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Humanitarian Situation Report



May 2019

Highlights

- During the month of May 2019, 8,795 school aged boys and girls (5 to 17 years) affected by crisis received learning materials
- In May 2019, a total of 83,896 persons benefited from a WASH package delivered by UNICEF partners, of which 23,544 people affected by ongoing conflicts, 60,117 persons affected or at risk of cholera epidemics
- In May 2019, a total of 11,105 children (5,174 girls, or 47%) affected by conflict received a child protection assistance
- [Ebola outbreak](#): as of 26 May 2019, 1,920 total cases of Ebola, 1,826 confirmed cases and 1,187 deaths linked to Ebola have been recorded in the provinces of North Kivu and Ituri.

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	27,746	986,708	27,746
Health: # of children in humanitarian situations vaccinated against measles	1,028,959	902,038		
WASH: # of natural disaster and conflict-affected people with access to water, hygiene and sanitation basic services	1,277,848	410,185	2,232,120	649,763
Child Protection: # of children benefited from psychosocial support, including access to child friendly spaces	120,000	75,423	150,000	100,501
Education: # of school aged boys and girls (5 to 17 years) affected by crisis receiving learning materials	908,283	102,587	2,618,866	150,274

* Total results are cumulative since January 2019

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

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)

11,625 cases of cholera reported since January 2019 (Ministry of Health)

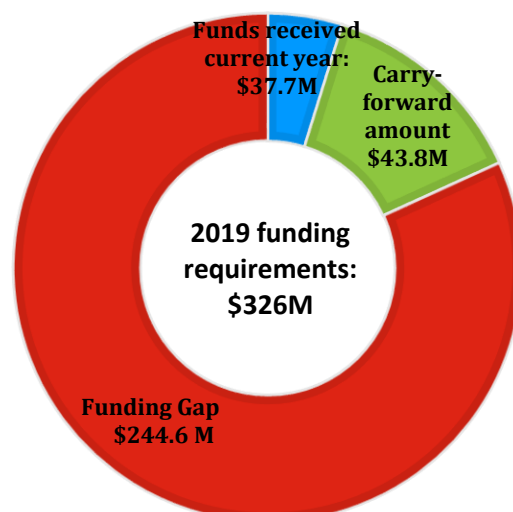
95,335 suspect cases of measles reported since January (Ministry of Health)

UNICEF Appeal 2019

US\$ 326 Million

12% 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

- The latest nutrition surveillance and early warning system sheet as of April 2019, reveals that 49 out of 452 (10.8%) health zones are in alert. The most affected province is Kasai central (with 13 health zones out of 26), Kasai (with 6 out of 19), Kwango (5 out of 14), Sankuru (5 for each out of 19) and Kwilu (5 out of 24). The results of nutritional surveys conducted in the health zones of Camp de Meri and ABA (Haut Uele province); Biringi (Ituri province) and Yumbi (Mai Ndombe province), have been validated. The key results are summarized in the table below:

Provinces	Health zones	GAM prevalence	SAM Prevalence
Haut Uele	CAMP DE MERI	6.3%	2.2%
	ABA	4.0%	0.6%
Ituri	Biringi	6.5%	0.4%
Mai Ndombe	Yumbi	16.5%	5.0%

The nutritional situation is considered most worrying in Yumbi health zone in Mai Ndombe province with a GAM rate of 16.5% and a SAM of 5.0%.

- As of March 31, 2019, Tanganyika has 480,283 IDPs and 669,141 returnees over the last 18 months¹. 12 IDP sites are located around the city of Kalemie with an estimated population of 72,618 people. To date, 5% of IDPs in camps have access to health care². Response capacities in WASH and education is required with a long-term perspective as UNICEF's humanitarian interventions are implemented for the last two years in the affected sites.
- In May 2019, in the Kasai region, the Kamwina Nsapu conflict led to the looting of 653 schools and 223 health centers.
- In South Kivu, 125,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and 10,000 returnees have been identified in Minembwe Highlands, following intercommunity conflicts between the Fuliro and Bembe group against the Banyamulenge Twagineho.
- As of May 2019 in South Kivu, 9,284 households have been displaced in Uvira territory and Ramba health zone as a result of conflicts between the *Forces Armées de la République Démocratique du Congo (FARDC)* and militia groups.
- [Ebola outbreak](#): as of 26 May 2019, 1,920 total cases of Ebola, 1,826 confirmed cases and 1,187 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 five clusters 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.

¹ Source: International Organisation for Migration 25 February 2019

² Source: Health cluster assessments

- 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 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 continues 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

In May, 12,173 children aged 6-59 months were admitted with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) for therapeutic care. Out of these cases, 175 children suffered from SAM with medical complications. The recovery rate is estimated at 78% while the death rate is at 0.4% and the default rate around 21%³.

