



WFP South Sudan Situation Report #283

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)

1.15 million people assisted by WFP in December 2020

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

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

Highlights

- **Some 8.3 million people are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance in South Sudan in 2021.** This is an increase of 10 percent when compared to the 7.5 million people in need in 2020.
- **WFP reached 263,556 people living in Priority One Counties with 7,800 mt of food and nutrition assistance by the end of January.**
- **WFP Executive Director, David Beasley, and Regional Director for East Africa, Michael Dunford, visited South Sudan 3-5 February.** The delegation visited activities in Verteth, Greater Pibor Administrative area, and Bor, Jonglei State.

People assisted December 2020



Global Humanitarian Funding 2021

Overall:
USD 1.5 billion
WFP share:
USD 671 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(February '21 July '21) **274.5**

Strategic Outcome 1

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

220.2

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

16.0

Strategic Outcome 3

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

11.1

Strategic Outcome 4

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

27.2



Situation Update

- **The 2021 Humanitarian Needs Overview South Sudan was released on 26 January. In 2021, some 8.3 million people (nearly 70 percent of the population) need some form of humanitarian assistance.** This is an increase of 800,000 people (10 percent more) from the 7.5 million people in need in 2020. Humanitarian needs are most concerning in the Greater Pibor Administrative Area with Pibor classified as the only county in catastrophic need. A total of 72 counties face extreme need while the remaining five are in severe need.
- **WFP is grateful to the United States Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance for their contribution of USD 100 million. WFP is grateful to the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund for confirmation of USD 7 million for cash activities in response to rising food insecurity in South Sudan.**
- **The WFP Executive Director (ED), David Beasley, and the WFP Regional Director from Eastern Africa, Michael Dunford, visited South Sudan 3-5 February.** The delegation visited food assistance activities in Verteth, Greater Pibor Administrative Area and dyke rehabilitation activities in Bor, Jonglei State. In both areas, they met with communities receiving WFP assistance.
- **The delegation met with the President of the Republic of South Sudan, Salva Kiir Mayardit, the First Vice President Riek Machar, Madam Vice President, Rebecca Nyandeng de Mabiior, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Beatrice Khamisa Wani.** The meetings focused on the humanitarian support, WFP response and areas for further collaboration between the Government of South Sudan and WFP. Despite the formation of South Sudan's Unity government, hunger continues to rise due to the cumulative effect of conflict, climate change and economic shocks. The ED reiterated the importance of the implementation of the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan, the set-up of local governance structures across all ten states and the need to advance peace and stability in light of rising hunger.
- **David Beasley noted his concerns that the use of the official rate of exchange for humanitarian cash-based transfers and supplements to key health and education workers, entails losing two thirds of the real value when compared to the parallel market rate of exchange.** As a result, the purpose and impact of cash support is considerably diminished. The imposition of the official rate of exchange is all to the significant detriment of the beneficiaries across South Sudan.
- **On 27 January, five WFP trucks carrying 42.5 mt of sorghum and cooking oil for distributions were stopped and subsequently looted by youth near Kacuat, Ngabagok payum, Tonj East, Warrap State.** WFP has suspended use of this access route, pending a face to face discussion with the armed youth group.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

Response in priority areas:

By the end of January 2021, WFP assisted a total of 263,556 (97 percent against the plan) people living in Priority One Counties with over 7,800 mt of food and nutrition items.

- **In Akobo**, Jonglei State, WFP reached 73,831 people (99 percent against the plan) with 2,575 mt of food and nutrition items.
- **In the Greater Pibor Administrative Area**, WFP reached 93,540 people (100 percent against the plan) with 2,683 mt of food and nutrition items.
- **In Aweil South**, Northern Bahr el Ghazal State, WFP assisted 13,800 people (100 percent against the plan) with 326 mt of food and nutrition items.
- **In Tonj East**, Warrap State, WFP reached 8,052 people (54 percent against the plan) with 263 mt of food and nutrition items. Insecurity delayed and disrupted distributions.
- **In Tonj North**, Warrap State, WFP reached 24,333 people (97 percent against the plan) with 626 mt of food and nutrition items.
- **In Tonj South**, Warrap State, WFP reached 50,000 people (100 percent against the plan) with 1,358 mt of food and nutrition items.

