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# WFP Democratic Republic of Congo Situation Report

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## Key Numbers

**1.27 million** people are displaced in Kasais

**731,000** people requiring humanitarian assistance in Kasais

**22,000** people have fled to Angola

**20** suspected cases of Ebola Virus Disease

## WFP Response

- WFP is scaling-up assistance to reach more than 100,000 people displaced from Kasais.
- WFP is coordinating an intervention with WHO in response to the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak declared in Bas Uélé.
- In Angola, Programme Coordination, Food Security and Supply Chain experts have been deployed to assess and initiate the response. Nutrition expert deployment is underway.

- OCHA has launched the [Kasai Flash Appeal](#) for **USD 65 million** to assist **731,000 people** in need of humanitarian assistance over the next six months in the Kasais.
- An Ebola Virus Disease outbreak has been recorded in Bas Uélé province. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports a total of 20 patients suspected to have contracted Ebola, resulting in three deaths. This is the 8th Ebola outbreak in DRC since the disease was first discovered in 1976.
- Fall Armyworm (FAW) continues to attack crops in DRC. The Ministry of Agriculture, WFP, FAO and other stakeholders will carry out a joint crop assessment across the country at the end of May to assess the impact of the pest which is capable of destroying entire crops.

### Refugee Movements to Angola

- Angola's Ministry of Assistance and Social Reintegration (MINARS) reports **22,000 people** from DRC have crossed the border into Angola by May 18, due to the recent insecurity in the Kasais. Refugee movements into Angola will continue.
- WFP has launched an immediate response emergency operation aiming to reach refugees around Dundo (Angola's Lunda Norte Province) with food assistance for three months.
- WFP and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) will conduct a rapid food security assessment among refugees and host communities to develop a strategy for assistance.

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## WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements (May 2017 – Nov 2017)

|                       |                                      |
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| EMOP 200799           | <b>USD 2.1 million*</b>              |
|                       | *DRC component of Regional Operation |
| PRRO 200832           | <b>USD 13.9 million</b>              |
| Food Security Cluster | <b>USD 0.6 million</b>               |
| Logistics Cluster     | <b>USD 0.6 million</b>               |
| UNHAS                 | <b>USD 10 million</b>                |

## Situation Update

- Conflict continues to led to a deterioration of the humanitarian situation in several provinces, particularly in the Kasais, Tanganyika, Lualaba, Haut-Katanga and South and North Kivu.
- The situation in the Kasai provinces is of particular concern, as the intensity of armed conflict between government forces and militia has increased.
- Displacement has sharply increased by 23 percent, as the total population of displaced people has reached **1.27 million** in the past month.

## WFP Response

- In Kasai region, WFP's Country Director is participating in an inter-agency assessment, beginning May 17, to determine the required humanitarian response.
- WFP's interventions will align with FAO's longer-term livelihood support. Interventions are likely to focus on the three most affected provinces, the Kasai (Tshikapa), Kasai Central (Kananga) and Kasai Oriental (Mbuji-Mayi), where the situation remains the most worrying for the displaced population.
- The Government of DRC has requested WHO's assistance to handle the Ebola outbreak. WFP will coordinate its intervention with WHO.
- The Logistics Cluster is standing by to provide support, and an UNHAS helicopter is ready for deployment. WFP staff with Ebola experience have been identified in the country.



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP is coordinating with all stakeholders to provide lifesaving food assistance in Kasai as soon as conditions allow for access.
- WFP is enhancing its response capacity and WFP's office in Lubumbashi, Haut-Katanga province, will coordinate the response.
- 810 MT Cereal, 108 MT of Pulses, 45 MT of Oils and Fats, 43 MT of Mixed and Blended CSB++ are being dispatched to Lunda Norte, Angola.



### Supply Chain

- WFP plans to support the logistics cluster with four WFP-owned off-road trucks, two mobile storage units and 12,000 litres of diesel fuel. Surge staff capacity will also be provided.

## Clusters and Common Services

### Logistics Cluster

- The logistics cluster aims to set up a staging area in Kasai and provide transport and technical support on behalf of the wider humanitarian community. The estimated budget for three months amounts to **USD 600,000**.
- It is expected that a civil-military expert (CIMIC) will be deployed to the cluster in Kananga (Kasai Central) or Tshikapa (Kasai) to secure safe passage for humanitarian actors and allow assessments and response to be carried out safely.

- Information on access constraints in the Kasais has been produced, shared and disseminated on the logistics cluster [website](#).
- For the Ebola response, a Logistics Cluster Officer from Goma has been deployed to Kisangani to identify logistics gaps and needs, and coordinate the information sharing/mapping on behalf of the community.
- The logistics planning map for the response to the Ebola outbreak in Bas Uele has been produced, shared and disseminated on the logistics cluster [website](#).



### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- WFP will initiate discussions with OCHA and UNDSS to assess the potential need for an interagency project to reinforce security communications in Kasai. The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) may be activated to support the scope of the intervention.



### UN Humanitarian Air Service

- UNHAS has increased regular frequency of flights to Kananga (Kasai Central) and Mbuji-Mayi (Kasai Oriental) to support increasing demand.
- UNHAS has prepared to rapidly support the Ebola crisis in Bas Uele. A helicopter has been deployed to Kisangani for flights to Buta. A special flight carrying medical supplies and a response team is also planned.

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