



WFP South Sudan Situation Report #288 28 May 2021

In Numbers

7.24 million people facing acute food insecurity from April to July 2021 ([IPC](#))

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

2.6 million people assisted by WFP in April 2021

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

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

Highlights

- **Sub-national violence in the Greater Pibor Administrative Area displaced an estimated 20,000 people.** Some 550 mt of WFP food and nutrition items, enough to feed 33,000 people for one month, were looted.
- **Two humanitarian workers have lost their lives in May and several violent attacks have been reported across South Sudan.**
- **The cereal deficit for 2021 is estimated to be 465,600 mt** (FAO and WFP Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission). The deficit contributes to record-high levels of food insecurity throughout the country.
- **WFP urgently requires USD 3.7 million to continue critical dyke and road rehabilitation in Bor.** WFP has rehabilitated 49 out of 200 dyke breach points in Bor, Jonglei State, opening 18.4 km of road.

People assisted

April 2021



Global Humanitarian Funding 2021

Overall:
USD 1.5 billion
WFP share:
USD 671 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(Jun—Nov' 21) **140.3**

Strategic Outcome 1

Food-insecure women, men and children in crisis-affected areas have access to safe and nutritious food **105.5**

Strategic Outcome 2

People at risk of malnutrition in crisis affected areas, specially young children and pregnant and lactating women, are able to meet their basic nutrition requirements all year round **0**

Strategic Outcome 3

Food-insecure smallholders and communities in non-conflict zones have enhanced livelihoods and resilience to seasonal climate shocks throughout the year **5.8**

Strategic Outcome 4

The humanitarian community has access to reliable common services until satisfactory alternatives are available **29**

Situation Update

- **Renewed sub-national violence in the Greater Pibor Administrative Area, in May, resulted in the displacement of 20,000 people, destruction of property and loss of livestock. Humanitarian supplies—food, health and nutrition—were looted or destroyed.** In Gumuruk, an inter-cluster assessment mission, on 22 May, confirmed the loss of some 550 mt of WFP food and nutrition items, enough to feed 33,000 people for one month. The items were stored in an INGO mobile storage unit which was burned down. WFP is extremely concerned by the uptick in violence as the communities affected are already facing famine-like (IPC Phase 5) food insecurity. This week, humanitarian organizations reported that the overall security situation is calm with many of the displaced returning home. WFP distributions are ongoing in Verteth and planned for Likuangole and Gumuruk.
- **Two humanitarian workers have lost their lives in May and several violent attacks have been reported across South Sudan.** On 21 May, a South Sudanese doctor—who was working for the International Rescue Committee (IRC)—was killed inside a health facility in Panyijar County, Unity State. Almost at the same time, a humanitarian convoy, including an ambulance, carrying 10 aid workers, was shot at by unknown gunmen in Koch Town, Unity State. These two attacks come barely 10 days after another aid worker was killed in Budi, Eastern Equatoria, on 12 May, amidst an escalation of violence against humanitarians in recent weeks. The Humanitarian Coordinator has [condemned](#) the attacks against aid workers.
- **A joint FAO and WFP Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission in South Sudan estimates the overall cereal deficit in 2021 to be 465,600 mt, 4 percent below the deficit estimated for 2020.** This deficit, still above the five-year average, contributes to record-high levels of food insecurity throughout the country,



especially where conflict and flooding affected crops and livestock.

- **As of 28 May, South Sudan has recorded 10,688 positive cases of COVID-19 and 115 deaths.** WFP continues to implement COVID-19 mitigation measures, such as physical distancing and handwashing, at distribution sites. Through the Logistics Cluster, WFP is supporting the national vaccination scheme.
- **Following 14 months of closure, schools in South Sudan have re-opened.** Most schools are still enrolling students and food dispatches to schools are ongoing. WFP plans to reach 511,000 students across the country this year.
- **WFP faces a critical shortfall of USD 196 million for the remainder of the year.** Urgent donor support is required as WFP will face pipeline breaks in cash-based transfers for refugees and livelihoods programmes in August if additional funds are not received.

WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP and partners reached 2.6 million people with a total of 29,200 mt of food and USD 3 million in cash-based transfers in April 2021.
- In the six IPC Phase 5 counties of Akobo, Aweil South, Pibor, Tonj East, Tonj North and Tonj South, WFP and partners reached 340,000 people with food assistance. This represents 92 percent of the 368,000 people targeted.
- Distributions were completed for refugees and internally displaced people, with 494,000 people assisted.
- Nutrition assistance was provided to 193,400 children under five and pregnant and lactating women and girls.
- Through the Food Assistance for Assets programme, 148,000 people, engaged in asset creation activities, received food and cash assistance.



Gender and Protection

- WFP together with UNICEF will launch a range of Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse webinars in South Sudan to better support partners to strengthen their internal risk mitigation measures to prevent and respond to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. Five seminars that last for five days each will take place from May to July 2021.



Supply Chain

- Seasonal flooding, in 2020, and the collapse of the dykes built to control the flow of the River Nile rendered parts of Jonglei inaccessible by road. WFP

commenced the Bor Dyke and Road Rehabilitation project in March 2021 to repair broken dykes, drain the flood water and reinforce roads in the affected area. The works will enable displaced people to return to their homes, prevent further flooding and ensure the humanitarian community is able to reach populations in need. WFP urgently requires USD 3.7 million to continue critical dyke and road rehabilitation in Bor.

- WFP has rehabilitated 49 out of 200 dyke breach points opening 18.4 km of road.
- WFP has repaired 17.1 km of road, reconnecting Baidit Town to Bor. Food deliveries to Baidit have started with 141 mt delivered.
- WFP plans to transport a total of 370,000 mt of food, including 190,000 mt for the prepositioning exercise, in 2021. As of 23 May, 217,000 mt of food has been sourced in or brought into South Sudan. This represents 59 percent of the yearly requirements.
- The primary mode of delivery in May is road (81 percent) followed by river (13 percent) and air (6 percent).
- Insecurity in northern Jonglei is hampering food deliveries. WFP is coordinating with UNMISS force patrol to secure access routes and facilitate humanitarian deliveries.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster transported 189 mt of non-food items (NFIs) to 22 locations on behalf of 15 organizations, of which 20 percent was transported by road and river:
 - ◇ As part of Beyond Responses (short to medium-distance road convoys) in coordination with IOM's Common Transport Service, 29 mt of humanitarian cargo was transported from Bentiu to Ding Ding, Koch, Leer, Mankien and Nhialdiu, Unity State.
 - ◇ The seventh boat movement of 2021 transported 8 mt of NFIs from Malakal to Jikmir.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the departure of one humanitarian convoy transporting approximately 1,360 mt of NFIs from Juba to locations along the Western Corridor, and one humanitarian convoy from Juba to Mundri, Maridi and Yambio with about 480 mt of NFIs.
- The latest physical access constraints map, shared with humanitarian partners on a weekly basis, is available [here](#).



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS transported 2,333 passengers and 72 mt of light humanitarian cargo to 52 destinations across South Sudan.
- UNHAS performed two medical evacuations on behalf of two organizations from Wau and Yambio to Juba.
- UNHAS transported three COVID-19 suspected samples from Rubkona to Juba, collecting 100 percent of suspected sample requests.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (millions in USD)	Allocated Contributions (millions in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (millions in USD)	People Assisted (April 2021)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (2018-2021)	3,885.3	2,132.4	140.3	2,564,631	1,438,745	1,125,886
Activity 1 Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations Strategic Result 1: Access to food	2,181.1	999.6	79.2	1,982,964	1,112,433	870,531
Activity 2 Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees Strategic Result 1: Access to food	477.5	184.5	26.3	240,335	134,827	105,508
Activity 3 Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition	548.7	224.3	0.0	193,423	108,509	84,914
Activity 4 Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity and Income	275.4	97.4	5.8	147,909	82,976	64,933
Activity 5 Operate air services for the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	208.3	155.1	15.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 6 Coordinate the Logistics Cluster in support of the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	97.6	81.5	5.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7 Supply Chain provision Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	21.4	10.5	2.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 8 Inter-Agency IT Communication Service Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	9.6	6.0	0.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 9 SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	53.9	14.7	5.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 10 Provision of IT services to the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	1.3	0	0.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 11 Provision of infrastructure development services for humanitarian access and community Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity	10.5	3.5	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Activity Specific funding		355.3				

Donors (2021 listed alphabetically)*

