



WFP South Sudan Situation Report #281



In Numbers

7.24 million people facing acute food insecurity from April to July 2021 (IPC)

1.9 million acutely malnourished women and children (IPC)

1.82 million people assisted by WFP in October 2020

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

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

Highlights

- **WFP is deeply concerned about the deteriorated food security and nutrition situation across the country.** WFP calls for urgent and coordinated action to address the multiple factors affecting food security and nutrition outcomes.
- **More than one million people have been affected by flooding** since June across South Sudan. WFP is targeting flood-affected people in need of food assistance. **WFP has so far reached 240,000 people with assistance in December.**
- **WFP is calling on partners for early and timely contributions to support the prepositioning exercise.**

People assisted October 2020



Global Humanitarian Funding 2020

Overall:
USD 1.5 billion
WFP share:
USD 671 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(December'20 May'21) **320.3**

Strategic Outcome 1

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

274.5

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

17.7

Strategic Outcome 3

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

7.1

Strategic Outcome 4

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

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Situation Update

- **WFP is deeply concerned about the deteriorated food security and nutrition situation across the country, particularly in locations affected by compounded shocks.** The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) update, released by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan, on Friday 18 December, estimates that 7.24 million people (60 percent of the population) will face severe food insecurity at the height of the 2021 lean season. WFP calls for urgent and coordinated action to address the multiple factors affecting food security and nutrition outcomes.
- **WFP is grateful to the United States Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance for their USD 100 million contribution to food and nutrition programmes in South Sudan.** The timely contribution supports WFP to procure and preposition food and nutrition items ahead of the 2021 rainy season. The 2021 prepositioning window will be shorter than normal with continued poor road conditions due to heavy floods this year and the impact of COVID-19 on delivery lead times. **WFP is calling on partners for early and timely contributions to support the prepositioning exercise. Once roads close, WFP must deliver food by air which is seven times more expensive than delivering by road.**
- **WFP is grateful to the European Union for their contribution of EUR 3 million to supporting the humanitarian community in South Sudan through the Logistics Cluster and UNHAS.** The contribution brings the European Union's total contribution to WFP managed common services to EUR 4.5 million for the next 18 months.

WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Over the last two weeks, through Rapid Response teams, WFP completed General Food Assistance (GFA) distributions for 51,850 people, including 14,200 children under five, in Leer and Mayendit counties, Unity, and Uror county, Jonglei.
- More than one million people have been affected by flooding since



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Safety Nets and Resilience

- In November, Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) cash distributions were completed for 2020 following finalization of the distributions in Northern Bahr el Ghazal. Around USD 10.5 million was disbursed in five states where the cash-based transfer modality is used.
- In Rumbek East and Cueibet counties, Lakes, WFP has been working with Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) to implement FFA which supports over 5,300 households in the two counties. While all communal asset creation activities were put on hold, WFP and NPA continued to support communities to improve their agricultural production. Nearly 2,000 hectares of groundnuts were planted and 20,500 bags (50kg each) have been harvested. NPA shifted their training approach to mitigate COVID-19 risks by training at the household level or in small groups of up to 10 people. On average, each household harvested 4-5 bags which will be used for household consumption and sale, with one bag sold at around 8000-9000 South Sudanese Pounds.



Innovations & Cash-Based Transfers

- In 2021, WFP requires USD 106 million to support nearly one million people planned to receive cash-based transfers. December cash-based transfers are ongoing with more than 407,600 people reached so far.
- In 2020, WFP provided SCOPE services to UN agencies and NGOs in South Sudan. SCOPE is WFP's beneficiary identity and transfer management system. To evaluate the service, WFP conducted a user satisfaction survey. Respondents noted that SCOPE saves time (in managing caseloads and reporting), is versatile (can be used for cash, in-kind and voucher transfers) and prevents duplications helping to improve beneficiary targeting.



Gender and Protection

- WFP offices across South Sudan have been participating in local efforts to mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence which concluded on 10 December 2020. Due to COVID-19 this year's events were scaled down to minimise in person gatherings. In Yambio, Western Equatoria, WFP facilitated focus group discussion on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and GBV awareness raising at the FFA and rural aggregation centre sites. In Wau, Western Bahr el Ghazal, WFP reached 677 people through GBV community awareness meetings. In Abyei, WFP delivered GBV preventive messages to almost one million listeners across three radio channels. In Kapoeta, Eastern Equatoria, WFP participated in community discussions on sensitization on early child marriage. Through music and drama the community further explored the topic.
- In Bor, Jonglei, WFP participated in the celebration and commemoration of the International Day of Persons living with disabilities under the theme "Empowering persons living with

disabilities and ensuring inclusivity and equality".



Supply Chain

- The WFP South Sudan fleet has had a very busy year especially during the rainy season. The rainy season deteriorates road infrastructure and causes some roads to completely close. WFP relies on its own fleet for delivery of food to areas that have bad road conditions, are remote and insecure, and where commercial transporters hesitate to deliver. The WFP fleet consist of 196 cargo trucks and 11 All-Terrain Vehicles that deliver to over 3,000 destinations across the country.
- Following the success of the first ever WFP convoy from El-Obeid, Sudan, to Abyei five new mobile storage units were installed at the WFP Abyei office. The office has made arrangements to bolster the new warehouses' security. WFP is enhancing the Abyei warehouse facilities in preparation for the 2021 logistics operation. These efforts will enable WFP to better serve the beneficiaries in Abyei.

Clusters and Common Services*



Logistics Cluster

- Over the reporting period, transport of 183 mt of Food Security, General Operations, General Program, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Shelter and WASH cargo to 12 locations was facilitated on behalf of 28 organizations.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to temporarily offer the river service from Juba to Bor 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 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 organisations working across South Sudan. As of 9 December, 263 requests from 90 organizations had been approved by the Inter-Agency Technical Team, resulting in allocation of nearly 3.2 million PPE items from the common pool created by WHO, WFP and IOM.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS transported 2,432 passengers and 62 mt of light humanitarian cargo to 55 destinations across South Sudan. UNHAS performed three medical evacuations on behalf of three organization from Agok, Rubkona and Yei to Juba. UNHAS transported ten COVID-19 suspected samples from Mundri and Rubkona to Juba.

*Reporting period 30 November– 11 December 2020.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted (October 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (2018-2021)	3,885.3	1,897.6	320.3	1,820,142	1,039,371	780,771
Activity 1 Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations Strategic Result 1: Access to food	2,181.1	860.8	234.3	1,163,001	633,480	529,621
Activity 2 Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees Strategic Result 1: Access to food	477.5	168.3	40.2	233,867	126,906	106,961
Activity 3 Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition	548.7	215.7	17.7	248,671	183,688	64,983
Activity 4 Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity and Income	275.4	98.7	2.7	174,503	95,297	79,206
Activity 5 Operate air services for the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	208.3	142.3	5.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 6 Coordinate the Logistics Cluster in support of the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	97.6	71.5	9.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7 Supply Chain provision Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	21.4	9.6	1.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 8 Inter-Agency IT Communication Service Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	9.6	6.0	1.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 9 SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	53.9	15.8	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	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 11 Provision of infrastructure development services for humanitarian access and community Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity	10.5	0	4.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Activity Specific funding		308.9				

Donors (2020 listed alphabetically)*

