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WFP South Sudan

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Highlights

- On 28 February, a Force Protection peacekeeper traveling with WFP's second convoy to Northern Jonglei was shot at during an ambush.
- The Abyei Administrative Area (AAA) saw an increase in violence on 5-6 March and WFP operations are suspended.
- WFP urgently continues road repair works to reopen the flooded road that connects Bentiu to the Main Supply Route, which is critical to ensure humanitarian can bring in supplies to support nearly 200,000 people in need of assistance whom were cut off due to the flooding.
- Through the Urban Safety Net programme, more than 35 trainees graduated from the vocational programme in tailoring and electricity.

Situation Update

- **Tensions remain in Jonglei and on 28 February, a Force Protection peacekeeper traveling with WFP's second convoy to Northern Jonglei was shot at during an ambush.** The convoy was able to deliver supplies and is now safely back in Bor. This route is critical due to the blockade at Anyidi, which since 21 January has denied access of commercial/humanitarian supplies to the Greater Pibor Administrative Area (GPAA), therefore, WFP is engaging for regular escorts along this route to support prepositioning
- **Central Unity State remains volatile after the attack in Leer County on 24 February, which resulted in the looting of WFP commodities from Mirmir.** Despite a lull in clashes over the past week, WFP will continue to closely monitor the conflict dynamics to assess the potential impact on ongoing operations given the unpredictable security environment which will affect WFP's access.
- **Tensions persist along the boundary areas between the Ruweng Administrative Area (RAA) and Unity State relating to cattle movements.** The ongoing dispute has impacted WFP operations, as youth threatened movement of WFP supplies from Sudan through the RAA to Bentiu. WFP is working to identify alternative access points, as well as engaging with all sides.
- **The Abyei Administrative Area (AAA) saw a significant increase in violence on 5-6 March** and the situation has deteriorated since fighting first broke out on 10 February regarding longstanding border disputes. A cooperating partner's security guard was fatally shot while fleeing fighting near WFP's warehouse. WFP's emergency response has consequently been put on hold due to the pervading insecurity.
- **Violence in Central Equatoria raises concerns for humanitarian space.** In Lainya County, at least 53 civilians were attacked in Kupera Payam on 27 February. The following day a clearly marked NGO convoy was attacked on the Yei-Maridi Road.

Photo: FFA participants in Bentiu, Unity show produce from their community garden created in Nov 2021, after the floods destroyed their crop fields (WFP/Althea Pickering)

In The Numbers

6 million people WFP plans to assist in 2022



2.5 million in March

8.3 million people facing severe food insecurity across 78 counties ([HNO](#))



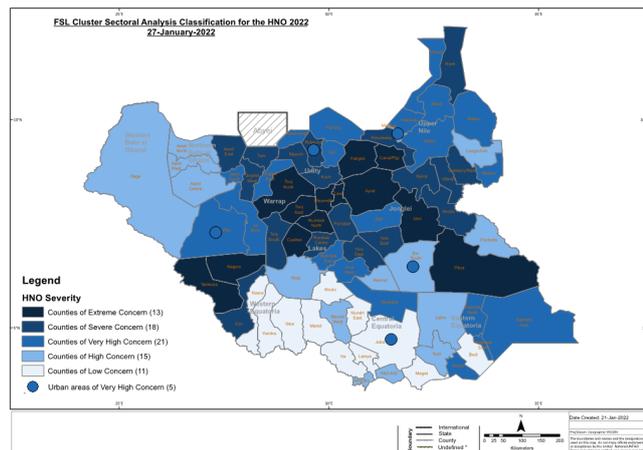
Of this, **13 counties**, are projected to be of extreme concern

2 million acutely malnourished women and children

2 million internally displaced people

2.3 million South Sudanese refugees

USD 516.4 million WFP six month net funding requirement from March to August 2022



WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In **March 2022**, WFP plans to reach **2.5 million** individuals, including **2 million** under emergency response. WFP plans to continue its flood response/scale up in identified high priority counties targeting **1,291,114 highly food insecure individuals** in Jonglei, Unity, Upper Nile, Lakes, Warap and Eastern Equatoria States.
- In February 2022, WFP reached **144,192 flood-affected people** with food and nutrition assistance (the third cycle of flood assistance).
- In **Renk**, humanitarian activities have resumed after the one year suspension due to tensions with the youth. WFP partners, Medair and World Vision, are restarting activities, supporting **26,000 people** with food and nutrition assistance who were not able to receive assistance for the past year due to tensions.



Safety Nets and Resilience

- **Urban Safety Nets Programme:** WFP completed registration of beneficiaries in Wau for the Urban Phase IV, with 24,250 individuals (5,210 households) registered. Urban Safety Nets trainees graduated on 14 February 2022 at St. Vincent De Paul, with the theme “Vocational training is the key to communal stability, peace and nation development.” 20 trainees graduated from tailoring while 17 graduated from general electricity. All students were given start up kits.
- **Food Assistance for Assets (FFA):** Community-based Participatory Planning (CBPP) meetings were conducted from 21-27 February in Tiam, Payam of Uror County where 1,000 households were registered to start FFA this year. The main priorities identified were crop farming, road construction, and water harvesting infrastructure meant to reduce conflict around water resources within communities in the payam.
- Since 2021, WFP has been expanding the **School Feeding programme** to food insecure hotspot areas of conflict in Jonglei through sequencing and layering with FFA activities. School Feeding is planned to start in the Walgak payam of Akobo this year. In the Waat Payam, Nyirol County, CBPP is ongoing and the community has already highlighted the need for education.



