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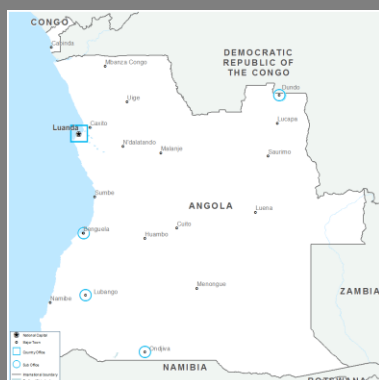
Operational Context

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 Nations 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**

2025 Human Development Index: **148 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



5.6 mt of specialized nutritious foods distributed in May



USD 1.7 million six-month (June – November 2025) net funding requirements



50,000 people assisted for the El Niño response

57%

43%

Operational Updates

El Niño Response: In May, WFP and its Cooperating Partner, World Vision, together with the Government of Angola and other stakeholders, continued efforts to mitigate the impact of the El Niño-induced drought in Huíla and Cunene provinces. Through its targeted supplementary feeding programme, WFP provided nutrition assistance to 1,925 children under the age of five and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls. To meet their nutritional requirements, WFP distributed approximately 5.6 metric tons of Ready-to-Use Supplementary Food (RUSF). Additionally, WFP continued to deliver social and behaviour change communication (SBCC) messaging to parents, caregivers, and community leaders to promote healthy and nutritious practices.

Refugee Response: From 26 to 29 May, WFP, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), organized a joint donor mission to the Lóvua refugee settlement in Lunda Norte province. The delegation, composed of the British Ambassador to Angola and high-level representatives from the Embassies of the United Kingdom, France, and the People's Republic of China, held meetings with provincial and municipal authorities, conducted field visits to WFP and UNHCR programmes, and engaged with refugee leaders.

In coordination with UNHCR, WFP continued the development of a strategy to transition its refugee assistance model from a status-based system to one based on vulnerability. This strategic shift aims to deliver more sustainable food security and nutrition outcomes by tailoring assistance packages to refugees' specific needs. As part of this effort, WFP conducted focus group discussions to define targeting criteria, ensuring a participatory and consultative process through direct engagement with refugees.

As part of its resilience and livelihood support activities, WFP completed the distribution of fruit seedlings to refugees, host, and local community members. Between February and May 2025, more than 8,650 seedlings were provided to nearly 160 households. These efforts aim to enhance food security, diversify livelihoods, and increase income.

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Photo: Joint WFP – UNHCR agriculture activities in Lunda Norte ©UNHCR

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2020-2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
77.4 m	36.4 m	1.7 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.

Resilience: Under the 'Optimizing Food and Agriculture Value Chains and Boosting Climate Resilience in Southern Angola' project, funded by the Government of Japan, WFP's technical team and municipal government officials conducted assessments to evaluate and analyze the current state, functionality, and needs of water supply systems in some of the targeted areas. Through this project, WFP, in collaboration with the Government of Angola, will scale up efforts to improve sustainable access to water for over 24,000 individuals and boost agricultural production and livelihoods for 750 smallholder farmers affected by a prolonged drought and the El Niño event in Quipungo and Chibia municipalities in Huila province, and Cuvelai and Ombadja in Cunene province.

Nutrition: As part of its support to the Government-led cholera response, WFP started preparations for nutrition trainings targeting health facility workers, planned for June. These trainings will be accompanied by the provision of RUSF and aim to strengthen the delivery of essential nutrition services in targeted municipalities of Luanda province, which remains the most affected by the cholera outbreak.

Service Provision

Last-Mile Delivery (LMD) project: In May, WFP delivered approximately 348 cubic meters of medical supplies supporting human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis (TB), and malaria programmes, as well as long-lasting insecticidal nets. These life-saving supplies reached a total of 248 health facilities across Benguela, Cuanza Sul, and Bié provinces. Implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the LMD project aims to strengthen the Government's response to HIV, TB, and malaria, while contributing to the development of a sustainable and resilient health system.

On 29 May, during the visit to WFP's warehouse in Benguela province, UNDP senior management and WFP had the opportunity to discuss key operational updates and review preparations for the mosquito net campaign scheduled to begin in the coming weeks.

Resource Outlook

The WFP Angola Interim Country Strategic Plan (2020 – 2025) is currently 47 percent funded. Over the next six months (June - November 2025), WFP urgently requires **USD 1.7 million**, primarily to sustain its refugee response in Lunda Norte and ensure the continuation of drought response interventions in southern Angola.

Donors: Japan, 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.