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)
1.3 million people assisted by WFP in January 2020
1.47 million internally displaced people (OCHA)
2.2 million South Sudanese refugees (UNHCR)
188,528 seeking shelter with the UN (UNMISS)

Highlights

• The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report estimates that 6.01 million people are facing severe food insecurity between now and April.

• On Saturday, 22 February, the Transitional Government of National Unity was formed. The United Nations Secretary-General applauded regional and international efforts that contributed to this outcome.

• A national Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) task force has been established and documented a preparedness plan. WFP will lead the Logistics and Operations pillar through the Logistics Cluster preparedness unit.

People assisted

January 2020

Global Humanitarian Funding 2019

Overall: USD 1.5 billion
WFP share: USD 660 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(March - August ’20) 282.3

Strategic Outcome 1
Food insecure women, men and children in crisis-affected areas have access to safe and nutritious food 250.2

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 8.6

Strategic Outcome 3
Food insecure smallholders and communities in non-conflict zones have enhanced livelihoods and resilience to seasonal climate shocks throughout the year 15.7

Strategic Outcome 4
The humanitarian community has access to reliable common 7.8

Situation Update

• The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report released on 20 February confirms that severe hunger persists in South Sudan. The IPC update estimates that 6.01 million people are facing severe food insecurity and as many as 40,000 people—particularly in the flood impacted areas of Ayod, Duk and Akobo counties in Jonglei State—face IPC Phase 5 Catastrophe food shortages between now and April.

• Areas in Upper Nile, Jonglei and Northern Bahr el Ghazal states saw further deterioration in food security, driven by floods, macroeconomic factors, and reduced access to markets.

• At the height of the lean season, more than half of the population or 6.5 million people, out of 12 million, are projected to be in IPC Phase 3, Crisis, or worse. The projection of no more pockets of IPC Phase 5 locations assumes large scale assistance between January and May in the three counties.

• The situation in Greater Pibor, Jonglei State, remains tense following inter-communal clashes between Murle and Lou Nuer across the area. Entire villages have been burnt and communities have been forced to flee with some seeking protection at the UNMISS base in Pibor. In Lekuangole, north of Pibor, WFP’s partner reported that the warehouse was torched and stocks looted during the clashes. Around 8,000 people have been displaced by the violence. WFP has provided emergency food assistance to the displaced and is participating in assessment missions to better understand the needs of the affected population.

• United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres welcomed, on Saturday 22 February, the establishment of the Transitional Government of National Unity in South Sudan. The Secretary-General commended the parties for the “significant achievement in the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of Conflict in South Sudan”. The Secretary-General applauded regional and international efforts that contributed to this outcome.

• Swarms of locusts ravaging crops and grazing land across East Africa have reached South Sudan. In February 2020, the locusts crossed into Southern Magwi County, and Laboni County, both on the border with Uganda. WFP is monitoring the situation closely, the potential impact of locusts on a country that is still grappling with complex conflict, displacement, and severe food insecurity could be devastating.

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WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP and cooperating partners reached 1.3 million people with a total of 13,440 mt of food and USD 3.79 million in cash based transfers in January 2020.
- WFP and cooperating partners have provided food and nutrition support to some 183,600 people, including 43,600 children under 5, with around 3,456 mt of assorted food items distributed in six counties of Ayod, Koch, Leer, Mayendit, Nyirol, Panyijiar, Ulang and Uror.

Safety Nets & Resilience

- WFP successfully held a partners’ orientation workshop in Juba to ensure that the cooperating partners understand and appreciate the purpose of school feeding, selection criteria, implementation priorities and complementary activities. The workshop highlighted the importance of contextualizing school feeding, timely data collection and reporting, and provided key insights into the Global School Feeding Strategy 2020-2030, as well as the National Home-Grown School Feeding Strategy.

Supply Chain

- In order to improve delivery to the people we serve, WFP conducted a road and river assessment in one of the most inaccessible parts of South Sudan, the Greater Fangak County. The roads and river have not been fully used by humanitarian agencies for a long time due to limited access and insecurity in the area. Using All-Terrain Vehicles, the assessment team sought to determine whether WFP can use road and river in a place that has only been served by airdrops/airlift. The team found that the roads are dry but bushes in some areas require clearing. They also found areas accessible by river but noted that docking stations need improvement. Access to Greater Fangak will enable prepositioning in the dry season for Keew, Kuernyang, Juaiabor, Paguer and Kurwai, locations which were until now only supplied by air.

- As prepositioning continues, a total of 137 trucks loaded with more than 4,000 mt of maize were received at the WFP transshipment yard in Juba. This food is currently being cross-loaded on to other trucks for delivery to different field offices all over South Sudan.

- As of 29 February 2020, WFP South Sudan has a total availability of 200,340 mt of food nutrition stocks out of a needed 325,000 mt.

- As of 29 February 2020, 89,505 mt of food items, equivalent to 45 percent of the planned tonnage, have been prepositioned in the areas that will not be reachable throughout the rainy season.

Clusters and Common Services

Logistics Cluster


- In collaboration with NGO Forum, the Logistics Cluster conducted an induction session for 47 participants from 33 national NGOs on 20 February in Juba.

- The Phase 3 National EVD preparedness plan was officially endorsed by the EVD National Task Force last week. The Logistics Cluster continues to support EVD preparedness activities in high risk locations and is providing over 400m2 of warehousing space.

- The most recent access constraint map can be found here.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS transported 4,437 passengers and 55.2mt of light humanitarian cargo to 57 regular destinations across South Sudan.

- UNHAS performed 61 security relocations on behalf of 12 humanitarian organizations.

- UNHAS performed 10 medical evacuations on behalf of 10 organizations from Rubkona, Rumbek, Aweil, Malakal, Ganyiel Lankein, New Fangak, and Ajuong Thok.

- UNHAS performed two Inter-Cluster Working Group missions with 24 passengers to four locations.

Reporting for Common Services covers the period 20 - 26 February 2020.
### WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

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