Situation Update

- There is growing frustration among refugees due to the reduction of food assistance rations to 50 percent because of funding constraints. On 23 July, refugees in Yusif Batil refugee camp in Maban county, Upper Nile, detained eleven staff members from WFP, UNHCR, and two NGOs for several hours, while demanding food distributions start immediately.

- In Western Equatoria, tensions remain high due to an increase in violence in Tambura, which according to reports has displaced 15,000 people. WFP has already provided a one-off distribution to 7,795 IDPs and stands ready to provide further assistance should violence disrupt WFP’s operations and lead to further large-scale displacement.

- WFP humanitarian operations continue to be hampered by roadside attacks. On 15 July 2021, a 10 truck WFP convoy carrying 70 mt of CSB++ of food commodities from Bentiu to Kuajok got stuck in the mud at Ariel. While stuck in the mud, the convoy was ambushed by a heavily armed group. The drivers were rescued, although badly beaten, and a rescue mission to recover the trucks from the mud is currently underway. Some food has been recovered and the exact amount of food looted will be confirmed once the trucks are rescued from the mud. At least 13 people have been arrested to date in relation to the incident.

- On July 22-24, WFP conducted a conflict, security, and access assessment mission to Marial Lou and Paliang in Warrap to assess the losses from the July 8-9 attack on Marial Lou and find a sustainable solution for continued support to the vulnerable communities currently facing IPC Phase 5 levels of food insecurity. The mission was successful in paving a way forward and WFP is now planning an immediate response to IDPs from Marial Lou.

- The UK Special Envoy for Famine Prevention and Humanitarian Affairs, Nick Dyer visited South Sudan to assess the international and government response to the humanitarian emergency in South Sudan, which included visits to WFP operations in Kuajok and Tonj North in Warrap State.

- WFP appreciates the most recent contributions from the United States (BHA) and France. BHA confirmed US$ 45 million to support crisis-affected populations with food and nutrition assistance, including support to refugees, and provide livelihood support to build resilience while France confirmed US$ 596,659 to support the lean season response in IPC 5 locations.

Highlights

- WFP provided assistance to 7,795 people who have been displaced in Tambura as a result of violence in the area.
- Over 13,000 people that were displaced as a result of the flooding in Jonglei were able to return to Manydeng Boma in Baidit as a result of WFP’s emergency dyke and road rehabilitation project which connected Bor to Baidit town. Of the 13,000, around 1,150 returnees are WFP beneficiaries who received food assistance in June.
- On 23 July, refugees in Yusif Batil refugee camp in Maban county, Upper Nile, detained eleven staff members from WFP, UNHCR, and two NGOs for several hours, while demanding food distributions start immediately.
- WFP conducted a mission to Marial Lou and Paliang, Warrap following the July 8-9 attack to find a sustainable solution to support the food insecure communities.

In The Numbers

- 3.9 million people WFP plans to assist in July 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)
- 1.62 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 236.8 million WFP six month net funding requirement from August 2021 to January 2022

Projection: Acute Food Insecurity | April - July 2021

2.2 million people or 30% of the people already facing high levels of acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above) from April to July 2021.

Photo: WFP contracted donkeys to transport nutrition commodities (while displaying nutrition messages) to reach the remote Ngauro village in Budi County (WFP/ Marwa Awad)
WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In July, WFP is targeting 3.9 million individuals in 79 counties, 2.7 million of which under WFP’s emergency response, 819,606 individuals with nutrition commodities, and 1.1 million with assistance through WFP’s safety nets and resilience programmes.
- In the six IPC 5 counties, June distributions have been completed reaching 362,083 and 97% achievement. July distributions are ongoing in all six counties, currently having reached 163,892 people (46% achievement), while August distributions have started in two counties as part of double July/August distributions.
- In IPC 4 counties, June distributions have been completed in 3 of the 4 counties currently standing at 71% completion. Deliveries for June and July have been delayed in Duk due to low airlift capacity and poor weather conditions and July distributions are proceeding slowly in Twic East and Bor South and Ayo due to delivery challenges.
- Refugee Response distributions for July have been completed in Makpandu, Gendrassa and Doro camps, and are ongoing in Kaya and Batil (Maban).
- WFP has provided assistance to 7,795 people displaced in Tambura due to the ongoing violence. More displacement in Tambura is reported as a result of continued conflict in the area and WFP is assessing numbers of reported IDPs in order to plan for additional assistance accordingly.
- WFP continues to track flooding and has reported the arrival of about 300 individuals in Malakal town from New Fangak due to flooding caused by ongoing rains.

