

Congo, Dem. Rep.

This factsheet provides an overview of economic inclusion programs in Congo, Dem. Rep.. Economic inclusion programs are a bundle of coordinated, multidimensional interventions that support individuals, households, and communities in raising their incomes and building their assets. The data used for this factsheet comes from the Partnership for Economic Inclusion’s Landscape Survey 2023.

COUNTRY FACTS

Region	Population	Income Group	FCV country (WB FY24 list)
Sub-Saharan Africa	95.89 million	Low income	Yes

Poverty Headcount (share of population below the poverty line)

National Poverty Line	Multidimensional Poverty Index	\$2.15/day (2017 PPP)
63.90%	64.52%	69.70%

PROGRAMS

Number of economic inclusion programs

12

Institutional delivery (lead agency)



■ Nongovernment-led ■ Government-led

Geographic area



■ Rural only ■ Urban/peri ■ Mix (urban & rural)

PARTICIPANTS

Number of participants

68,383

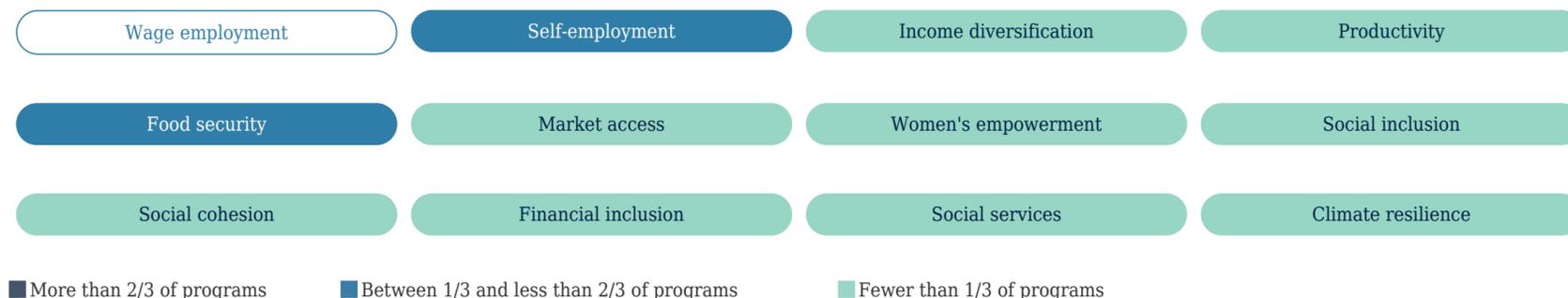
Number of people benefiting

362,571

Participants served by government-led programs (%)

