



WFP South Sudan Situation Report #278

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)

1.8 million people assisted by WFP in August 2020

1.47 million internally displaced people (OCHA)

2.2 million South Sudanese refugees (UNHCR)

Highlights

- **WFP has won the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize** for its efforts to combat hunger and its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas.
- **WFP condemns the attack on its boat convoy on the River Nile in Shambe North, Lakes State. One person was killed, while three people suffered gunshot injuries but all are stable and recovering.**
- **An estimated 800,000 individuals have been affected by flooding** since June across South Sudan. WFP is targeting flood-affected people in need of food assistance. **More than 500,000 people were reached with assistance in September.**

People assisted

August 2020



Global Humanitarian Funding 2020

Overall:
USD 1.5 billion
WFP share:
USD 671 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(October'20—March'21) **595.6**

Strategic Outcome 1

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

506.2

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

62.4

Strategic Outcome 3

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

8.8

Strategic Outcome 4

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

18.2

Situation Update

- **The Nobel Peace Prize 2020 was awarded to WFP for its efforts to combat hunger, for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict.** The Norwegian Nobel Committee said it wanted to turn the eyes of the world towards the millions of people who suffer from or face the threat of hunger. In South Sudan, WFP supports some five million people each year.
- **In South Sudan, WFP seeks to address entrenched inequity and isolation, with the goal of leaving no-one behind and contributing to unity, interconnectedness, and peace in the long-term,** while maintaining its core life-saving programming. Recognizing that achieving Zero Hunger requires addressing conflict as a recurrent shock which directly causes – and is itself influenced by – severe and extreme food insecurity, WFP South Sudan is working towards a strategic framework on Contributions to Peace in South Sudan.
- **In South Sudan, violence continues to pose the greatest risk to food security.** In Eastern Equatoria State, tensions and disputes related to intrusion by out-of-state cattle keepers into farmland are worsening. Increasing confrontations between herders and farmers may become more complex. Cycles of localized violence continued in Lakes State through the end of September. Cueibet county, in particular, saw high levels of violence. In Unity State, tensions remain high due to continued violence and threats of violence between communities from Mayom and communities from Warrap and from Abiemnhom. During the reporting period, shooting in Pieri, Jonglei State, led to a WFP airdrop being called off.
- **On Monday, 5 October, a WFP boat convoy carrying food assistance from Bor, Jonglei State, to Melut and Malakal, Upper Nile State, was attacked near Shambe North, Lakes State.** One person was killed, while three people suffered gunshot injuries but all are stable and recovering. WFP condemns in the strongest terms any attack on humanitarian workers and all contractors of WFP, who risk their lives delivering much-needed food assistance to the most vulnerable people. WFP calls on all parties in South Sudan for unimpeded humanitarian access, respect for



Flood-affected Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) arriving in Mingkaman, Lakes State (Photo: WFP/Theresa Piorr)

international law and conditions that allow humanitarian workers and all contractors to carry out their jobs in safety.

WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- An estimated **800,000 individuals** have been affected by flooding since June across South Sudan. WFP is targeting flood-affected people in need of food assistance. More than **500,000 people** were reached with assistance in September.
- WFP and cooperating partners reached **1.8 million people** with a total of 25,100 mt of food and nutrition items and USD 7.61 million in cash-based transfers in August 2020.
- In the reporting period, through Rapid Response teams, WFP completed **General Food Assistance (GFA) distributions for 46,000 people**, including 9,300 children under five, in Leer and Mayendit counties, Unity State.
- **GFA distributions are ongoing in Duk, Pibor, Twic East, Bor South, Fangak and Awerial counties, the hardest hit flooded areas in Jonglei and Lakes States.** Biometric registration and verification exercise is ongoing in Awerial County, Lakes State, and is planned to take place in Bor South, Jonglei State, following the recent mass displacement of population due to flooding.
- As part of the USAID funded Juba COVID-19 response, in-kind food distributions are ongoing for the Juba Urban Safety Nets project, providing beneficiaries with their September ration. So far, **27,400 beneficiaries** have been reached with food assistance in 11 locations in Juba.