Health

In May, 273,142 children (6 months-14 years) were vaccinated against measles, reaching a total of 902,038 children since January. 134,206 people, of which 37,199 children, affected by conflict and disease outbreaks received access to primary health care.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

In May, a total of 83,896 persons benefited from a WASH package delivered by UNICEF partners, of which 23,544 people affected by ongoing conflicts, 60,117 persons affected or at risk of cholera epidemics in the provinces of Kinshasa, Bas Uele, Haut Lomami, Tanganyika, South Kivu, North Kivu, and Kasai Orientale. In addition, 235 children affected by malnutrition received WASH assistance in Kwango province.

In Kasai, 1,000 persons affected by conflicts gained access to safe water through the rehabilitation of two water sources through UNICEF's implementing partner *Assistance aux Communautés Démunies*. In addition, 3,000 persons affected by conflict gained access to safe water through the rehabilitation of six water sources through UNICEF implementing partner *Centre pour le Développement Intégré de Lukibu (CEILU)* in Kasai Central.

³ Recommended standard thresholds: Recovery >75%; death rate <5% and default rate <15%

In Kwango province, 800 persons, of which 235 children, affected by conflict gained access to WASH services in Kahemba and Kisanji health zones through the distribution of 235 WASH kits in nutrition and the construction of 60 latrines.

In Equateur province, 56,300 persons access to WASH services through the construction of 82 water holes, benefitting 41,000 persons. In addition, 20 wells were dug, 96 latrine doors were constructed in 168 schools and health centers.

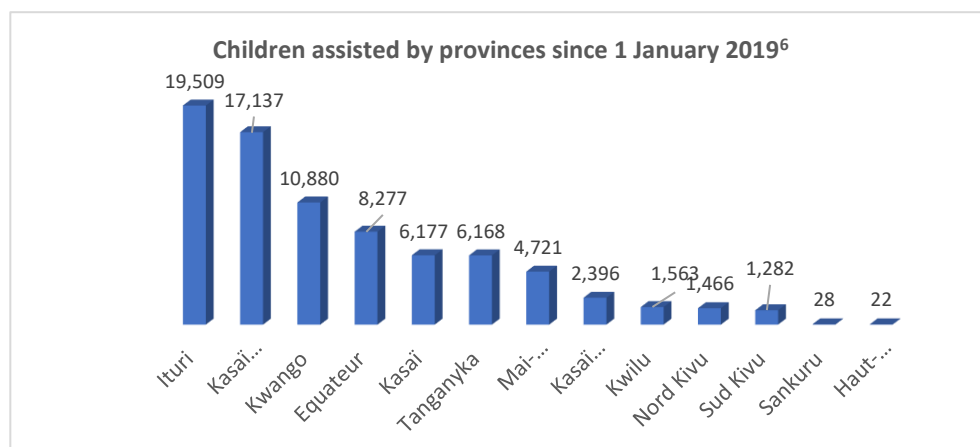
Education

From January to May, 103,679 children aged 6-11 years old, affected by conflict or natural disasters, were given access to quality education⁴ and psychosocial activities⁵ through UNICEF support in South Kivu, Ituri, and Kasai provinces, of which, 7,025 children aged were reached in May. In addition, 102,587 school aged children received learning materials, of which 8,795 children were reached during the reporting period. 178 teachers received training on learner centered methodologies, peace education, conflict/disaster risk reduction, and psychosocial support benefitting to 4,620 students, reaching 3,285 teachers benefitting to 175,505 students since January.

Since January, a total of 189 classrooms, of which 15 in May, were constructed or rehabilitated in the provinces of Kasai oriental, Kasai central, Tanganyika and Ituri enabling 10,395 school aged children (825 students for the reporting period) to follow school lessons in appropriate facilities. In addition, 5 schools were provided with assorted materials (table benches, black boards, chairs and tables for teachers) benefitting to 1,045 students.

Child Protection

For May, a total of 11,105 children (5,174 girls, or 47%) affected by conflict received a child protection assistance⁶. Among them, 32 Children formerly Associated with Armed Forces/Groups (CAAFG) and 324 Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC)⁷ were identified and received temporary assistance. 10,820 vulnerable children benefitted from psychosocial activities, including access to child friendly spaces. Since the beginning of the year, a total of 79,626 children were assisted.



UNICEF launched call of proposals for the North and South Kivus, Ituri and Kasais provinces, especially on transitional care and reintegration of CAAFG. The objectives were to diversify partnerships and have a greater focus on reintegration projects. In this regard, NGOs have been selected and projects are being developed, which explain the low figure of CAAFG reported by UNICEF's partners for the month of May.

39 survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (19 girls, 20 women) were identified and provided with a holistic response⁸ during the reporting period.

