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# WFP South Sudan Country Brief

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## Operational Context

About 9.3 million people require humanitarian assistance, with 2 million people remaining internally displaced due to years of violence and the impact of climate change, including floods and dry spells.

Over 7.7 million people face acute food insecurity levels, at Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) 3 or higher. Of the 7.7 million, 2.4 million people face IPC Phase 4 food insecurity, and 83,000 face IPC Phase 5 food insecurity levels. Malnutrition rates remain high, with IPC projections indicating that 3.5 million children and women are acutely malnourished.

WFP is implementing a three-year Country Strategic Plan (CSP, 2023-2025), building on its life-saving support to create pathways for resilience, development and peace. WFP seeks to reduce entrenched inequity and isolation by fostering unified, interconnected, and peaceful communities. WFP continues to support zero hunger objectives while contributing to peace and climate resilience. See the CSP funding statistics on page 2.

WFP country and field offices in South Sudan



Population: **13.4 million**

Country GDP per Capita: **USD 251**

Income Level: **Low**

Children aged 5-59 months acutely malnourished: **2.3 million.**

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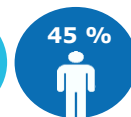
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Photo: A child being screened for malnutrition at the nutrition centre at Wedweil refugee settlement. Photo: WFP/Eulalia Berlanga

## In Numbers

**2.1 million** people assisted



**USD 7.3 million** in cash-based transfers distributed

**13,242 mt** of food distributed across programme activities

**USD 116 million** net funding requirements under the 2025 operational plan

## Operational Updates

### Humanitarian situation

- South Sudan is facing overlapping crises, including rising violence, an economic downturn, and climate-related disasters. The crises are fueling food insecurity and malnutrition. The ongoing conflict in Sudan has exacerbated the dire situation, forcing over 1.2 million people into South Sudan.
- The security situation remains unstable, with armed clashes reported across several states, including those sheltering arrivals from Sudan. According to UNHCR, intensified fighting between government and opposition forces in Upper Nile and Jonglei States has displaced 350,000 people both within South Sudan and across its borders since March 2025.
- South Sudan is also grappling with severe flooding. As of 31 August, floods had affected 263,000 people across Mayendit, Panyijiar, Ayod, Bor South, Longochuk, Pochalla, Fangak, Twic East Leer, Mayom and Rubkona counties, where communities face heightened risks due to prolonged exposure to floodwaters. The flooding could affect up to 1.6 million people.

### Support to crisis-affected people

- WFP distributed 12,229 mt of food and USD 6.1 million as CBT to 1.8 million people, including new arrivals from Sudan, refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and host populations. The total number of people reached represents 83 percent of the people targeted in August.
- Due to resource constraints, counties with pockets of populations facing IPC 5, continued to receive 70 percent of the general food basket while the rest of targeted populations, including refugees and IDPs received 50 percent of the food basket.

### Human capital development

- WFP delivered three two-day trainings for Action Against Hunger and Concern Worldwide nutrition frontliners across 48 Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme sites as a step towards scaling up the Conditional on Demand Assistance (CODA) in Northern Bahr el Ghazal State. The training focused on the application of CODA and the digital innovation underpinning the upcoming Joint Action to Stop Wasting pilot. This achievement signifies the state's transition to digital nutrition programming, with Rumbek County set to follow.
- WFP implemented the school feeding programme in 42 counties across 10 states. The programme included on-site feeding with freshly prepared meals and take-home rations comprising cereals, pulses, fortified vegetable oil and salt. Between January and August 2025, WFP had

# WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2025) 2025 Funding Outlook (Operational Plan)		
Total Requirements (Millions in USD)	Allocated Contributions (Millions in USD)	Net Funding Requirements: (Millions in USD)
674	558	116

## WFP Strategic Outcome 1: Access to food and nutrition

**CSP Outcome 1:** Crisis-affected people meet their food, and nutrition needs in anticipation of, during and in the aftermath of crises. **Focus area:** Crisis response

