

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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On Life Support

A battered health system leaves DRC children at the mercy of killer diseases

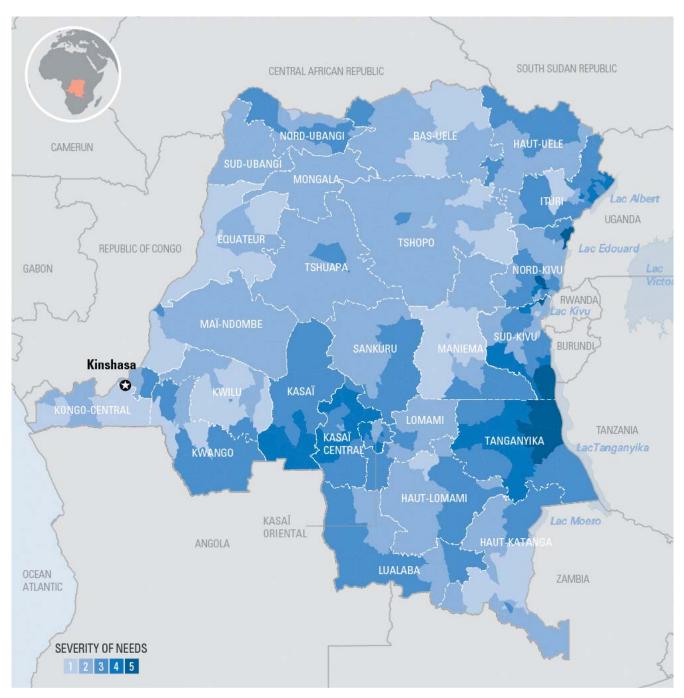


The Democratic Republic of Congo's Ebola outbreak has been contained, but conflict and under-development leave over three million children at risk from measles and other killer diseases.

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.



Democratic Republic of Congo: Overall Humanitarian Needs



Source: OCHA Humanitarian Needs 2020

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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