Details on activities implemented:

- In Yumbi (province of Mai Ndombe), recreational and psychosocial activities through mobile child friendly spaces continue in areas affected by the recent inter-ethnic conflicts. More than 300 children on average participate in recreational activities every month in child-friendly spaces. In addition, 16 girls were identified as survivors of sexual violence. They have been referred to medical actors intervening in the areas and received appropriate care.
- In Lomami province, 338 young people (193 girls) were sensitized on the right to education and the fight against

⁴ Children provided with access to quality education through the rehabilitation of classrooms, reintegration in host schools, remedial courses, and the provision of hygiene kits

⁵ drama, recreational activities including games, cultural events to allow children to express their experience with the crisis

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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)

⁸ Holistic response is the overall response to survivors of sexual violence that includes psychosocial care, medical care, socio-economic reintegration and legal assistance

child marriage.

- Regarding the Ebola outbreak in Nord Kivu and Ituri, and since the beginning of the response, 1.291 separated children and 1.002 orphans were identified and received appropriate care and psychosocial support. 5.127 families also received psychosocial support and material assistance. In addition, UNICEF and the Child Protection Working Group are currently working on a strategy "Beyond Ebola" to define common interventions that address humanitarian and child protection emergencies in the areas affected by the EVD.

Non-Food Items (NFI) / Shelter Materials

During the month of May, UNICEF and partners assisted 136,877 people in the provinces of North Kivu, South Kivu and Tanganyika 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)

During the month of May, a total of 54,457 IDPs, returnees, and indigenous people (27,937 children), were assisted through the RRMP mechanism in five provinces^[1] with a multi-sectoral package covering education, health, nutrition, Non-Food Items (NFIs), protection and WASH. Globally, the RRMP mechanism launched 10 multi-sectoral interventions this month. 23,950 persons (12,933 children) were assisted with NFIs Fairs assistance. During the reporting period, 119 children affected by SAM were provided with treatment, 146 children were vaccinated against measles. 10,483 people (3,142 children) benefited with consultations in the health structure supported by the RRMP mechanism. In addition, 17,744 persons (9,582 children) benefited from WASH services through access to safe drinking water and disease prevention messages in the host zones. In May, 2,280 children were reintegrated in schools and 119 teachers and community volunteers received psychosocial trainings.

During this month of May 2019, RRMP implementing partners faced new challenges as they were forced to suspend an intervention in Niania area in the territory of Mambasa (Ituri Province) and evacuate the operational teams due to accusations by the local community of bringing Ebola disease in this area. Negotiations continue before activity resumes on this axis.

Communication for Development (C4D), Community Engagement and Accountability

83,904 people were reached with sensitization messages on cholera prevention messages in households and on diarrheal diseases following floods in the DRC, of which 93 community relays (RECOs), 557 actors and mobilizers were active in the provinces of Equator and Kasai Central. In addition, 35,250 people were affected by activities led by 93 RECOs and other sensitizers with information to households on the use of treated water in Tanganyika. 44 RECOs and Red Cross volunteers raised awareness on cholera in South Kivu.

In Tanganyika and Kasai Central provinces⁹, approximately 10,000 people were reached with information on the misuse of Plumpy Nut in the camps by 40 local facilitators.

¹¹ C4D specialists and vaccine management staff were deployed to Kasai and Kasai Central to partake in the vaccine derived poliovirus campaign, which will take place from 13 to 15 June 2019. 10,260 posters have been produced and more than 700 channels (CAC, churches, community radios, ...) are used for information dissemination. 38 sensitizers reached 1,869 people with vaccination messages in the areas of Moba and Kalemie. In Tshopo province, 172,584 people were reached on poliovirus vaccination.

In Minembwe, South Kivu province, 7,463 persons were sensitized on hygiene and sanitation measures and its importance because of displacements.

Media and External Communication

In May 2019, the CO focused its external humanitarian communication work on the Ebola epidemic. The CO facilitated the coverage of the Ebola-epidemic and the response of UNICEF and its partners in Beni for the New Yorker and CBS

^[1]Provinces : Ituri, South Kivu, Tanganyika and Tshopo

⁹ Kabalo, Kongolo, Moba and Kabalo

News. Press coverage included [CBS](#), [Reliefweb](#), [All Africa](#), [New Patrolling](#), [Cidrap News](#), [Quartz](#), [Xinhua New Agency](#), [IRIN](#), [CBS](#), [Reliefweb](#), [All Africa](#), [New Patrolling](#), [Cidrap News](#), [Quartz](#), [Xinhua New Agency](#) and [IRIN](#).

