



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Food Assistance as a Protection Outcome

Executive Board Presentation

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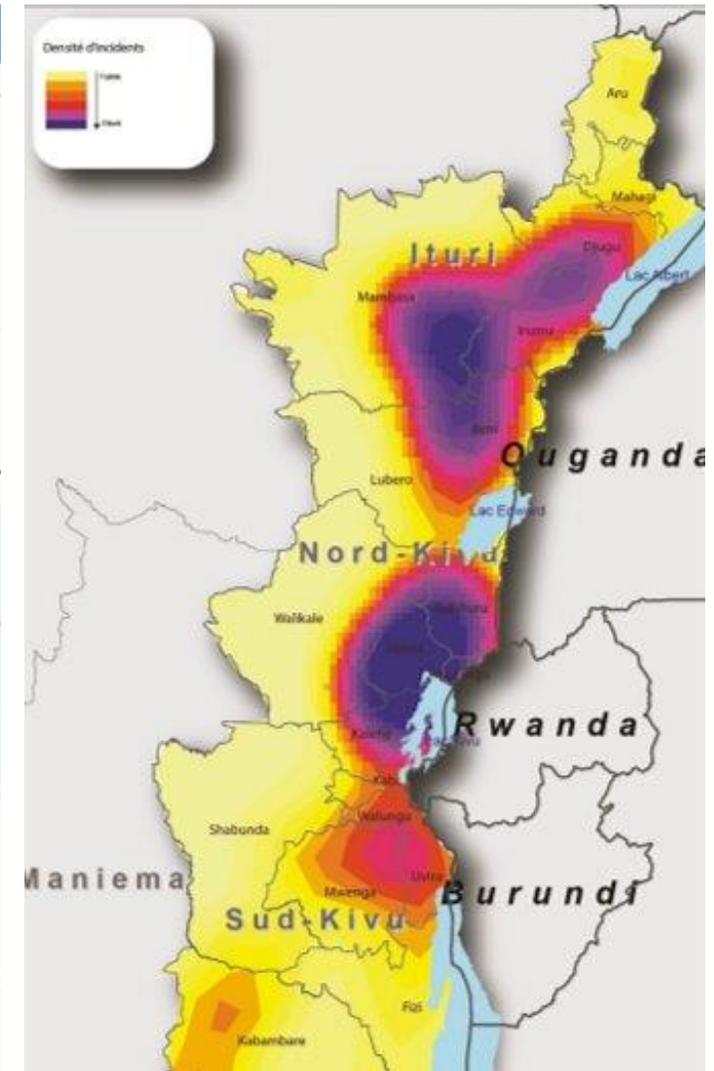
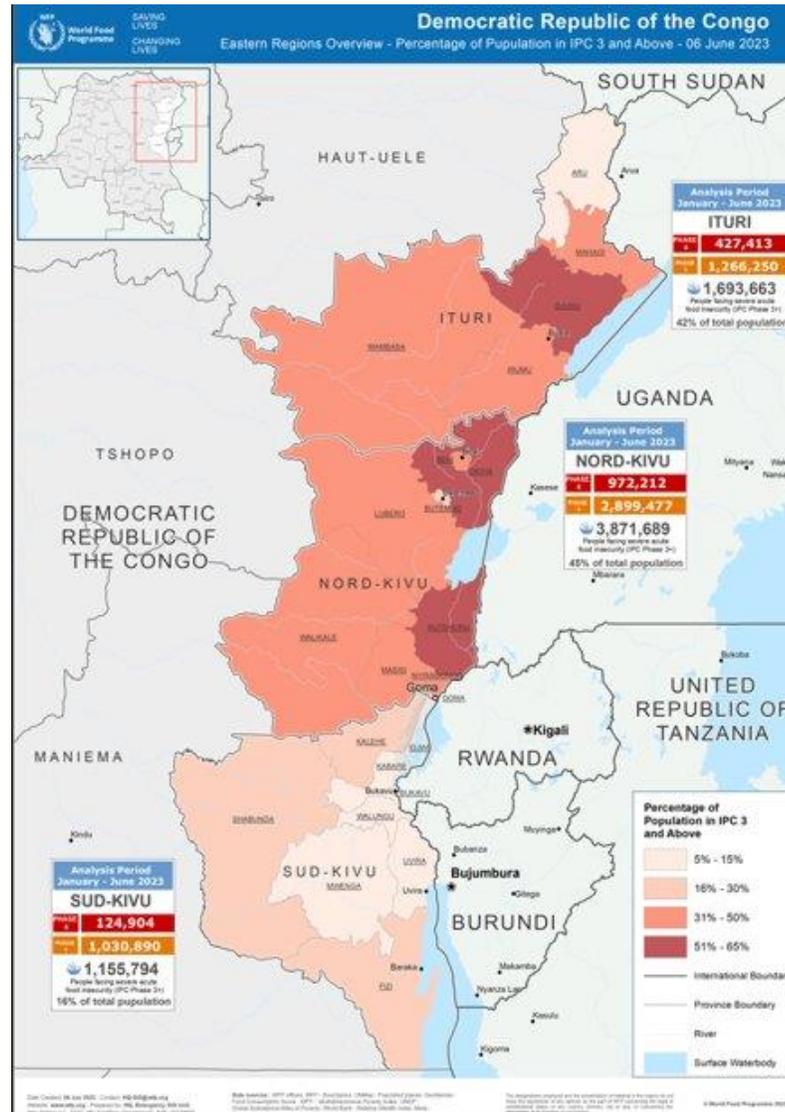


