



WFP South Sudan Situation Report #279

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

- An estimated 900,000 individuals have been affected by flooding** since June across South Sudan. WFP is targeting flood-affected people in need of food assistance. **More than 572,000 people were reached with assistance in September.**
- The UK Minister for Africa and the Special Envoy for Famine Prevention and Humanitarian Affairs visited food assistance and nutrition operations in flood-affected Bor and Pibor.**
- WFP strongly condemns the actions that led to the attack on humanitarian infrastructure and personnel in Renk which jeopardizes both aid and development for the communities of Northern Upper Nile.**

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) **544.2**

Strategic Outcome 1

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

462.8

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

65.6

Strategic Outcome 3

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

2.8

Strategic Outcome 4

The humanitarian community has access to reliable common

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Situation Update

- WFP is concerned by the escalating tensions with the Renk Youth Association that have resulted in the suspension of life-saving assistance in Renk County, Upper Nile State.** WFP strongly condemns the actions that led to the burning down of a Medair warehouse in Renk and the threats and intimidation against humanitarian workers. The current circumstances are not conducive to the delivery of aid and have already impacted the ability of thousands of the most vulnerable to access key services. Furthermore, this risks the large-scale economic opportunities that aid supports in Renk.
- In South Sudan, violence continues to pose the greatest risk to food security.** Most of the areas affected by conflict are in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) acute food insecurity. Since 2015, there has been at least 31 pockets of famine conditions related to conflict. Violence, even when subsides, has a long term impact, which is crippling the food security and livelihoods of growing numbers of people.
- Economic shocks and high food prices make a fragile situation worse. The abrupt depreciation of the South Sudanese Pound (SSP) in mid-October contributed to an above average increase in food prices across markets.** In Juba, prices of white wheat bread (10 pieces) sharply increased overnight, on October 14, from SSP 300 to SSP 500, representing a 66 percent increase. Despite the Government of South Sudan's efforts to enforce price reductions, traders have maintained their selling prices at the elevated level, especially for wheat flour, sugar and vegetable oil.
- On 21 October, the UK Minister for Africa, James Duddridge, and the Special Envoy for Famine Prevention and Humanitarian Affairs, Nick Dyer, visited food assistance and nutrition operations in Bor and Pibor** with WFP Country Director Matthew Hollingworth. The UK delegation were able to see the devastation caused by conflict and flooding, as well as the vital humanitarian support provided through UK aid in South Sudan. At the nutrition centre, the visitors were briefed that screening, at this centre, showed Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rates above 30 percent; 60 percent of children arriving at the centre have malaria; and there is an ongoing measles outbreak in the Greater Pibor Administrative Area.



- WFP is grateful to the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office for their contribution of USD 3.5 million and to the Government of Sweden for their contribution of USD 3.75 million supporting WFP's life saving assistance. WFP is grateful to the European Commission for their USD 7 million contribution to WFP's resilience activities. WFP faces a USD 544 million shortfall to continue assistance for the next six months.

WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **Nearly 900,000 individuals (almost 180,000 households) have been affected by flooding since June in 48 counties.** Around 400,000 people have been displaced, with women and children most affected. Some 380 schools have been affected by the floods and a third of them are now occupied by Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). WFP is targeting flood-affected people in need of food assistance. **More than 572,000 people were reached with assistance in September. So far for October, more than 505,000 people in flood-affected counties have been assisted by WFP.**
- Over the last two weeks, through Rapid Response teams, **WFP completed General Food Assistance (GFA) distributions for 81,000 people**, including 16,000 children under five, in Ayod, Mayendit, Panyijiar and Uror counties, Jonglei State.
- **Following the government directive on reopening of schools for candidate classes, WFP is collaborating with UNICEF to provide support to over 1,000 schools** which are jointly targeted by both agencies. WFP is working on resumption of school feeding while UNICEF is distributing assorted WASH and education items, which include items intended to help mitigate COVID-19 transmission and improve hygiene in schools.
- **The second month of in-kind food distributions is ongoing in Juba as part of the Urban Safety Nets project. WFP is targeting over 78,000 people** facing acute food insecurity who will continue to receive food assistance through the end of the year. Distributions are organized in 25 centres where social distancing and hygiene measures have been put in place.



Supply Chain

- **On 10 October, 2020, the first ever WFP convoy, since South Sudan's independence, arrived in Abyei from El-Obeid, Sudan.** The pilot convoy of 10 trucks loaded with 250 mt of food and nutrition items arrived at the WFP Abyei Field Office ready for distribution.
- **As of 16 October, 2020 WFP had dispatched 259,830 mt of food and nutrition items**, equivalent to approximately 80 percent of the planned 325,000 mt target for 2020. Despite the damage to the roads by the rain, cargo movement is ongoing. WFP is ensuring continued deliveries, through key road repairs and the opening of new river routes. Air transport is being used as a last resort to serve people in the hardest to reach areas.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster

- Over the reporting period, transport of 104 mt of Food Security, General Operations, General Program, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Protection, Shelter and WASH cargo to 12 locations was facilitated on behalf of 18 organizations.
- The Logistics Cluster is coordinating the departure of its first river movement from Juba to Bor since its activation. Bor being the main humanitarian hub to respond to the recent flooding, the Logistics Cluster is temporarily offering this service to address the identified logistical gap preventing the use of the Juba – Bor road (cut off due to high water levels of the Nile river).
- The Logistics Cluster has been allocated USD 250,000 of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) flood response fund for common logistics services scale up. This will enable the Logistics Cluster to augment its air service provision (Mi-8 helicopter rotations) for approximately two weeks. Additional funding is needed to support the required scale up of the planned inter cluster response.
- 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

- WHO and WFP through the Logistics Cluster, as co-leads of the Operational Support and Logistics Pillar of the National COVID-19 Response Plan, continue to coordinate requests for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from humanitarian organizations working across South Sudan. As of 21 October, 212 requests from 72 organizations had been approved by the Inter-Agency Technical Team, resulting in the allocation of more than 2.37 million PPE items from the common pool created by WHO, WFP and IOM.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- **UNHAS transported 1,350 passengers and 23.3 mt of light humanitarian cargo to 51 destinations across South Sudan.** UNHAS performed three medical evacuations on behalf of three organization from Aweil, Bor and Mingkaman to Juba. UNHAS performed two Inter-Cluster Working Group missions with 19 passengers to three locations. UNHAS transported 16kg of COVID-19 suspected samples from Agok, Aweil, Rubkona, and Rumbek 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 (2018-2021)	2.97b	1,688.6	544.2	1,802,038	909,974	726,507
Activity 1 Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations Strategic Result 1: Access to food	1652.5	777.3	403.4	1,051,525	610,008	552,812
Activity 2 Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees Strategic Result 1: Access to food	364.5	142.7	59.4	232,182	123,667	103,734
Activity 3 Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition	437.6	161.5	65.6	256,197	164,025	58,693
Activity 4 Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity and Income	213.5	73.9	2.8	262,134	12,274	11,268
Activity 5 Operate air services for the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	152.4	136.9	4.6	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	0.9	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	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	4.2	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
Activity 11 Provision of infrastructure development services for humanitarian access and community Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity			2.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Activity Specific funding	0.0	296.6				

Donors (2020 listed alphabetically)*

