



In Numbers

4 million people assisted
in March 2021*

54%



46%



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 age

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 Tunaydbah 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.

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

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 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.

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 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 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 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 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.
- 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.

- 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 general food assistance and around 172,000 children aged 6-59 months and PLWG received nutrition support.
- Globally, women are more likely of being severely food insecure than men. WFP's life-saving assistance in emergencies as well as development and resilience building activities contribute towards achieving food security and nutrition for all. On 8 March, the world celebrated International Women's Day. WFP launched the social media campaign [#WomenAreHungrier](#) throughout the month.

Building Resilience

- WFP is running a national media campaign across Sudan through May to raise awareness on the benefits of proper crop storage techniques, such as using hermetic storage bags and airtight silos, to help reduce post-harvest losses of small-holder farmers.
- WFP also engages with the private sector to start developing a sustainable approach for accessibility to hermetic storage bags through local retail channels, with selling points in North Kordofan, Kassala, Gedaref and White Nile established for the 2020/2021 harvest season.

Assessments and publications

- [WFP March Market Monitor](#) shows that the national average retail price of sorghum is 181 percent higher and the price of wheat is 255 percent higher compared to the same period of the previous year (March 2020).
- The [WFP Sudan Annual Country Report 2020](#) has been published. In 2020, WFP Sudan reached close to 7.8 million internally displaced people (IDPs), refugees and food-insecure residents through the provision of food and CBT to crisis-affected people, nutrition activities, school meals and productive safety nets programmes.

Services provision

- The WFP-managed UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) is essential to facilitate humanitarian access, thereby enabling UN agencies, non-governmental organizations and the humanitarian community to safely reach the most vulnerable populations. In March, UNHAS transported 2,144 passengers from 68 partner organizations reaching 27 destinations and delivered 3.8 mt of light humanitarian cargo.

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