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World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN EASTERN DRC

- **Second highest number of IDPs in the world: 6 million IDPs** as of April 2023
- **Multiple conflicts: 120** non-state armed groups
- **6.7 million** people in IPC 3 and 4 (Ituri, North Kivu, South Kivu)
- **State of Siege** since May 2021 (North Kivu, Ituri)



CONTEXT: INTERLINKED CRISES

NUTRITION



- More than 300,000 children and 200,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women are malnourished in the 3 provinces in 2023.
- Screening for acute malnutrition indicated that 1 in 4 children are malnourished in the IDP camps.
- Most health facilities in areas recently occupied have been looted.

FOOD INSECURITY



- **6.7 million** people in acute food insecurity, IPC 3 and 4 across 3 provinces of scale-up zones (Ituri, North Kivu, South Kivu)
 - 1.4 million in IPC 4 across Ituri and North Kivu
 - Main drivers of food security: internal displacement, conflict

PROTECTION

EDUCATION



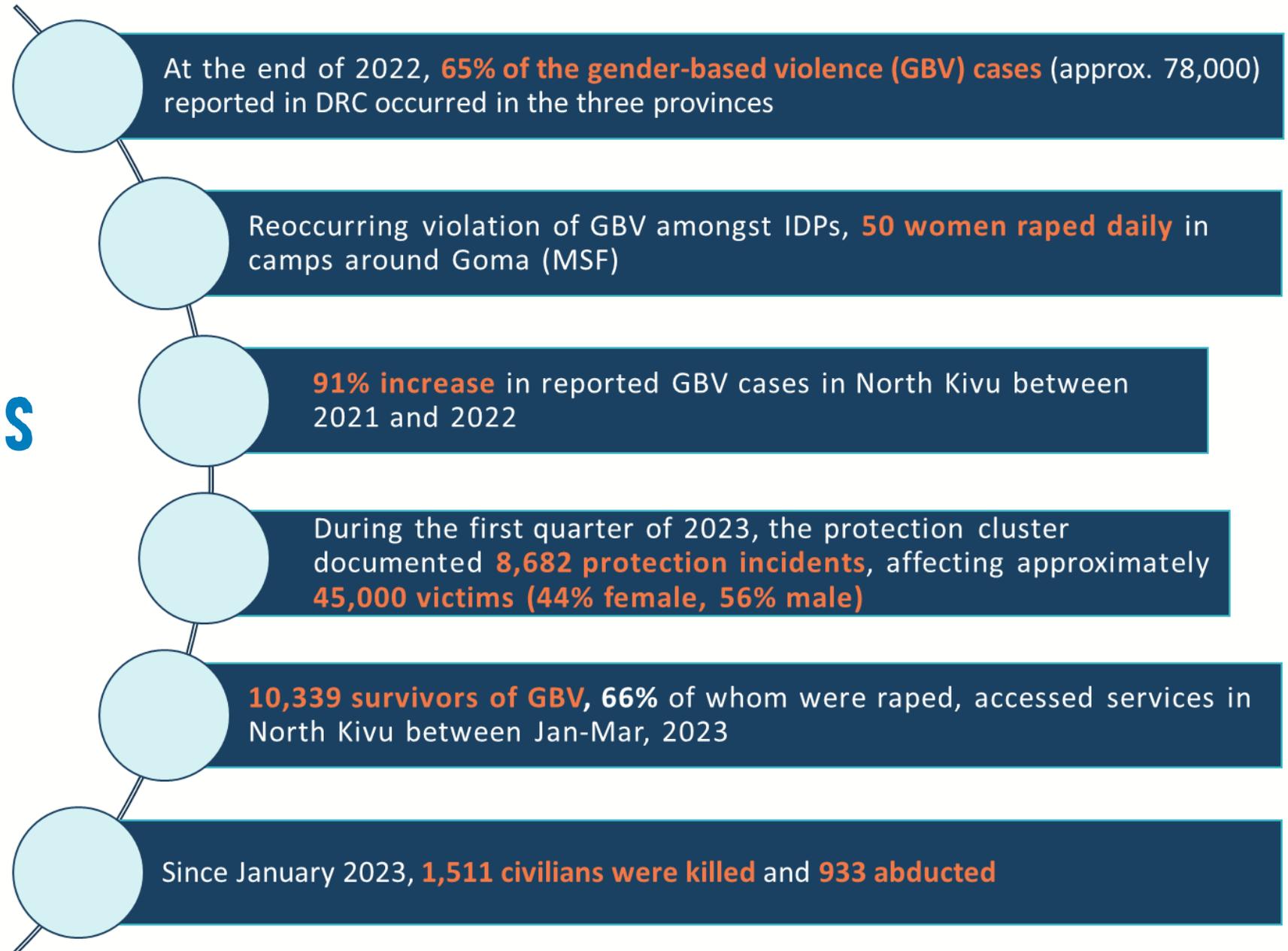
- 750k children out of school due to conflict
- 2,100 schools not operating: mostly due to insecurity, some hosting IDPs