**Activities:**

- Provide life-saving food and nutrition assistance to crisis-affected populations

## WFP Strategic Outcome 2: Better nutrition, health, and education

**CSP Outcome 2:** Vulnerable populations have enhanced nutrition, health and education and access to safety nets. **Focus area:** resilience building

**Activities:**

- Provide nutrition and health support to targeted groups.
- Provide nutritious school meals to schoolchildren and engage vulnerable urban/rural youth in skills training

## WFP Strategic Outcome 3: improved and sustainable livelihoods

**CSP Outcome 3:** Food-insecure/ shock-affected populations in targeted areas have improved livelihoods and more resilient and sustainable food systems. **Focus area:** Resilience building

**Activities:**

- Engage targeted communities in resilience activities.
- Engage food-insecure people, women in livelihood development and market support activities.
- Develop, rehabilitate, and maintain essential infrastructure

## WFP Strategic Outcome 4: Strengthened national programmes

**CSP Outcome 4:** National institutions and partners have strengthened capacity. **Focus area:** resilience building

**Activities:**

- Provide technical assistance to Government and partners

## WFP Strategic Outcome 5: Effective Humanitarian and development actors

**CSP Outcome 5:** Humanitarian/development partners in have access to reliable common services. **Focus area:** Crisis response

**Activities:**

- Provide air transport services and technical assistance to the humanitarian community/other partners.
- Provide information management, logistics and coordination services to the humanitarian community and partners.
- Provide on-demand services and expertise to humanitarian and development partners.

reached 384,000 learners across 729 schools. Funding shortfalls for school feeding programme under Activity 1 (crisis response) interrupted support for 150,000 schoolchildren in August. To protect the gains made and ensure the programme meets its objective, sustained support is imperative.

## Food systems and resilience

- Eleven local Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) were selected to receive catalytic support through the IGNITE Food Systems Innovation Challenge 2.0. The top three awardees, Africa Cornerstone General Trading Ltd, Golden Farm South Sudan Ltd, and Dream Farm Agribusiness Cooperative, all women-led enterprises championing environmental sustainability, were announced at a high-level event in Juba. These ventures will benefit from a package designed to accelerate their growth, including equity-free grants ranging from USD 15,000–40,000, a four-month business acceleration programme with expert mentorship, and access to strategic partnerships. The announcement, which brought together over 90 stakeholders from the South Sudanese Government, donor agencies, and the private sector, served as a platform to strengthen national commitment to building resilient, inclusive and locally led food systems.

## Logistics operations

WFP plans to distribute 164,485 mt of food in 2025. By 31 August, WFP had dispatched 148,722 mt to various locations by road, river and air.

Deliveries by air and river to the Upper Nile region continued to face challenges due to ongoing conflict, particularly in Nasir, Ulang, and Fangak counties. By 31 August, WFP had delivered 3,700 mt of food commodities by air and river in the three counties.

## Common services

- The logistics cluster airlifted 56 mt of Health, WASH, and Nutrition supplies to Malakal, Renk, Rubkona, Maiwut, Boma, Lankien, and Koch for 14 partners supporting cholera response. The cluster also transported 87 mt of multi-sectoral supplies by river to Kier, Wanding, Ulang, Nyangore, Wathjak, Wadakona, Melut, and Kaka for seven partners responding to cholera, floods and the Upper Nile crisis.
- UNHAS transported 4,110 passengers to 38 destinations for 156 agencies. Additionally, UNHAS transported 66 mt of light cargo. The service facilitated medical evacuations for two humanitarian workers from Renk to Juba, ensuring timely access to medical care.

## Challenges

- WFP faces a USD 116 million funding shortfalls for the rest of 2025 against its operational plan. Needs include the food and nutrition requirements of crisis-affected people other logistical support services.
- Due to resource constraints, counties with pockets of populations facing IPC 5 will continue to receive 70 per cent of the general food basket while the rest of targeted populations, including refugees and IDPs will continue to receive 50 percent of the food basket.

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