Situation Update

• On 22 December, 542 tons of food destined for WFP South Sudan was looted in Sudan after a convoy of 51 trucks was ambushed close to the Abyei box in West Kordofan State. The food looted is enough to feed over 65,000 people for one month and is a significant loss for WFP. WFP is liaising with the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA), the Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC), the Sudan Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) as well as the community in the area to understand what happened and how we can ensure we can mitigate such incidents in the future.

• In Warrap, WFP food distributions are on hold in Tonj East as a result of insecurity and access challenges. The situation is being monitored closely and distributions will commence as soon as the situation allows.

• In Tonj North, an improvement in the security situation enabled distributions in some areas this week while distributions continued in Tonj South.

• In Upper Nile, the security situation in Maban continues to deteriorate. The United Nations Department for Safety and Security (UNDSS) security status in Maban was elevated from green to grey on 06 January 2021. Over 15,000 South Sudanese people have been displaced by the violence and are currently sheltering in three camps hosting Sudanese refugees. WFP is providing assistance to meet the immediate needs of the internally displaced people (IDPs). Humanitarian partners are advocating for an end to the violence so that people can return to their homes.

• WFP is grateful to New Zealand for their contribution of USD 1.4 million. The contribution is fully flexible enabling WFP to respond with agility across the country.

WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

• In 2020, WFP reached more than 5.2 million people in South Sudan with food and nutrition assistance across its emergency, nutrition and livelihoods programmes.
livelihoods programmes. WFP disbursed more than USD 50 million in cash based transfers, boosting the local economy and supporting people to purchase their preferred foods. WFP also continued to support local farmers purchasing 13,000 tons of food grown in South Sudan at a value of USD 4.4 million.

Response in priority one areas
January distributions are ongoing for populations living in areas at risk of or with a likelihood of IPC phase 5 conditions. Distributions are planned for 223,600 people and 98,200 (44 percent) have been reached with a mix of food and cash assistance as of 18 January 2021.

- In Greater Pibor, December distributions were completed in Gumuruk, Lekuangole, Pibor Town and Verteth with 76,000 people receiving food and nutrition assistance. January distributions are ongoing.
- In Akobo East, Jonglei, January food and cash distributions are ongoing with 39,000 people reached so far.
- In Tonj South Warrap, January distributions were completed with 50,000 people receiving food and nutrition assistance. The next distribution is planned for February.
- In Tonj North, Warrap, January distributions are ongoing with 5,400 people reached so far (21 percent of planned beneficiaries). The distributions have been delayed and interrupted as a result of conflict and insecurity.
- In Tonj East, Warrap, 15,000 people are planned to receive assistance. Distributions have not been able to start due to access challenges related to insecurity. WFP is seeking assurances of safety and security before distributions can proceed.
- In Aweil South, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, distributions are ongoing with 3,750 people having received assistance so far.

Innovations & Cash-Based Transfers
- WFP provided SCOPE services to UNICEF for the Hygiene Wash Kit distribution in response to COVID-19. A total of 17,670 beneficiaries were assisted in Bor, Jonglei, and Aweil, Northern Bahr el Ghazal.
- Cash based transfer distributions are completed for November and December 2020 with 97 percent of planned beneficiaries reached.

Supply Chain
- In 2020, WFP utilized land, river and air transport modalities to deliver more than 300,000 tons of food and nutrition items across the country. This includes more than 180,000 tons prepositioned in hard to reach areas ahead of the rainy season.
- In 2020, WFP completed 40 km of feeder roads in Western and Eastern Equatoria, connecting communities to markets and basic services. A total of 640 km of road were made passable thanks to the work of WFP and partners. WFP carried out a total 41 chokepoint repairs to open the road between Banketa and Kidwa, Uper Nile. WFP also completed works on roads in Unity, Warrap, Western Equatoria and Lakes and is still working on roads in Eastern Equatoria, Jonglei and Upper Nile in a bid to keep the major supply routes open. The Pathai Bridge was also completed enabling access to Akobo West, Jonglei.
- In 2021, WFP plans to further expand river deliveries, a cost-efficient alternative to air deliveries. Joint assessment missions exploring possible routes to serve Ayod and Nyiroi, Jonglei, by river were followed by a successful pilot to Pultruk, Jonglei. WFP also opened the Manga and Adok Ports, Unity, and began dispatching food from Juba Port.
- WFP South Sudan dispatched 10 WFP Regional Kamaz trucks to Ethiopia to support the scale up of the WFP emergency operations in the country.

Clusters and Common Services*

Logistics Cluster
- Over the reporting period, transport of 179 mt of General Operations, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Shelter and WASH cargo to 17 locations was facilitated on behalf of 22 organizations, of which 26 percent was transported by road and river.
- As the Juba – Bor road remains impassable for trucks, the Logistics Cluster continues to support the humanitarian community to ensure that necessary life-saving supplies are transported by river to Bor for further transportation by helicopter to affected populations in Jonglei and Upper Nile states.
- The most recent access constraints map can be found here. A notable update is the opening of the Abiemnhom – Mayom road to all vehicle types, meaning the Western Corridor is now fully passable all the way up to Bentiu, Unity, and that the humanitarian community can resume prepositioning activities to this strategic hub.

COVID-19
- WHO and WFP through the Logistics Cluster, as co-leads of the Operational Support and Logistics Pillar of the National COVID-19 Response Plan, continue to coordinate requests for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from humanitarian organizations working across South Sudan. As of 06 January, 283 requests from 93 organizations had been approved by the Inter-Agency Technical Team, resulting in allocation of nearly 3.2 million PPE items from the common pool created by WHO, WFP and IOM.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)
- UNHAS transported 2,593 passengers and 83 mt of light humanitarian cargo to 53 destinations across South Sudan. UNHAS performed two medical evacuations on behalf of two organization from Akobo and Aweil to Juba. UNHAS transported six COVID-19 suspected samples from Agok and Rubkon to Juba. UNHAS performed one Inter-cluster Coordination Group mission transporting four passengers from Dablual to Rubkon for a flood assessment.
### WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

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