



WFP South Sudan

Situation Report #296

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Highlights

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- In the Greater Pibor Administrative Area, the impasse with the youth and suspension of humanitarian operations continues.
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Situation Update

- **More than 750,000 people have been affected by flooding in 27 counties across eight states since May 2021.** 2021 is the third consecutive year of unprecedented flooding, which has led to displacement, loss of livelihoods, and reliance on humanitarian assistance. The devastating flood situation particularly in Bentiu, Unity State, has aggravated needs for humanitarian assistance and WFP is working on a response mechanism to support new IDPs in Bentiu Town. To date, WFP has supported **284,848 flood-affected people** with food and nutrition assistance.
- **The Government has allocated US\$ 11 million for flood response and WFP is supporting coordination and prioritization to reach the most vulnerable.** On October 28, WFP participated in the high-level mission to Jonglei, led by the Humanitarian Coordinator and the Government, which is the areas worst-affected by floods.
- **The fall-out following the June 2021 split in the SPLA-IO continues to cause tensions in Upper Nile state.** This 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.
- **In the Greater Pibor Administrative Area, the impasse with the youth and suspension of humanitarian operations continues.** Despite issuing a series of letters, the youth group has failed to drop the demand that 80% of employment opportunities be awarded to the local community. In Renk, suspension of humanitarian operations remains one year after affected NGOs were forced to evacuate.
- **The security situation in Tambura, Western Equatoria State, remains highly volatile, with persistent targeted violence against civilians, a resurgence of clashes in Tambura town and forced recruitments.** Following the withdrawal of humanitarians on October 15 due to clashes, WFP's distribution in Tambura town remains suspended, and displaced communities in areas such as Nagero and Namutina have not yet been reached.

In The Numbers

2.4 million people WFP plans to assist in October 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 568.3 million WFP six month net funding requirement from November 2021 to April 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.

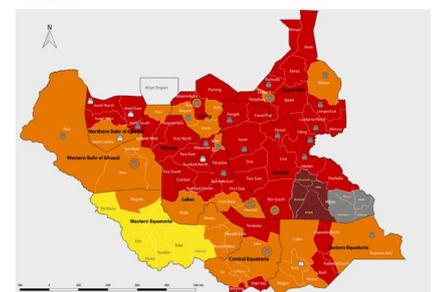


Photo: Flooded areas around New Fangak, October 2021 (WFP/Marwa Awad)

WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In **October 2021**, WFP plans to reach **2.4** million individuals, **1.42** million under WFP's emergency response and more than **980,000** people under WFP's Safety Net and Resilience portfolio in ten states. This includes **600,000** individuals under Food Assistance for Assets; **345,000** students through School Feeding; **35,000** farmers will be supported as part of WFP's Smallholder Agricultural Market Support Programme; and almost **70,000** people will receive assistance under WFP's Urban Safety Nets Programme in Juba, Wau, Aweil and Rumbek urban areas.
- September distributions have been completed in four of the six IPC 5 risk counties, reaching **321,269 people** (83 percent achievement).
- In IPC 4 counties, September distributions are ongoing, having reached **196,807 people** (78 percent achievement).
- **Lean Season Response** assistance completed in September in most locations, except for parts of Upper Nile, Jonglei, Central Equatoria (Morobo), Eastern Equatoria (Torit) and Lakes States where an extension for September and October was granted due to flooding, high levels of food insecurity and delayed distributions due to insecurity and conflict access constraints.
- As part of WFP's Tambura response to the 80,000 conflict-affected IDPs, to date, **41,322 individuals** (out of the total of 59,648 individuals registered to date) have received food and nutrition assistance.
- As part of the flood response, WFP has supported **284,848 flood-affected people** with food and nutrition assistance to date.
- WFP conducted a mission to **Pibor** on 12 October to ensure the continuation of life-saving activities in Likuongole and Verteth (IPC 5 locations) could take place and to conduct a stock-count of current commodities on the ground.



