In 2021, South Sudanese people were confronted by a series of interconnected shocks, such as conflict, persistent and unprecedented flooding, inflation, and COVID-19, which severely impacted the most vulnerable, particularly women, children, the elderly and people with special needs. Insecurity due to conflict and flooding led to increasing internal and cross-border population movements requiring humanitarian support, further straining already limited resources, livelihoods and services, and exacerbating protection risks. Sub-national violence and conflicts flared, resulting in population displacement, looting and destruction of property, and disruption of services. More than 8.3 million people needed humanitarian assistance and protection services. Humanitarian organizations worked tirelessly to meet people's priority needs, guided by three strategic objectives set in the 2021 Humanitarian Response Plan. Almost 5.3 million women, girls, boys, and men were reached with humanitarian assistance and services between January and December 2021. Response achievements include some 4.2 million people who received food assistance and livelihoods support; about 2 million people reached with healthcare; approximately 1.6 million people assisted with protection services; and some 1.3 million people supported with access to safe water and sanitation. Nearly 1.3 million children and pregnant and lactating women were provided with nutritional assistance, and about 1 million people received household items and emergency shelter. Some 875,000 people were reached through camp coordination and camp management services, and over 298,000 children were supported with access to education in emergencies. More than 26,000 metric tons of humanitarian cargo were transported. An estimated 56 per cent of humanitarian partners working to achieve the HRP objectives were South Sudanese non-governmental organisations. The humanitarian response was impacted by sub-national violence, bureaucratic impediments, operational interference, violence against humanitarian personnel and assets. Remote communities were cut off from assistance during the rainy season. There were 591 access incidents reported in 2021, compared to 580 in 2020, significantly impacting the response operations in the country according to the 2021 Humanitarian Access Overview: https://bit.ly/3MBKd63. Generous donor contributions enabled the humanitarian response. The response plan was 68 per cent funded, with US$1.15 billion received toward the $1.68 billion appeal. This includes the $35 million allocated through the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund and $69 million disbursed through the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund.
Response highlights in 2021

JANUARY 2021
Response scale-up to food insecure areas
An inter-sector scale-up response was provided to nearly 453,000 people in highly food-insecure areas to avert famine across the six counties of Akobo, Pibor, Aweil South, Tonj North, Tonj South and Tonj East.

FEBRUARY 2021
COVID-19 response
The Government announced a range of restrictions, including closure of schools and a ban on social activities in the wake of surge of coronavirus cases reported across the country.

MARCH 2021
HRP launched
The 2021 Humanitarian Response Plan was launched, calling for US$1.68 billion to reach 6.6 million people with urgent humanitarian and protection assistance in the country.

APRIL 2021
Food insecurity
Some 7.2 million people faced severe acute food insecurity between April and July 2021 (IPC 3 to 5) due to COVID-19 adverse effects, local and sub-national violence, flooding, general inflation, high food prices, and increased humanitarian needs.

MAY 2021
Sub-national violence
Renewed sub-national violence in Gumuruk, Likuangole and Verthet in Jonglei severely impacted humanitarian operations. About 20,000 people and some 55 people, including 35 women, were killed. Humanitarian facilities including warehouses were looted and vandalized.

JUNE 2021
Funding to food-insecure areas
CERF allocated $10 million to support the scale-up of humanitarian response in six priority counties, namely Aweil South, Tonj North, Tonj South, Tonj East, Akobo and Pibor.

JULY 2021
Looting of humanitarian assets
More than 911 metric tons of food supplies were looted during sub-national violence in several locations in the country between February and July 2021. These supplies were intended to feed more than 41,000 food-insecure people for up to four months.

AUGUST 2021
Flood response
The Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) launched a response to address the increased needs of hundreds of thousands of people affected and displaced by flooding in six most affected states of Jonglei, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, Unity, Upper Nile, and Warrap.

SEPTEMBER 2021
CERF allocations to underfunded priorities
CERF allocated $12.4 million to support the scaling up of response in underfunded priorities, such as education and protection among children, women, including persons with disability in 12 counties.

OCTOBER 2021
Response to Hepatitis E outbreak
The response to hepatitis E (HEV) in the Bentiu IDP camp in Rubkona County, Unity State, was scaled up. A HEV response strategy developed and a taskforce was established.

NOVEMBER 2021
Funding for core pipelines
CERF allocated $13 million to support the replenishment of core pipelines and the implementation of critical life-saving activities targeting 319,598 people in 20 counties.

DECEMBER 2021
Violence against aid workers and assets
Five aid workers were killed and 322 were relocated due to insecurity and threats in 2021.
People reached and operational presence

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People reached with some form of assistance cumulatively by month (in millions)
### Funding for 2021 Humanitarian Response Plan

**$1.68B** funding required  
**$1.15B** funded  
**68%** funded

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**South Sudan Humanitarian Fund**

**$69M** allocated

**By sector (US$)**

- **WASH**: 14.3M  
- **Protection**: 12.2M  
- **Health**: 12.1M  
- **ES/NFI**: 6.6M  
- **Nutrition**: 5.5M  
- **FSL**: 5.3M  
- **Logistics**: 4.8M  
- **Education**: 4.2M  
- **CCCM**: 3.1M  
- **CCS**: 0.7M

