



World Food Programme

## WFP South Sudan

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### Highlights

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- Armed conflict between the SSPDF and the National Salvation Front (NAS) is increasing with the onset of the dry season in Greater Equatoria.
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### Situation Update

- **Tensions appear to be on the rise in Jonglei State and WFP together with partners is closely monitoring the situation for further mobilization.** On 23 January, a large-scale attack occurred in Baidit (Bor South), resulting in 32 fatalities. Following the major attack, there were a series of more minor incidents in areas like Duk, Pochalla, and Uror. Despite sustained attempts, including through the WFP-supported community violence reduction programming, to persuade key community leaders to exercise restraint. Given the high levels of persisting food insecurity in Jonglei, WFP has developed a response plan which addresses strategic community engagement, programme adaptation modalities, river and road security, and warehouse security and prepositioning.
- **Armed conflict between the SSPDF and the National Salvation Front (NAS) is increasing during the dry season in Greater Equatoria.** At least five clashes took place between 16 and 20 January and again on 25 and 26 January in the Lainya area. Given delays with the Rome peace process, as the government claimed the talks needed to be delayed due to the negotiations with the Kitwang faction, fighting between the sides in the Yei River area is likely to persist, especially as both sides are utilizing the dry season to achieve tactical advantages ahead of political negotiations.
- **Tensions remain high around Tambura, Western Equatoria State**, where levels of food insecurity are projected to be severe, with Tambura and Nagero counties ranked of extreme concern.
- **The last quarter of 2021 saw one of the most intense periods of violence in Tonj East and Tonj North, Warrap State, however, since then, the situation has remained calm.** WFP is capitalizing on the current lull in conflict to conduct food security, access, and conflict sensitivity missions, in order to ensure that operations can be maintained throughout the 2022 dry season.

Photo: Children in Fangak, one of the most flood-affected counties enjoy a meal from WFP (WFP/Gabriela Vivacqua)

### In The Numbers

6 million people WFP plans to assist in 2022



2.06 million in January

8.3 million people facing severe food insecurity across 78 counties



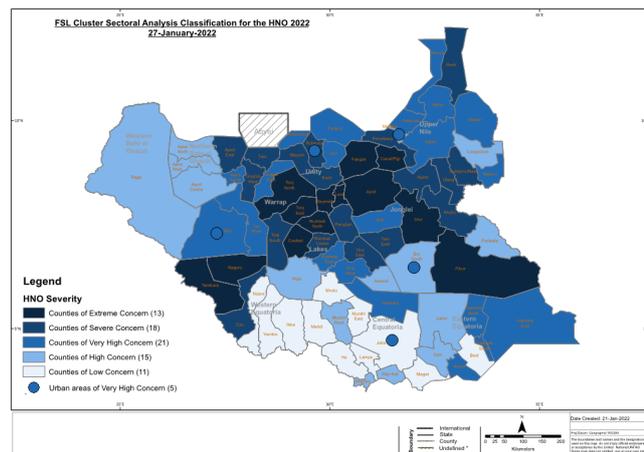
Of this, 13 counties, are projected to be of extreme concern

1.9 million acutely malnourished women and children (IPC)

1.71 million internally displaced people (OCHA)

2.27 million South Sudanese refugees (UNHCR)

USD 516.9 million WFP six month net funding requirement from February to July 2022



## WFP Response



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In 2021, WFP reached **5.96 million people** with food and nutrition assistance.
- In **January 2022**, WFP planned to reach **2.06 million individuals**, **1.47 million** under WFP's emergency response and more than **1 million** people under WFP's Safety Net and Resilience portfolio. This includes **600,000** people under Food Assistance for Assets; **445,000** students under School Feeding; **35,000** farmers through the Smallholder Agricultural Market Support Programme; and **99,800** people under WFP's Urban Safety Nets Programme in Juba, Wau, Aweil and Rumbek.
- In January 2022, WFP continued its high priority counties scale up and flood response to **1,291,114 flood-affected and highly food insecure individuals** in Jonglei, Unity, Upper Nile, Lakes, Warap and Eastern Equatoria States.
- Through this, in January WFP supported a total of **223,194 flood affected individuals** (72% of the planned 309,958 individuals) with general food distributions as well as **15,623** Children under two and **17,855** pregnant and lactating women with the preventive nutrition support through the blanket supplementary feeding programme.
- WFP is in the process of identifying high priority counties for 2022 based on severity of food insecurity and preparations are underway for food distribution in February.



### Safety Nets and Resilience

- Through the **School Feeding programme** in 2022, WFP expects to reach **583,500 school children**, which includes newly targeted schools located in refugee camps and hard-to-reach areas such as Akobo West (Jonglei State) and Panyijar (Unity State). The support to new schools will start in April 2022 (the next academic year). WFP will extend school feeding to school staff in severely flood-affected areas to encourage school continuation and attendance (as attendance rates in these areas are low).
- Through **Food Assistance for Assets (FFA)**, WFP assisted approximately 43,000 households with cash-based transfers in January.



