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Cover photo: 10 year-old Raissa cradles her baby brother, Dieu Merci, at their home in N'Sélé district, near Kinshasa. Two of the children's siblings died in November 2019 during a severe measles outbreak – the worst in DRC's history. 319,000 measles cases were recorded across all of DRC's 26 provinces, causing well over 6,000 deaths, most of them children aged 5 years or younger.

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Teacher Edouard Kabukapua accompanies his students to their class in a temporary tent school in Mulombela village, Kasai region. The provinces of North Kivu and Ituri, Kasai, South Kivu, Tanganyika and Kasai-Central account for nearly 56 per cent of the number of people with severe overall needs in DRC, or nearly 7.6 million people in all.



The Democratic Republic of Congo's Ebola outbreak has been contained, but conflict and under-development leave over three million children at risk from measles and other killer diseases.

The country's medical services – ill-equipped and under-resourced – are on life support and in no condition to protect children unless urgent measures are taken.



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The Democratic Republic of Congo continues to face an acute and complex humanitarian crisis. Ongoing violent conflicts, population displacement, poverty, and other challenges, mean that a total of 15.6 million people -

including 9.1 million children - are in need of humanitarian assistance. The provinces with the highest number of people in need are in the eastern regions of the country and Kasai.

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