**By organization type (US$)**

- **INGOs**: $38M  
- **UN**: $55M  
- **NNGOs**: $16M

**Central Emergency Response Fund**

**$42.4M** allocated

**By sector (US$)**

- **FSL**: 14.0M  
- **Protection**: 10.7M  
- **WASH**: 5.8M  
- **Health**: 4.4M  
- **Education**: 3.8M  
- **CCS**: 1.8M  
- **ES/NFI**: 1.1M  
- **Nutrition**: 0.5M  
- **CCCM**: 0.3M

**By allocation (US$)**

- **Post-conflict needs**: 40%  
- **Flood**: 31%  
- **Violence/Clashes**: 29%

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**Note:** Funding data for 2021 updated from Financial Tracking Service (FTS) as of 24 February 2021. SSHF and CERF funding are updated as of 31 December 2021.
Response achievements by cluster

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

1.6M PEOPLE IN NEED

![Map of operational presence with data]

- 900K people targeted
- 875K 97% people reached of target
- Female: 472K
- Male: 402K
- Age-disaggregated data not available

OPERATIONAL PRESENCE

NUMBER OF IDPs REGISTERED

- $18M requested
- unmet: 77% funded: 23%
- 7 HRP partners

EDUCATION

3.4M PEOPLE IN NEED

![Map of operational presence with data]

- 806K people targeted
- 298K 37% people reached of target
- Female: 123K
- Male: 174K
- Data partially disaggregated by age

OPERATIONAL PRESENCE

CHILDREN ACCESSING EDUCATION IN EMERGENCY

- $54M requested
- unmet: 83% funded: 17%
- 34 HRP partners

Emergency Shelter and Non-Food Items

2.4M PEOPLE IN NEED

![Map of operational presence with data]

- 1.1M people targeted
- 1M 95% people reached of target
- Female: 546K
- Male: 487K
- Age-disaggregated data not available

OPERATIONAL PRESENCE

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ASSISTED WITH S/NFIs

- $33M requested
- unmet: 72% funded: 28%
- 25 HRP partners

Note: Funding data for 2021 updated from Financial Tracking Service (FTS) as of 24 February 2021.
Response achievements by cluster

### Food Security and Livelihoods

**7.7M PEOPLE IN NEED**

- **5.7M** people targeted
- **4.2M** 74% people reached of target

**OPERATIONAL PRESENCE**

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE ASSISTED WITH FOOD**

- **$644M** requested
- **51%** unmet
- **49%** funded

**Operational Presence by Month**

**Health**

**5.2M PEOPLE IN NEED**

- **2.4M** people targeted
- **2.0M** 82% people reached of target

**OPERATIONAL PRESENCE**

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH CONSULTATIONS**

- **$124M** requested
- **64%** unmet
- **36%** funded

**Operational Presence by Month**

**Nutrition**

**1.9M PEOPLE IN NEED**

- **1.3M** people targeted
- **1.3M** 100% people reached of target

**OPERATIONAL PRESENCE**

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE** WITH SEVERE AND MODERATE ACUTE MALNUTRITION ADMITTED FOR TREATMENT

- **$205M** requested
- **65%** unmet
- **35%** funded

**Operational Presence by Month**

**Note:** Funding data for 2021 updated from Financial Tracking Service (FTS) as of 24 February 2021.

**According to the Health Cluster, the proxy indicator of “number of health consultations” results in double-counting and over-achievement of the cluster target.**

**Data partially disaggregated by age**

**Boys and girls aged 0-59 months, children aged 5 and above, and pregnant and lactating women**
Response achievements by cluster

**Protection**

- **5.0M PEOPLE IN NEED**
  - **2.6M** people targeted
  - **1.6M** 64% people reached of target
    - Female: 913K
    - Male: 723K
    - Data partially disaggregated by age
- **$99M** requested
  - *unmet: 57%*
  - *funded: 43%*
- **OPERATIONAL PRESENCE**
- **NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED**
  - $99M
    - funded: 43%
    - unmet: 57%
    - 78 HRP partners

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

- **5.9M PEOPLE IN NEED**
  - **3.0M** people targeted
  - **1.3M** 42% people reached of target
    - Female: 1.3M
    - Male: 1.1K
    - Data partially disaggregated by age
- **$119M** requested
  - *unmet: 63%*
  - *funded: 37%*
- **OPERATIONAL PRESENCE**
- **NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH ACCESS TO IMPROVED WATER SOURCES**
  - $119M
    - funded: 37%
    - unmet: 63%
    - 67 HRP partners

**Logistics**

- **320** organizations
- **64,012** UNHAS passengers served
- **26,665 MT** of cargo transported to field locations
- **$89M** requested
  - *unmet: 56%*
  - *funded: 44%*
- **OPERATIONAL PRESENCE**
- **NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS UTILIZING LOGISTICS SERVICES**
  - $89M
    - funded: 44%
    - unmet: 56%
    - 2 HRP partners

Note: Funding data for 2021 updated from Financial Tracking Service (FTS) as of 24 February 2021.
Focus on the flood response

Response highlights

**Food Security and Livelihoods**

4.2M people reached with food assistance

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

1.3M people reached with WASH support

**Nutrition**

1.3M people reached with nutrition support

**Emergency Shelter and NFIs**

1M people assisted with emergency shelter and essential household items

**Health**

2M people provided with healthcare services

**Protection**

1.6M people assisted with protection services

**Education**

298K children provided with education in emergency services

**CCCM**

875K people reached with Camp Coordination and Camp Management services

**Logistics**

26,000MT of humanitarian cargo transported