**In Numbers**

- **6.87 million** people facing acute food insecurity from May-July 2019 ([IPC](#))
- **2.1 million** acutely malnourished women and children ([HRP](#))
- **2.12 million** people assisted by WFP in March 2019
- **1.76 million** internally displaced people ([OCHA](#))
- **2.29 million** South Sudanese refugees ([UNHCR](#))

**Highlights**

- WFP is undertaking a road block study to assess the political economy of road and river blocks in South Sudan with an evidence-based research
- WFP is expanding its SAMS programme to reach 18,000 small holder farmer households
- IDPs in Melut returning to places of origin

### Situation Update

- WFP participated in a meeting on the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security. The Ministry requested UN agency participation in the technical team to support data collection around nutrition, food security, and food production and to contribute to the biennial report to be submitted to the African Union.
- WFP is carrying out a road block study led by International Peace Information Service (IPIS) to assess the political economy of road and river blocks in South Sudan with an evidence-based research. The study seeks to understand the impact of roadblocks on transport cost and WFP supply chain operation and develop a strategy to enhance WFP's operational and cost efficiency. Consultants from IPIS have met key stakeholders including the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and WFP and discussed the expected outcomes of the study. The study is based on rainy and dry season impacts and will be completed in May 2020.
- WFP is expanding its Smallholder Agricultural Market Support (SAMS) programme in 2019 to reach 18,000 small holder farmer households. WFP is working with stakeholders to develop models to improve value chains relevant to the local context, linking small holder farmers who are already supported through WFP's FFA/CFA programs or communities supported by partners through other funding mechanisms to open up marketing channels to supply local surplus production to WFP. Post harvest loss support is a critical component of the planned support to small holder farmers. Expansion is planned in the Greater Equatorias and Greater Bahr el Ghazal regions.

### WFP Response

#### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP is scaling up its lean season response targeting to

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**People assisted**

- **March 2019**

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<th>Overall: USD 1.5 billion</th>
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**WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements**

- (May-October 2019) 208.4

**Strategic Outcome 1**

- Food insecure women, men and children in crisis-affected areas have access to safe and nutritious food
  - 154.6

**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
  - 33.1

**Strategic Outcome 3**

- Food insecure smallholders and communities in non-conflict zones have enhanced livelihoods and resilience to seasonal climate shocks throughout the year
  - 10.2

**Strategic Outcome 4**

- The humanitarian community has access to reliable common services until satisfactory alternatives are available
  - 10.4

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**Photo:** WFP/ Gabriela Vivacqua

WFP food stacked before a general food distribution in Karam, Jonglei.
reach 1.5 million people by July. More than 600,000 already reached. Registration is completed or ongoing in all field office locations with April distributions finalized in NBEG, Kapoeta, Warrap, Mingkaman, WBEG, and WES.

- WFP assisted 111,739 people in hard-to-reach areas through the Integrated Rapid Response Mechanism (IRRM), distributing 2,096 MT of food and nutrition commodities across 6 IRRM sites in 3 counties – Panyijiar, Mayendit and Ayod - in the past two weeks.

- April Cash Based Transfers (CBT) distributions have been completed in most locations and are still ongoing in Bentiu and Mangateen. So far, 440,000 beneficiaries have been reached through cash based transfers under emergency and crisis-affected assistance programmes.

- About 481 IDPs in Melut (Upper Nile) have returned to their places of origin in Ballet county (Adong, Riangnom). This is part of the plan to move 7,000 IDPs to these locations (3,000 before the beginning of the rainy season and the remaining in the next dry season). Similarly, 3,261 household returnees from Sudan are reported to have arrived in Aweil since January 2019. Returnees are provided with one-month rations prior to their departure, and be incorporated into the seasonal scale-up programme from June to September (15-day rations every month). WFP and partners are closely monitoring the returnee situation for joint support.

- WFP is supporting more than 100,000 households to create assets that build resilience to shocks and enhance food availability through its Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) project. The first of six monthly cash and food distributions has commenced, supporting households to meet their short term food needs while they create assets that will improve their food security.

## Clusters and Common Services

### Logistics Cluster

- Over the last two weeks (24 April to 8 May), the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 247MT of humanitarian items via road, river and air to 22 locations on behalf of 31 national and international organizations.

- To improve the efficiency of logistics operations in South Sudan, the Logistics Cluster is now serving more locations by river (barge or boat depending on accessibility) including Diel, Kodok, Malakal, Melut, New Fangak, Old Fangak, and Tonga. Last week, the cluster delivered 20.5 MT of non-food items to Old Fangak by boat for the first time.

- The Logistics Cluster airlifted two ambulances to Nimule and Yambio as part of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) preparedness efforts.

- The most recent Access Constraints Map can be found [here](https://www.wfp.org/countries/south-sudan).

### UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- Over the last two weeks, UNHAS transported 3,193 passengers and 42.1 MT of light humanitarian cargo to 55 destinations across South Sudan.

- UNHAS performed nine medical evacuations on behalf of four organizations from Ajuong Thok, Mundri, Renk, Rubkona, Rumbek and Yambio. One security relocation from Rubkona was conducted for one staff from CARE.

- In support of UNICEP’s family reunification project, UNHAS flew 15 children to be reunited with their families. Additionally, UNHAS performed charter flights on behalf of CONCERN, IOM, UNHCR and USAID.

### Food Security & Livelihoods Cluster

- For the 1st quarter of 2019, FSL cluster partners assisted a total of 2.1 million unique beneficiaries with unconditional and transitional emergency food assistance. On average, 77% of the beneficiaries received in-kind food assistance while 23% received cash or voucher assistance. Additionally, the FSL cluster through its partners assisted 645,942 unique beneficiaries (107,657 HHs) with livelihood kits (fishing, vegetable and crop kits) to improve food production. During the same period a further 76,299 unique households received different types of trainings to build their capacity and reduce dependency on food and agricultural assistance.

- The FSL cluster has been supporting the mini IPC analysis (May 6 – 11th) this week mobilizing 10 NGO partners and providing 93 assessment reports for the analysts to review and use to update the projections initially made in the January 2019 IPC analysis. The trainees were drawn from Government, FAO, WFP, FEWSNET, REACH and other NGOs.

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**Supply Chain**

- WFP made an assessment of local retailers in Rumbek for the e-voucher programme to understand the capacity level of each retailer in the location and increase number of retailers. A team from WFP’s Logistics, Emergency and Procurement units conducted the assessment and contracting of retailers. This is expected to result in an increase by approximately 60 retailers which will improve the accessibility of food for WFP’s beneficiaries.

- WFP Engineering and Logistics have been carrying out the first phase of choke point repairs on the Juba-Mingkaman-Rumbek road. Phase one is expected to be completed by 31st May 2019. During Phase two which is expected to begin in June, WFP Engineering will ensure that contractors are on the ground for emergency repairs and recovery of trucks that may get stuck during the rainy season. This is the second year of the spot repairs aiming to ensure that the road remains passable.
## WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

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*Includes contributions received in 2017 and 2018, but specifically earmarked for the ICSP, which began on 1 January 2018.

**May 2019 – October 2019

***Unique beneficiaries, excluding overlap among activities.

### Donors (2018 - 2019, listed alphabetically)

- Africa
- Australia
- Canada
- China
- Denmark
- European Union
- Finland
- Germany
- Japan
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Saudi Arabia
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States
- United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)