Distributions are ongoing for 296,390 people living Priority Two Counties, Ayod, Duk, Twic East and Bor, Jonglei State.



Safety Nets and Resilience

- As part of the 2021 Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) expansion which targets households in 11 new counties (primarily in the Greater Upper Nile region), the location selection and community based participatory planning has commenced. WFP and partners are working with communities to identify bomas and households previously supported through general food distribution (GFD) who are willing and interested to participate in FFA.
- WFP plans to expand livelihood-based interventions through income generating activities and vocational skill training schemes in Wau, Western Bahr el Ghazal. A Labour Markets Assessment was conducted from 27 Jan to 1 Feb 2021 to collect up-to-date information about the labour demand to support project design and implementation, to strengthen and adjust recommendations depicted in the Labour and Basic Food Commodities Market Assessment, and to understand changes in the labour market (gaps and challenges) over the past twelve months.



Innovations & Cash-Based Transfers

- In January 2021, CBT distributions were completed in Malakal, Yambio, Pamiir, Ajourng Thok and Bor as part of IDP response. Additionally, CBT distributions are ongoing in Juba (IDP response), Gorom, Maban and Mingkaman.
- As of 29 January 2021, 3.4 million people were registered in SCOPE.



Supply Chain

- The first three barge voyages from Kosti, Sudan, are on the Nile heading for Melut, Upper Nile State and Bor, Jonglei State, South Sudan. A total of ten barges are carrying 3,233 mt of sorghum, pulses, oil and salt. This cargo will help meet food requirements in South Sudan as well as Yabus, Blue Nile State, in Sudan.

Clusters and Common Services*



Logistics Cluster

- During the reporting period, transport of 442 mt of Camp Coordination and Camp Management, Food Security, General Operations, General Program, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Protection, Shelter and WASH cargo to 35 locations was facilitated on behalf of 35 organizations. Of this, 43 percent was transported by road and river transport modalities.
- Since 15 January 2021, the Logistics Cluster has coordinated the departure of three road humanitarian convoy towards the Western Corridor—Kajo Keji and Yambio—enabling the transportation of approximately 1400 mt of humanitarian cargo.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to advocate to partners for cargo prepositioning ahead of the rainy season when roads are mostly accessible.
- Following rehabilitation, the Juba—Bor road is now open to trucks carrying up to 40 mt. This road is accessible up to the airport, however, the road section between Bor airport, Bor town and Bor town port remains inaccessible. As a consequence, the Logistics Cluster will cease facilitating the temporary cargo transportation services between Juba and Bor, and will resume normal operations and request partners to preposition cargo in the Logistic Cluster Bor warehouses for onward river and air movements ex-Bor.
- The most recent access constraints map can be found [here](#).



COVID-19

- WFP and WHO through the Logistics Cluster—as co-leads of the Operational Support and Logistic 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 3 February, **290 requests from over 90 organizations** have been approved by the Inter-Agency Technical Team, resulting in the 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 1,427 passengers and 106.7 mt of light humanitarian cargo to 54 destinations across South Sudan. UNHAS performed five medical evaluations on behalf of four organizations from Rubkona, Gaynel, Maban and Yida to Juba.
- UNHAS transported 27 COVID-19 suspected samples from Rubkona and Agok to Juba, successfully collecting 100 percent of suspected sample requests.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted (December 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (2018-2021)	3,885.3	2,006.9	274.5	1,146,498	660,098	486,400
Activity 1 Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations Strategic Result 1: Access to food	2,181.1	940.1	182.2	697,574	378,253	319,321
Activity 2 Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees Strategic Result 1: Access to food	477.5	184.3	38.0	159,570	86,822	72,748
Activity 3 Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition	548.7	223.2	16.0	217,246	156,588	60,658
Activity 4 Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity and Income	275.4	96.2	10.0	72,108	38,435	33,673
Activity 5 Operate air services for the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	208.3	144.4	12.6	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	8.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7 Supply Chain provision Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	21.4	10.1	2.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 8 Inter-Agency IT Communication Service Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	9.6	6.0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 9 SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	53.9	14.7	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	1.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Activity Specific funding		316.4				

Donors (2021 listed alphabetically)*

