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DRC

Humanitarian Situation Report

July 2019

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Highlights

- In July, UNICEF's Rapid Response to Movements of Population (RRMP) mechanism provided 95,814 persons with essential household items and shelter materials
- Multiple emergencies in the provinces of Ituri, South Kivu, Kwango, and Mai Ndombe (Yumbi territory) are heavily underfunded. This gap impacts UNICEF's response to the emergencies and prevent children from accessing their basic rights, such as education, child protection, and nutrition
- **Ebola outbreak:** as of 31st of July 2019, 2,687 total cases of Ebola, 2,593 confirmed cases and 1,622 deaths linked to Ebola have been recorded in the provinces of North Kivu and Ituri.

1,260,000* Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) (HPR 2019)

* Estimate for 2019

7,500,000 children in need of humanitarian assistance (OCHA, HRP 2019)

1,400,000 children are suffering from Severe Acute malnutrition (DRC Nutrition Cluster, January 2019)

13,542 cases of cholera reported since January 2019 (Ministry of Health)

137,154 suspect cases of measles reported since January (Ministry of Health)

UNICEF's Response with Partners

	UNICEF		Sector/Cluster	
	UNICEF Target	Total Results*	Cluster Target	Total Results*
Nutrition: # of children with SAM admitted for therapeutic care	911,907	124,888	986,708	365,444
Health: # of children in humanitarian situations vaccinated against measles	1,028,959	1,034,550		
WASH: # of natural disaster and conflict-affected people with access to water, hygiene and sanitation basic services	1,277,848	496,187	2,232,120	743,815
Child Protection: # of children benefited from psychosocial support, including access to child friendly spaces	120,000	110,202	150,000	144,799
Education: # of school aged boys and girls (5 to 17 years) affected by crisis receiving learning materials	908,283	110,672	2,618,866	164,832

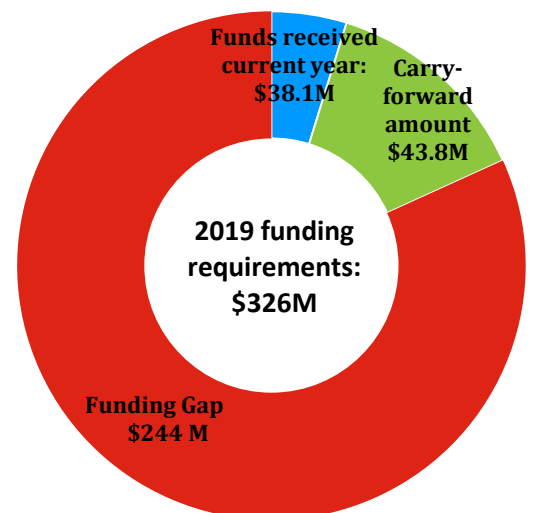
* Total results are cumulative since January 2019

UNICEF Appeal 2019

US\$ 326 Million

25% of required funds available

2019 DRC HAC FUNDING STATUS*



*Funds available includes funding received from the current appeal year as well as the carry-forward from the previous year

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

- **Ituri crisis:** Following the resurgence of armed conflicts, 360,000 persons¹ are estimated to be displaced, of which 145,000 persons are in Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) sites and 215,000 persons in host communities. It is estimated that over 50% of the IDPs have not been reached with humanitarian assistance.
- **South Kivu crisis:** As of July, 150,000 IDPs² have been identified following intercommunity conflicts in Minembwe, South Kivu province. UNICEF and the humanitarian community are coordinating the provision of assistance to the affected IDPs.
- **Kwango crisis:** 14,344 children³ along the Angolan border and 8,100 child returnees to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) are out of school and have not been reintegrated into schools since the beginning of the Kwango crisis
- **Yumbi crisis:** 13,001 persons⁴ have been displaced to neighboring islands, villages, forests, and another 9,000 persons to the Republic of the Congo since the outbreak of the conflict between the Nunu and Tende ethnic groups between 16 and 18 December 2018. As of July 2019, it is estimated that 40,589 returnees will return to Yumbi territory and along the Yumbi – Bolobo axis. Despite the overall stabilization of the situation, the humanitarian context in Yumbi remains precarious due to the vulnerabilities and needs in food security, Non-Food Items (NFIs), health/nutrition, protection, and education.
- **Ebola outbreak:** as of 31st of July 2019, 2,687 total cases of Ebola, 2,593 confirmed cases and 1,622 deaths linked to Ebola have been recorded in the provinces of North Kivu and Ituri.

