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Highlights

- Thousands of people have been victim of a surge of violence near Beni, in North Kivu province. Several villages were attacked and more than 100 people were killed by rebels believed to be from the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF).

- On 30 October the CO under the leadership of the Country Director and the P4P National Programme Manager held a one day event to officially mark the end of the P4P pilot phase. The event was well attended by donors and government representatives.

Situation Update

- Military operations by the Monusco and the FARDC against more than 30 armed groups, including the Ugandan ADF/NALU and the Rwandan FDLR, as well as repeated rebels’ attacks against civilians continue to be the source of small scale, sudden and widespread displacements in the country. The violence is now most acute in Katanga.

- The government’s proposal to amend the constitution and the looming provincial and national elections in 2015 and 2016 are fueling tensions in the country.

- On 16 October, the Government of DRC declared Scott Campbell, the director of the UN Joint Human Rights Office, persona non grata, and expel him from the country after the release of a UN report detailing serious human rights violations by Congolese security forces.

WFP Response

- WFP is currently providing assistance (food as well as C&V) to some 1.9 million people across DRC. These include internally displaced people, refugees, children in school, and mothers and children who are either malnourished or at risk of malnourishment.

- In October, WFP delivered 4,644 mt of food commodities to partners for distribution to beneficiaries, including 102 mt to Boende for Ebola affected people.

In numbers

◊ WFP is operational in 5 provinces (North Kivu, South Kivu, Orientale, Katanga, Equateur)

◊ 2.6 million people displaced

◊ 6.7 million people in need of food assistance

◊ WFP is assisting 1.9 million people in 2014

◊ In October, WFP delivered 4,644 mt of food commodities to partners for distribution to beneficiaries, including 102 mt to Boende for Ebola affected people.

Funding Update (shortfalls):

- **PRRO 200540**: US$24.9 million (November 2014 – April 2015)

- **Food Security Cluster**: US$1.3 million (March 2014 – March 2015); A six-month extension is under preparation

- **Logistics Cluster**: US$ 2,841,250 million (December 2014 – November 2016); No contributions confirmed yet for 2015.

- **UNHAS**: US$ 28,343,634 million (January – December 2015); No contributions confirmed yet for 2015.

WFP conducted a mission to Dikulushi in Katanga province to assess the needs of new IDPs in the area. More than 9,000 IDPs were targeted and will receive food assistance through partner Hope & Development in early November 2014.
Food Assistance

- Ebola: WFP is providing food assistance to approximately 23,300 people (as of 28 October, WFP delivered 102 mt of food in Boende and other final delivery points for distributions), air transport with UNHAS, and logistics services, including camp, fuel and fleet management. WFP is also providing IT and communication solutions for the operation.

- In October, an actual total of 4,542 mt of food commodities out of 6,710 mt planned was delivered to partners for distributions to 470,313 beneficiaries. The reasons for lower delivery than planned include access issues linked to insecurity and poor road infrastructure to access delivery and distribution sites, to undertake assessments, as well as some administrative issues with some partners. WFP distributed US$1,172,704 to beneficiaries through cash & vouchers.

Logistics

- CAR operation: The next barge convoy from Kinshasa to Bangui with 1,200 mt of various commodities is scheduled to leave by mid-November. 600 mt of rice locally purchased in the province of Equateur are expected to arrive in Bangui on 9 November, the remaining 300 mt expected to arrive in the first week of December. No additional convoys are expected due low water levels on the Ubangi River which is not navigable from January to June.

- To support Ebola response, between 1 September and 29 October, UNHAS provided 17 flights, transported 119 passengers and 22.47 mt of cargo and flew 81.55 hours. UNHAS partner ASF-F provided 26 flights during the same period.

Clusters

Food Security Cluster

- From 1 October to 11 October, WFP/VAM implemented a capacity building and competence transfer programme in data collection and food security analysis for 23 staff of partners VIPATU and ABANTANSHI, while 13 WFP staff (Programme) were trained in vulnerability based targeting. The programme will be extended to all food security cluster organizations in Katanga.

- WFP and INGO IRC/RMMP met in Lubumbashi, Katanga, and shared analysis and targeting tools ahead of a food security mission jointly conducted to Ankoro in Manono territory from 20 to 26 October.

Logistics Cluster

- Ebola: WFP logistics capacity to deliver food and NFI s has been increased by 100%. This increase allows WFP to deliver an estimated extra 4 mt of food every day. WFP is currently managing fuel and oil stocks in Boende and Lokolia. The camp in Lokolia is currently used and accommodates more than 60 staff.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- Ebola: WFP deployed staff to the field to complete the installation of the wireless data network in Boende and Lokolia. A security lighting system for the Logistics Cluster in Boende as well as a generator are being installed. Secure communications were established between Boende, Lokolia and Kinshasa, improving overall communications and coordination among responders.

Partnerships

- During the reporting period, WFP signed 19 Field Level Agreements with 18 cooperating partners to deliver and distribute food and to distribute cash and vouchers to beneficiaries.

- The Country Director met with members of the DRC President’s Cabinet and had fruitful and positive exchanges on WFP’s operations in the country and the need to reinforce partnership.

Resourcing Update

- WFP DRC has resourcing requirements of US$24.9 million until March 2015 (6 months) to continue assisting refugees, newly displaced people, old caseload but still vulnerable IDPs, returnees, nutritionally vulnerable groups, and school children through emergency school feeding.

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WFP Operation

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