The CO continued its digital communication work on the impact of the Ebola outbreak on children and facilitated several press visits to the affected areas. Since the beginning of the outbreak, the CO published 81 posts on its [website](#), 78 on [Facebook](#), more than 520 [tweets](#) and 45 pictures on [Instagram](#).

During the reporting period, new stories included [Kasai: delayed effects on children's health](#) and [Ebola - spread through love](#). On the occasion of the International Day of Living Together in Peace, the CO republished and re-disseminated [Learning for peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo](#).

Funding

In May 2019, UNICEF DRC received US\$ 37.7 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\$ 244.6 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, health care, safe water and adequate sanitation and hygiene facilities.

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 is estimated at US\$ 50.15 million. As of 26 May 2019, the UNICEF Ebola response has a funding shortfall of US\$ 9.02 million. The Ebola response is based on the joint National Strategic Response Plan (SRP) III, which covers a six-months period until 31 July 2019.

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	5,228,523	14,839,066	123,794,405	86%
Health	17,398,569	1,171,991	14,549,419	1,677,159	10%
WASH	23,961,326	9,897,090	2,302,996	11,761,240	49%
Child Protection	7,550,000	5,838,473	2,875,139	-1,163,612	0%
Education	60,260,103	5,597,361 ¹⁰	910,960	53,751,782	89%
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	%
Cluster/Sector Coordination	1,621,102	842,400	0	778,702	48%
Total	326,108,294	37,723,785	43,803,990	244,580,519	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: 15/07/2019

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¹⁰ Between April and May, the allotment and allocation on grant SM180353 changed in vision. There was a reduction in the amount allocated to Education section from \$5,740,968 in April to \$5,597,361 in May, 2019.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESPONSE

Targets		UNICEF and IPs			Cluster Response		
	Overall needs	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	27,746	12,173	986,708	27,746	12,173
HEALTH	5,480,998						
# of children (6 months-14 years) in humanitarian situations vaccinated against measles		1,028,959	902,038	273,142			
# of people affected by conflict and disease outbreaks having received access to primary health care		607,832	134,206	19,781			
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	410,185	23,544	2,232,120	649,763	63,807
# 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	357,146	60,117	6,436,482	513,407	127,230
# of severely malnourished children and host family receiving WASH assistance from the nutrition centres, through to the household level		282,749	755	235	323,598	755	235
CHILD PROTECTION	4,000,000						
# of children associated with armed forces/groups identified and who benefited from individual follow-up		6,000	1,589	32	7,200	2,558	218
# of children associated with armed forces/groups who benefited from integration/reintegration support		6,000	151	37	7,200	888	202
# of Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) identified and/or placed in alternative care arrangements		8,000	2,452	234	10,000	3,784	494
# of Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) reunified with their families or provided with long term solutions		8,000	1,503	82	10,000	2,310	240
# of children benefited from psychosocial support, including access to child friendly spaces		120,000	75,423	10,820	150,000	100,501	15,944
# of girls and boys survivors of gender-based violence provided with a comprehensive response		5,000	407	39			
# of EVD orphans and separated children identified who received appropriate care and psycho-social		1400	2,523	379			

support as well as material assistance							
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	103,679	7,025	2,618,866	221,648	16,385
# of school aged boys and girls (5 to 17 years) affected by crisis receiving learning materials		908,283	102,587	8,795	2,618,866	150,274	10,120
# of teachers trained on learner-centred methodologies, peace education, conflict/disaster risk reduction (C/DRR), and Psychosocial support		16,787	3,285	178	47,616	5,121	354
# of school aged children reached with Ebola prevention information in school		1,090,006	795,325	383,048			
NFI/Shelter (RRMP)	6,700,000						
# of people provided with essential household items, and shelter materials		481,250	140,478	23,950	3,756,122	668,086	136,877
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	2,760	371			
"# of at-risk people in Ebola-affected zones engaged through face-to-face activities and mass media		21,500,000 ***	15,339,003	0			

*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.

RRMP Contributions to UNICEF Overall Response

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	1,233	0
HEALTH			
# of children (6 months-14 years) in humanitarian situations vaccinated against measles	59,675	938	0
# of people affected by conflict and disease outbreaks having received access to primary health care	192,500	94,020	10,483
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE			
# of natural disaster and conflict-affected people with access to water, hygiene and sanitation basic services	385,000	266,955	17,744
# 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	56,997	2,280
# 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	94
NFI/Shelter (RRMP)			
# of people provided with essential household items, and shelter materials	481,250	140,478	23,950
Multipurpose Cash-based Assistance			
# of people receive an Unconditional Cash Grant	481,250	138,293	0
COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT			
# of members of the formal community development structures and frontline workers trained, certified and actively engaged in community surveillance and participation		0	0
"# of at-risk people in Ebola-affected zones engaged through face-to-face activities and mass media		0	0