COVID-19 Update

• On 5 April, the Government of South Sudan announced that a UN staff member in Juba tested positive for COVID-19, marking the first case of COVID-19 to be reported in the country. As at 17 April, a further three cases have been reported since, two in Juba, Central Equatoria State, and one in Torit, Eastern Equatoria State. The UN is working closely with the Government on prevention and preparedness in the country.

• Double food distributions, as a transmission reduction measure, have been completed in all refugee camps and Protection of Civilian (PoC) sites.

• WFP needs a total of USD 142 million to cater for new needs and cover additional operational costs associated with adapting to COVID-19.

Global Humanitarian Funding 2019

Overall: USD 1.5 billion
WFP share: USD 660 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(April - September '20) 199.8

Strategic Outcome 1
Food-insecure women, men and children in crisis-affected areas have access to safe and nutritious food 169.1

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 1.4

Strategic Outcome 3
Food insecure smallholders and communities in non-conflict zones have enhanced livelihoods and resilience to seasonal climate shocks throughout the year 20.9

Strategic Outcome 4
The humanitarian community has access to reliable common 8.4

In Numbers

6.01 million people facing acute food insecurity from February to April 2020 (IPC)
1.7 million acutely malnourished women and children (IPC)
1.57 million people assisted by WFP in February 2020
1.47 million internally displaced people (OCHA)
2.2 million South Sudanese refugees (UNHCR)
188,528 seeking shelter with the UN (UNMISS)

Highlights

• South Sudan confirms four cases of COVID-19, three in Juba, Central Equatoria State, and one in Torit, Eastern Equatoria State. The Government of South Sudan, with support from the international community, continues to take measures to prevent the spread of the virus.

• The UN has previously imposed a travel freeze on all staff travelling into the country and enforced social distancing rules and frequent hand washing by all personnel. The UN’s priority is to protect the people of South Sudan and UN staff who are here to serve. The UN will make every effort to continue its activities to protect civilians, provide humanitarian assistance, build peace and support development. The UN will also continue to support national-led COVID-19 prevention and preparedness efforts.

• WFP is implementing Programme Continuity measures with double distributions, as a transmission reduction measure, completed or ongoing across the country. Double food distributions have been completed for more than 800,000 beneficiaries across 25 locations including in all refugee camps and Protection of Civilian (PoC) sites. Double distributions are ongoing for 1.4 million beneficiaries across 26 locations and planned for a further 1.1 million beneficiaries in 38 locations throughout April.

• Directives for enhanced hygiene measures, use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by staff and enhanced crowd control measures have been developed and rolled out. WFP is supporting efforts to raise awareness about prevention measures, including frequent hand washing, social distancing, self-quarantine requirements and the avoidance of large gatherings to reduce the risk of transmission.

• On 13 April, the High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 suspended all passenger internal flights within South Sudan, previously agreed exemptions for humanitarian cargo and passengers were expected to remain valid. UNHAS cargo flights have been able to continue as normal however passenger flights have been interrupted. WFP is engaging with national authorities to enable programme critical passenger movement.
• WFP is expediting delivery of food from the Northern, Southern and Eastern corridors to South Sudan. The border status is being closely monitored for any changes that may impact the crossings of trucks and barges. WFP is exploring new inland corridors such as Bentiu, Unity State, to Bor, Jonglei State, via Adok to increase delivery speed.

• As a result of travel and transport restrictions, within the country and cross-border, South Sudan markets are under significant stress, as evidenced by price increases. Major impacts have been observed on the price of maize grain, with the price of a 50 kg bag increasing by 36 percent in March. Purchasing power is decreasing, as both formal and informal employment have significantly reduced. The urban population will be particularly hard hit, as nearly all households rely on markets for the purchase of staple foods. In the absence of large-scale national safety nets, efforts are required to prevent already extremely vulnerable households from becoming absolutely destitute.

• WFP needs an additional USD 85 million to cater for new needs. USD 80 million will cater for the additional urban caseload of an estimated 1.6 million people with 50,000 mt of food commodities, for a period of 3 months. Urban areas will likely be the epicentre of any COVID-19 outbreak, bringing a new wave of populations requiring assistance, not covered under WFP or any other large scale safety-net package. USD 5 million will be needed to support increased common services for the humanitarian community through the Logistics Cluster and UNHAS.

• WFP foresees additional operational costs associated with adapting to COVID-19 for a total of USD 57 million. This includes higher cash based transfers due to increased food prices, as well as the adjusted food distribution measures. WFP’s supply chain also requires COVID-19 sensitive investments, and additional air operations. Operational costs for UNHAS will increase due to the need for professional aircraft cleaning, and a reduction in cost recovery as passengers’ numbers decrease.
## WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

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<th>Activity</th>
<th>Strategic Result</th>
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