In Numbers

3 million people assisted in October 2021

14,400 mt of food and nutrition assistance distributed in October 2021

USD 39.7 million of total cash-based transfers in 2021

USD 207 million six months net funding requirements (November 2021 – April 2022)

Situation Updates

• On 25 October, a state of emergency was declared across the Country. The Prime Minister and several political actors were placed under house arrest and/or detained. In Khartoum and other localities, people took to the street to protest. Given the heightened level of insecurity, only critical WFP staff reported to office in the last week of October. Mobile network services, in particular data, were mostly down across the Country.

• International and domestic flights to Khartoum International Airport were suspended, however United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) received special authorization to fly within Sudan.

Operational Updates

• Despite challenges, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to over 3 million people in the month of October, increasing the total number of people assisted in Sudan to 7.8 million since January 2021.

• In October, WFP provided school meals to an estimated 140,680 children in nine states in Sudan. Due to closure of schools, children in seven states received take-home rations instead of the usual in-school hot meals.

• In October most of WFP nutrition centres remained functional, with nearly 331,000 children under five and pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWGs) assisted through screening, prevention, and treatment services.

Food security and assessments

• The October 2021 mid-season assessment mission report indicates that the 2021/22 harvest is expected to be average to above average. However, with high prices of agricultural inputs, the food commodity prices will likely remain high even after the main harvest season. Download the report here.

• The national average retail price of sorghum was SDG 140.07 per kg, (equivalent to USD 0.31 per kg) which is an increase by 4.1 percent from September to October. Read WFP’s latest market monitor here.

Partnerships

• A high-level Swedish delegation led by the State Secretary for International Development Cooperation and the Director-General of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), visited WFP sites in Damazine, Blue Nile 10 -13 October, to demonstrate Swedish’s support of Sudanese people in democracy transition and to recognize the usage of Swedish’s contributions.

• To launch the UK-Sudan dialogue with reference to the stability of Sudan, the United Kingdom’s Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) Minister for Africa, visited Khartoum on 20 October 2021. The minister also visited a school supported by WFP on the same day.

Operational Context

The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) published at the end of May projected 9.8 million people to be food insecure during the Jun-Sept 2021 lean season. WFP expects the number of food insecure people will remain high throughout 2021. Key drivers of food insecurity include economic decline with inflation and increased food prices, displacements due to conflict, as well as floods and droughts.

According to the Humanitarian Needs Overview 2021, 13.4 million people 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. Meanwhile, WFP Food Security Monitoring Survey Q3 2021 found that 61 percent of IDPs and 51 percent of refugee households 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) Supporting national systems, humanitarian and development actors through the provision of services and expertise; and 5) Strengthening capacity to implement the SDGs.
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2022)

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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
- 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

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
- 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

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.

Service Provision and Logistics
- In October, UNHAS transported 1,959 passengers from 72 partner organizations reaching 26 destinations and delivered 2.13 mt of light humanitarian cargo. Watch a brief video about UNHAS here.
- In the aftermath of the political events in October, there was a complete shut-down of the banking services across the Country for nearly a week. WFP finance team, together with corporate banking partners and UN partners, arranged for banking services to open at UN premises to provide cash access to vendors within the same week.

Operational Challenges
- The closure of the port of Port Sudan continued to disrupt the import and movement of humanitarian cargo and fuel. However, in late October, WFP’s cargo which was cleared by Customs was allowed to move out of Port Sudan, and WFP commenced the dispatch of the first batch of 25 containers carrying 440 mt of lentils.
- WFP has been working alongside the World Bank to support the Sudan Family Support Program (SFSP). In the aftermath of 25 October events, the activities of the SFSP were put on hold, following the World Bank’s announcement to pause all of its operations in Sudan.

Funding Situation
- WFP is at risk of running out of funding early next year and urgently needs USD 207 million to ensure operational continuation for the next six months.
- WFP is very grateful to donors who recently provided new contributions towards WFP operations.

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