



SAVING
LIVES
CHANGING
LIVES

WFP Sudan Country Brief August 2020

Operational Context

By the end of August, there were over 13,180 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Sudan, including 823 fatalities and 6,612 recoveries. The majority of confirmed cases are in Khartoum state, but the pandemic has affected all 18 states.

Food insecurity remains high in Sudan with displacements, economic decline, inflation, and increasing food prices, exacerbated by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the recent Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), an estimated 9.6 million people are experiencing high levels of food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above) during the period June-September 2020.

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**

Contact info: [Nina Beretta Piccoli \(nina.berettapiccoli@wfp.org\)](mailto:nina.berettapiccoli@wfp.org)

Country Director: [Dr. Hameed Nuru \(hameed.nuru@wfp.org\)](mailto:hameed.nuru@wfp.org)

Further information: www.wfp.org/countries/Sudan

In Numbers

2.2 million people assisted
August 2020



18,538 metric tons of food assistance distributed

US\$ 13.8 million cash-based transfers

US\$ 86 million six months net funding requirements (October 2020 – March 2021)

Operational Updates

- In view of the rapidly deteriorating food security situation, WFP plans to gradually scale up its emergency interventions through unconditional food assistance targeting an additional 2.5 million people by the end of 2020. The scale-up has started in Jebel Marra (Central Darfur), reaching over 260,000 residents with food assistance.
- Following floods in various parts of the country, WFP participated in rapid inter-agency assessment missions to the affected states and subsequently delivered food and nutrition assistance to 3,500 people in White Nile and North Darfur. WFP is also preparing to deliver emergency assistance to 16,265 people in East Darfur.
- In the context of hyperinflation, which reached 167 percent in August, and the doubling of the price of the local food basket since January, WFP increased the cash-based transfer values for general food assistance, food assistance for assets, productive safety nets (PSN) and take-home rations. This will ensure that the targeted people continue to receive an adequate level of assistance. The gap between the official and parallel exchange rates widened further to a staggering 213 percent with a significant impact on the price of imports, including for food and agricultural inputs, thereby putting additional pressure on people's purchasing power and operational running costs.
- Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 outbreak, WFP continues to provide food assistance (in-kind food or cash-based transfers) and nutrition to ensure critical support reach the people in need.
- Close to 550,000 primary school students have received take-home rations in the ongoing implementation of take-home rations in lieu of on-site school meals, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic school closure. WFP plans to reach all 900,000 school students currently registered under their school feeding programme before the re-opening of schools.

Photo Caption: WFP providing food assistance to people in Jebel Marra – one of the areas Sudan with highest food insecurity. Central Darfur. ©WFP/ Kishor Aryal

WFP Country Strategy



Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

Total Requirements 2019-2023 (in USD)	Allocated Contributions 2019-2023 (in USD)
2.35 billion	824 m
2020 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (October 2020 – March 2021)
478 m	86 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.
- Act.10 Provide food procurement to the Government of Sudan and other stakeholders.

- After the end of COVID lockdown restrictions, WFP's retail partner resumed its 'Vitamino' sales and promotion activities in 75 percent of the pharmacies, ensuring access to these micronutrient powders for children under-five, and preventing micronutrient deficiencies.
- A State of Emergency was declared in Kassala State from 26 to 28 August, restricting all movements, including of humanitarian workers. Upon the Government's Security Authorities request, WFP-managed United Nations Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS) temporarily halted flights to the Kassala and Port Sudan from 31 August to allow time for assessment of the situation. Flights resumed on 6 September.
- In response to clashes in West Darfur and North Darfur, WFP provided emergency food and nutrition assistance to 2,268 newly displaced people in Fata Borno (North Darfur), 14,496 people in Geneina in (West Darfur), and 6,750 people in Mastery town (West Darfur).

Services provision

- WFP delivered to the Government a second shipment of 40,000 mt of wheat to help secure the supply of bread to the general population in view of critical shortages.
- WFP UNHAS facilitated needs assessments by taking inter-agency teams to the areas affected by floods.

Challenges

- Logistics challenges related to food supplies and movement caused delays in the implementation of take-home rations in lieu of on-site school meals, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Insecurity and lockdown in Port Sudan have impacted WFP port operations and supply stocks at the field level.

Donors (in alphabetical order)

Canada, Denmark, European Union (DEVCO and ECHO), Finland, France, Germany (BMZ and GFFO), Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Norway, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States (USAID/FFP, USAID/OFDA, PRM), Private donors, UN-CERF, UN Other Funds and Agencies and UN Country based pooled funds.

Follow [@WFP Sudan](#) twitter account for more updates