

# Crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo



## OVERVIEW



**OVER 1.4 MILLION PEOPLE** have been forced from their homes in the Kasai Region



**100% OF PARTICIPANTS** of CARE study reported that they know of or had witnessed sexual violence during the conflict in Kasai



**2.8 MILLION PEOPLE** are experiencing food insecurity in Kasai

The **Greater Kasai Region** of the DRC is facing a complex humanitarian crisis which began with a violent uprising of local armed groups in August 2016.

The Kasai crisis has generated enormous humanitarian needs across all sectors. People urgently need food, water, sanitation, shelter and relief supplies. In addition there is a lack of sexual and reproductive health support and very little protection from gender-based violence as well as services for survivors.



**Witnessing 2 boys getting shot, "I slipped out of the house leaving all my belongings and fled into the surrounding bush, where I lived for a month. It was tough to find things to eat during this time."**

**- Female teacher**

During an interview with CARE DRC (August 2017)

## FUNDED vs NEEDED



The UN released a flash appeal in May of 2017 for 64.5 million USD, but this is funded currently **only at 28%**.

## CARE's Response

With 1 in 4 women having experienced sexual violence in Eastern DRC, CARE works to support survivors of sexual violence. We are training medical personnel, prepositioning medical supplies and provide key information for survivors via radio messages. We aim to reach 225,000 people with food, cash, water, hygiene kits, latrines and support on sexual and reproductive health as well as for survivors of sexual and gender based violence.