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Highlights

- Cholera Outbreak:** 49,619 cholera cases and 959 deaths (fatality rate: 2%) has been recorded in 22 out of 26 provinces; 38% of the total cholera cases and 28% of the total number of deaths were reported in the three locations declared by the IASC for system wide L3 response. In November, more than 7,000 new cases of Cholera were recorded across the country, and the epidemic spread to two more Kasai provinces, Sankuru and Lomami.
- 26 November, 2017,** a meeting of the Emergency Directors’ Group and Donors on the DRC was held in Brussels, to explore the humanitarian situation in the Country, including on women and children, current level of response and challenges associated with prioritization in the face of limited funding. The DRC Humanitarian Coordination Team (HC-T) was represented by the HC a.i/ Country Director for WFP, the UNICEF Representative a.i and the Head of the OCHA office in the DRC.
- In November, the UNICEF Rapid Response mechanism provided lifesaving assistance to more than 116,000 displaced, returned people and their host communities in Eastern DRC and Kasai Region.¹

4.1 million Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) country-wide (OCHA Nov. 2017)

526,543 refugees in DRC (UNHCR Oct. 2017)

49,619 cases of cholera cases since January 2017 (Ministry of Health)

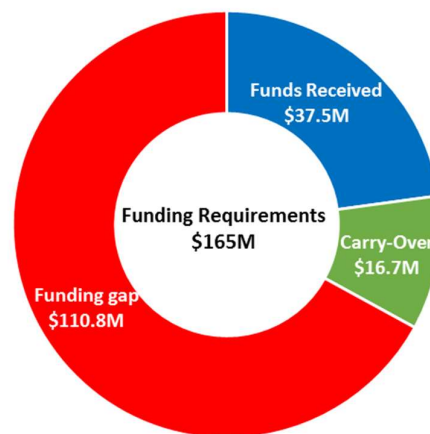
7.7 million people at risk of critical food security (OCHA, nov.2017)

UNICEF Appeal 2017
US\$ 165 million

33% of required funds available

UNICEF’s and Cluster Response				
	UNICEF		Sector/Cluster	
	UNICEF Target	Total Results*	Cluster Target	Total Results*
Nutrition: # of children 6-59 months with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) admitted for therapeutic care	310,609	171,825	388,261	171,825
Health: # of children (6 months-14 years) in humanitarian situations vaccinated against measles	1,902,180	1,416,143		
WASH: # of natural disaster and conflict-affected people with access to water, hygiene and sanitation basic services	1,284,768	563,624	2,975,411	1,378,419
Child protection: # of displaced, refugee and returnee children provided with safe access to community spaces for socialization, play and learning	70,000	71,064	50,000	84,582
Education: # of school aged boys and girls (5 to 11 years) affected by crisis receiving learning materials	359,960	122,812	500,000	179,169

Funding Status 2017



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

¹ The RRMP is funded by UKaid, OFDA, ECHO, CERF, UNOCHA, SIDA, CIDA, Government of Japan, Switzerland, Belgium

Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

- The DRC Humanitarian Response Plan 2017-2019 has been updated. This HRP humanitarian situation analysis for 2018 indicates that 13.1 million of people are in need (1/7 of the country), against 8.5 million in 2017. The Response Plan targets 10.5 Million people and a funding requirement of US \$1.68 billion. This translate to an increase in the target set for the nutrition cluster from 388,262 SAM admissions in 2017 to 1.3 million in 2018; WASH cluster from 7.3 million (2017) to 8.2 million people (2018), Education cluster from 500,000 (2017) to 1.7 million people (2018) and Child Protection Area of Responsibility from 75,200 (2017) to 198,900 children (2018).
- A draft system wide operational plan for the L3 locations, coordinated by OCHA, has been developed, costed at US \$237.6 million for the Kasai Region, US \$57.7 million for South Kivu and US \$72.7 million for Tanganyika, for the next 6 months.
- UNICEF has finalized the response plan for the three locations declared for L3 response and estimated that US \$43,4 million is required for the Kasai Region, US \$34,1 million for South Kivu and US \$31,1 million for Tanganyika, for the next 6 months. The UNICEF plan is aligned to the system wide operational plans.
- In the Great Kasai, the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) was activated in November, following the declaration of Level 3 by World Food Programme (WFP) at the end of October.
- 30 members of the Education Working Group benefited from a training on Education in Emergencies organized by UNICEF, in Kasai and Kasai Central provinces. The training aimed to familiarize them with Cluster approaches, guidelines and response plans (including HRP). Also, one of the members of the cluster distributed school kits to 14,041 children (including 6,831 girls) in North Kivu.
- From 12-22 November, a DRC Coordination Architecture review team conducted an analysis of the adequacy of current humanitarian coordination structures. The team was composed of the Global WASH cluster, OCHA and the Global Early Recovery cluster; held meetings with the HCT and national inter-cluster group and visited Kananga (Kasai) and Goma (North Kivu).

