



WFP South Sudan Situation Report #230

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In Numbers

6.1 million people facing crisis or emergency levels of acute food insecurity between July-August 2018 ([IPC](#))

2.1 million acutely malnourished women and children ([HCT](#))

2.98 million people assisted by WFP in August 2018

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

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

Highlights

- WFP continues to support the National taskforce for Ebola preparedness, including through the capacity of the Logistics Cluster and UNHAS.
- WFP continues to work on increasing the use of cash as a transfer modality, gradually replacing in-kind assistance through transitional approaches such as hybrid baskets in areas where local markets are functional and accessible.

People assisted August 2018



Global Humanitarian Funding

Overall:
USD 1.72 billion
WFP share:
USD 827 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(October 2018– March 2019)

USD 539.1m

Strategic Outcome 1

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

401.1m

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

123.1m

Strategic Outcome 3

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

9.1m

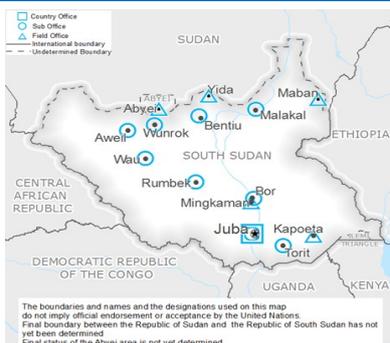
Strategic Outcome 4

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

5.8m

Situation Update

- A WFP convoy consisting of seven WFP fleet trucks and four UNICEF-contracted trucks was ambushed by unknown armed men at about 40 km away from Juba along the Juba – Yei road on October 03, resulting in the abduction of two WFP-contracted personnel. After two days of intense negotiations, the two abductees were released and reached Juba escorted by UNMISS Force Protection forces. WFP has suspended ground missions along the Juba – Yei road until further investigations are conducted and safety and security are ensured.
- WFP continues to support the National taskforce for Ebola preparedness. At the Country Office level, the Logistics Cluster is working with WFP units to consolidate advanced preparedness actions and will soon start working with Field Offices in Wau, Yambio and Torit. Additionally, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the US representation in South Sudan briefed the WFP-managed UN Humanitarian Air Operations (UNHAS) on packaging and transporting procedures of suspected Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) samples. In support of preparedness activities, UNHAS may be called upon to transport those samples. South Sudan is one of the four high-risk countries (Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda) prioritized by the World health Organization (WHO) to enhance preparedness and operational readiness based on the proximity to the outbreak area as well as the capacity to manage EVD outbreaks.



- WFP held a high-level donor meeting for ambassadors on October 3. Among others, one of the key messages was the need for resources for its 2019 prepositioning exercise. WFP needs US\$ 662 million on time to be able to strategically place food and nutrition commodities ahead of next year's rainy season.
- WFP held a Partners Quarterly Consultation on October 9, counting on more than 80 participants. The meeting's objective was to present WFP's strategic direction for 2019, as well as to highlight efficiency gains from 2018 and to provide an update on

WFP's zero tolerance policy on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA).

WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Over the past two weeks, WFP assisted 210,500 people in South Sudan's hardest-to-reach areas through the Integrated Rapid Response Mechanism (IRRM), distributing 3,900 mt of food and nutrition commodities across eight counties (Akobo, Ayod, Fangak, Canal, Longochuk, Nyirol, Ulang and Uror).
- WFP continues to work on increasing the use of cash as a transfer modality, gradually replacing in-kind assistance through transitional approaches such as hybrid baskets in areas where local markets are functional and accessible. The approach of the hybrid basket combines in-kind food assistance with cash transfers, and is currently being implemented in Makpandu and Maban refugee camps, as well as in Mingkaman/Bor sites. The hybrid approach strengthens beneficiaries' purchasing power by enabling them to choose and purchase food directly at the store and bring a sense of normality in times of crisis.
- WFP conducted a preliminary assessment in four locations around Renk on the feasibility for a hybrid basket approach. WFP carried out focus group discussions with the local community to better understand local conditions and preferences, including access to markets, gender and social cohesion challenges. Initial discussions indicate that the inclusion of cash in some locations would be welcomed, especially by people with special needs and women. Should the hybrid basket become feasible in Renk, it could reach up to 12,800 beneficiaries.
- WFP is supporting the Ministry of General Education and Instruction to develop a national Home-Grown School Meals (HGSM) Strategy. This will articulate the national framework for school meals in the country, provide guidance on implementation mechanisms and set ground for transitioning to a nationally-owned programme.
- WFP hosted the South Sudan Joint UN Team on AIDS (JUNTA) monthly meeting on October 3. Along with the 2018 HIV response plan updates, the 2019 fund allocation for each agency was discussed for the UBRAF (Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework), a joint coordinated funding and budget framework of UN agencies responding to the HIV emergency.



