



World Food Programme South Sudan

Floods Emergency Response

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Background

Abnormally heavy rains and unusually high levels of seasonal flooding have been devastating large areas of South Sudan since July 2019. On October 29, President Salva Kiir declared a state of emergency for the flood situation, covering 30 counties in the regions of Greater Bahr el Ghazal, Greater Upper Nile, and Greater Equatoria. UN OCHA estimates almost one million people are affected across the country.

Approximately 755,000 people need food and nutrition assistance. Additionally, an estimated 72,600 metric tons of cereals which should have been harvested, has been lost due to flooding indicating an earlier and longer lean season.

WFP requires US\$24.3 million to provide food and nutrition assistance to the affected population for three months. For the first six months of 2020, WFP faces critical shortfalls for its emergency and livelihoods programmes which is exacerbated by the need to respond to the floods, requiring a minimum of US\$ 270 million. Timely funding is required as 190,000 mt of food needs to be prepositioned before the onset of the rainy season April/May.



Pibor: Cattle guided to higher ground / submerged homes

Photo: WFP/Paulina Bockowska

Programme Updates

Second round of distribution is ongoing for over 340,000 flood-affected people.



740,000 flood-affected people reached with food assistance in total



7,902 mt of mixed food commodities distributed



USD \$ 24.3 million needed

- **Distributions completed:** Budi, Gogrial, Uror, Tonj and Twic locations.
- **Distributions ongoing (second round):** Akobo, Ayod, Pibor, Duk, Maban (refugee camps and host community), Nyirol, Rumbek North, Twic East, and Ulang counties.
- **Distributions planned (second round):** Aweil and Longochuck locations.



Flood Assessments

WFP together with REACH began a joint assessment trip to Pibor on November 26. The team has conducted key informant interviews and focus group discussions to better understand the issues flood-affected communities are facing. Preliminary findings from the ongoing assessment include:

- Market accessibility is extremely limited and food prices have doubled or tripled in Pibor Town since the flooding.
- Timely provision of emergency food assistance is mitigating against a worsening food security situation in accessible areas. However, there are concerns about populations that the humanitarian community has not yet been able to reach.
- A significant population without access to humanitarian assistance may be residing in temporary cattle camps where cattle have been forced to migrate due to flood waters.
- A significant number of livestock deaths have been reported due to the flooding.
- Destruction of limited crops and lack of access to cattle has reduced food availability and an earlier and longer lean season is expected.

The floods have worsened an already critical humanitarian situation, as communities in Pibor have consistently experienced Emergency (IPC Phase 4) levels of food insecurity since 2018. WFP is scaling up its assistance in Pibor to reach over 65,000 people with food and nutrition assistance. WFP has reached over 29,000 flood-affected people in Pibor county, with a 30-day ration of food, 6,260 children under five and pregnant and nursing women have received specialized nutritious foods. WFP is working closely with partners on the grounds to reach communities cut-off by the flooding.

Logistics Updates



Air

- In Maban, 1,239.5 mt of food has been received at Kaya Drop Zone during the month of November. As the road from Renk and Melut to Maban is yet to open, airdrops and airlifts are expected to continue to ensure delivery of assistance to the flood-affected community.
- In Pibor, the airstrip is not yet suitable for landing an MI-26 helicopter carrying flood response equipment. Discussions are ongoing with partners and the local administration on how the airstrip can be improved. During the reporting week, two all-terrain vehicles, a mechanic, driver and fuel have been deployed to Pibor.



Logistics Cluster

- During the reporting week, the Logistics Cluster transported, on behalf of the humanitarian community, 96.2 mt of humanitarian relief items to flood-affected areas, including 52.4 mt of Inter-Cluster Flood Survival Kits to support Phase 1 of the flood response in Lankien, Mankien, Mayom, Pibor, Pieri and Ulang (flood affected priority locations).
- The Logistics Cluster also supported an additional 11 organisations by transporting 43.825 mt of flood related cargo (Education, General Operations, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Protection, Shelter, Wash) to six locations.