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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: **36.17 million**
(projection)

2025 Human Development Index: **148**
out of 193

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Chronic Malnutrition: **40 percent** of
children aged 6 to 59 months

In Numbers*

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

1.3 million six-month net funding requirements (September 2025 – February 2026), representing 21 percent of the total requirements

Operational Updates

Drought Response: WFP and its Cooperating Partner, World Vision Angola, in coordination with provincial and municipal authorities, provided nutrition assistance to approximately 850 children under the age of five in Huíla and Cunene, two of the provinces most affected by the drought. Through social behaviour change communication (SBCC) activities, more than 3,000 parents, caregivers, and community gatekeepers were equipped to prevent and detect malnutrition, promote infant and young child feeding, and improve water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) practices. In order to strengthen local capacities, 86 community health workers were trained in the treatment and prevention of malnutrition, stock management, as well as monitoring and reporting.

Refugee Response: From 18 to 20 August, WFP and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) conducted a joint mission with a representative from the U.S. Embassy to the Lóvua refugee settlement, Lunda Norte province. The delegation held meetings with provincial and municipal authorities, visited WFP and UNHCR programmes, and engaged with refugee leaders to discuss opportunities and challenges amid severe funding reductions. WFP's refugee response operation is facing a funding gap of **USD 1.03 million** for the next six months. Without additional support, WFP will be forced to further reduce rations, currently covering only 50 percent of daily needs, and scale down resilience and livelihood activities for refugees and host communities.

As part of these resilience efforts, WFP, in collaboration with local authorities, UNHCR, and other partners, is implementing a beekeeping project, providing refugees and host communities with equipment and training to strengthen livelihoods and self-reliance. In August, farmers harvested 80 kilograms of honey.

Nutrition: On 1 August, WFP, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) supported a high-level event organized by the Ministry of Health to commemorate World Breastfeeding Week. During the event, WFP presented a donation of maternal and child health booklets to the Minister of Health, Her Excellency Dr. Sílvia Paula Valentim Lutucuta. The booklets will equip health workers and caregivers to promote healthy practices and improve maternal and child health outcomes.

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Photo: Donation of maternal and child health booklets to the Minister of Health, H.E. Dr. Sílvia Paula Valentim Lutucuta ©WFP Angola

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2020-2026)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
92.6 m	37.2 m	1.3 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 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 school meals to children during and in the aftermath of crises.

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 2026.

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.

Operational Updates (Cont.)

Resilience: WFP and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed an agreement to pilot a joint initiative on sustainable and climate-smart fish farming in Matala municipality, Huíla province. WFP will provide technical assistance to the Youth Citadel (*in Portuguese: Cidadela de Jovens*), managed by the National Institute of Employment and Vocational Training (INEFOP). The project aims to promote small-scale fish farming to create economic opportunities for young people while enhancing food and nutrition security.

Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping: WFP continued to provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MINAGRIF). In August, the Government of Angola approved the '[Report on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale \(FIES\) RAAP – 2019-2020](#)', developed with technical support from WFP and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The FIES provides reliable and internationally comparable data on food access, enabling governments, development partners, and other stakeholders to design and implement evidence-based policies, strategies and programmes to address food insecurity at the individual, household, and national levels.

Service Provision: Under the Last-Mile Delivery (LMD) project, WFP delivered more than 556 cubic meters of life-saving medical supplies to 125 health facilities in Benguela, Bié, and Cuanza Sul provinces. These included treatments for malaria, tuberculosis, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), as well as long-lasting insecticidal nets. WFP also pre-positioned around 766 cubic meters of mosquito nets at the Bié provincial warehouse in Kuito in preparation for the upcoming mosquito net campaign. Supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and UNDP, the LMD project aims to strengthen national efforts to fight these diseases while contributing to a more resilient health system.

Cholera Response: WFP continued to provide logistics support to WHO as part of the cholera response. In August, WFP transported approximately 36 cubic meters of medical products and equipment from the Huíla provincial depot to the Provincial Health Department warehouse in Cubango. In addition, WFP distributed Ready-to-Use Supplementary Food (RUSF) to health facilities in Belas, Cazenga, Kilamba Kiaxi, and Talatona municipalities in Luanda province to support nutritionally vulnerable children and ensure the continuation of essential nutrition services.

Resource Outlook

The WFP Angola ICSP (2020–2026) is currently 40 percent funded. For the next six months (September 2025 – February 2026), WFP requires **USD 1.3 million**, equivalent to 21 percent of the total needs, to sustain its operations.

Donors

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