Safety Nets and Resilience

- **Through the Smallholder Agriculture Market Support**, WFP has finalized plans to procure 1,400 mt of maize directly from smallholder farmers in Magwi and Yambio, Eastern and Western Equatoria States, respectively. This is part of WFP's strategy to increase local procurement in areas with surplus production, with the target of 40,000 mt total for the year through a mix of procurement modalities for commercial and pro-smallholders.
- Through the **Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) programme**, WFP has finalized four out of six in-kind distribution cycles in all IPC 5 locations planned for 2021. In Aweil South, Tonj East and

Tonj North, Non-Food Item (NFI) and cash distributions are almost completed. In Tonj North, five out of six cycles of NFI distribution have now been completed. Distributions will commence in Tonj South, Pibor and Akobo West in the coming days, including through air drops in Pibor.

- Through **WFP's School Feeding programme**, school gardens are provided as a complementary initiative and platform for school children and the wider community to gain basic agricultural skills, improve their nutrition knowledge, and supplement school feeding rations. As of October 2021, WFP and partners have established school gardens in 280 schools out of the 1,100 schools that WFP assists nationwide, representing about 25 percent. To ensure maintenance and upkeep of the school gardens, WFP and partners provide tools and inputs, including seeds, and more school gardens will be established in the coming months.



Supply Chain

- The primary mode of delivery in October is by road (65 percent) followed by river (25 percent) and air (10 percent). WFP continues efforts to reduce reliance on air transport by opening up more water ways to improve cost-efficiencies.
- WFP is closely monitoring the impact of instability in Sudan on deliveries through the northern corridor into South Sudan.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster transported a total of **868 mt** of non-food items (NFIs) on behalf of 38 **organizations** to **48 locations**. 78 percent of this cargo was transported by road or river.
- During the period, the Cluster coordinated 5 river movements (3 Barges and 2 Boats) which carried Non-Food Items (NFIs) to various locations across the country including.
- The latest Physical Access Constraints map, updated and shared with partners on a weekly basis, is available [here](#).



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- During the period, UNHAS transported **4,048** passengers and **198** mt of light humanitarian cargo to 53 destinations across South Sudan.
- UNHAS performed **16** medical evacuations on behalf of 11 organizations from 12 locations across the country to Juba.
- UNHAS performed **6** security relocations with 87 passengers from Boma, Pibor, Gumruk, Pulchul and Ulang to Juba.
- UNHAS performed **5** ICCG missions, transporting 47 passengers to 7 locations across the country.

In Focus: Building Household Resilience Through Food Assistance for Assets

Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) activities aim to contribute to increased household food production, build resilience through asset creation and improve capacity of the communities to respond to natural and manmade shocks and stresses. In Geng Geng Payam, Yirol West County, Nyanabnag Athuoi is an FFA participant in one of the farms, Makur Farm. She started in the project with 2 feddans and she has now expanded her production to 6 feddans. Thanks to the income generated from this project, she can now afford to pay school fees for her children and she has even been able to invest in a bull for ploughing (pictured right). Pictured left, Nyanabnag stands with bags of groundnuts she harvested from her feddans. As a mother of 7 children, participating in this project enables her to support her family and build household resilience.



Photos: Nyanabnag Athuoi stands with her harvested ground nuts and her bull (Plan International)

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (millions In USD)	Allocated Contributions (millions in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements Nov 2021 to Apr 2022 (millions in USD)	People Assisted (September 2021)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (2018-2021)	3,885.3	2,438.9	568.3	2,435,456	1,388,210	1,047,246
Activity 1: Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations	2,181.1	1,123.0	411.4	1,501,251	855,713	645,538
Activity 2: Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees	477.5	210.2	60.9	247,594	141,129	106,465
Activity 3: Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition	548.7	240.6	71.7	224,370	127,891	96,479
Activity 4: Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households	275.4	134.3	9.1	462,241	263,477	198,764
Activity 5: Operate air services for the humanitarian community	208.3	184.8	6.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 6: Coordinate the Logistics Cluster in support of the humanitarian community	97.6	93.4	2.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7: Supply Chain provision	21.4	12.4	1.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 8: Inter-Agency IT Communication Service	9.6	7.7	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 9: SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners	53.9	16.8	4.5	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	10.5	10.7	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Activity Specific funding		405.0				

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