



WFP South Sudan Situation Report #261

In Numbers

5.5 million people facing acute food insecurity from January to April 2020 ([IPC](#))

2.1 million acutely malnourished women and children ([HRP](#))

1.7 million people assisted by WFP in November 2019

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

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

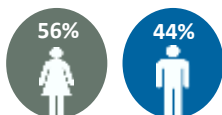
180,478 seeking shelter with the UN ([UNMISS](#))

Highlights

- WFP and cooperating partners reached around 5 million food insecure people with vital food and nutrition assistance across South Sudan in 2019.
- WFP invested around USD 40 million in the local economy through cash-based transfers, supporting local markets where they are functioning.
- WFP procured more than 8,000 metric tons locally in 2019, investing USD 2.7 million in local agriculture.
- WFP has registered more than 2 million people in SCOPE, the beneficiary identity management and transfer system.

People assisted

November 2019



Global Humanitarian Funding 2019

Overall:
USD 1.5 billion
WFP share:
USD 660 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(January - June '20) **309**

Strategic Outcome 1

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

245.3

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

45

Strategic Outcome 3

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

1.5

Strategic Outcome 4

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

17.2

Situation Update

- WFP is concerned about the food security outlook for 2020, the latest IPC projects up to 5.5 million South Sudanese will likely face crisis or worse levels of food insecurity between January and April. However, due to the impact of flooding, it is likely that the number of households experiencing high levels of acute food insecurity and the severity of food insecurity is higher than originally anticipated. WFP plans to reach around 5 million of the most food insecure people in 2020.
- WFP faces a USD 270 million shortfall to continue assistance for the first six months of 2020 including prepositioning. Urgent donor support is required to allow timely procurement and transportation of food to remote locations before these locations get cut off from supply sources.
- In 2019, WFP and cooperating partners reached around 5 million people with food and nutrition assistance and USD 40 million in cash-based transfers. Additionally, WFP procured more than 8,000 metric tons locally in South Sudan, worth USD 2.7 million. WFP plans to scale up local procurement to 15,000 metric tons in 2020.
- WFP and UNICEF released a joint call for action “Breaking the Cycle of Malnutrition in South Sudan” highlighting the urgent need for a paradigm shift in approaches to prevent and care for malnutrition in 2020. The call for action outlines the integrated response the two agencies vow to implement and clearly identifies the continued support needed from donors to reduce the burden of 2.1 million women and children suffering from acute malnutrition across the country.



WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP and cooperating partners reached around 1.7 million people with a total of approximately 16,310 mt of food and USD 2.66 million in cash based transfers in November 2019.
- WFP and cooperating partners have provided food and nutrition support to some 8,947 people, including 1,953 children under 5, with around 146 mt of assorted food items distributed in Mayendit and Ulang counties as part of the



Rapid Response Mechanism in the last week.

Flood Response

- WFP has reached over 800,200 flood affected individuals with vital food and nutrition assistance. So far, more than 10,700 mt of assorted food commodities have been distributed to people affected by floods.
- In Pibor, former Jonglei state, one of the worst flood-affected areas, WFP has been able to access all four flood-affected locations (Gumuruk, Verthet, Leukuangole and Pibor town). More than 65,000 people have received food and nutrition assistance across Pibor.
- In Maban, former Upper Nile state, another critically affected area by floods, WFP and partners carried out 41 choke point repairs on the main road between Banketa and Kidwa. This 50 km stretch of road was repaired in 11 days due to tireless efforts and excellent team work. With the route now operational, WFP convoy number 21 (made up of 19 trucks) that was stranded in Banketa has been able to reach Maban.



Gender and Protection

- WFP has contracted Development Pathways to analyze the relationship between gender and the value chain system in South Sudan to inform Safety Nets and Resilience (SNR) programming. The findings from this study will inform intentional programming to interrupt negative gender norms that limit the benefits experienced by WFP beneficiaries and advance gender equality programming by WFP.
- The Gender analysis of Food assistance for Assets (FFA) activities has been received by WFP. As a result of the FFA programme, both men and women reported meeting their immediate food needs, farming more land, increasing their knowledge and skills and starting new or expanding existing livelihoods. They also reported needing to rely less on different gendered coping mechanisms. Women were less likely to engage in less-preferred livelihoods such as collecting wild food or money and collecting and selling firewood.



Innovations & Cash-Based Transfers

- In December 2019, WFP surpassed 2 million identities registered in SCOPE. This was achieved by teams registering over 1 million people across the country in 2019 and through importing over 300,000 identities from IOM's BRaVe system into SCOPE. The South Sudan team will continue with the SCOPE scale up in 2020 to ensure all assistance is delivered using SCOPE.



Supply Chain

- WFP has begun the 2020 prepositioning exercise. Most roads are accessible but some chokepoints remain and repairs are being planned to facilitate timely delivery and achievement of the prepositioning target. With an ambitious prepositioning target of 190,000 mt, up from 175,000 mt in 2019, WFP is planning to

expand storage and assess the status of the Mobile Storage Units on ground for maintenance, especially in areas that recently experienced flooding. The remaining air delivery locations will be assessed to determine the possibility of using more efficient modes of transport.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 281 mt of Education, Food Security, General Operations, General Program, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Shelter and WASH cargo to 27 locations on behalf of 23 organizations. This includes 97 mt (35%) of cargo transported to flood-affected locations such as Akobo, Maban and Pibor.
- During the reporting period the Logistics Cluster has loaned a Mobile Storage Unit to Samaritan's Purse that will be made available for common storage to the humanitarian community in Yida, former Unity state.
- The first Logistics Cluster river movements of 2020 took place, including the departure of a barge from Bor to Renk in former Upper Nile state and of a boats convoy from Bor to Old Fangak in former Jonglei state. In total, the Logistics Cluster will be transporting 386 mt of life saving cargo on behalf of 17 organizations.
- The most recent access constraint map can be found [here](#).



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- Over the last two weeks, UNHAS transported 1,191 passengers and 101.4 mt of light humanitarian cargo to 42 destinations across South Sudan.
- UNHAS performed two medical evacuations on behalf of two organizations from Akobo and Torit.
- UNHAS transported two passengers for EVD support mission.
- UNHAS performed one Inter-Cluster Working Group mission with five passengers.
- UNHAS performed three passenger charter flights on behalf of WFP and FAO.
- UNHAS transported 45 passengers for Inter-Cluster Working Group flood response missions.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted (November, 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (2018-2020)	2.99b	1423.1	309	1,696,988	947,330	749,658
Activity 1 Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations Strategic Result 1: Access to food	1680.3	652.9	191.2	1,226,168	647,123	579,045
Activity 2 Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees Strategic Result 1: Access to food	317.5	119.8	54.1	223,292	119,606	103,686
Activity 3 Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition	437.5	150.8	45	233,594	171,985	61,609
Activity 4 Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity and Income	220.2	64.4	1.5	13,934	8,616	5,318
Activity 5 Operate air services for the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	152.4	113.4	3.9	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	46.8	6.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7 Supply Chain provision Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	16.5	7.9	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 8 Inter-Agency IT Communication Service Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	6.5	3.8	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 9 SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	36.7	6.4	6.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 10 Provision of IT services to the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	1.2	0	0.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Activity Specific funding	0.0	256.9				

Donors (2019, listed alphabetically)*

