South Sudan
Emergency Floods Response
Lessons learned summary

Summary of presentation in January 2020
2019 Emergency Flood Response (EFR)
Summary of operations

- 907,000 people affected so far 700,000 in late 2020
- Widespread flooding compared to more intense concentrated flooding in late 2020
- Causes: Indian Ocean dipole, creating an El Niño effect in the Indian Ocean
- As in late 2020 WFP pipeline + logistics + coverage across the country to again act quickly; plus IRRM with FAO & UNICEF

I. Short term: EFR consisting in 3 major components:
   1. EFR Response Kit targeted 80,000 HH; 65,000 HH were reached.
   2. Emergency flood food response to 800,000 people (WFP & partners)
   3. Multi-cluster EFR to refugees and hosts in Maban (UNHCR & partners)

II. Medium term: Recovery: affected cultivations and cattle; degraded WASH infrastructure, e.g. water points, toilets; degraded other infrastructure (roads, air strips, etc.),

III. Long term: Humanitarian partners to join efforts with national authorities and development partners for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) for future flooding: e.g. construction / strengthening of dykes, establishing flood committees, etc.
2019 – 2020 EFR Lessons Learned

1. OCHA – Cluster Coordinator coordination
   • Regular CCs meeting for high-level planning
   • Static response de-prioritized, but need also support.

2. Content of survival kits
   • Limited stocks available in pipelines; borrowed from 2020.
   • Transport in bulk & package kits on ground

3. 2nd Phase EFR
   • 2nd Phase not well understood by CCs.
   • Suggest return to business as usual, instead of 2nd Phase.
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4. Too many locations for assessments / responses
   • Cluster partners not able to conduct many assessments.

5. Information gaps among Cluster / partners
   • Challenge to get the verified numbers of affected HHs.
   • CCs not input to EFR tracker (FAO were good)

6. Logistical difficulties
   • Flood water hampering logistics operations (e.g. Pibor); Lack of pipeline supplies in hubs required fixed-wing support.

   Inter Cluster response ended up being too slow