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In Numbers

1.86 m people assisted
in September 2019



5,237 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$1,908,802 cash-based transfers made

US\$47 million six month net funding requirements
(November 2019 – April 2020)

Operational Context

Despite the establishment of the Transitional Government in August, the situation in the country is not fully stabilized. Thousands of people [demonstrated](#) in Khartoum on 12 September, in the largest protest since the country's new government was [announced](#); inflation is still soaring (exceeding 53%) and huge sums are needed for food and fuel imports. The ongoing economic crisis continues to affect the living conditions of millions, and is pushing more and more people into poverty. As of September 2019, there are 8.5 million people in need of assistance including 5.8 million people (14% of the entire population) identified as food insecure – a doubling since the onset of the economic crisis in Nov 2017.

In January 2019, WFP started the implementation of its five-year Country Strategic Plan (CSP), focused on four interlinked strategic objectives guided by the SDGs:

1) Responding to new and protracted emergencies, ensuring that humanitarian programmes are strategically linked to development and peacebuilding; 2) Reducing malnutrition and its root causes; 3) Strengthening the resilience of food-insecure households and food systems; 4) Strengthening in-country systems and structures for the provision of humanitarian and development common. WFP aim is to reach 4.4 million people in 2019 through a mix of food, cash and voucher assistance.



Population: 42 million

2018 Human Development Index: 167
out of 189

Income Level: Lower middle

Chronic malnutrition: 2 million
children between 6-59 months

Operational Updates

- WFP collaborated with the Ministry of Education to finalize the submission of data for the global school meals survey conducted by the Global Child Nutrition Forum (GCNF). This survey focuses on monitoring the progress and challenges in school feeding globally, the results of which will be presented at the GCNF Conference in December.
- WFP has successfully negotiated to continue assistance and provide SCOPE registration to IDPs in camps located in South and North Darfur. Following community agreement, WFP registered over 50 percent of the IDPs in Kalma Camp (South Darfur) which hosts 109,000 people through SCOPE. It's anticipated that SCOPE activities in ZamZam Camp (North Darfur) will resume by March 2020.
- On September 2, 14 partners signed a Memorandum of Agreement on Universal Salt Iodization. WFP has been providing technical and financial support to this process through the EU-funded "Inclusive and Sustainable Value Chains and Food Fortification Project". The parties agree to commit to encourage sustainable universal salt iodization in Sudan and help eliminate iodine deficiency disorders. In Sudan, [22%](#) of the population is affected by Iodine Deficiency Disorder, the single greatest preventable cause of mental retardation; it is estimated that [200,000](#) children born are at risk. In 2019, WFP has procured 2,484 mt of iodised salt to include in our food baskets.

Monitoring

- Data analysis of The Cost of Hunger in Africa study for Sudan has been completed. The results shows that Sudan loses US\$2 billion annually as a result of hunger. Launch of the results is planned for mid-November 2019.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Education, WFP finalized the submission of data for the "Global Survey of School Meal Programs" conducted by the Global Child Nutrition Forum. This survey focuses on monitoring the progress and challenges in school feeding globally. The results will be presented at the GCNF Conference in December.

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Photo Caption: Refugees receiving Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance in East Darfur. ©WFP/Muhammad Salah

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)	
Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)
2.27 bn	401.1 m
2019 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (November 2019 – April 2020)
400.9 m	47m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome #1: People affected by shocks in targeted areas have access to food, nutrition and livelihoods during/after crises.

Focus area: Crisis Response in emergency situations and on increasing self-reliance.

Activities:

- Act.1 Provide food and CBT to people affected by shocks
- Act.2 Provide nutrition sensitive programming in schools.
- Act.3 Provide preventative and curative nutrition activities to children aged 6-59 months and PLW/G

Strategic Result 2: Ending Malnutrition

Strategic Outcome #2: Food insecure residents in targeted areas have sustainably improved nutrition by 2024.

Focus area: Root Causes of Malnutrition

Activities:

- Act.4 Provide curative and preventative nutrition activities to children aged 6-59 months and PLW/G and capacity strengthening to national and state health institutions.
- Act. 5 Provide nutrition-sensitive programming in schools and capacity strengthening support to national and state education institutions.

Strategic Result 3: Food Systems are Sustainable

Strategic Outcome #3: Food insecure people in targeted areas and food systems have increased resilience to shocks by 2024.

Focus area: Resilience Building of households, communities and national systems including food systems.

Activities:

- Act.6 Offer asset creation activities and technical assistance through safety nets to help food insecure households to reduce risk and adapt to climate change.
- Act.7 Provide capacity strengthening support to farmers and local, state and national agricultural institutions.

Strategic Result 4: Capacity Strengthening

Strategic Outcome #4: Humanitarian and development actors and national systems have access to expertise, services and infrastructure in the areas of logistics (including air transport), ICT, administration and infrastructure engineering.

Focus area: Enable humanitarian interventions in response to crisis.

Activities:

- Act.8 Provide technical and support services (Logistics, ICT, administrative and project) to the humanitarian and development community and national entities/systems.
- Act.9 Provide air transport services for personnel and light cargo alongside aviation sector technical assistance.

Challenges

- Fuel shortages remain a challenge for timely dispatches and distributions by WFP-contracted transporters; WFP is closely monitoring the situation, and in order to minimize the

impact on the operations decided to procure fuel (79,000 lt in 2019) which has been distributed to partner NGOs and UN agencies.

Flood Update

- Following the inter-agency needs assessment in August, WFP supported 21,223 flood-affected people, including 7,392 children under five and pregnant and lactating women, with food and nutrition assistance in White Nile state. [Read more](#) on stories from flood affected victims in White Nile State.
- There is an outbreak of cholera that was declared by the Federal Ministry of Health on September 9, which has been linked to flash flooding. The number of cases has risen to 215 including eight deaths reported in Blue Nile and Sennar states. Forecasts estimate up to 13,200 cholera cases in the next six months in high risk states of Sudan. WFP is working on preventive measures and messaging in collaboration with WHO at distribution sites of most affected states.

Donor Relations

- In September, Norway and the Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) confirmed a contribution towards The UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) operations in Sudan for US\$1,668,449.
- The German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) confirmed a multi-year contribution of EUR 9 million towards the Strategic Outcomes 2 (Root Causes) and 3 (Resilience), covering the period from 2019 to 2023.
- The UN Hybrid Operations in Darfur (UNAMID) confirmed a top up contribution of USD 1.2 million for the implementation of the Joint State Liaison Functions mandated by the Security Council in support of the African Union – UNAMID.

Building Resilience

- WFP participated in the First Social Protection Working Group led by the Ministry of Social Development and Labour and the Commission on Social Safety and Poverty Reduction with the main objective of mapping national social protection programmes and enhance coordination at all levels.
- WFP Country Director met with the Minister of Labour and Social Development to discuss how to best support social protection activities, livelihoods and socioeconomic mapping in Sudan. He also met with the Minister of Finance to discuss outstanding issues and opportunities to collaborate further.

Donors

Canada, European Union (DEVCO and ECHO), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom (DFID), the United States (USAID) and UN-CERF