



# DESERT LOCUST UPDATE - SOUTH SUDAN

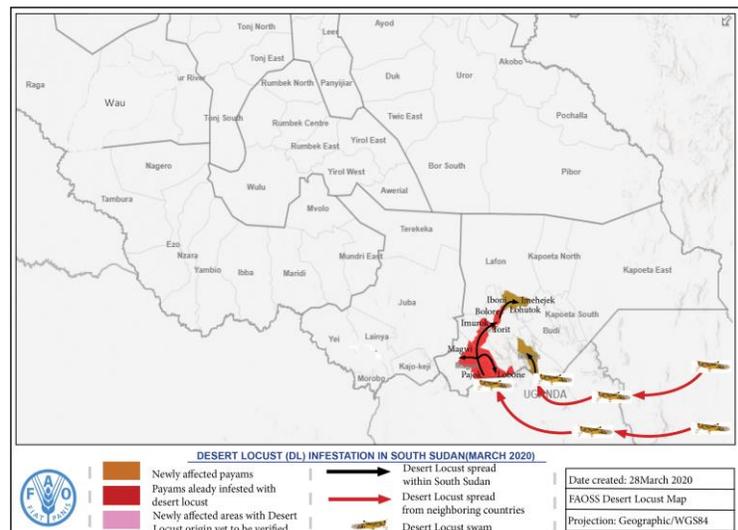
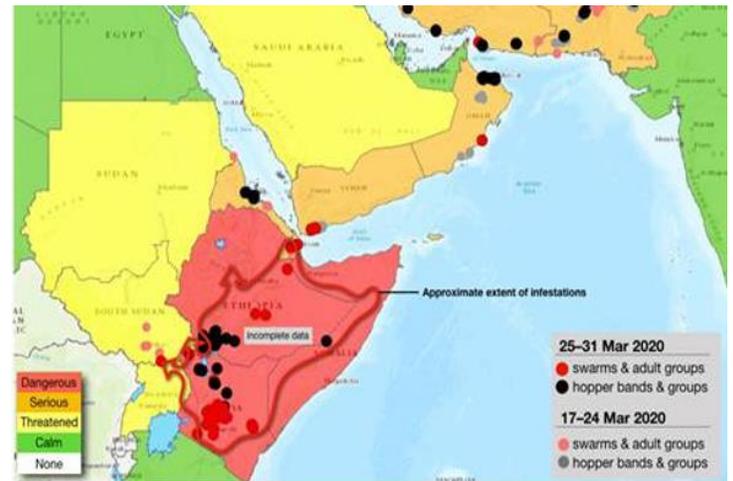
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## Situation update

- On Sunday 29 March, a swarm of mature Desert Locusts arrived in Loboni payam, Eastern Equatoria aided by westerly winds.
- Swarmlets of mature Desert Locust have been spotted in Rumbek East.
- The bigger swarmlets moved northwards via Bor towards the border between South Sudan and Ethiopia, while the smaller one moved westward and was sighted in Mundri on Monday 23 March.
- Field monitors confirmed that most desert locusts spotted in South Sudan are matured.
- However, reports from Kenya and Ethiopia indicate that additional movements of desert locust new generation from northwestern Kenya and southwestern of Ethiopia into South Sudan.

## Response

- Following the invasion of Juba, the High-level Committee met to analyze the situation and agreed as follows:
  - Immediate expansion of monitoring mechanisms to other location (Juba, Terekeka, Upper Nile, Bor, Unity),
  - Aerial control operation to be triggered once swarms settle
  - Continue to monitor behavior of swarms to identify areas where the swarms have laid eggs
- The High-Level Desert Locust Committee is working on a short, medium and long-term plan to handle the outbreak.
- Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security has secured 400 liters of pesticides (chlorpyrifos, 350 liters of Deltamethrin and 400 liters of Malathion) and 30 Pcs of PPE.
- FAO continues to fast-track supply of insecticide and equipment. On 20 March, FAO received 5000 Liters of pesticides (Chlorpyrifos-240g/l) ULV, enough to spray over 167 000 hectares.
- Surveillance tools and equipment (tablets/phones) are being harmonized to build a sustainable early warning
- 50 mobile phones were deployed for surveillance and reporting
- Radio PSAs are playing in English and Arabic on Radio Miraya and Eye Radio. Both radio stations have repeaters across the country. FAO is working with other stations to play PSAs in local languages.



**Desert Locusts in Juba. [Video 1](#) | [Video 2](#)**  
**Podcast: [FAO Representative on Radio Miraya](#)**

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**TOLL-FREE NUMBER: 515**

## Funding appeal

- The South Sudan component of FAO Desert Locusts rapid response and anticipatory action remains **USD 10 million**.
- FAO received over USD 6 million from USAID, the European Union, France, Germany and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.