Estimated Population in Need of Humanitarian Assistance

Estimates calculated based on initial figures from Humanitarian Response Plan, December 2018

	Total	Male	Female
Total Population in Need	12.8 million	6.26 million	6.51 million
Children (Under 18)	7.5 million	3.81 million	3.66 million
Children Under Five (MAS)	1.4 million	0.67 million	0.73 million
New projected IDPs for 2019	1.3 million	0.62 million	0.68 million
Pregnant and lactating women	0.80 million	0	0.80 million

Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

- UNICEF leads four clusters and one Working Group in the DRC humanitarian architecture, at national level in Kinshasa and at provincial hub levels in Bukavu, Goma, Kalemie and Kananga. The clusters are Nutrition, Education, WASH, Non-Food Items and Shelter, and a Working Group on Child Protection which forms part of the Protection Cluster lead by UNHCR. As part of the Ebola response, UNICEF co-leads the commissions on communication, WASH, and psychosocial care.
- UNICEF participates in inter-cluster and inter-organizations meetings at the national and decentralized levels and is an active member of the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT).

Humanitarian Strategy

- The strategic objectives of the joint multi-year and multi-sectoral HRP (2017 – 2019) for the DRC are to (1) improve the living conditions of people affected by crisis, starting with the most vulnerable, (2) protect the affected population and ensure respect for human rights, (3) reduced excess mortality and morbidity among the affected population.
- In line with the HRP, a new UNICEF Humanitarian Strategy is currently being developed and will be launched in the second half of 2019. It aims at addressing the significant increase in humanitarian crises through a rapid

¹ Source: UNHCR Weekly Emergency Update 25 July – 1 August 2019

² Source: OCHA, 11th July 2019

³ Source: UNICEF evaluation reports in Kamonia health zone

⁴ Source: CLIO Yumbi, July 2019

multi-sectoral and decentralized response, improved coordination and cooperation among humanitarian actors, anticipation and flexibility of funding, and a strengthening of the nexus between rapid emergency response and resilience-building in target areas.

- UNICEF and its partners continue to support beneficiaries through: (1) reinforcing access to primary health care at the community and health center levels in areas affected by conflict and disease outbreaks; (2) providing psychosocial support and recreational activities for children who are displaced, separated, unaccompanied, formerly associated with armed groups, or survivors of sexual violence, by also including psychosocial care for affected families; (3) pre-positioning WASH supplies for water purification and chlorination, and supporting the renovation/construction of latrines/water points for disease prevention and response; (4) provision of WASH in Nutrition (WiN) kits and referral and treatment of children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM); (5) access to education in a safe and protective learning environment; (6) provision of awareness raising of the communities about response measures and promotion of their active engagement and ownership of the response.
- The Rapid Response to Movements of Population (RRMP) mechanism provides for a rapid multi-sectoral first response in areas affected by shocks and mass displacements and paves the way for subsequent mid- and longer-term interventions.
- In support of the joint Strategic Response Plan (SRP) III to address the Ebola crisis between the Ministry of Health, World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and other partners, UNICEF's response strategy focuses on five key areas: communication, WASH, psychosocial care, education, and nutrition.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Nutrition

During the reporting period, 45 children aged 6-59 months were admitted with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and provided with therapeutic care in the provinces of Tshopo and North Kivu. Since January, UNICEF has supported 124,888 children with SAM with therapeutic care.

