



WFP South Sudan

Situation Report #295

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Highlights

- The split in the Sudan People's Liberation Army-in Opposition (SPLA-IO) continues to cause tension, particularly in Upper Nile State
- Ration cuts in IDP and refugee camps by the end of September to affect more than 100,000 displaced people in Juba, Wau and Bor
- 80,000 people displaced due to deteriorating security situation in Tambura, Western Equatoria
- To date in 2021, some 445,000 people have been affected by flooding in 20 counties across South Sudan

Situation Update

- **The fall-out following the June 2021 split in the SPLA-IO continues to cause tensions in Upper Nile state.** This continued political uncertainty may delay and affect WFP's operations in Upper Nile and northern Jonglei in the short term, including flood response and food security data collection exercises.
- **The security situation remains uncertain in Tambura, Western Equatoria State.** The fighting that started in late June involved informal armed actors, the SPLA-IO and the SSPDF led by Maj. Gen. James Nando. Recurring clashes have resulted in mass displacements of around 80,000 people. WFP had to increase its assistance to support over 40,000 IDPs. It is crucial that de-escalation takes place, including the demobilization of all forces to a training camp, so that a peaceful resolution to this conflict can be found; otherwise IDPs will not be able to return to their homes and their harvest may be lost.
- **Tensions may rise in IDP camps by end of September as ration cuts will affect more than 100,000 displaced people** for three months, starting in October in Juba, Wau and Bor. As a result of funding constraints, WFP announced the cut of rations from 70 to 50 percent and the reduction of the duration of support from 12 to 9 months back in April 2021 in order to scale-up assistance in counties facing famine-like conditions.
- **To date in 2021, more than 445,000 people have been affected by flooding in 20 counties across South Sudan.** WFP is assisting close to 380,000 as part of its Lean Season Response and scaled-up response in IPC 5 counties. However, current funding levels have not allowed support to 15,000 people in new flood-affected regions of Northern Bahr El Ghazal. The governance cluster, chaired by the First Vice President Dr. Riek Machar, has declared the **flood across the country as a national emergency.**

In The Numbers

3.2 million people
WFP plans to assist in
September 2021



7.24 million people facing acute food insecurity from April to July 2021.

Of this, **108,000 in IPC 5**, 2.4 million in IPC 4, and 4.6 million in IPC 3 ([IPC](#))

1.9 million acutely malnourished women and children ([IPC](#))

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

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

USD 1.5 billion Global Humanitarian Funding Requirement 2021 (USD 671 million for WFP)

USD 455.7 million WFP six month net funding requirement from October 2021 to March 2022

Projection: Acute Food Insecurity | April - July 2021



7.2 million people or 60% of the people analysed will likely face high levels of acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above) from April to July 2021.



WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In September 2021, WFP plans to reach **3.2 million individuals**, including 2.4 million under WFP's emergency response, over 800,000 people under WFP's Safety Net and Resilience portfolio; and 732,000 beneficiaries who will be supported with nutrition commodities.
- August distributions have been completed in 5 of the 6 IPC 5 risk counties, reaching **366,570 people** (95% achievement). In the Greater Pibor Administrative Area, July and August double distributions are still ongoing in Lekoungole. September distributions are ongoing in remaining counties.
- In IPC 4 counties, August distributions are ongoing, having reached **194,196 people** (68% achievement). Challenges persist in Duk due to flooded areas, road inaccessibility and low airlift capacity.
- Refugee Response distributions for August have been completed, **258,168 people** have received assistance through the provision of food and cash.
- WFP and humanitarian partners agreed to provide temporary **assistance to circa 7,000 flood affected people in Bentiu for up to two months**, until conditions allow for their return to their villages or higher ground in their places of origin. A joint public statement was issued by the HC/RC a.i. and the Governor of Unity State.



Safety Nets and Resilience

- An addendum to the 2020-2024 EUFT agreement has been signed, which will increase EU funding from EUR 6 million to EUR 22 million, allowing WFP to expand the activities to the greater Upper Nile region in addition to the current locations of Northern and Western Bahr El Ghazal.
- **Food Assistance for Assets** Distributions are ongoing in Tonj East, Tonj North and Akobo West. Communities are working on various types of asset creation activities including infrastructure to improve access to basic services and food production to increase household food availability.
- WFP is developing a plan for **smallholder local food purchase** for the 2020/ 2021 season. The current target tonnage is 1,500 mt of maize and pulses, which represents double the quantity which was purchased in 2020.
- The **national dialogue on the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit** was carried out at Juba Landmark Hotel on 7 and 8 September, engaging key actors at the national level to discuss challenges, opportunities and priorities for transforming food systems in South Sudan in preparation for the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit later this month.



