

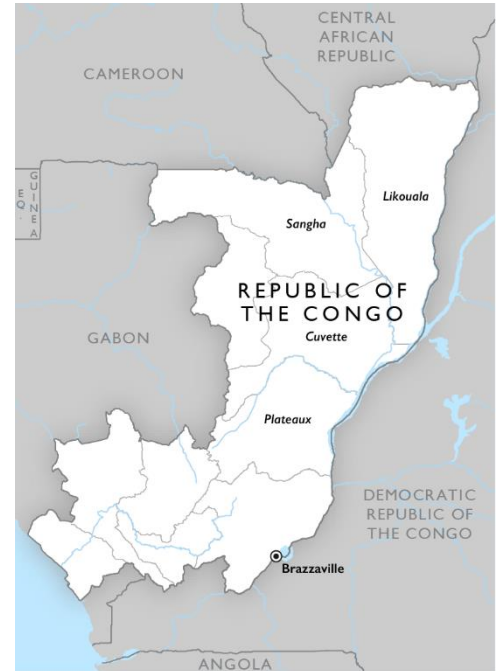
Republic of the Congo

Assistance Overview

August 2022

CONTEXT

- Recurrent climatic shocks—such as seasonal flooding—routinely displace populations and contribute to food insecurity throughout the Republic of the Congo (RoC). Beginning in October 2019, successive episodes of heavy rainfall caused repeated flooding in Cuvette, Likouala, Plateaux, and Sangha departments, affecting an estimated 72,000 people across the country in 2021 alone. Heavy rainfall beginning in September 2021 caused flooding that destroyed critical infrastructure such as health centers, roads, and schools; exacerbated food insecurity and malnutrition; and reduced access to safe drinking water. Moreover, although weather conditions were favorable for planting crops in 2022, flooding in Cuvette, Likouala, Plateaux, and Sangha departments from the previous year resulted in the loss of crops across the four departments, according to humanitarian actors.
- The RoC hosts at least 50,000 refugees and asylum-seekers, primarily from neighboring Central African Republic (CAR) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which face acute food and nutrition needs, according to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). In addition, approximately 300,000 people in the RoC were internally displaced as of the most recent estimates from September 2021, mainly due to armed conflict in Pool Department and repeated flooding in the northern part of the country.



ASSISTANCE

- USAID/BHA provided approximately \$5.7 million in FY 2022 funding to the UN World Food Program (WFP), enabling the UN agency to carry out critical food assistance programs in the RoC. In FY 2022, WFP is supporting more than 12,000 refugees from CAR in Likouala and asylum seekers from DRC in Plateaux, as well as more than 10,600 people affected by flooding in Cuvette, Likouala, Plateaux, and Sangha departments through cash-based assistance that enables them to meet basic food needs.
- With USAID/BHA support, partner organizations Catholic Relief Services and Caritas Congo provided assistance to more than 15,700 flood-affected people between October and December 2021.

USAID/BHA Funding in the RoC ¹			
	Emergency ²	ER4	TOTAL
FY 2020	\$4,669,034	—	\$4,669,034
FY 2021	\$5,208,935	—	\$5,208,935
FY 2022	\$5,692,365	—	\$5,692,365

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of July 26, 2022. Totals include estimated value of food assistance and transportation costs at time of procurement; subject to change.

² Includes funding for programs that integrate economic recovery, risk reduction, and resilience (ER4) activities with emergency response.