Health

In July, 66 children (6 months-14 years) were vaccinated against measles in North Kivu and Tshopo provinces, reaching a total of 1,034,550 children since January. 6,457 persons affected by conflict and disease outbreaks received access to primary health care in the provinces of North Kivu and Tshopo.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

In July, 78,002 persons benefited from WASH assistance delivered by UNICEF partners in the provinces of Tanganyika, Kasai, Ituri and Kasai Central. In Tanganyika, 2,300 persons affected by conflicts were reached through the rehabilitation of two water sources and the construction of 30 latrine doors through UNICEF's implementing partner Armee du Salut. In Kasai, 3,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) gained access to safe water through the rehabilitation of water sources in Kamonia and Kamako health zone through UNICEF's implementing partner World Vision. In Ituri, 35,782 persons affected by conflicts gained access to safe water through the rehabilitation of water sources through UNICEF's implementing partner Tearfund. In Kasai Centrale, 2,500 IDPs gained access to safe water through the rehabilitation of five water sources and installation of five water chlorination points through UNICEF's implementing partner Centre pour le Développement Intégré de Lukibu (CEILU).

Education

From January to July, 118,858 children aged 6-11 years old, affected by conflict or natural disasters, were given access to quality education⁵ and psychosocial activities⁶ through UNICEF support in South Kivu, North Kivu, Ituri, Tanganyika and Kasai provinces, of which, 1,550 children aged were reached in July toward psychosocial activities. 3,946 teachers received training on learner centered methodologies, peace education, conflict/disaster risk reduction, and psychosocial support, benefiting 217,030 students since January, of which 311 teachers were trained in July.

⁵ Children provided with access to quality education through the rehabilitation of classrooms, reintegration in host schools, remedial courses, and the provision of hygiene kits.

⁶ Psychosocial activities such as drama, recreational activities including games, cultural events to allow children to express their experience with the crisis

Since January to July, a total of 189 classrooms were constructed or rehabilitated in the provinces of Kasai Oriental, Kasai Central, Tanganyika and Ituri, enabling 10,395 school aged children to follow school lessons in appropriate facilities. In addition, 5 schools were provided with assorted materials (table benches, blackboards, chairs and tables for teachers), benefiting 1,045 students.

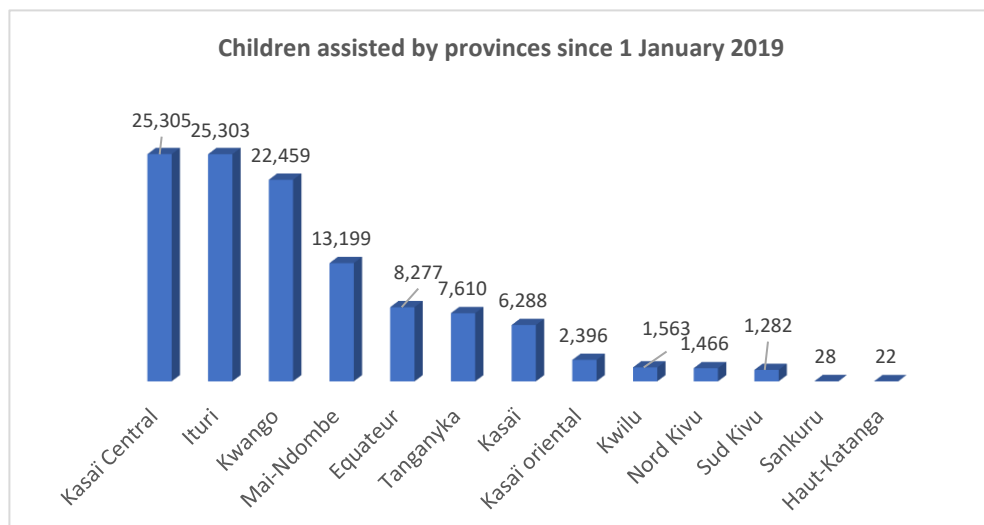
Child Protection

In the month of July, a total of 21,703 children (9,848 girls, or 47%) affected by conflict received child protection assistance⁷. Among them, 221 Children formerly Associated with Armed Forces/Groups (CAAFAG) and 211 Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC)⁸ were identified and received temporary assistance to prepare for family reunification.