Safety Nets and Resilience

- WFP is rolling out the Urban Safety Net project in Aweil and Rumbek, supporting 2,500 households in Aweil and 1,400 households in Rumbek. Home gardening activities and drainage cleaning have started in Aweil while vocational training institutions and training courses were identified and approximately 550 participants will start to engage in vocational trainings in Juba, Wau, Aweil and Rumbek in August.
- Through the School Feeding programme, WFP continues to support the National and State Ministry of Education (MOGEI) with the country wide ‘Back to Learning’ Campaign. Last week, the exercises took place in seven counties (Maridi, Mundri West, Kapoeta, Twic, Gogrial West, Tonj North), and included parents, learners, government officials and other education stakeholders.
- WFP has partnered with UNICEF for the implementation of a four-year (2020-2023) resilience project in urban and peri-urban settings of Juba, Torit, Yambio and Aweil which provides a full package of services in the sectors of education, child protection, WASH, health, nutrition, food security and livelihoods to build the absorptive, adaptive and transformative capacities of vulnerable communities.
- In the remote location of Ngauro village, Budi County, WFP and partners are reaching nearly 30,000 children under the age of five years and more than 8,000 pregnant women and nursing mothers with vital nutrition assistance. To access this remote location with existing resources, WFP contracted 17 donkeys to deliver eleven metric tons of specialized nutritious foods. Nutrition messages are attached to the donkeys in an effort to raise awareness in the communities as these donkeys pass through.

Supply Chain

- In total, WFP plans to transport 370,000 mt of food in 2021. To date, 238,489 mt of food has been sourced in or brought into South Sudan, representing 64 percent of the yearly requirements.
- Through the emergency road and dyke repairs project in Jonglei, 70 breached dyke points have been manually repaired and 56 points sealed with soil in Bor South, which has allowed for the dispatch of 43,840 mt of food in Jonglei State, representing over 58% achievement.

Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster transported a total of 210 mt of humanitarian cargo to 31 locations on behalf of 20 organizations.
- The tenth boat convoy departed from Malakal to locations along the Sobat River, transporting 44 mt of relief items.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the departure of two road convoys. One convoy left Juba for destinations along the Western Corridor with approximately 600 mt of humanitarian cargo, and the other departed Juba to Mundri and Jambo with about 240 mt of Non-Food Items.
- The latest Physical Access Constraints Map, updated on a weekly basis, is available here.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS transported 1,785 passengers and 72 mt of light humanitarian cargo to 53 destinations across South Sudan.
- UNHAS performed 4 medical evacuations on behalf of one organization from Mundri and Lankein to Juba and two ICWG mission transporting 23 passengers to three destinations.

Photo: Preparing sorghum in Akobo (WFP/ Theresa Piorr)
**In Focus: Over 13,000 displaced people returned to Jonglei thanks to WFP’s emergency road and dyke rehabilitation project**

2019 and 2020 saw the worst flooding in recent history in South Sudan, affecting more than 525,000 people and displacing communities, disrupting trade routes, and damaging houses, crops, and infrastructure. In 2021, WFP embarked on an ambitious plan to conduct emergency road and dyke repairs in Greater Bor to allow for timely and cost-efficient pre-positioning of food, facilitate the return of communities displaced by floods, and protect vulnerable counties from further flood damage in the 2021 rainy season.

Through this project, WFP repaired 70 beach points manually and 56 breach points with machinery (and sealed with soil) in Bor South to Jalle. Manual repairs have covered 18.4 km while machinery repairs over 14 km of road previously inaccessible. Additionally, 4.1 km of the 11km Baidit Adwar road embankment has been raised to prevent deterioration during rainy season while machinery repairs over 14 km of road previously inaccessible. Additionally, 4.1 km of machinery (and sealed with soil) in Bor South to Jalle. Manual repairs have covered 18.4 km while machinery repairs over 14 km of road previously inaccessible. Additionally, 4.1 km of the 11km Baidit Adwar road embankment has been raised to prevent deterioration during rainy season while other road repairs in Bor South include 27.5 km from Bor to Baidit.

The successful accomplishments of this project have allowed WFP to dispatch 43,840 mt of food commodities in Jonglei State, over 58% of the requirements and more food than has even been pre-positioned in Jonglei by road than ever before. Furthermore, over 13,000 people that were displaced because of the flooding in Jonglei over the last two years were able to return to Manydeng Boma in Baidit as a result of the dyke and road rehabilitation works done by WFP to connect Bor to Baidit town. Out of the 13,000, around 1,150 returnees are WFP beneficiaries who received food assistance in June.

Thanks to the slow start to the rainy season, WFP was able to continue urgently working on road repairs until mid-July, much past the expected halt of the project. WFP plans to resume road and dyke repairs work in October 2021 once water levels have receded with the hope to complete rehabilitation projects ahead of WFP’s 2022 pre-positioning exercise which ensures food commodities are strategically placed throughout the country before the rainy season. Road repairs reduce reliance on costly air operations and allow WFP to deliver food to remote locations that otherwise become inaccessible during the rainy season.

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