



WFP South Sudan Situation Report #269

In Numbers

6.48 million people facing acute food insecurity from May to July 2020 ([IPC](#))

1.7 million acutely malnourished women and children ([IPC](#))

2.2 million people assisted by WFP in March 2020

1.47 million internally displaced people ([OCHA](#))

2.2 million South Sudanese refugees ([UNHCR](#))

188,528 seeking shelter with the UN ([UNMISS](#))

Highlights

- WFP has reached 86 percent of a planned three million beneficiaries with two to three months' worth of food assistance, as a transmission reduction measure, to date.
- WFP has prepositioned 140,201 mt of food and nutrition commodities, enough to serve over 2 million people, in areas that will be cut off during the rainy season.
- WFP has increased the use of cost-efficient river deliveries by 244 percent in 2020 compared to the same period in 2019.

People assisted

March 2020



Global Humanitarian Funding 2019

Overall:
USD 1.5 billion
WFP share:
USD 660 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(May –October '20) **195.2**

Strategic Outcome 1

Food-insecure women, men and children in crisis-affected areas have access to safe and nutritious food

166.9

Strategic Outcome 2

People at risk of malnutrition in crisis affected areas, specially young children and pregnant and lactating women, are able to meet their basic nutrition requirements all year round

1.3

Strategic Outcome 3

Food-insecure smallholders and communities in non-conflict zones have enhanced livelihoods and resilience to seasonal climate shocks throughout the year

16.8

Strategic Outcome 4

The humanitarian community has access to reliable common services until satisfactory alternatives are available

10.2



COVID-19 Update

- WFP continues to support national-led COVID-19 prevention and preparedness efforts. South Sudan has recorded 231 confirmed cases of COVID-19, three recoveries and one death as of 14 May 2020.
- In response to the pandemic, and to protect its staff and beneficiaries, WFP continues with several contingency measures, including physical distancing at distributions and revised distribution procedures.
- WFP continues to distribute two to three months' worth of food assistance to preposition food commodities at the household level to avoid large gatherings, minimize risks and promote social distancing. 86 percent of the planned three million people have been reached to date with assistance to take them up to June 2020.
- WFP is expediting response to the most vulnerable including in areas with IPC phase 5 pockets (Akobo West, Ayod and Duk counties in Jonglei State). In Akobo West County, double distributions were completed in Buong, Walgak, and Wechjol serving a total of 30,800 people. In Ayod County, double distributions were completed in Haat, Wan Marchar, Maar, and Normanyang, serving a total of 17,500 people. In Duk County, double distributions are ongoing for 54,500 people.
- On 11 May, the High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 granted permission for WFP regional flights to operate from Juba International Airport. Amid reduced commercial flight availability, WFP has rolled out a global hub-and-spokes system of air links to dispatch vital medical and humanitarian cargo and transport health workers to the front lines of the pandemic. The full provisional schedule is available online through WFP Global Passenger Air Services platform on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#). Bookings will only be made through nominated organizational focal points, much the same as UNHAS operates in-country in South Sudan. Staff of international organizations and NGOs should contact their HQ to request that a reservation is made on their behalf. For National NGOs wanting to submit reservations for flights, kindly contact covid19.aviationglobal@wfp.org to register your organization.



- Following the communication from the Presidency, on 7 May, announcing the resumption of domestic air travel, WFP is seeking clarity on the COVID-19 risk mitigation requirements for domestic UNHAS flights. Specifically, on requirements for COVID-19 free certification or 14 day quarantine of passengers prior to departure.
- Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, UNHAS has performed 23 medical evacuations on behalf of 13 organizations.
- WFP, as a member of the South Sudan National COVID-19 Steering Committee, co-leading the Logistics and Operations pillar, launched a common request system for personal protective equipment (PPE). WFP will consolidate the requests for review and prioritization by an inter-agency technical team composed of the Ministry of Health, UNICEF, Health Pooled Fund, and World Health Organization (WHO). The Logistics Cluster, which will provide air transport when needed, is working with WHO and members of the inter-agency technical team to define processes for requesting and releasing PPE stocks, which are currently stored by the Logistics Cluster in Juba.
- WFP has registered 2.6 million beneficiaries in SCOPE as of May 2020. Given the risk of COVID-19, WFP has disabled fingerprint authentication at the point of distribution. SCOPE will still be used to manage transaction and beneficiary information on a contactless basis, helping to reduce crowd size at distribution sites. WFP is finalizing SCOPE services agreements with Welthungerhilfe and Malteser International. Both agencies plan to use SCOPE to deliver assistance for upcoming programs in Wau and Rubkona.
- Due to COVID 19 induced border restrictions, market prices increased and have stabilized at the higher price levels. In Juba, sorghum prices increased, higher than 2019- and five year average prices. Based on its analysis of the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 across South Sudan, WFP aims to scale-up support to the most vulnerable market-dependent populations through shock-responsive assistance, particularly in urban and peri-urban areas across South Sudan.



WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Through Rapid Response teams, WFP dispatched General Food Assistance for 123,000 people in hard to reach areas across four counties in Jonglei and Unity states.
- WFP, on 30 April, welcomed a US\$3.1. million contribution from Japan to help strengthen communities' resilience to food shocks in South Sudan. The contribution will be used to support tens of thousands of people to meet their immediate food needs while rebuilding their lives and livelihoods through creating assets such as vegetable gardens, flood dykes and access roads.



Supply Chain

- WFP has increased river deliveries by 244 percent compared to the same period in 2019 through investments in key river corridors. River transport is cost-effective, enables operational flexibility and can provide an alternative to road transport especially in the rainy season when roads can become impassable. WFP will continue to increase cost-efficiency by building river capacity.
- WFP is working on high priority roads in Jonglei and Unity states and from Juba to Rumbek to keep the major supply routes open throughout the rainy seasons of 2020 and 2021. In Jonglei State, 240.7 km of road is open for traffic after work on the Bor– Ayod Road was completed by WFP.
- As of 10 May 2020, 140,201 mt of food commodities, equivalent to 74 percent of the planned 190,530 mt, were prepositioned to areas that will be inaccessible during the rainy season. The prepositioned stocks are enough to serve over two million people.
- WFP is expediting delivery of food from the Northern, Southern and Eastern corridors to major hubs in South Sudan with the border status being closely monitored. All the borders remain open for humanitarian cargo except the Majok border to Aweil which is not operational due to insecurity.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster

- Over the reporting period, transport of 202 mt of Education, Food Security, General Operations, General Program, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Protection, WASH cargo to 40 locations was facilitated on behalf of 26 organizations. This included the dispatch of Personal Protective Equipment kits sent on behalf of the World Health Organization towards main humanitarian hubs in South Sudan including Bentiu, Bor, Rumbek and Wau.
- The Logistics Cluster coordinated the departure of four road humanitarian convoys towards Jonglei locations, Kapoeta and the Western corridor, enabling the transportation of over 2300 mt of humanitarian life-saving supplies. The Logistics Cluster continues to advocate with partners on the importance of cargo pre-positioning prior to the rainy season and considering the uncertainty generated by the COVID-19 Global Pandemic.
- The most recent access maps can [here](#).

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted (March 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (2018-2020)	2.97b	1,637.6	195.2	2,241,470	1,235,016	1,006,454
Activity 1 Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations Strategic Result 1: Access to food	1652.5	762.0	131.4	1,785,749	948,692	837,057
Activity 2 Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees Strategic Result 1: Access to food	364.5	141.0	35.5	227,193	122,339	104,854
Activity 3 Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition	437.6	161.4	1.3	216,331	157,187	59,144
Activity 4 Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity and Income	213.5	68.3	16.8	12,198	6,800	5,398
Activity 5 Operate air services for the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	152.4	130.0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 6 Coordinate the Logistics Cluster in support of the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	73.5	63.1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7 Supply Chain provision Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	16.6	9.5	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 8 Inter-Agency IT Communication Service Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	7.0	5.3	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 9 SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	46.6	13.3	9.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 10 Provision of IT services to the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	1.3	0.0	0.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Activity Specific funding	0.0	283.7				

Donors (2019, listed alphabetically)*