19,775 vulnerable children benefitted from psychosocial activities, including access to child friendly spaces.

1,930 survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (895 girls, 861 women, 86 boys, and 88 men) were identified and provided with a holistic response⁹ since January.

In Kasai Central Province, the Child Protection Working Group participated in the identification of children screening sessions at the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (FARDC) Recruitment Center in the Kananga military base. A total of 22 children were identified and separated from adults and received temporary care to prepare for family reunification. In Kasai Central province, 98 children (45 girls and 53 boys) and 68 adults (29 women and 39 men) were sensitized in families and churches on children's rights based on the local context.



Non-Food Items (NFI) / Shelter Materials

In the last month, UNICEF and partners assisted 60,258 people in the provinces of Ituri, North Kivu and South Kivu with access to essential household and personal Non-Food Items (NFI) including female dignity kits and shelter materials.

Rapid Response to Movements of Populations (RRMP)

Since January, 422,484 vulnerable persons were reached through the RRMP mechanism. During the month of July 95,814 IDPs, returnees, and host communities (33,534 children), were assisted through the RRMP mechanism in four provinces¹⁰ with a multi-sectoral package covering health, nutrition, Non-Food Items (NFIs) and WASH. Globally, the RRMP mechanism lunched 7 multi-sectoral interventions this month. Specifically, 1,356 persons (476 children) were assisted with NFIs Fairs assistance. During the reporting period, 38 children affected by SAM were provided with treatment, 61 children were vaccinated against measles. 5,776 people (2,152 children) benefitted with consultations in the health structure supported by the RRMP mechanism. In addition, 34,420 persons (12,047 children) benefitted from WASH services through access to safe drinking water and disease prevention messages in the host zones.

Communication for Development (C4D), Community Engagement and Accountability

⁷ A child protection assistance can include: psycho-social assistance, medical care, educational support, socio-economic reintegration, temporary assistance in transit centers and/or families foster care.

⁸ The difference with the month of March is linked to an increase of identification of UASC in Kasai in March and the cumulative data in Kwango between January and March (the figures were available in March)

⁹ Holistic response is the overall response to survivors of sexual violence that includes psychosocial care, medical care, socio-economic reintegration and legal assistance

¹⁰ North Kivu, South Kivu, Tshopo and Tanganyika

During the month of July, UNICEF's polio campaign reached over 4 million parents on vaccinating children against polio between 0-59 months in the provinces of Kasai, Kasai, and Sankuru.

34,020 persons were reached with preventive measures against cholera through UNICEF's implementing partner AMUKA¹¹, 21 community relays (RECO), and 27 community animation cells (CAC).

In the province of South Kivu, 146,000 persons, of which 1,000 IDPs and host communities, were reached with WASH messages to prevent hygiene related outbreaks, such as cholera, through UNICEF's implementing partner Tearfund in Kimbi-Lulenge health zone and Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), in Idjwi. In addition, 32,232 children, of which 14,963 girls, and 744 teachers, of which 158 women, were reached with cholera prevention messages in 70 schools in Bukavu, South Kivu province, through UNICEF's child friend schools.

Media and External Communication

In July 2019, the CO continued to focus its external humanitarian communication work on the Ebola outbreak. To mark the one-year milestone of the Ebola outbreak, the CO issued a [briefing note](#) and an [Inter-Agency Statement](#). During the reporting period, the CO also facilitated the coverage of UNICEF's response in Beni and Butembo for the [Telegraph](#) and shared a [briefing note on the impact of the Ebola outbreak on children](#). Press coverage included [New York Times](#), [Reuters](#), [Xinhua](#), [ABC News](#), [AFP](#), [France 24](#), [TV5 Monde](#) and [Slate Africa](#), [France 24](#).

