Situation Update

COVID-19 Preparedness:

- While there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Sudan, all neighbouring countries have reported confirmed cases, placing South Sudan at high risk. The Government of South Sudan, with support from the international community, is taking measures to prevent the potential spread of the virus.
- WFP is continuing to monitor food prices and markets and advocate for measures to mitigate against an exacerbation of the already fragile food security situation due to the potential economic impact of COVID-19.

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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)

People assisted
February 2020

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<th>Global Humanitarian Funding 2019</th>
<th>Overall: USD 1.5 billion</th>
<th>WFP share: USD 660 million</th>
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<td>WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements</td>
<td>(April - September ’20)</td>
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<td>Strategic Outcome 1</td>
<td>Food insecure women, men and children in crisis-affected areas have access to safe and nutritious food</td>
<td>179.1</td>
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<td>Strategic Outcome 2</td>
<td>People at risk of malnourishment in crisis-affected areas, specially young children and pregnant and lactating women, are able to meet their basic nutrition requirements all year round</td>
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<td>Strategic Outcome 3</td>
<td>Food insecure smallholders and communities in non-conflict zones have enhanced livelihoods and resilience to seasonal climate shocks throughout the year</td>
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<td>Strategic Outcome 4</td>
<td>The humanitarian community has access to reliable common services until satisfactory alternatives are available</td>
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Highlights

- WFP and cooperating partners reached 1.57 million people with vital food and nutrition assistance in the month of February.
- Currently there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Sudan. The Government of South Sudan, with support from the international community, is taking measures to prevent the potential spread of the virus.
- WFP is continuing to monitor food prices and markets and advocate for measures to mitigate against an exacerbation of the already fragile food security situation due to the potential economic impact of COVID-19.

Economic shocks related to the COVID-19 pandemic could have devastating impacts on the local economy. WFP continues to monitor food prices and markets and advocate for measures to mitigate against an exacerbation of the already fragile food security situation.

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People assisted
February 2020

56% female
44% male
• Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits procured under EVD preparedness will be used for COVID-19 response. The Logistics Cluster will store and manage the stocks on behalf of the World Health Organization and health partners.

• UNHAS is engaging with government authorities to ensure continuity of UNHAS operations amid the COVID-19 pandemic. A meeting was held with airport authorities to address social distancing concerns at Juba International Airport.

### WFP Response

#### Food and Nutrition Assistance

• WFP and cooperating partners reached 1.57 million people with a total of 15,395 mt of food and USD 3.2 million in cash based transfers in February 2020.

• WFP and cooperating partners provided food and nutrition support to 244,300 people, including 56,700 children under 5, with 4,800 mt of assorted food items distributed in six counties of Akobo West, Ayod, Leer, Maiwuit, Nyirol and Uror as part of the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) in the last two weeks.

#### Safety Nets & Resilience

• As part of WFP’s resilience programming, WFP established a network of Rural Aggregation Centres and has directly procured more than 700 metric tonnes of locally produced maize from over 2,500 smallholder farmers in Yambio this year. In addition to providing income opportunities for smallholder farmers, local procurement helps meet the commodity needs of WFP’s food assistance activities, including school feeding. WFP has also supported smallholder farmer capacity development with a view to improve post-harvest management including a reduction of post-harvest losses which can reach as high as 40 percent.

• Across the country, over 100,000 households supported through WFP’s Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) programme are preparing to embark on asset creation activities that will improve their food security and build their resilience to shocks. Community planning processes are being finalized, through which households identify their greatest development needs from which asset creation plans are developed. Over the course of six months, households will cultivate staple crops and vegetables, build community access roads, and construct flood control dykes. WFP will also provide food or cash based transfers to help these households meet short term hunger needs as they create the assets.

### Clusters and Common Services

#### Food Security & Livelihoods (FSL) Cluster

• FSL Cluster partners reporting during the month of February assisted 1.2 million beneficiaries with emergency food assistance. 59 percent of the beneficiaries received in-kind food assistance, 14 percent received cash and voucher support and 27 percent received a mix of in-kind and cash and voucher assistance.

• The FSL Cluster reached 44,992 households with livelihood kits (fishing, vegetable & crop kits) to improve food production in February and a further 19,285 households received different types of trainings to build their capacity and reduce dependency on food and agricultural assistance.

#### Logistics Cluster

• The Logistics Cluster continues to drive efficiencies by encouraging partners to preposition cargo ahead of the rainy season in deep-field locations, using road and river transport.

• Over the reporting period, transport of 753 mt of Education, Food Security, General Operations, General Program, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Protection, Shelter and WASH cargo to 19 locations was facilitated on behalf of 17 organizations.

• The Logistics Cluster coordinated the departure of four humanitarian road convoys enabling the transportation of approximately 1,980 mt of humanitarian relief items to locations in Jonglei State and along the Western Corridor.

• Following the declaration of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Logistics Cluster is directing its preparedness efforts towards preparing the country in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case and as part of this, the Logistics Cluster shares information on preparedness measures on its [website](https://www.wfp.org/countries/south-sudan).

• Additional storage space will be made available in Juba for COVID-19 related materials (PPE, buckets, soaps, etc.). Space is also available in field hubs (Bentiu, Bor, Malakal, Nimule, Rumbek, Wau, Yambio and Yei). The Logistics Cluster will transport any COVID-19 preparedness cargo to field locations per standard procedures.

• The most recent access constraint map can be found [here](https://www.wfp.org/countries/south-sudan).

#### UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

• UNHAS transported 2,152 passengers and 33.25 mt of light humanitarian cargo to 53 regular destinations across South Sudan.

• UNHAS performed seven medical evacuations on behalf of six organizations from, Aweil, Kuajok, Lankein, Maban, Mingkaman, Rubkona and Wau.

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## WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

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<td>Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations</td>
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<td>1652.5</td>
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<td>Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees</td>
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<td>Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition</td>
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<td>Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households</td>
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<td>Operate air services for the humanitarian community</td>
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**Donors (2019, listed alphabetically)**

- [Image of donor flags]