Operational Context

The economic challenges persist with high inflation rate and increasing costs of food. Fuel and bread shortages were also experienced during the reporting month.

The ongoing economic crisis continues to affect the living conditions of millions and is pushing more and more people into poverty. About 9.3 million people – nearly one quarter of the population – are in need of humanitarian assistance (across all sectors). 6.2 million people are food insecure.

Funding made available early in the year is critical to sustain the response in conflict-affected areas and help families hit by economic crisis, and to optimize the response ahead of the lean season in May and start of the rainy season in June.

WFP Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2019-2023 focuses 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 services.

In Numbers

2.2 million people assisted in February 2020

13,777 mt of food assistance distributed in February 2020

US$3.7 million cash-based transfers made in February 2020

US$50.1 million six-month net funding requirements (April – September 2020)

Operational Updates

- At the request of donors and the Government, WFP co-led the development of the joint UN-World Bank social protection framework with UNICEF, UNDP and the World Bank. The framework was presented by the Government at the Friends of Sudan meeting in Stockholm on 18 February.
- WFP co-facilitated the national level Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) Training of Trainers with the Federal Ministry of Health. 33 participants from all 18 states of Sudan were trained.
- WFP continued to support the displaced population affected by clashes in Geneina (West Darfur) that happened at the end of 2019. Over 48,000 IDPs received February ration of food and nutrition assistance, including some 13,000 children under five and PLW covered with emergency blanket supplementary feeding.
- 119,856 beneficiaries in 15 camps/locations of North Darfur and Kassala finalized digitization in SCOPE (WFP beneficiary information and transfer management platform) in February and are now receiving cash-based transfers in digital form.
- The joint Early Warning System technical working group was established in February 2020, co-led by FAO, WFP and the government’s Food Security Technical Secretariat (FSTS), with the participation of other UN and government agencies.
- WFP Sudan has completed the Gender Transformation Programme (GTP), demonstrating commitment along several dimensions to the pursuit of gender equality and women’s empowerment in its operations. The GTP is a comprehensive gender mainstreaming diploma/tool over a period of 12-18 months that supports and strengthens WFP Country Offices to deliver gender equality outcomes.
- To reduce carbon emissions through renewable energy initiatives, WFP is implementing a solar
power installation project in 19 of its facilities. During February, solar installation was completed in WFP warehouses in Geneina (West Darfur) and el Fasher (North Darfur).

### Challenges

- Fuel shortages in February and raising costs for commercial transporters created challenges for the delivery of commodities in some locations. As mitigation measures, WFP maintains contingency fuel stocks and a strategic fleet. WFP has deployed the fleet across its operations to fill some of the gaps in commercial transportation. In addition, in 2018 WFP established a common platform for fuel management to support humanitarian actors affected by the shortages.

### Donor Relations

- On 18 February, the 6th Friends of Sudan meeting was held in Stockholm, with discussions on planned economic reforms and ongoing peace process.

### Building Resilience

- The roadshow component of the Social Behavioural Change Campaign kicked off in North Kordofan, targeting farmers to increase awareness towards saving grain losses during storage.

- To develop synergies between Productive Safety Net (PSN) and Post-Harvest Loss (PHL) projects, joint missions took place in Kassala and North Kordofan states in February. WFP staff, Cooperating Partners and line ministries met to discuss opportunities and challenges for further integrating PSN and PHL activities. Project sites were visited, and consultation sessions were held with targeted communities, who showed great interest and potential.

- Click [here](#) for the latest story on WFP PSN.

### Donors

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