During the reporting period, the CO also issued a press release [Vaccination to contain severe measles outbreak underway in DRC amidst Ebola and mass displacement](#). Several media have also reported on the measles campaign including [Irin](#), [The guardian](#), [El Pais](#), and [Xinhua News Agency](#).

Funding

In July 2019, UNICEF DRC received US\$ 39.8 million of the US\$ 326 million 2019 HAC appeal amount. In addition, UNICEF has approximately US\$ 43.8 million funding available as carry-over from the previous year. There is a current funding gap of US\$ 244 million (75 per cent). This gap impacts UNICEF's response to recurring crises and prevent more than 3 million children from accessing their basic rights, such as education, nutrition, safe water and adequate sanitation and hygiene facilities. In July, UNICEF DRC received grants from the United Kingdom Committee for UNICEF, the Danish Committee for UNICEF, and the European Commission (ECHO).

To support the Ebola response in Ituri and North Kivu provinces, UNICEF response strategy as part of the joint response plan focused on Communication, WASH and Psycho-social Care, Nutrition and cross-cutting Education sector response. The SRP₄ provisional funding requirement for the public health response is US\$ 287.6 million for activities until end December 2019. The DRC grand total budget for the Ebola response in North Kivu and Ituri provinces from August 2018 to December 2019 is estimated at US\$ 563.8 million. As part of this joint response plan, the UNICEF estimated public health response requirements stands at US\$75.9 million, out of a total of US\$ 126 million. To date, the UNICEF Ebola response is 39 per cent funded.

Funding Requirements as defined in the Humanitarian Appeal 2019					
Appeal Sector	Requirements	Funds available**		Funding gap	
		Funds Received Current Year*	Carry-Over***	\$	%
Nutrition	143,861,994	5,865,215	14,839,066	123,157,713	86%
Health	17,398,569	1,285,996	14,549,419	1,563,153	9%
WASH	23,961,326	9,897,090	2,302,996	11,761,240	49%
Child Protection	7,550,000	6,255,558	2,875,139	0	0%
Education	60,260,103	6,321,069	910,960	53,028,074	88%

¹¹ Amuka means "wake up" in Swahili

Communication for development	22,560,200	5,656,336	587,614	16,316,250	72%
RRMP (including Cash-based interventions)*	48,895,000	3,491,610	7,738,796	37,664,594	77%
Cluster/Sector Coordination	1,621,102	1,094,358	0	526,744	32%
Total	326,108,294	39,867,233	43,803,990	244,017,768	75%

* 'Funds received' does not include pledges

** Funds available includes funding received against current appeal as well as carry-forward from the previous year.

***Carry-over figure is the unutilized programmable balance that was carried over from the prior year to the current year, as of year-end closure

Next Situation Report: 15/09/2019

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SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESPONSE

Targets	Overall needs	UNICEF and IPs			Cluster Response		
		2019 Total Target*	Total results	Total Change since last report ▲ ▼	2019 Target	Total results	Total Change since last report ▲ ▼
NUTRITION	1,415,850						
# of children 6-59 months with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) admitted for therapeutic care		911,907	124,888	45	986,708	365,444	45
HEALTH	5,480,998						
# of children (6 months-14 years) in humanitarian situations vaccinated against measles		1,028,959	1,034,550	66			
# of people affected by conflict and disease outbreaks having received access to primary health care		607,832	175,963	6,457			
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE	8,000,000						
# of natural disaster and conflict-affected people with access to water, hygiene and sanitation basic services		1,277,848	496,187	78,002	2,232,120	743,815	78,002
# of persons in cholera-prone zones and other epidemic affected zones (yellow fever, FHV, etc.) benefitting from preventive as well as WASH cholera-response packages		2,582,293	370,146	0	6,436,482	537,407	0
# of severely malnourished children and host family receiving WASH assistance from the nutrition centres, through to the household level		282,749	755	0	323,598	755	0
CHILD PROTECTION	4,000,000						
# of children associated with armed forces/groups identified and who benefited from individual follow-up		6,000	1,822	221	7,200	3,373	383
# of children associated with armed forces/groups who benefited from integration/reintegration support		6,000	275	50	7,200	1,318	92
# of Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) identified and/or placed in alternative care arrangements		8,000	2,955	211	10,000	4,602	373
# of Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) reunified with their families or provided with long term solutions		8,000	1,713	113	10,000	2,654	132
# of children benefited from psychosocial support, including access to child friendly spaces		120,000	110,202	19,775	150,000	144,799	22,976
# of girls and boys survivors of gender-based violence provided with a comprehensive response		5,000	1,930	1,496			
# of EVD orphans and separated children identified who received appropriate care and psycho-social support as well as material assistance		3,100	3,320	442			

