



WFP South Sudan Situation Report #268



In Numbers

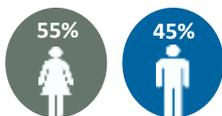
- 6.01 million** people facing acute food insecurity from February to April 2020 ([IPC](#))
- 1.7 million** acutely malnourished women and children ([IPC](#))
- 2.2 million** people assisted by WFP in March 2020
- 1.47 million** internally displaced people ([OCHA](#))
- 2.2 million** South Sudanese refugees ([UNHCR](#))
- 188,528** seeking shelter with the UN ([UNMISS](#))

Highlights

- WFP has reached 2.2 million people with food and nutrition assistance in March.
- WFP continues with double food distributions as a transmission reduction measure, with 2.5 million people reached to date.
- WFP has prepositioned 134,448 mt of food and nutrition commodities, enough to serve over 2 million people, in areas that will be cut off during the rainy season.

People assisted

March 2020



Global Humanitarian Funding 2019

Overall:
USD 1.5 billion
WFP share:
USD 660 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(May –October '20) **210.7**

Strategic Outcome 1

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

182.3

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

1.3

Strategic Outcome 3

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

16.9

Strategic Outcome 4

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

10.2



COVID-19 Update

- As at 30 April 2020, South Sudan has recorded 35 confirmed cases of COVID-19. The UN continues to support national-led COVID-19 prevention and preparedness efforts.
- WFP is implementing Programme Continuity measures with double food distributions, as a transmission reduction measure, completed or ongoing across the country. To date, 2.5 million beneficiaries, across 68 locations, have been reached with double distributions. A further 630,000 beneficiaries, across 21 locations, have been reached with a one-month distribution. WFP is expediting response to the most vulnerable in IPC phase 5 areas (Ayod, Akobo West and Duk counties in Jonglei State), refugee camps and Protection of Civilian sites.
- Through the Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) programme 200,000 people were supported. While asset creation activities have commenced across the country, starting with land preparation, food and cash distributions were provided regardless of the level of output to help mitigate the COVID-19 related shocks on food security. WFP will continue to provide monthly food assistance through September, covering the main lean season period while households work on assets that enhance their resilience and food security.
- WFP is currently serving 150,000 people through urban safety nets programmes. The fifth phase of the Juba Urban Safety Nets Project has commenced with cash transfers to 72,000 people ongoing across the city. Considering the impact of COVID-19, WFP is providing two months of unconditional support until the situation improves and trainings can commence. In addition, WFP is providing one month of food assistance to support 40,000 people who were supported in the previous phase of the project. Within this, approximately 3,100 displaced people not previously assisted by the safety nets project are being served.
- In Wau, Western Bahr el Ghazal State, the second phase of the Wau Urban Safety Nets Project commenced with a two month cash distribution for 28,500 people. Conditionalities related to the planned skills development trainings are lifted as a preventive measure for COVID-19 and beneficiaries will continue to receive unconditional support over six months.
- Urban areas will likely be the epicentre of any COVID-19 outbreak, bringing a



new wave of populations requiring assistance, not covered under WFP or any other large scale safety-net package. WFP foresees an additional urban caseload of an estimated 1.6 million people. WFP requires USD 80 million to cater for the additional urban caseload with 50,000 mt of food commodities, for a period of 3 months.

- WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, provided a 10 x 32 m tent to the Ministry of Health and WHO, which will be used as an expansion of the John Garang Infectious Diseases Unit for COVID-19 patient treatment. The installation of the unit will be completed next week.
- WFP has contracted additional storage space in Juba for the expected delivery of Personal Protective Equipment from WHO/ UNICEF, also open to all partners for COVID-19 specific items.
- WFP, upon request from WHO, is sending to state capitals Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF) 500 kits – these contain all necessary medical Personal Protective Equipment.
- In support of the national-led response, UNHAS transported 31 COVID-19 suspected samples from Nimule, Rumbek, Torit, Yambio, Yirol and Wau to Juba for testing.
- Currently, UNHAS cargo flights are proceeding as normal while passenger flights are being prioritized based on criticality. While there is no passenger movement between states, flights within states proceed.
- Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, UNHAS has performed 12 medical evacuations on behalf of six organizations.
- WFP continues to expedite delivery of food from the Northern, Southern and Eastern corridors to major hubs in South Sudan to ensure the people we serve are reached with the assistance they need. The border status is being closely monitored.
- Since COVID-19 related travel restrictions came into effect, WFP has maintained 97 percent of staffing component in the field offices and 93 percent in the country office. Offices and facilities are operating on a criticality basis with many staff working from home to ensure physical distancing.



WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP and cooperating partners reached 2.24 million people with a total of 23,370 mt of food and USD 2.4 million in cash based transfers in March 2020.
- WFP and cooperating partners provided food and nutrition support to 736,600 people, including 184,700 children under 5, with 24,470 mt of assorted food items distributed in eight counties of Akobo West, Ayod, Koch, Leer, Mayendit, Nyirol Panyijiar and Uror as part of the Rapid Response Mechanism. (RRM) in the last two weeks.



Supply Chain

- As of 24 April 2020, 134,448 mt of food commodities, equivalent to 71 percent of the planned 190,530 mt, were prepositioned to areas that will be inaccessible during the rainy season. The prepositioned stocks are enough to serve over 2 million people. Cargo movement is ongoing.
- Two WFP fleet trucks were airlifted from Malakal, Upper Nile State, to Old Fangak, Jonglei State, on 20 and 21 April 2020. The trucks will support the prepositioning exercise in Old Fangak, one of the most inaccessible places in South Sudan. The roads and river have not been used fully by humanitarian or UN agencies for a long time due to limited access and insecurity in the area. Almost all the routes within the County are only accessible during the dry season. Following an assessment in February the roads were cleared and airdrops/airlifts have reduced. Plans are also underway to improve river docking stations in the area.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security & Livelihoods (FSL) Cluster

- The FSL Cluster reached 17,252 households with livelihood kits (fishing, vegetable & crop kits) to improve food production in February and a further 13,195 households received different types of trainings to build their capacity and reduce dependency on food and agricultural assistance.



Logistics Cluster

- Over the reporting period, transport of 275 mt of General Operations, General Program, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Protection, Shelter and WASH cargo to 28 locations was facilitated on behalf of 27 organizations.
- The Logistics Cluster coordinated the departure of three humanitarian convoys towards Jonglei field locations and the western corridor, enabling the transportation of over 1,000 mt of life-saving humanitarian supplies.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to share with partners the importance of cargo prepositioning prior to the rainy season and considering the uncertainty generated by COVID-19.
- The most recent access maps can be found [here](#).



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- Due to COVID-19 related movement restrictions, UNHAS passengers are being prioritized based on criticality. Over the reporting period, UNHAS transported six passengers and 25 mt of light humanitarian cargo to 21 destinations across South Sudan.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted (March 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (2018-2020)	2.97b	1,636.7	210.7	2,241,470	1,235,016	1,006,454
Activity 1 Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations Strategic Result 1: Access to food	1652.5	761.9	142.1	1,785,749	948,692	837,057
Activity 2 Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees Strategic Result 1: Access to food	364.5	141.0	40.2	227,193	122,339	104,854
Activity 3 Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition	437.6	161.5	1.3	216,331	157,187	59,144
Activity 4 Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity and Income	213.5	68.5	16.9	12,198	6,800	5,398
Activity 5 Operate air services for the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	152.4	129.3	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	63.1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7 Supply Chain provision Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	16.6	9.2	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 8 Inter-Agency IT Communication Service Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	7.0	5.3	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 9 SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	46.6	13.3	9.9	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	283.6				

Donors (2019, listed alphabetically)*