### Innovations & Cash-Based Transfers

- **4.39 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 **55,051 people** have been registered to date (4 percent).
- January 2022 registrations have started with on-

going SCOPE registration in Kuajok, Tonj South, Wau, and Terekeka.



### 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, **67,695 mt** of food has been sourced in or brought into South Sudan (24 percent of yearly requirement).
- In Jonglei State, roads are drying out, however, the security situation remains the main concern for food deliveries. In Bor, WFP is liaising closely with UNMISS in order to start moving commodities for prepositioning ahead of the rainy season and continues to monitor the situation closely.
- Despite flooding in Unity State, WFP continues efforts to keep road and river access open to support vital food deliveries to Guit and Rubkona counties using SHERPs, local canoes, and light boats. To re-open the road connecting Bentiu to the Northern Supply Route, WFP is currently building dykes along the 18km of flooded road.
- WFP is coordinating the Flood Mitigation Infrastructure task force together with IOM, OCHA, UNMISS, UNDP, UNOPs and the World Bank. The task force met with Vice President Taban Deng and is now working to develop a costed budget/plan that includes plans for the Immediate Term (next 60 days), Medium Term (until start of 2023 rainy season), and Long Term (2-3 years) for flood mitigation infrastructure.



### Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster transported a total of **598 mt** of humanitarian cargo on behalf of **45 organizations** to **25 locations**. 42 percent of this cargo was transported by road or river.
- Four road convoys were coordinated, transporting a total of **900 mt** of non-food items to Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, and destinations along the Western Corridor.
- The Cluster supported an inter-agency response mission to Namutina (Tambura County) by airlifting **12 mt** of supplies (food and non-food).
- The latest Physical Access Constraints Map, which is updated on a weekly basis, can be found [here](#).



### UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In January, UNHAS transported **5,423** passengers and **216 mt** of light humanitarian cargo across South Sudan, supporting **169** organizations.
- Additionally, UNHAS facilitated **9** medical evacuations and **2** inter-cluster working group missions.
- UNHAS supported UNICEF by transporting **4 mt** of COVID-19 vaccines and medical equipment to **6** locations across South Sudan.

## In Focus: Using Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) to boost yields

Before joining the FFA project in Twic County, Achuei harvested around 3 bags of groundnut per year. Through the programme, she received training on good farming practices and support to expand the area under cultivation, which allowed her to harvest 20 bags in 2021. *“I have been growing groundnuts for a good number of years with my family, but experienced low yield and no income. I was poor because of poor yields and had no idea on agronomic practices in groundnut production,”* she explained. She received training from WFP, FAO and the cooperating partner, NRC, in agronomic practices, post-harvest management and integrated crop management. From WFP, she received a cash transfer throughout the growing season, which enabled her to meet her food needs while expanding her farm to 1.5 hectares. *“I have come to realize that planting groundnuts and other crops in a row and early planting can result in a better harvest. As we speak, I have a better harvest of 20 sacks of 45kg this year.”*

In addition to her groundnuts which provided an important food source for her family, she is able to sell one bag at SSP20,000 which ensures she can always take her children to the clinic if they fall sick and she can enroll all five of them in school.



Photo: Achuei's farm was expanded to 1.5 hectares (NRC)



Photo: Achuei standing with groundnuts she harvested (NRC)

### WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (millions In USD)	Allocated Contributions (millions in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements February to July 2022 (millions in USD)	People Assisted (December 2021)	Female	Male
<b>ICSP TOTAL (2018-2022)</b>	5,045.3	2,787.6	516.9	1,832,319	1,007,775	824,544
<b>Activity 1:</b> Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations	2,698.9	1,357.5	321.6	1,171,272	644,200	527,072
<b>Activity 2:</b> Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees	574.1	249.0	35.4	256,863	141,275	115,588
<b>Activity 3:</b> Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition	651.9	274.8	59.9	216,379	119,008	97,371
<b>Activity 4:</b> Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households	397.9	136.6	70.4	187,805	103,293	84,512
<b>Activity 5:</b> Operate air services for the humanitarian community	252.3	193.6	12.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Activity 6:</b> Coordinate the Logistics Cluster in support of the humanitarian community	116.8	94.1	9.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Activity 7:</b> Supply Chain provision	26.5	13.6	0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Activity 8:</b> Inter-Agency IT Communication Service	11.6	7.8	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Activity 9:</b> SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners	58.8	16.8	5.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Activity 10:</b> Provision of IT services to the humanitarian community	1.3	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Activity 11:</b> Provision of infrastructure development services for humanitarian access and community	17.8	12.0	2.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Non Activity Specific funding</b>		431.8				

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