Summary Analysis of Programme Response



Nutrition

Since the beginning of the year, 171,825 children aged 6 to 59 months were admitted for nutrition treatment across the country. In November, 11,367 children were admitted in health centres to ensure nutrition support to Severe Acute Malnourished (SAM) children along the country. UNICEF supported the treatment of SAM by providing Ready-to-Use

Therapeutic Food (RUTF), systematic treatment drugs, anthropometric material, training, and monitoring in 28 health zones². The interventions included emergency Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) in health facilities and community level in 159 health zones, across the country. From the beginning of the year, 681,323 mothers and care givers have participated in counselling sessions about IYCF practices in health centres across the country.

The latest nutrition surveillance and early warning system bulletin revealed that 45 health zones are in alert across the country; most affected provinces are: Kasai Central, Kasai Oriental, Equateur and Kwilu.

UNICEF and partners conducted eight surveys³ that confirmed that the nutrition situation is precarious, exceeding emergency threshold in 80% of the health zones surveyed.

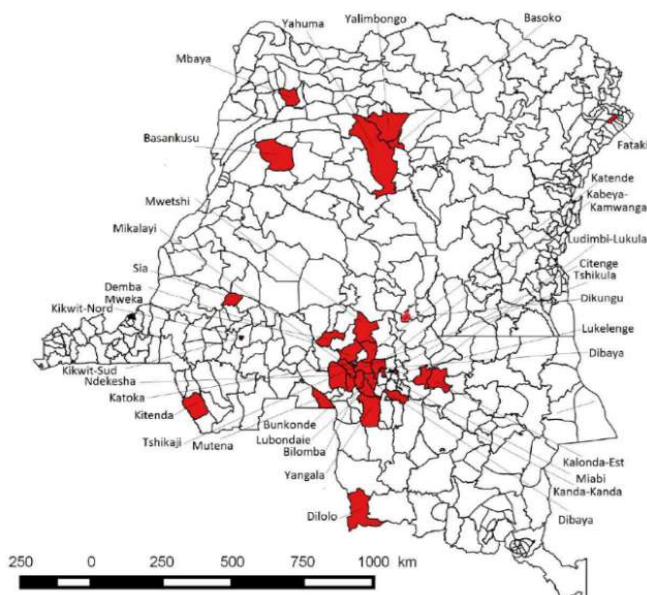


Figure 1: Nutrition surveillance and early warning system bulletin N 29 (covers July-September).

² In 10 provinces: Kwilu, Kwango, Nord Kivu, Sud Kivu, Kasai, Kasai Central, Kasai Oriental, Lomami, Haut Lomami, Tanganyika

³ Seven surveys in the Great Kasai (by UNICEF and Action Contre la Faim) and one in North Kivu province (by the NGO Lutheran World Federation)



Health

In November, 76,781 people in emergency settings accessed primary healthcare centre within a radius of less than 5 km through rapid response mechanism in Kamonia (Kasai) and Bunkonde (Kasai Central).

UNICEF's partial result of the ongoing Long-Lasting Insecticide-Treated nets (LLIN) distribution campaign to prevent malaria amongst children, pregnant women and families in 13 conflict-affected health zones in Kasai Central⁴, indicate that 397,045 households received 1,124,051 LLIN during the reporting period. Since the beginning of the ongoing campaign a total of 435,588 households (90% of the targeted population) received 1,221,074 LLIN out of 1,357,200 LLIN in stock.

As for the Cholera Outbreak, 7,038 new cases and 216 deaths were recorded, in November, nationwide. As part of the national health response, UNICEF and partners provided technical support for the implementation of cholera response through the deployment of staff in the most affected health zones in Tanganyika and South Kivu provinces.

During the reporting period, 2,891 new cases of measles and 50 deaths were recorded. As part of the national response, UNICEF provided 627,780 doses of measles vaccine and supplies for the vaccination of 570,640 children aged 6-59 month in 13 affected and high risk health zones in Lomami and Kasai Oriental provinces.



WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)

In November, 128,442 people benefited from a WASH assistance package, in the provinces of Haut Katanga, South Kivu, North Kivu, Kasai, Tanganyika and Maniema. The WASH assistance package included both activities for water, hygiene and sanitation basic services and for Cholera response.

In the province of Haut Katanga, Operational Partners reached 26,740 people improving their access to water supply via a rapid rehabilitation of 48 water points/networks, increasing their sanitation coverage and hygiene basic conditions via the construction of 22 blocks of semi-durable latrines and two blocs of showers, also diffusing of key hygiene messages.

In Sud-Kivu Province, through RRMP interventions (see below details), populations benefited from safe drinking water, emergency sanitation facility and hygiene promotion; in addition, cholera response actors supported with the activation of 40 Chlorination points and an emergency water trucking in Bukavu deserving a total of 58,550 people with safe chlorinated water.

In the provinces of Kasai Oriental and Kasai Central, 65,737 returnees⁵ received 9,566 Households Hygiene Kits, and 22 sanitary maintenance Kits were donated to two Health Centers. Besides, following water springs construction and rehabilitation, 60 Water Point Maintenance kits were distributed.

In the Tanganyika province, as part of DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) program, 10,982 people benefited from safe drinking water via the installation of 10 chlorination sites, the distribution of water drinking products such as PUR and Aquatabs⁶ to 908 households, and the disinfection of 924 dwellings.

As part of the Cholera response, task force partners in the province of Maniema reached 22,566 people with the minimum WASH packages (distribution, chlorination, hygiene promotion, sanitation).



Education

In November, across the country, 9,923 conflict-affected children aged 6-11 years old (including 5,037 girls) were given access to quality education and psychosocial activities in the classrooms, through the distribution of pedagogical kits and catch-up classes. Besides, 587 teachers (including 126 women) were trained on psychosocial support and Conflict/Disaster risk reduction. Globally, 23,559 school aged children benefited from quality education through the distribution of learning materials.

⁴ In 2017, the distribution of LLIN by UNICEF in DRC is only planned in the Kasai Central province; more precisely in 13 health zones out of 26.

⁵ 44,834 in the Kasai Oriental and 20,903 in Kasai Central.

⁶ PUR and Aquatabs are water purification products.

In Tanganyika, 12,000 children (including 5,412 girls) who were earlier reintegrated into schools benefitted from a second distribution of pedagogical material in 60 schools. Also, in North Kivu, 7,224 children benefitted from the distribution of school kits.

In the provinces of Kasai and Kasai Central, where Temporary Learning Spaces for children (10 tents⁷) were erected, additional 1,508 (50% of girls) children were enrolled into classes in the cities of Tshikapa and Kananga; also schools furniture⁸ were provided. In addition, UNICEF, through the provincial Ministry of Education, distributed books on peace education to 360 teachers, and 220 children aged 6-11 years old were sensitized on Peace education, and other life skills.

In Kasai, Kasai Central and Kasai Oriental provinces, 2,739 children (including 1,418 girls) were able to attend/access to schools thanks to the distribution of pedagogical kits. In relation to peace building through schools, 19,800 children (including 9,108 girls), in 60 targeted primary schools, in Kasai province benefitted from peacebuilding education and promotion social cohesion.

As part of the celebration of the Universal Children's Day, 335 children benefitted from school supplies, in a primary school, during the visit of the acting UNICEF Deputy Representative to Kasai Central province.

Child Protection

In November, across the country, nearly 10,000 children benefitted from support against violence from UNICEF and its Child Protection partners. The support were intensive in conflict affected provinces of the Greater Kasai, Kwilu, Ituri, Northern Kivu, Haut Katanga and Tanganyika. Among the 10,000 children, 8,791 displaced, refugee and returnee children (including 2,803 girls) that were identified during the reporting period, benefitted from safe access to community spaces for socialization, play and learning, and, 511 children (including 13 girls) formerly associated with armed forces or groups, were released and provided with temporary assistance; also, 259 separated and unaccompanied children (of which 111 were girls) were identified and reunited with their families. In addition, 395 survivors of sexual violence benefitted from holistic assistance, including 86 in the province of Ituri, 199 in the province of Kwilu and 110 in the Great Kasai.

Non-Food Items (NFI) / Shelter materials

All NFI interventions were made through the RRMP Mechanism.