Gender and Protection

- As part of the measures to protect staff and the people we serve in South Sudan, WFP participated in a two-day Training of Trainers (TOT) on Community Based Complaints Mechanisms (CBCMs), organized by the UN

taskforce on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA). The training focused on capacity strengthening of lead and co-lead agencies on development and maintenance of CBCMs. Following the ToT, WFP will be leading the establishment of efficient and culturally-sensitive CBCMs in various locations.



Monitoring

- WFP has started the data collection for its third post-distribution monitoring (PDM) exercise of 2018, whereby interviews will be conducted with more than 800 direct recipients of nutrition-sensitive food assistance across the country. The PDM will collect information on the food security status of beneficiary households, the continuity and utilization of assistance, receipt of entitlements, protection issues and misuse or diversion of food.
- In support to the opening of a new food distribution point in Labrab (Jonglei), WFP deployed a team to conduct distribution monitoring. Findings informed WFP about the food and livelihoods availability in the community, health and sanitation practices, as well as on the challenges faced by the cooperating partner to conduct registration and implement the activity.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security & Livelihoods Cluster

- The cluster assisted about 2.7 million beneficiaries with life-saving & sustaining food assistance during the month of August. Of these, 81 percent received in-kind food assistance and 19 percent were assisted through cash or vouchers. The FSL cluster partners reached 113,623 beneficiaries with in kind livelihood support and 279,883 through cash/voucher modality.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 160 mt of Camp Coordination & Management, Food Security, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Protection, Shelter and WASH cargo to 21 locations on behalf of 20 organizations. The most recent Access Constraints map can be found [here](#).



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS transported 3,790 passengers and 49.3mt light humanitarian cargo to 76 locations across South Sudan during the last two weeks, as well as eight medical evacuations on behalf of five agencies.
- Charters were performed on behalf of USAID to Aweil, UNDP to Rubkona, and WHO to Yei in support of EBV preparedness activities.

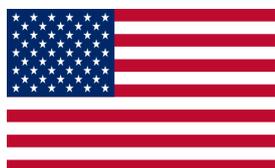
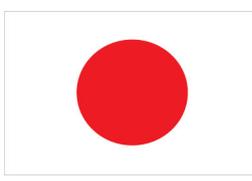
WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements** (in USD)	People Assisted*** (August 2018)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (2018-2020)	2.99b	543.5	539.1	2,976,379	1,598,818	1,377,561
Activity 1 Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations Strategic Result 1: Access to food	1683.3	331.6	343.1	2,144,755	1,125,339	1,019,416
Activity 2 Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees Strategic Result 1: Access to food	317.3	77.2	58.0	272,099	147,311	124,788
Activity 3 Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition	483.8	23.6	123.1	190,471	128,225	62,246
Activity 4 Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity and Income	182.0	49.5	9.1	369,054	197,943	171,111
Activity 5 Operate air services for the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	149.8	19.4	0.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 6 Coordinate the Logistics Cluster in support of the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	64.8	25.5	1.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7 Supply Chain provision Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	4.5	-	2.5			
Activity 8 Inter-Agency IT Communication Service Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	2.3	-	1.2			
Non Activity Specific funding	103.9	16.7				

*Includes contributions received in 2017 and 2018, but specifically earmarked for the ICSP, which began on 1 January 2018. Excludes multi-year contribution for 2019 onwards. **October 2018 – March 2019 ***Unique beneficiaries, excluding overlap among activities.

Focus Area for Activity 1-3, 5-6: Crisis response. Focus Area for Activity 4: Resilience building.

Donors (2018, listed alphabetically)*



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