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# WFP Democratic Republic of Congo Country Brief

## June 2025



### Operational Context

The DRC has one of the highest estimated numbers of food-insecure people worldwide, with **28 million** people estimated to be food insecure as per the [latest IPC analysis](#). This includes **10.3 million** people facing acute food insecurity in the four eastern provinces.

Protracted crises aggravated by increased conflict have deteriorated the situation since the start of the year. In January alone, over 1 million people were displaced in the city of Goma following the advancement of the March 23 movement rebel group into the city. OCHA noted that there were already **7.8 million people internally displaced** across DRC. The advancement also caused a disruption in access, supply chains and essential amenities.

Together, these factors impede communities' ability to earn sustainable livelihoods and access food. WFP's emergency response assists internally displaced people, refugees and host communities in affected provinces.

WFP also supports transport for passengers as well as essential cargo for the humanitarian community through the UN Humanitarian Air Service to reach inaccessible areas across the country.

Population: **109.6 million**

Income level: **Low**



### In Numbers

**12,800 MT** of food distributed

**US\$ 3.3 million** distributed in cash-based transfers

**US\$ 270 million** required for the next six months (July to December 2025)

**1.2 million people assisted**  
in May 2025



### Situation Update

- Peace agreements:** On 27 June, the DRC and Rwanda signed an agreement in Washington to restore bilateral relations, support peace talks with M23/AFC and facilitate the return of displaced persons. The accord builds on the April 2025 Declaration of Principles and aims to prevent more hostilities and enhance regional integration, marking a major milestone in international efforts on eastern DRC.
- High level visit:** On 12 June, The UN Secretary General's special representative and head of the UN peacekeeping mission in DRC visited Goma for the first time since the M23 seized the city in January. The visit included meetings with MONUSCO, other UN staff, and M23, focusing partly on resuming MONUSCO's civilian protection mandate.
- Food security crisis:** The DRC is classified as a hunger hotspot of high concern in the latest Hunger Hotspots report, reflecting more people facing Emergency (IPC/CH Phase 4) food insecurity. The report notes limited resources and expects conditions to worsen in coming months.
- Extreme prioritisation:** With declining resources, WFP is conducting vulnerability targeting across eastern DRC to prioritize help for those most in need.

### Operational Updates

- General food assistance:** In May, WFP distributed in-kind and cash assistance to 986,000 people including internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, host communities and refugees living in DRC.
- Nutrition:** Treatment and prevention of acute malnutrition interventions reached 43,000 children and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls. Another 46,000 children and pregnant and breastfeeding women benefitted from stunting prevention.
- School feeding:** Some 155,000 schoolchildren in four provinces benefitted from WFP-supported school feeding programs.
- Asset creation and livelihoods building:** Smallholder farmer support and asset creation activities involved some 2,800 people in three provinces with the aim to strengthen community resilience and improve market access for smallholders.

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## Country Strategic Plan (2021-2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>1,058.8 m</b>	<b>439.9 m</b>	<b>270 m</b>

### Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Conflict- and crisis-affected men, women, boys, and girls from all ethnic groups are able to meet their basic food and nutrition requirements throughout the year. **Focus area:** Crisis Response

#### Activities:

- Act. 1: Provide gender-equitable and nutrition-sensitive essential needs assistance to conflict- and crisis-affected populations through direct assistance and enhanced inter-agency coordination.
- Act. 2: Treat moderate acute malnutrition among conflict- and crisis-affected populations.
- Act. 3: Prevent acute malnutrition among conflict- and crisis-affected populations.

### Strategic Result 2: Access to food (SDG Target 2.1)

**Strategic Outcome 2:** The human capital of conflict affected and/or at-risk populations is equitably and inclusively protected and strengthened by 2024. **Focus area:** Resilience Building

#### Activities:

- Act. 4: Provide nutritious school meals to targeted school children and support the implementation of the home-grown school feeding programme.
- Act. 5: Support interventions to prevent chronic malnutrition, especially for at risk people.

### Strategic Result 3: Smallholders productivity and incomes (SDG Target 2.3)

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Smallholder farmers and food value chain actors have improved livelihood opportunities, resilience, social cohesion, protection and make progress towards gender equality by 2024. **Focus area:** Resilience Building

#### Activities:

- Act. 6: Smallholder farmers' and value chain actors' equitable access to climate and nutrition-smart livelihood opportunities, services and markets.

### Strategic Result 8: Enhance Global Partnership (SDG Target 17.16)

**Strategic Outcome 4:** Humanitarian and development partners have access to reliable air services, improved supply chain and other services during and in the aftermath of conflicts and crises. **Focus area:** Crisis Response

#### Activities:

- Act. 7: Provide humanitarian air services to the humanitarian community.
- Act. 8: Provide humanitarian platforms (logistics cluster coordination and information services) to the humanitarian community.
- Act. 9: Provide on-demand services to humanitarian and development partners.

## Supply Chain and Logistics

- **Supply Chain:** WFP has an in-country stock of nearly 31,000 MT of various food commodities, with an additional 24,000 MT at various stages of procurement and delivery for operations in the DRC.
- UNHAS transported **1,484 passengers and 23.75 MT** of essential light cargo in June. The overall number of passengers transported over the month continues to decay as humanitarian operations have been hampered by the insecurity in the east. However, UNHAS supported special flights as required including three medical evacuations for humanitarian partners. UNHAS also supported the DRC UN Resident Coordinator's mission from Kinshasa to Kisangani between 24 to 26 June.
- The replenishment of Jet A1 aviation fuel stock in Kananga has allowed the resumption of regular flights that were suspended for several months in the Grand Kasaï. Further, the Kananga based aircraft, that was temporarily repositioned to Kinshasa has been returned to Kananga and resumed regular missions.

## Challenges:

- **Access:** The signing of the peace agreement in Washington marks a step forward. However, progress remains uncertain as skirmishes are continuously reported across the eastern provinces thereby increasing threats of insecurity on humanitarian operations. Besides adequate resources, WFP also requires unhindered access to safely deliver assistance to people who need it the most across DRC.

## Views from the Field



*Jolie received maize meal, vegetable oil, split peas, and salt from WFP with which she will feed her family. WFP's in-kind food assistance is coupled with malnutrition prevention support for targeted groups such as pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls. Besides additional commodities for malnutrition prevention, WFP provides nutrition education at food distribution sites to equip families with the knowledge to prepare healthy meals using locally sourced ingredients. Photo Credit: WFP/Benjamin Anguandia.*

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