Rapid Response for Movements of Population (RRMP)

In November, the RRMP mechanism assisted 100,538 recently displaced persons in Eastern DRC, with a multi-sectoral package covering, Health, WASH, Education/Child protection and NFIs needs in the provinces of Tanganyika, Haut Katanga, North Kivu, South Kivu, and Ituri. A total of 10 interventions were conducted. RRMP teams carried out 4,360 new medical consultations (including 1,586 consultations to women) in North Kivu and Haut Katanga, through a combination of using mobile clinics and support to functional health structures. In the same provinces, WASH partners provided improved access to drinking water and sanitation facilities to 31,235 people together with awareness raising activities to promote hygiene practices adapted to their specific displacement situation. Education partners helped to re-integrate 3,993 children (including 2,076 girls) into schools, and provided the children with school materials in Haut Katanga province. In the provinces of North Kivu and Tanganyika, 30,839 people were assisted with access to essential household and personal Non-food items via voucher fairs. In the province of Ituri, an additional 2,351 households (12,204 persons) were assisted with multipurpose cash transfer during November.

In the Kasai Region, a total of 15,420⁹ people benefitted from essential household items, and shelter materials. In the Kasai Central province, 201 children were admitted into the Bunkonde health zone for SAM treatment; and 500 WASH in Nutrition (WiN) kits were dispatched to support health and nutritional facilities. This included WASH kit, comprised of Aquatabs, Bucket, Jerrycan and Soaps, for the families of children enrolled in nutritional programmes. Similarly, in the Kasai Province, 54 SAM affected children were admitted for treatment, and 100 WiN kits were delivered. In addition, 1,512 children and 448 pregnant women received free health care through RRMP mechanism in Kamonia¹⁰ and Bunkonde¹¹ territories. In the Kasai Oriental, in Kanda Kanda health zone, the NGO Solidarites/Caritas Belgium rehabilitated four water spring catchments for the use of 1,340 beneficiaries. Equipment for the maintenance of the

⁷ They were provided in October, and four were already set up then.

⁸ Benches, black boards, and desks for teachers

⁹ 10,070 peoples benefitted from NFIs and 5,350 people with shelter materials

¹⁰ Province of Kasai

¹¹ Province of Kasai Central.

water source were also provided. In the Lomami province, four water sources were rehabilitated and are benefiting 1,340 people, and 3,391 persons attended hygiene promotion sensitization sessions.

Since November 6, the second phase of RRMP was launched in two more provinces – (1) Lomami, focusing on Kamiji territory, one of the most conflict-affected area, and (2) Kasai Oriental, where three areas have been targeted, including Miabi Territory where an assessment mission is currently on-going.

Communications for Development (C4D), Community Engagement & Accountability

As part of the Level 3 interventions in the Great Kasai, nearly 539,671 people from the affected communities received information about the humanitarian available services, and about child rights protection and key family practices related to Health, Nutrition and Protection; those interventions were done via community level media (radios, village-level forums, churches, schools, women's and youth associations). As well, as part of the ongoing child protection campaign in the Kasai region, during November, 26,989 children were engaged in the Edutainment activities as occasions to convey messages related to child and protection and also to reduce the impact of trauma on children. All these activities were relayed to the large public through the "Child friendly journalists" network.

In support to the Cholera Outbreak, C4D activities continued. A National Communication Plan was developed by the National Communication Program for Health Promotion with the technical support of UNICEF and WHO. Also, Prevention messages are being broadcast through community relays, churches, radios and schools; about 382,000 people have been reached in the provinces of South Kivu, North Kivu, Kwilu, Mai-Ndombe, Lomami and Tanganyika.

Media and External Communication

During November, DRC Country Office focused its external communication around the L3 emergencies and the Kasai-crisis and its impact on children. Media visits of teams of BBC, BBC Africa and NBC covered issues around education, protection and nutrition in the Tshikapa-region of the Kasai-Province and the area of Katanga in the Province of Kasai Central. Furthermore the DRC Office posted following content on its blog www.ponabana.com : [The humanitarian situation in DRC \(September-October 2017\)](#), [A joyful day in Tshijiba!](#), [Strengthen the Capacity of Communities to Improve Their Living Conditions](#), [Humanitarian Action for Children](#). UNICEF DRC continued to post contents on its social media accounts, including one post on the L3 crisis in the Province of Tanganyika.

Funding

As of November 30, UNICEF had received 23 % (US\$ 37.5 million) of the US\$165 million 2017 revised HAC appeal, in addition to the US \$16.7 million carried forward from 2016.