EDUCATION	5,237,732						
# of girls & boys (5-17 years) affected by conflict or natural disasters given access to quality education and psychosocial activities		908,283	118,858	1,550	2,618,866	253,463	3,465
# of school aged boys and girls (5 to 17 years) affected by crisis receiving learning materials		908,283	110,672	0	2,618,866	164,832	360
# of teachers trained on learner-centred methodologies, peace education, conflict/disaster risk reduction (C/DRR), and Psychosocial support		16,787	3,946	311	47,616	6,313	681
# of school aged children reached with Ebola prevention information in school		1,090,006	891,048	59,349			
NFI/Shelter (RRMP)	6,700,000						
# of people provided with essential household items, and shelter materials		481,250	255,994	95,814	3,756,122	861,575	156,072
Multipurpose Cash-based Assistance	3,337,673						
# of people receive an Unconditional Cash Grant		481,250	138,293	0		138,293	0
COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT	10,500,000						
# of members of the formal community development structures and frontline workers trained, certified and actively engaged in community surveillance and participation		75,000	3,388	473			
"# of at-risk people in Ebola-affected zones engaged through face-to-face activities and mass media		19,500,000	19,827,934	2,037,761			

*This figure only includes data from the Rapid Response to Movements of Population (RRMP) mechanism

** This figure takes into account our HAC planning figures which are different from the HRP figures.

*** Target is aligned with Ebola results which are cumulative (since August)

‡ 2019 total target include program and RRMP target.

Those RRMP targets and results are included in the Summary of national programme response table above.

	2019 RRMP Response		
	Target	Total results	Total Change since last report ▲ ▼
NUTRITION			
# of children 6-59 months with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) admitted for therapeutic care	23,870	1,509	45
HEALTH			
# of children (6 months-14 years) in humanitarian situations vaccinated against measles	59,675	1,416	66
# of people affected by conflict and disease outbreaks having received access to primary health care	192,500	124,820	6,457
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE			
# of natural disaster and conflict-affected people with access to water, hygiene and sanitation basic services	385,000	301,375	34,420
# of persons in cholera-prone zones and other epidemic affected zones (yellow fever, FHV, etc.) benefitting from preventive as well as WASH cholera-response packages	7,700	22,500	0
# of severely malnourished children and host family receiving WASH assistance from the nutrition centres, through to the household level	23,870	-	0
EDUCATION			
# of girls & boys (5-11 years) affected by conflict or natural disasters given access to quality education and psychosocial activities	122,623	70,626	0
# of school aged boys and girls (5 to 11 years) affected by crisis receiving learning materials	122,623	43,228	0
# of teachers trained on learner-centered methodologies, peace education, conflict/disaster risk reduction (C/DRR), and Psychosocial support	2,502	1,338	0
NFI/Shelter (RRMP)			
# of people provided with essential household items, and shelter materials	481,250	255,994	95,814
Multipurpose Cash-based Assistance			
# of people receive an Unconditional Cash Grant	481,250	138,293	0