



“Tuko Pamoja - We’re in this Together”

*Photo exhibition on WFP operations in the
Democratic Republic of Congo*

“Tuko pamoja” – “We’re in this together” – is an expression we often hear from people who have been displaced from their homes by fighting or unrest in DRC. No matter how great their needs, the people we serve always seem to appreciate the food assistance they receive from WFP and its partners. “Tuko pamoja”. These are words of solidarity which bind us together in a shared humanity and kinship.

The level of humanitarian need in DRC almost defies comprehension. The country’s internally displaced population, estimated at 3.8 million people, is the largest in Africa. The recent upsurge of internal conflicts in Kasai, Tanganyika, North and South Kivu are the main causes of this situation. In the Kasai region of southern DRC, more than three million people are facing severe levels of hunger and deprivation. And, as in all such situations, it is women and children who bear the brunt of the suffering. In October, WFP declared a Level 3 (maximum) humanitarian emergency in this region.

Many have lost not just their homes but also loved ones. Despite the hardships they face, however, the people of the DRC are resilient and committed to re-building their lives and livelihoods. For those who have been dispossessed and displaced, humanitarian assistance provides a lifeline, allowing people the chance to get a fresh start.

These photographs capture the moments where WFP and its partners stand together with those who are most in need in DRC, offering a helping hand and saying “Tuko pamoja!”