



# WFP Angola Country Brief December 2024

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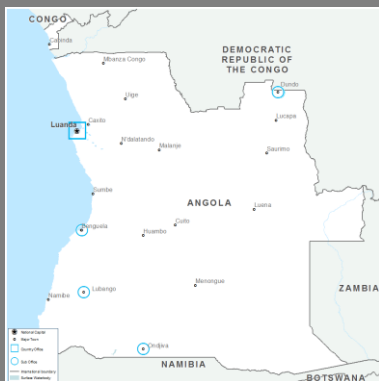
## Operational Context

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.

The United Nation World Food Programme (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**

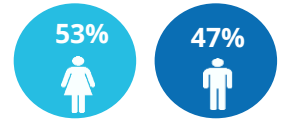
2023 Global Hunger Index: **99 out of 125 countries**

## In Numbers\*

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

 **USD 35.8 million** six-month (January – June 2025) net funding requirements

 **~ 2,100 people** assisted in December 2024



## Operational Updates

### El Niño Response

WFP in December provided nutrition assistance to approximately 2,100 children aged 6 - 59 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) in Huíla and Cunene provinces, two of the most impacted by the El Niño-induced drought, as part of the Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition programme. WFP distributed approximately 7.7 metric tons of specialized nutritious foods to meet their nutritional requirements.

WFP and its cooperating partner – World Vision International (WVI) – carried out a refreshment training for 12 community health workers on early detection, prevention, and supplementation of acute malnutrition for PBWG, good infant and young child feeding practices and commodity vouchers.

WFP conducted a joint mission with the U.S. Agency for International Development's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA), UNICEF, and WVI to assess the progress of USAID/BHA-funded projects in southern Angola. The delegation held institutional meetings with government authorities, conducted visits to health facilities, and observed community-based nutrition screenings, training of CHWs and cooking demonstrations.

### Refugee Response

In collaboration with UNHCR, WFP started the development of a targeting strategy for the refugee response operation in Lunda Norte. The aim is to classify households based on the level of vulnerability, scale up livelihood support as an alternative to food assistance by setting up prioritization criteria, and ensure that WFP's limited resources are used effectively to meet the needs of the most vulnerable.

## Capacity Strengthening

### Nutrition

As part of the Smallholder Agriculture Development and Commercialization project, WFP, in collaboration with the Institute of Agrarian Development, facilitated a 2-day nutrition training for 35 extension workers in Cuanza Sul province.

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**Photo:** Joint USAID/BHA monitoring visit to Huíla province ©WFP Angola

The sessions covered topics related to micronutrient deficiencies, malnutrition prevention, screening and early detection, maternal and child nutrition, and promotion of positive sanitation and hygiene behaviours.

### Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping

Following the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Level 1 training, WFP and partners provided technical assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on the IPC analysis workshop. The workshop counted with the participation of technical staff from the government at the central and local levels. The IPC analysis will be crucial to inform emergency response interventions and medium and long-term food security and nutrition policy and programming.

### Service Provision

Under the Last-Mile Delivery (LMD) project, WFP completed the quarterly distribution in Benguela province. In December, approximately 376 cubic meters of life-saving medical products for malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV were delivered to 256 health facilities across 10 municipalities. The LMD project aims to strengthen local supply chain capacities to make the national health system more efficient and shock resilient.

WFP held a monthly coordination meeting with UNDP to present WFP's dashboard, covering the current stock forecast and operational situation, and discuss the actions for expired commodities.

### Monitoring and Evaluation

WFP Angola concluded the Decentralized Evaluation of its technical assistance activities to the Government of Angola and refugee support from 2017 to 2022. The findings show that WFP's interventions improved access to food and nutritional outcomes, with gender-specific gains through targeting women with nutritional support. It also highlights the strong alignment and contribution of WFP's technical assistance activities to the achievement of national development priorities on food security and nutrition. The evaluation report can be accessed [here](#).

### Resource Outlook

The WFP Angola Interim Country Strategic Plan (2020 – 2025) is currently 44.2 percent funded. For the next six months (January – June 2025), WFP's operations face a critical funding shortfall of **USD 35.8 million**.

### Donors

Japan Association for the World Food Programme (JAWFP), Multilateral donors, Republic of Angola, Slovenia, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and United States of America (in alphabetical order).

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

## Interim Country Strategic Plan (2020-2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
77.4 m	34.2 m	35.8 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.