The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) update highlights a worsening humanitarian situation in South Sudan as a result of over three years of conflict amidst economic deterioration. Food and nutrition security is expected to deteriorate even further during the lean season (May to July 2017), with around 5.5 million people likely to face crisis, emergency and catastrophic levels of food insecurity.

In Unity State, currently 100,000 people in Leer and Mayendit counties are facing famine conditions, and populations in Koch County are at an elevated risk of famine. In Panyijiar County, populations are facing emergency levels of food insecurity but are likely to avoid famine if humanitarian assistance is maintained. Northern Bahr el Ghazal remains of critical concern, with as many as 870,000 people facing acute food insecurity.

Food and Nutrition Assistance

In response to the IPC findings, WFP is scaling up its assistance throughout South Sudan. Three WFP Integrated Rapid Response Mechanism (IRRM) teams deployed to Leer County (Unity State) to start registration of households and distribution of life-saving food assistance for populations facing famine conditions. In Leer town, Thonyor and Padeah/Gandor, IRRM teams aim to distribute food and nutrition assistance to 71,000 people over the coming weeks, including 12,800 children under five. IRRM teams are in four other locations in Unity State, providing assistance to 131,000 people facing severe food insecurity. Over the coming weeks, IRRM teams plan to deploy to a further 16 locations in the Greater Upper Nile region to assist over 200,000 people through general food distributions and nutrition interventions to treat and prevent acute malnutrition.

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• In Northern Bahr el Ghazal, WFP is scaling up its response to improve the food and nutrition security situation and to build resilience through the lean season. WFP is planning to provide food assistance to 700,000 people, including 140,000 children under five, through large scale general food distributions, food for assets programmes and nutrition interventions to treat and prevent acute malnutrition.

• In Juba, WFP and World Vision have commenced payment to participants involved urban poor response pilot, through which WFP seeks to provide training and cash based assistance to 42,000 people to help them meet their basic food needs. Training sessions are ongoing, with participants covering topics related to nutrition, hygiene and urban gardening.

Supply Chain

• Over the next three to four months, WFP plans to preposition over 114,000mt of food commodities to 60 locations in South Sudan to ensure that food is available during the rainy season when roads become impassible. However, due to drought in the Horn of Africa and southern Africa and subsequent export bans from some countries, WFP is experiencing supply constraints to meet the commodity requirements. WFP is looking at availability in other countries to meet the demand.

• So far this year, WFP has delivered nearly 11,500mt of food commodities by air, using a fleet of eight fixed wing aircraft and five helicopters. This accounts for 553 rotations from seven locations in South Sudan and neighbouring Uganda and Ethiopia.

Logistics Cluster

• In the past week, the Logistics Cluster coordinated the delivery of 134mt of humanitarian relief items to Aburoc, Akobo, Ganyiel, Kodok, Kurwai, Leer, Nyal, Old Fangak, Rubkuay and Rumbek on behalf of 13 organizations.

• The Logistics Cluster supported an IRRM mission to Aburoc by transporting 1.5 mt of nutrition cargo on behalf of UNICEF.

• The Logistics Cluster coordinated a humanitarian convoy to Rumbek, Wau, Kuajok, Mankien and Bentiu on behalf of AAH-I, CARE, Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administration, IOM, Medair, NRC, UNICEF and World Relief. The next inter-agency convoy along the western corridor is scheduled to depart on 9 March.

• The most recent Access Constraints Map is available at the following link: http://www.logcluster.org/map/south-sudan-access-constraints-map-17-february-2017.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

• Over the last week UNHAS transported 1,697 passengers and 28mt of light humanitarian cargo. Three medical evacuations were facilitated on scheduled flights from Wau, Rubkona and Maban for three organizations.

• UNHAS provided support for 53 WFP airdrop flights, delivering 1,560mt of food commodities. IRRM team deployments were supported to Leer, Padeah and Thonyor with participation from three humanitarian partners: WFP, UNICEF and MEDAIR.

• During the week, UNHAS performed charter flights for UNHCR and ICRC. Flights facilitated the movement of a six-member delegation to Maban and delivery of humanitarian supplies to Maiwut.

• UNHAS resumed flights to Torit after a two-week closure of the airstrip for rehabilitation and maintenance work to be carried out.

Feeder Roads

• While in recent weeks fuel supply has been a challenge for the contractor working on the structures along the Terekeka-Muni-Tombek road, the issue has been resolved and works are progressing as planned.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security & Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC)

• The FSLC held an extended session on IPC analysis results presented by FAO. In light of the famine declaration, the FSLC is supporting partners to plan and coordinate scaled up actions in the three counties in Unity State: Leer, Mayendit and Koch.

• The FSLC has engaged partners involved in cash based transfers for the resumption of the cash technical working group. The working group will focus on providing guidance and coordination among partners implementing cash based programmes as part of the humanitarian response in South Sudan.
**WFP Operations**

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*Unique beneficiaries, excluding overlap
**May include overlap of beneficiaries

2016-2017 WFP South Sudan donors (listed alphabetically)*:

*Includes donors that provided multi-year funding continuing in 2017
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