



WFP South Sudan Situation Report #275

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](#))
- 1.32 million** people assisted by WFP in July 2020
- 1.47 million** internally displaced people ([OCHA](#))
- 2.2 million** South Sudanese refugees ([UNHCR](#))
- 188,528** seeking shelter with the UN ([UNMISS](#))

Highlights

- Over the last two weeks, torrential rains have led to further rising flood levels in Jonglei and Unity states of South Sudan. The flooding compounds an already fragile humanitarian situation due to the increasing levels of sub-national conflict across the country, and the impact of COVID-19. This is crippling food security and livelihoods.
- In July, WFP and Cooperating Partners reached over 1.32 million people with 12,379 mt of food and US\$ 2.14 million in cash-based transfers.

People assisted July 2020



Global Humanitarian Funding 2020

Overall: USD 1.5 billion
WFP share: USD 671 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(August '20—January '21) **390**

Strategic Outcome 1

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

329.7

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

20.9

Strategic Outcome 3

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

16.4

Strategic Outcome 4

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

22.8

Situation Update

- South Sudan has reportedly run out of foreign exchange reserves and cannot stop the pound's depreciation.** South Sudan has three exchange rates - from the central bank, from commercial banks, and from the unofficial market. Throughout August, the South Sudanese Pound (SSP) has continued to lose value against the US dollar with a mounting gap between the central bank value (160 SSP) and the unofficial market value (420 SSP).
- Nine counties reported floods during July and early August.** For some counties, such as Bor South, Juba and Twic East, flood incidents occurred more than once which puts them at a higher risk and increased vulnerability for the communities. Displacement, damaged standing crops and submerged houses are the most reported impact which results in food and shelter assistance needs.
- Seasonal rains affect trade routes and limit food deliveries,** particularly in Eastern Equatoria (Kapoeta), Warrap, Unity, Upper Nile (Renk), Western Equatoria and Northern Bahr el Ghazal states; leading to disruption of supplies and an overall increase in the price of staple commodities, such as a 33% increase in the price of maize in Kapoeta or a 71% increase in price of imported sorghum in Renk.
- The situation in country remains fragile.** A preliminary agreement on power-sharing at the state level has been reached in South Sudan. Additionally, South Sudan has seen renewed disarmament efforts, the declaration of a state of emergency in Jonglei State, and a major clash among armed forces and individuals in Tonj East resulting in over 100 casualties.
- WFP programs continue to be carried out countrywide amidst the various safety and security challenges.** Armed clashes, violent crimes including armed robbery and banditry/ambush targeting commercial and humanitarian traffic, and harassment continue to be the main threats.



Impact of flooding on infrastructures: WFP truck is stuck in a flooded road in Jonglei, South Sudan. (Photo: WFP)



COVID-19

- **As of 28 August 2020, South Sudan has 2,519 confirmed cases of COVID-19.** WFP continues to support national response efforts, as the co-lead of the Operational Support and Logistics pillar of the National Response Plan on COVID-19 Pandemic
- **COVID-19 continues to have a negative impact on livelihoods and incomes of South Sudanese families.** August 2020 is marked by high level of food prices as compared to the 5-year-average (2015-2019). The highest increase in cereal prices was observed in Malakal, Wau and Yida. For imported sorghum, the price increase ranges from + 52% in Juba to + 359% in Malakal. Markets receiving cereals through the northern border from Sudan are showing the most significant increase.
- **WFP is working with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of South Sudan national laboratory team to help facilitate the movement of technical experts and critical testing supplies** to the field to establish COVID-19 testing capacity to seven different areas in support of GeneXpert decentralization.

WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **Through Rapid Response teams, WFP dispatched General Food Assistance for 47,154 people,** including 12 650 children under five, in 3 counties, Jonglei State, in the last two weeks.
- **WFP is responding to needs across the country through its Lean Season Response.** This also includes areas affected by the flooding. Distributions for the flood affected people in Bor town were completed during the reporting week, serving 16,448 people, in addition to regular caseload. Distributions to 9,375 people were also completed in Maar (Twic East).



Supply Chain

- **WFP South Sudan two corridors – East and South - to bring food into South Sudan are operational, while the Northern corridor continues to face challenges.** In the North, food is brought from Sudan through the Majok border to Aweil, Panakuach border to Bentiu, and Joda border to Renk. Currently, Panakuach border has reopened and is operating for cargo movement to Bentiu. Deliveries to Aweil through the Majok border are suspended due to the heavy rains making the road on Sudan side impassable. All cargo to Renk is coming by barges through Joda border. WFP is liaising with authorities to begin food delivery through the Joda border by road as well. In the South the Nimule (Uganda) and Nadapal (Kenya) borders are both operational for cargo movement which comes by road. The Denjok and Pagak borders with Ethiopia are also operational for cargo by river and road.

- **Flooding posed serious challenges to the WFP storage facilities in the region.** The dykes built around the storage tents have been breached, with water flowing into the facilities putting the food at risk. As a temporary measure, WFP and partners have started to patch the dykes and have double and triple stacked pallets to prevent the water from reaching the food sacks. Additionally, WFP is also looking into using other storage measures such as a water-proof, hermetically sealed storage enclosures as an additional guard against moisture and water damage.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster

- Over the reporting period, transport of **194 MT** of Education, Food Security, General Operations, General Program, Health, Nutrition, Protection, Shelter and WASH cargo to **30 locations** was facilitated on behalf of **28 organizations**, of which **57% was transported by river transport modality.**
- During the reporting period, the **10th boat convoy of 2020** coordinated by the Logistics Cluster departed **Bor** to transport humanitarian cargo moved to **Sobat river locations.**
- The most recent access constraints map can be found [here](#).



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- **UNHAS transported 538 passengers and 22 mt of light humanitarian cargo** to 43 destinations across South Sudan.
- **UNHAS performed 5 medical evacuations** on behalf of 3 organization from Rumbek, Jiech, Gorwai, Aweil and Old Fangak to Juba.
- **UNHAS performed 1 Inter Cluster Working Group mission** with 14 passengers to 2 locations.
- **UNHAS transported 57 COVID-19 suspected samples** from Agok, Kuajok, Wau, Yei, Yambio, Aweil, Rubkona, Torit to Juba.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted (July 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (2018-2020)	2.97b	1,694.9	390.0	1,320,016	750,974	569,042
Activity 1 Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations Strategic Result 1: Access to food	1652.5	787.4	294.0	775,216	408,177	367,039
Activity 2 Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees Strategic Result 1: Access to food	364.5	145.7	35.7	2,757	1,887	870
Activity 3 Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition	437.6	161.5	20.9	276,603	201,781	74,822
Activity 4 Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity and Income	213.5	73.8	16.4	265,440	139,129	126,311
Activity 5 Operate air services for the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	152.4	133.4	10.0	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	69.5	4.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7 Supply Chain provision Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	16.6	9.1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 8 Inter-Agency IT Communication Service Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	7.0	6.1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 9 SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	46.6	14.6	7.6	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	293.8				

Donors (2020 listed alphabetically)*