Supply Chain

- A convoy of **14 boats** carrying **1,000 mt of Sorghum** arrived in Juba from Malakal, Upper Nile State, through Bor, Jonglei State. The boats are currently being offloaded. As the Bor – Juba road has been cut off for some time river is currently the only mode of transportation. River cargo transport to Juba was made possible by the rise in water level during the ongoing rainy season that has made the river navigable for larger cargo carrying boats.
- The port in Mingkaman, Lakes State, has been flooded due to the ongoing heavy rains. WFP is exploring alternative ways of delivering food overland and how river transport can still be used in the area. An assessment was conducted at the port and it was recommended to increase the number of porters to reduce the amount of time it takes to offload a single boat.
- WFP conducted an assessment mission to explore routes to serve locations in Nyirol and Ayod counties, Jonglei State, by river. The assessment found that the river routes have overgrown grass that is hindering access to these locations. WFP is exploring options to clear the grass and send a pilot convoy to test the route. The opening of these river routes would significantly reduce transport costs for these locations as they are currently served by air.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster

- Over the reporting period, transport of 275 mt of Early Recovery, Food Security, General Operations, General Program, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Protection, Shelter and WASH cargo to 28 locations was facilitated on behalf of 29 organizations, of which 55 percent was moved by river.
- The Logistics Cluster coordinated the departure of one road humanitarian convoy towards Yei, Central Equatoria State.
- As a consequence of the current flooding situation, major supply routes, including the Juba – Bor road, are no longer passable for commercial trucks. To ensure essential commodities can still reach flood-affected locations, the Logistics Cluster is temporarily offering bi-monthly river movements from Juba to Bor until the road becomes fully accessible.
- The Logistics Cluster rehabilitated a common storage facility in Gumuruk, Greater Pibor, to ensure the humanitarian community can store essential commodities prior to flood response distributions to affected populations.



- The most recent access constraints map can be found [here](#).

COVID-19

- Following the arrival of COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in South Sudan, WFP through the Logistics Cluster, and WHO, as co-leads of the Operational Support and Logistics Pillar of the National Response Plan, re-launched the PPE Common Request System. The system will consolidate requests of in-country COVID-19 PPE items. The Logistics Cluster is consolidating requests on a weekly basis for the Inter-agency technical team to review and allocate the COVID-19 PPE items. As of 28 September 2020, 118 requests had been approved from 46 organizations, with 493,476 PPE items allocated from the common pool to be received in 70 locations across South Sudan.
- The South Sudan – Uganda air border reopened on 1 October 2020 after a six-month closure. The opening is expected to lead to an increase of cross-border population flow. Entry to South Sudan continues to require a certificate showing a negative PCR test result, taken with 72 hours of arrival, and 14 days quarantine upon arrival.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS transported **1,800 passengers** and **35.1 mt of light humanitarian cargo** to **52 destinations** across South Sudan. UNHAS performed three medical evacuations on behalf of three organization from Ajuong Thok, Wau and Maban to Juba. UNHAS performed four Inter Cluster Working Group missions with 23 passengers to five locations. UNHAS transported 20kg of COVID-19 suspected samples from Agok, Rubkona, Aweil and Wau to Juba.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted (August 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL	2.97b	1,683.4	595.6	1,802,038	1,024,515	777,523
Activity 1 Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations Strategic Result 1: Access to food	1652.5	777.3	435.2	1,051,525	556,837	494,688
Activity 2 Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees Strategic Result 1: Access to food	364.5	142.7	71.0	232,182	124,523	107,659
Activity 3 Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition	437.6	161.5	62.4	256,197	190,050	66,147
Activity 4 Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity and Income	213.5	73.9	8.8	262,134	153,105	109,029
Activity 5 Operate air services for the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	152.4	134.4	11.0	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	69.6	1.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7 Supply Chain provision Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	16.6	9.4	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 8 Inter-Agency IT Communication Service Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	7.0	6.0	0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 9 SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	46.6	14.6	5.4	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	0.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Activity Specific funding	0.0	294.0				

Donors (2020 listed alphabetically)*