UNICEF has recently mobilized 12,000,000 of British Pounds (GBP) from the United Kingdom Department for International Development (UKaid) to support emergency nutrition interventions in the DRC. A proposal for an additional US \$3.5 million to Nutrition sector was sent to UNOCHA, DRC Humanitarian Funds. UNICEF DRC will receive shortly the new contribution of 8 million GBP signed in October 2017 between UNICEF and UKaid, for the Rapid Response to Movements of Population programme (RRMP).

Funding Requirements (as defined in the revised Humanitarian Appeal 2017)					
Appeal Sector	Requirements	Funds available		Funding gap	
		Funds Received Current Year*	Carry-Over	\$	%
Nutrition	42,391,682	883,461	5,024,202	36,484,019	86%
Health	9,487,994	1,517,948	255,593	7,714,453	81%
WASH	24,288,746	3,360,153	516,904	20,411,689	84%
Child Protection	8,657,114	5,377,959	122,204	3,156,951	36%
Education	9,252,718	1,828,842	216,463.53	7,207,412	78%
HIV/AIDS	6,467,116	0	0	6,467,116	100%
NFI/shelter	9,464,000	1,508,207	0	7,955,793	84%
Rapid Response to Population Movement (WASH, NFI/shelter, education, health)	30,000,000	19,512,975	6,372,711	4,114,314	14%
Multipurpose cash transfer	24,533,784	1,554,132	4,097,943	18,881,709	77%
Cross sector / sector coordination	6,344,315	2,018,141	160,854	4,165,320	66%
Total	165,067,070	37,561,819	16,766,875	110,738,375	67%

*In addition to the 'Funds received' which includes only ORE funds, the DRC CO has utilized \$1,193,941 of other resources (RR and ORR) to cover the humanitarian needs.

* 'Funds received' does not include pledges

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Annex A

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

	UNICEF and IPs			Cluster Response		
	2017 Target	Total Results*	Change since last report ▲ ▼	2017 Target	Total Results*	Change since last report ▲ ▼
NUTRITION						
# of children 6-59 months with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) admitted for therapeutic care	310,609	171,825	11,367	388,261	171,825	11,367
HEALTH						
# of children (6 months-14 years) in humanitarian situations vaccinated against measles	1,902,180	1,416,143	77,545			
# of people affected by conflict and disease outbreaks having received access to primary health care	300,000	235,666	76,781			
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE						
# of natural disaster and conflict-affected people with access to water, hygiene and sanitation basic services	1,284,768	563,624	128,442	2,975,411	1,378,419	128,442
# of persons in cholera-prone zones benefitting from WASH cholera-response packages	1,665,186	663,687	81,106	4,162,964	1,805,215	92,080
# of SAM-affected care/mother and children who receive hygiene kits with key hygiene message	128,862	12,694	0	91,698	24,046	0
CHILD PROTECTION						
# of children formerly associated with armed forces/groups released and provided with temporary assistance	3,600	2,402	511	3,700	2,431	214
# of separated and unaccompanied children identified and reunited with their families	9,600	1,918	259	1,200	4,853	364
# of displaced, refugee and returnee children provided with safe access to community spaces for socialization, play and learning	70,000	71,064	8,791	50,000 ¹²	84,582	7,151
# of identified survivors of sexual violence provided with a comprehensive response	7,000	3,927	395			
EDUCATION						
# of girls & boys (5-11 years) affected by conflict or natural disasters given access to quality education and psychosocial activities	359,960	146,074	9,923	500,000	207,301	11,633
# of school aged boys and girls (5 to 11 years) affected by crisis receiving learning materials	359,960	122,812	23,559	500,000	179,169	49,600
# of class rooms set up or rehabilitated	636	106	41	1,515	274	41
# of teachers trained on learner-centered methodologies, peace education, conflict/disaster risk reduction (C/DRR), and Psychosocial support	6,545	1,872	520	9,090	4,611	645
NFI/SHELTER						
# of people accessing essential household items, and shelter materials	900,500	827,489	30,839	1,678,683	508,728	30,839
MULTIPURPOSE CASH BASED ASSISTANCE						
# of people assisted with an unconditional cash grant	366,450	212,744	12,204	300,000	257,239	12,204

*Total results for **all sectors** are cumulative

¹² Child protection and Multipurpose Cash based Assistance Cluster targets are lower than UNICEF due to the fact that UNICEF targets were reviewed with the HAC (including Kasai) and that the clusters targets are only now under review through the current HRP revision process; consolidated figures will be available soon.