the environment.

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Photo: Commodity voucher distribution in Huíla province ©WFP Angola

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2020-2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
77.4 m	31.9 m	28.2 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 01: Refugees and other crisis-affected populations in Angola are able to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements during times of crisis.

Focus area: crisis response

Activities:

- Provide food and/or cash-based transfers to refugees and other crisis-affected populations.
- Provide livelihood support to refugees and other crisis-affected populations to improve self-reliance.
- Provide an integrated nutrition support and malnutrition prevention and treatment package to targeted vulnerable people, including children aged 6-59 months.
- Provide support to the Government for nationally owned home-grown school feeding programmes to chronically vulnerable and shock-affected primary school children.

Strategic Result 5: Capacity Strengthening

Strategic Outcome 02: National institutions in Angola have strengthened their capacity to implement programmes to advance food security and nutrition by 2025.

Focus area: root causes

Activities:

- Provide technical assistance to the Government of Angola.

Strategic Result 8: Enhance global partnerships

Strategic Outcome 03: Humanitarian and development actors and national systems have access to WFP expertise and services.

Focus area: root causes

Activities:

- Provide on-demand and supply chain services for partners.

Refugee Response (Cont.)

- WFP and UNHCR organized a joint visit to Lunda Norte with representatives from other UN agencies from 2 to 4 October. The aim was to strengthen inter-agency collaboration and explore opportunities for joint fundraising, advocacy, and programming.
- WFP and UNHCR hosted a 3-day mission from the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium in Angola and representatives from the Embassy of Japan. In order to gain an in-depth understanding of the refugee response operation in Lunda Norte province, the delegation held meetings with local authorities and refugee leaders and visited the Lóvuá refugee settlement and WFP and UNHCR's projects, including livelihood activities jointly implemented by the two agencies.

* All assistance figures in this report are an initial estimate and are subject to change upon final verification.

Nutrition

- WFP, in collaboration with the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Food Fortification Initiative, and UNICEF, continued to provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Health in finalizing the National Food Fortification Strategy. WFP and partners are planning a workshop in December 2024 to present and validate the strategy.

Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM)

- WFP and partners are providing technical and financial support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on the assessment conducted to understand the impact of the El Niño-induced drought on food security and nutrition in southern and eastern Angola. In October, WFP supported the Ministry with data cleaning and entry ahead of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis workshop, which is expected to take place in November/December 2024.
- WFP co-hosted the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Disaster Preparedness workshop with the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations in Namibia. The aim was to promote shared approaches to enhance emergency preparedness, focusing on anticipatory action, supply chain, and urban preparedness. Participants from across the region attended, including representatives from the Angolan Civil Protection and WFP's VAM team.

Service Provision – Last-Mile Delivery of Medical Supplies

- WFP distributed 128.73 cubic meters of medical supplies for malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV, as well as long-lasting insecticidal nets. These products were distributed to 110 health facilities in Cuanza Sul province. This activity is a key component of the Last-Mile Delivery project, funded by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria and implemented in collaboration with the UNDP and the Ministry of Health, that aims to ensure the efficient and timely delivery of life-saving health products to remote and hard-to-reach areas.

Resource Outlook

- WFP operations face a critical funding shortfall of **US\$ 28.2 million**, out of which US\$ 23 million is required to ensure the full implementation of the El Niño response plan. While limited funds have been secured to kick-start the response, additional donor support is urgently needed to sustain activities until the next harvest in April 2025.

Donors: Japan Association for the World Food Programme (JAWFP), Multilateral donors, Republic of Angola, Slovenia, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), UN Development Programme (UNDP), United States of America (in alphabetical order)