Innovations & Cash-Based Transfers

- **4.45 million** people are currently registered in SCOPE, including 92 percent of WFP beneficiaries with full demographic information and 66.6 percent with fingerprints.
- In 2022, WFP plans to register **1.3 million** people in SCOPE; and **93,333 people** have been regis-

tered to date (7 percent).



Supply Chain

- In 2022, WFP plans to transport **280,000 mt** of food (out of the **415,000 mt** needs-based plan requirement), including **171,000 mt** for the prepositioning exercise. As of 04 February, **93,431 mt** of food has been sourced in or brought into South Sudan (33 percent of the requirement).
- In Jonglei, roads are drying out, however, the security situation remains the main concern for food deliveries. The second convoy successfully delivered supplies to Northern Jonglei and is now safely back in Bor. WFP is liaising closely with UNMISS for regular movements to ensure prepositioning ahead of the rainy season.
- WFP continues road repair works from Bor to Baidit and to date, 17.7 km of road have been raised in height and regraded. Along the Bor South section, contractors have raised the height of the dyke and repaired breaks along 4 km from Adwar to Jalle.
- WFP continues engineering works to reopen the road connecting Bentiu to the Main Supply Route to the north and to date, **9.5 km (out of 18 km) of dyke** had been completed. Works are urgently ongoing ahead of the rains. This is critical to ensure humanitarian supplies can bring in supplies to support nearly 200,000 people in need of assistance whom are cut off due to the flooding.



Logistics Cluster

- In February, the Logistics Cluster transported a total of **414 mt** of humanitarian cargo on behalf of **52 organizations** to **72 locations**. 46 percent of this cargo was transported by road or river.
- **Six** road convoys departed during the month, serving locations along the Western Corridor and in the Equatorias.
- The Logistics Cluster continued to support the flood response in Bentiu with the facilitation of air cargo transport from Juba, to accessible location, facilitating delivery of **40 mt** of flood relief items.
- Due to funding constraints, the cluster is operating with **one helicopter** to serve priority locations not reachable by other means as the second helicopter was released on 1 February.
- The latest Physical Access Constraints Map, which is updated on a weekly basis, can be found [here](#).



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In February, UNHAS transported **5,551** passengers and **252 mt** of light humanitarian cargo across South Sudan, supporting **186** organizations.
- Additionally, UNHAS facilitated **7** medical evacuations and **3** security relocations with 34 passengers.
- UNHAS also supported **2** inter-cluster working group missions supported.

In Focus: Adapting livelihood activities to support flood-affected communities

More than 835,000 people have been affected by flooding across South Sudan and Unity State was one of the worst affected counties. Many communities across Rubkona and Guit counties were displaced to Bentiu town by the flooding.

In Unity State, WFP in partnership with Danish Refugee Council (DRC), has been supporting 2,000 households with Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) programming through asset creation, such as the clearing and cultivating of land, capacity building and training. While flooding has affected ability to implement traditional FFA activities, WFP and DRC have adapted FFA programming to continue supporting communities affected by flooding, both those displaced as well as host communities, to support livelihoods of flood affected people where they are currently residing.

Since November 2021, FFA participants established demonstration gardens, promoting vegetable gardening in lieu of agricultural fields to provide a source of income and diet diversity for consumption at the household level. The demonstration farm in Mankuai village in Bentiu town generated good results, which is now hosting people from Mankuai as well as displaced people from Pakur. In January, FFA participants engaged in the vegetable farm in Mankuai Village and were able to make around 53,000 SSP by selling okra, kodhra and eggplant (which is of high demand). Apart from collective vegetable farming, WFP and DRC are also encouraging and supporting households with backyard kitchen gardening. To continue to adapt to the changing environment and flooding, the programme is piloting floating gardens to provide an alternative livelihood activity.



Photo: Pilot floating garden in Mankuai village (DRC)



Photo: Vegetable garden in Mankuai established in Nov 2021 WFP)

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (millions in USD)	Allocated Contributions (millions in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements Mar 2022 to Aug 2022 (millions in USD)	People Assisted (January 2022)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (2018-2021)	5,045.3	2,787.6	516.4	1,363,388	763,497	599,891
Activity 1: Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations	2,698.9	1,357.5	309.1	887,636	497,076	390,560
Activity 2: Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees	574.1	249.0	35.4	262,248	146,859	115,389
Activity 3: Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition	651.9	274.8	61.0	169,582	94,966	74,616
Activity 4: Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households	397.9	136.6	78.4	43,922	24,596	19,326
Activity 5: Operate air services for the humanitarian community	252.3	193.6	14.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 6: Coordinate the Logistics Cluster in support of the humanitarian community	116.8	94.1	11.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7: Supply Chain provision	26.5	13.6	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 8: Inter-Agency IT Communication Service	11.6	7.8	0.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 9: SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners	58.8	16.8	5.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 10: Provision of IT services to the humanitarian community	1.3	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 11: Provision of infrastructure development services for humanitarian access and community	17.8	12.0	0.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Activity Specific funding		431.8				

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