34.32%

MAIN PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

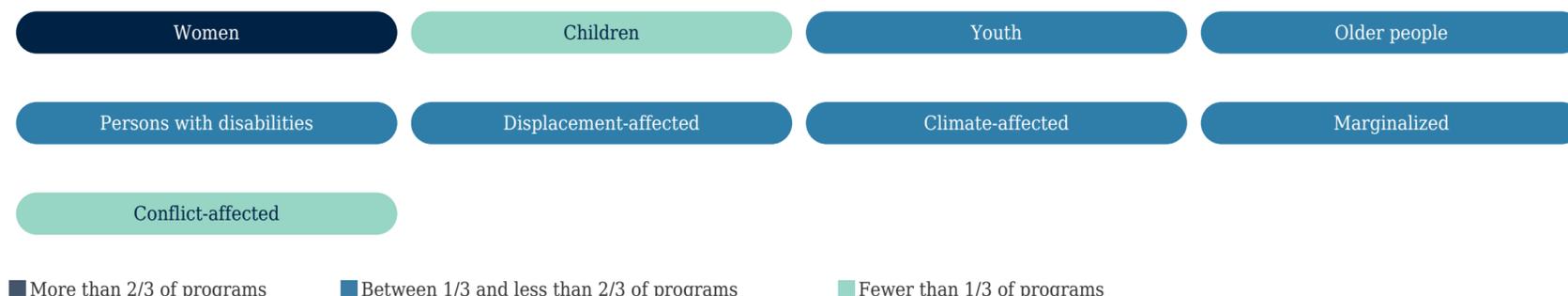


PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Targeted Poverty Segments



Targeted Population Groups



CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



TRANSFER



BUSINESS CAPITAL



WAGE EMPLOYMENT FACILITATION



SKILLS TRAINING



COACHING



FINANCIAL SERVICES FACILITATION



MARKET LINKS



CLIMATE RESILIENCE SUPPORT

ECONOMIC INCLUSION PROGRAMS SURVEYED

Program Name	Year program began	Lead Agencies	Program Description	No. of Current Participants	% Female Participants	Poverty Targeting	Digital
AFTER - Early Recovery with Crisis-Affected Communities	2020	Concern Worldwide	AFTER aims to support the economic recovery of populations affected by war and displacement through interventions that promote the recovery and protection of vulnerable individuals' socio-economic well-being after a crisis or shock.	2,154	26-50% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Humanitarian Assistance to Conflict-Affected Households in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo	2022	Concern Worldwide	The program aims to assist vulnerable households generating incomes through village savings and loan associations and income generating activities, cash and asset transfers, and cash-for-work opportunities to meet immediate needs, strengthen social cohesion, and rehabilitate community infrastructure.	740	76-99% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Chronic Humanitarian Crisis (CHC) Stream	2023	Social Action for the Promotion of the Left Behind (ASPLC)	The program supports vulnerable households in socio-economic reintegration, providing cash transfers for food, asset support for income generating activities, literacy programs, and activities promoting social cohesion and gender transformation.	400	76-99% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Eastern Recovery Project (STEP)	2014	Social Fund of the Democratic Republic of Congo (FSRDC)	The project seeks to improve access to livelihoods and socio-economic infrastructures in selected vulnerable communities in the DRC.	23,469	76-99% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Green Graduation	2023	Concern Worldwide	Green graduation aims to support households through raising awareness, trainings, cash and asset transfers, village savings and loans associations, environmental protection, and support for gender and protection.	350	26-50% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Multi-sectoral Humanitarian Response to Displaced and Host Populations Affected by the Conflict in Ituri and North Kivu Provinces	2022	Airtel Money	The program supports households by providing monthly food assistance, coaching, training for self- or wage-employment, and capital.	250	51-75% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Partnership for the Development of the Eastern Congo (P-DEC)	2021	Mercy Corps	The program aims to build a foundation for durable peace in Eastern Congo by strengthening community resilience, improving institutional accountability and responsiveness, and promoting inclusive and diversified economic growth.	4,525		Does not target by poverty level	Yes
Stronger Women Stronger Nations Program	2004	Women for Women International	The Stronger Women, Stronger Nations Program supports ultra-poor, conflict-affected women with training in financial literacy, health, rights, business and vocational skills, and provides cash stipends, vocational resources, and network connections.	5,679	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Sustainable Livelihoods in the Lomako Reserve: A Conservation and Micro Enterprise Development Partnership	2021	African Wildlife Foundation	Village Enterprise assists the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) in the Lomako Reserve to establish a successful microenterprise program, aiming to foster positive community attitudes toward the reserve.	216	76-99% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Sustainable Livelihoods in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve	2021	Wildlife Conservation Society	In the Okapi Wildlife Reserve, Village Enterprise and WCS work together to alleviate poverty and protect endangered wildlife by empowering communities to start sustainable businesses, thereby reducing poaching.	600	76-99% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes

Only programs that have given their consent to share their program data are included in this table



The Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) is a global platform that unites non-governmental organizations, UN agencies, research institutions, funding partners, and the World Bank to support government adoption and scale up of economic inclusion programs that empower vulnerable people to lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

DNA: Does Not Apply; FY: Fiscal Year; FCV: Fragility, Conflict, and Violence; MPI: Multidimensional Poverty Index; NPL: National Poverty Line; N/A: Not available; WB: World Bank