SCOPE

- South Sudan has the highest number of WFP beneficiaries actively receiving assistance through SCOPE globally. Over 2 million beneficiaries are enrolled on distribution lists generated in SCOPE at any given time. A total of 4 million people have biometric records on database, and 82% of the people registered have received assistance using SCOPE.



Supply Chain

- In total, WFP plans to transport **370,000 mt** of food in 2021, including 190k for the prepositioning exercise. To date, **256,390 mt** of food has been sourced in or brought into South Sudan (84 percent of the yearly requirements).
- All roads from Bor to Northern Jonglei and Greater Pibor administrative areas are cut off due to heavy rain and flooding in some areas of Ayod, Duk, Twic East and Urur. Bor logistics unit is still operating river and air operations given the lack of accessibility by roads across Jonglei. Rains have also created road access constraints in Torit and increasing water levels in Maban are being monitored for the risk of warehouse flooding.
- On 13 September, a WFP contracted convoy carrying around 1,200 mt of food was looted in Baliet, Upper Nile, on its way to various locations along the Sobat River. Reports suggest that only 1 of the 11 boats was looted. WFP is following up to confirm the quantities of food lost.



Logistics Cluster

- Between 1 and 14 September, the Logistics Cluster transported a total of **222 mt** of non-food items (NFIs) on behalf of **17 organizations to 29 locations**. 64% of this cargo was transported by road or river.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the departure of one road convoy from Juba to Yambio, transporting about 280 mt of NFIs. The first boat trip from Malakal to Akobo and destinations along the Sobat river was successfully completed. The shift in modality from air to river will lead to considerable cost savings and reduced pressure on air operations.
- The latest Physical Access Constraints map, updated and shared with partners on a weekly basis, is available [here](#).



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In August, UNHAS transported **6,263** passengers and **287 mt** of light humanitarian cargo to 53 destinations across South Sudan.
- UNHAS performed **7** medical evacuations from Aweil, Maban, Rumbek and Wau to Juba.
- UNHAS facilitated flights for 4 ICWG humanitarian assessment missions to Guit, Rubkuai, Leer and Mayom.
- UNHAS continues to support UNICEF by transporting COVID-19 vaccines to seven destinations.

In Focus: WFP Supports Back-to-School Campaign in Akobo

Walgak (Akobo West) has been significantly affected by conflict, and the lack of education opportunities was repeatedly raised by the community when planning for the new FFA activities in March 2021. In view of this, WFP is supporting the Back-to-School Campaign in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, UNICEF and cooperating partners. WFP supported UNICEF in moving 4,060 student textbooks and 580 teachers' guides through UNHAS to Walgak, where they were handed over to the local education authority in preparation for schools in Walgak to open in 2022, when WFP will start providing school meals.



Photos: Back-to-school campaign in Walgak, Akobo West (WFP/Mark Apire)

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (million USD)	Allocated Contributions (million USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements* (million USD)
ICSP TOTAL (2018-2021)	3,885.3	2,429.6	455.7
Activity 1: Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations	2,181.1	1,120.4	331.6
Activity 2: Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees	477.5	212.8	50.8
Activity 3: Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition	548.7	240.60	58.4
Activity 4: Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households	275.4	134.30	0.0
Activity 5: Operate air services for the humanitarian community	208.3	181.80	7.4
Activity 6: Coordinate the Logistics Cluster in support of the humanitarian community	97.6	93.40	1.6
Activity 7: Supply Chain provision	21.4	12.40	1.5
Activity 8: Inter-Agency IT Communication Service	9.6	7.70	0.0
Activity 9: SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners	53.9	16.80	4.3
Activity 10: Provision of IT services to the humanitarian community	1.3		0.0
Activity 11: Provision of infrastructure development services for humanitarian access and community	10.5	10.70	0.0
Non Activity Specific funding		398.70	

* For the next 6 months (October 2021 to March 2021), including the preposition requirements for January through March 2022

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