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WFP Sudan Country Brief May 2020

In Numbers

2.8 million¹ people assisted
May 2020



14,812 mt¹ of food assistance distributed, May 2020

US\$ 2.3 million¹ cash-based transfers, May 2020

US\$ 64.1 million six months net funding requirements (July - December 2020)

Operational Context

The economic challenges persist with high inflation rate and increasing costs of food, affecting the living conditions and food security of millions of people. These trends are likely to be further compounded by the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak.

By the end of May, there were 5,173 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Sudan, including 298 fatalities. The majority of confirmed cases are in Khartoum state but COVID-19 has now been reported in all states. The government is applying containment measures to control the spread of COVID-19, including lockdown measures in Khartoum state.

The upcoming lean season is likely to further deteriorate the food security in the coming months. WFP will continue to closely monitor the food security and markets situation.

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.



Population: **43 million**

2019 Human Development Index:
168 out of 189

Income Level: **Lower middle**

Acute malnutrition: **2.7 million children under five years of age**

Operational Updates

- 2.5 million¹ people received life-saving food assistance (in-kind food or cash-based transfers) for May 2020 in 13 states.
- Precautionary measures to minimize risks of COVID-19 transmission, such as physical distancing, installation of hand washing facilities and use of personal protective equipment were implemented during distributions.
- Nutrition activities continue to be delivered in line with the guidance provided on COVID-19 prevention and control measure. 214,000¹ children 6-59 months of age and pregnant and nursing women received nutrition assistance in May 2020 across 13 states.
- WFP provided support to the Federal Ministry of Health, jointly with UNICEF and WHO, to undertake COVID-19 preparedness and response training to ensure continuity of CMAM activities and strengthening the MAM² treatment component in the state of Khartoum, including in urban areas. Over 100 nutrition cadres attended the training.
- Take-Home Ration (THR) distributions for students enrolled in WFP-supported schools started in one state. This entitlement is being provided as a substitute for on-site school meals that have been suspended due to the closure of schools. Other states will begin THR distributions in June.
- The Government of Sudan and WFP Sudan signed on 29 May a Memorandum of Understanding to support the government's Family Support program that will provide Sudanese families direct cash transfers.

WFP will support the Government to develop a cash transfer delivery and payments system, and a complaints and feedback mechanism to support recipients of the programme (for the press release, please click [here](#)).

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Photo Caption: Cash-based transfers to participants enrolled in WFP productive safety net (PSN) programme in Kassala state. ©WFP/Sudan.

(1) Estimated, final distribution figures under finalization. (2) CMAM: Community Management of Acute Malnutrition. MAM: moderate acute malnutrition

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

Total Requirements 2019-2023 (in USD)	Allocated Contributions 2019-2023 (in USD)
2.35 billion	761 m
2020 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (July-December 2020)
478 m	64.1 m

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.

- Under the Climate Change Initiative (IKI) project, preparatory work for land reforestation has started in [White Nile](#) and East Darfur, in close coordination with the Forest National Corporation. The activity will target IDPs, refugees and

residents and will look at integration with PSN and post-harvest lost activities to maximize impact.

Services provision

- The provision of WFP Logistics services (storage, transportation, fuel and vehicle maintenance) was available in May to UN agencies and NGOs through Bilateral Service Provision at full cost recovery and coordinated by the Logistic Sector. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak, WFP transported 1,192 MT of non-food items to field locations at the request of UN agencies and NGOs. The items include non-food items for the response to the COVID-19 outbreak. In addition, 100 mobile storage units (MSUs) are being procured from UNHRD to increase storage capacity where needed.
- In May, the WFP-managed United Nations Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS) transported light cargo within Sudan for UN agencies and NGOs to hard to reach destinations.

Monitoring

- WFP April Market Monitor showed another increase in the national average retail price of sorghum compared to the previous month (increase of 19.9 percent), 164 percent higher compared to last year, and 477 percent higher compared to five-year average.

Challenges

- The movement of food across the country to deep field locations for the delivery of WFP assistance has proceeded but at slower pace in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Building Resilience

- Cash-based transfers have been distributed as an advance payment for 128,000 beneficiaries¹ enrolled in WFP Productive Safety Nets (PSN) programme in targeted communities, to mitigate the negative effects of COVID-19 and economic crisis.
- A [story](#) of positive impact of food assistance for assets programme in building self-reliance: a group of internally displaced women in North Darfur who received sewing machines and livelihood training from WFP in 2018, organized themselves to make face masks and sell them in the markets to support their families and help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Follow [@WFP Sudan](#) twitter account for more updates.

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