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# WFP Sudan Country Brief March 2021

## In Numbers

4 million people assisted in March 2021\*



28,360 mt of food and nutrition assistance distributed\*

USD 1.9 million of cash-based transfers\*

USD 85.5 million six months net funding requirements (April - September 2021)

## Operational Context

Inter-communal clashes escalated in West Darfur on mid-January, resulting in deaths and injuries and causing the displacement of around 109,000 people (IOM, as of 1 April 2021) across Geneina town and its surrounding villages.

The conflict in the Tigray region of Ethiopia that escalated early November has led people to flee across the border into eastern Sudan to seek safety. According to UNHCR, over 62,000 people had arrived in Kassala and Gedaref states (as of 30 March 2021).

According to the Humanitarian Needs Overview 2021, 13.4 million people – about 29 percent of the population – are in need of humanitarian assistance (across all sectors). There are around 2.5 million internally displaced people (IDPs) in Sudan and 1.1 million refugees and asylum seekers.

High inflation and increase in food prices are eroding families' purchasing power. The average cost of a local food basket in March 2021 was 182.4 percent higher than one year ago.

WFP is conducting the nationwide Comprehensive Food Security Vulnerability Assessment (CFSVA), the results of which will inform the next update on the number of people who are food insecure.

WFP Sudan's Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2019-2023 focuses on five 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) Supports national systems, humanitarian and development actors through the provision of services and expertise; and
- 5) Strengthen capacity to implement the sustainable development goals.

Population: **46.7 million**

2020 Human Development Index: **170 out of 189**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

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

## Operational Updates

- WFP Sudan celebrated the International Day of School Meals on 11 March at El Abrar Primary School in Um Badda Locality in Khartoum. This day stressed the crucial role that school feeding programmes play in developing future generations, facilitating access to education and reducing disparities. WFP also announced the expansion of its school feeding programme across 15 states. In March, 1.36 million primary school boys and girls received on-site school meals or take-home rations (where schools are still closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak).
- More than 100,000 people were displaced to 90 different gathering points in Geneina town following violence that erupted in January. WFP responded by providing emergency food assistance to people displaced or affected by intercommunal clashes in West Darfur. As of March, WFP had provided emergency food rations to nearly 90,000 people, mainly in Geneina town, as well as nutrition support in 15 targeted supplementary feeding centres in Geneina.

Read [here](#) the story of Yahya, an IDP Community Leader displaced into Geneina.

- WFP regularly provides food assistance for refugees who fled Ethiopia's Tigray Region. In March, nearly 57,000 refugees in Tunaybah settlement, Um Rakuba refugee camp, Hamdayet reception centre, and Village 8 transit centre received monthly emergency food rations (cereals, pulses, vegetable oil and salt). Additionally, around 1,700 children aged 6-59 months, pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG) have been enrolled in treatment for moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) activities in these four locations and received specialized nutritious food during the first quarter of 2021.

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Photo Caption: School girls in Um Badda Locality in Khartoum, participating in WFP school meals programme.. ©WFP

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\* Estimated figures, data under validation.



- WFP also continued to provide life-saving food assistance (in-kind food and cash-based transfers (CBT)) and nutrition support across 14 states for the month of March. Close to 2.9 million food insecure girls, boys, women and men received

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

Total Requirements 2019-2023 (in USD)	2021 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD), April - September 2021
2.7 billion	633.2 million	85.5 million

Women are more likely of being severely than men. WFP's life-saving emergencies as well as development building activities contribute towards security and nutrition for all. On 8 world celebrated International Women's reached the social media campaign [#WFPforWomengriener](#) throughout the month.

Resilience

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.

- Activities:
- Act.1 Provide hermetic storage bags and airtight silos, to help reduce post-harvest losses of small-holder farmers.
  - 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.

- 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 to national and state health institutions

Strategic Result 4: Food Systems are Sustainable

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

- Activities:
- Act.6 Offer asset creation activities and technical assistance through to help 8 million internally displaced people (IDPs), refugees and food-insecure residents through the provision of food and CBT
  - Act.7 Provide capacity strengthening support to farmers and local, state and national level

Strategic Result 8: Enhance Global Partnership

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.

- Activities:
- Act.8 Provide technical and support services (logistics, ICT, administrative and project) to the humanitarian and development organizations and the humanitarian community to safely reach the most vulnerable populations in March. UNHAS transport and other stakeholders from 68 partner organizations reaching 27 destinations and delivered 3.8 mt of
  - Act.9 Provide air transport services for personnel and light cargo alongside aviation sector technical assistance.
  - Act.10 Provide surge support for the UNHAS transport and other stakeholders
  - Act. 11 CBT service provision for the Sudan Family Support Programme

Strategic Result 5: Strengthen capacity to implement

Strategic Outcome #5: The social protection system in Sudan ensures that chronically vulnerable populations across the country are able to meet their basic needs all year round

- Activities:
- Act. 12 Provide advisory and technical services to federal and state governments and the private sector for strengthening food assistance delivery platforms and national and state systems