HEALTH



- **Measles:** MSF reported 12,000 cases of measles from Jan to May. From Feb to May in Masisi, cases have jumped from 63 to 203.
- **Cholera:** Since the start of 2023, MSF responded to over 7,800 cases of cholera. 82% of cases are in Goma.

PROTECTION CRISES ACROSS SCALE-UP ZONES (ITURI, NORTH KIVU, SOUTH KIVU)



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AS A RESULT OF...

Lack of Food and Loss of Livelihoods

- ⚠️ Food and firewood collection
- ⚠️ Negative coping mechanisms
 - Survival Sex --67 brothels in IDP sites around Goma
 - High number of under-age girls and women involved in survival sex

Poor Living Conditions

- ⚠️ Overcrowding
- ⚠️ Lack of lighting
- ⚠️ Precariousness of makeshift shelters
- ⚠️ Inadequate and inappropriate hygiene facilities (toilets, showers)
- ⚠️ Inadequate security/civil protection around camps

• (source: GBV Safety Audit)



FOOD SECURITY AS A PROTECTION OUTCOME

PREVENT

REDUCE

MITIGATE



FOOD SECURITY

- Improved Access to Food and Livelihoods
- Advocacy for Durable Solutions and Safe Returns
- Provision of predictable Food Assistance and Resource Transfers

WFP DRC'S IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR PROTECTION & AAP

Leadership & Institutional Set-up and Processes

- Largest field protection and AAP team in WFP

Planning & Programming: People-centered approach

- Conflict-sensitive programming that considers inter-ethnic conflict and minority group
- Optimized identity management and delivery process
- Improved data protection and information management

Capacity Development

- Training of WFP and cooperating partners (CPs)

Partnerships & Inter-Agency Engagement

- Framework developed with protection cluster with focus on the East joint protection analysis in Ituri
- Engagement with women civil society organizations
- GBV Safety Audits



PROGRESS TO DATE: PROTECTION, AAP AND GENDER—PROGRESS

Protection Mainstreaming

- Protection risk assessments
- Development of collaboration framework with protection cluster
- Strong collaboration with protection actors

Gender-Based Violence

- GBV risk mitigation matrix
- Mapping out mitigation measures across protection actors
- Future GBV safety audits to include nutrition and food security

Information Provision to Communities

- Development of protection and complaints and feedback mechanisms (CFM) messages

Complaints and Feedback Mechanisms (CFM)

- Launch of digital complaints and feedback dashboard to improve resolution of complaints
- Establishment of multiple channels to improve CFM (e.g. hotline available 6 days/week; community complaints committees; suggestion box)

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION = PEOPLE CENTERED APPROACH

- **Safe and context-appropriate modality** in delivery of assistance
- **Complaints and feedback mechanism** to capture barriers to safe and meaningful assistance
- Increased **community engagement and participation** to explain WFP's approach
- Ensure beneficiaries can **protect** their assistance
- Close and continued **collaboration** with protection and GBV actors



CHALLENGES

- **Forgotten emergency** due to decades of protracted crises
- **Significant Funding shortfalls** to provide predictable food assistance to at risk population and other humanitarian needs, including GBV and protection actors
- Short-term emergency funding while **protection outcomes requires longer-term and consistent funding**
- Improved mechanisms to **work with women's groups and associations**
- **Coordination**
- Improving community consultations and use of CFM





THANK YOU!