

CONTEXT

- Food security conditions deteriorated across southern Angola's Cunene and Huíla provinces in early 2021, as the worst drought to affect the region in 40 years diminished crop yields and degraded rangeland, according to the UN World Food Program (WFP). The occupation of communal land by commercial farmers in Huíla's Gambos municipality has also undermined pastoralist livelihoods, reports a non-governmental organization. An estimated 3.8 million people had insufficient access to food in southern Angola in June, according to the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF). In addition, UNICEF reports that community nutrition screening data indicates that wasting—the deadliest form of malnutrition—among children more than doubled between 2018 and 2021, suggesting a worsening of the nutrition situation in Angola due to intensifying drought conditions.
- More than 7,000 refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo's greater Kasai region currently reside in the Lóvuá Refugee Settlement in Lunda Norte Province, where they rely on humanitarian assistance to meet their basic food needs, according to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and WFP.



ASSISTANCE

- With \$1 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 funding, USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) supported UNICEF nutrition screening and malnutrition treatment in the 10 most drought-affected municipalities of Cunene and Huíla. UNICEF facilitated the early detection of malnutrition, referring children experiencing severe wasting—a life-threatening form of malnutrition—to community health providers.
- In partnership with WFP, USAID/BHA provided nearly 230 metric tons of food assistance to approximately 6,700 refugees in the Lóvuá Settlement in FYs 2020–2021. As a result of this assistance, the percentage of Lóvuá Settlement residents adopting negative coping strategies due to food insecurity decreased from nearly 20 percent in March 2021 to 5 percent in June 2021, according to WFP.

USAID/BHA Funding in Angola ¹			
	Emergency ²	ER4	TOTAL
FY 2020	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of August 13, 2021. Totals include estimated value of food assistance and transportation costs at time of procurement; subject to change.

² Includes funding for programs that integrate ER4 activities with emergency response.