In Numbers

- **1.69 million** internally displaced people (OCHA estimates)
- **721,173** South Sudanese refugees (UNHCR estimates)
- **169,983** people seeking shelter with the UN (UNMISS estimates)
- **2.8 million** people in emergency or crisis level food insecurity (IPC, January to March 2016)

WFP’s Activities

- General food distributions (GFD) are ongoing to provide urgently required food assistance to households experiencing emergency levels of food insecurity in Greater Bahr el Ghazal and Eastern Equatoria. About 500,000 people will receive assistance. Alongside GFD, WFP has food assistance for assets (FFA) programmes targeting more than 600,000 people, through which beneficiaries receive food assistance in exchange for participation in community asset building activities.

- WFP participated in the one-day Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) high level meeting where stakeholders discussed the critical nutrition situation in South Sudan and the need for revitalization and scale up of the SUN initiative. WFP is also planning for the Juba urban area food security and nutrition survey, data collection for which is expected to start in July.

- This week, 55 WFP staff members completed a 2-day training on mainstreaming gender equality and women's empowerment in WFP operations in South Sudan. This is part of efforts to strengthen gender sensitive programming and to implement WFP's corporate Gender Policy on the ground.

Food Assistance

- Through the Integrated Rapid Response Mechanism (IRRM), WFP and its partners recently completed missions in 11 locations in Unity and Jonglei, reaching over 200,000 people with approximately 4,000mt of life-saving food assistance in combination with livelihoods support and health services provided by other partners.

- There are currently 11 ongoing IRRM missions across Unity, Jonglei and Upper Nile States with nearly 120,000 people targeted to receive 2,100mt of food assistance. Challenges with beneficiary registration with local authorities in some locations has created delays in food distribution. Furthermore, with air operations on hold since 6 June due to lack of flight clearance from aviation authorities, air movement of food has been delayed.

Logistics

- WFP and the governments of South Sudan and Sudan have agreed to extend the Memorandum of Understanding that facilitates food deliveries through the northern corridor from Kosti, Sudan to Renk, South Sudan. Use of road transport routes from Sudan into South Sudan beyond the timeline of the extended MoU (December 2016) will be contingent upon rehabilitation of the route. WFP requires US$1.7 million for this road project.

- WFP is piloting a food convoy from Massawa, Eritrea to Renk, South Sudan via Sudan in an effort to increase delivery options through the northern corridor. The first convoy of 11 trucks transporting 1,100mt of sorghum left Eritrea on 9 June.

- Road access continues to deteriorate due to the rainy season, limiting food deliveries by heavy trucks, particularly in northern and eastern Jonglei and eastern Upper Nile. Other main routes are passable, with difficulties.

Highlights

- Test convoy from Eritrea to South Sudan sets off with over 1,000mt of sorghum.

- IRRM missions reach over 200,000 displaced people with life saving food assistance and other support.
Clusters and Special Operations

Logistics Cluster

- In the past week, the Logistics Cluster coordinated the delivery of 102mt of humanitarian relief items to 11 destinations on behalf of 8 organizations.

- Currently the Logistics Cluster is looking to provide common storage to partners in both Wau and Aweil. A mission to Wau has been completed and the construction of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) within the UNMISS site is in progress. A similar assessment mission is currently ongoing in Aweil. Ad-hoc cluster coordination meetings were held in both locations to listen to partners requests and to indicate how the Logistics Cluster can provide support.

- The Logistics Cluster barge set (comprised of 4 barges) is now fully loaded in Bor. The estimated departure date is 13 June.

- The demand for Logistics Cluster services to deliver cargo remains high with more cargo being delivered to date in 2016 than was requested in 2015.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- This week UNHAS transported 1,906 passengers and 17.5mt of light humanitarian cargo with the fleet of 10 fixed-wing aircraft and three helicopters.

- UNHAS facilitated three charter flights for two UN agencies and one international organization. These dedicated flights operated to Pibor, Tonga, Old Fangak and Boma.

- Five medical evacuations were facilitated on UNHAS regular flights from Yei, Yambio and Maban to Juba for two organizations.

- UNHAS continues support to UNICEF’s Child Reunification Programme. During the reporting period 18 children were reunited with their families in Akobo, Paloich, Yuai and Kodok.

- Team deployment of Integrated Rapid Response Missions was facilitated in Maiwut, Thaker, Duk Poktap and Bieh.

- Flights were cancelled to 12 destinations during the week to Maban, Mundri, Ajuong Thok, Yida, Yambio, Yuai, Jiech, Mogok, Gorwai, Wai, Kodok and Akobo. The seasonal rains and wet airstrips continue to be the main reason for UNHAS flight cancellations. One flight was cancelled to Yambio due to the blocked airstrip caused by a disabled aircraft as well as flights to Ajuong Thok and Yida which were cancelled as obligatory safety and security clearances were delayed. Recovery flights to most destinations were scheduled for 11 June.

Food Security & Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC)

- Data collection for the FSNMS was completed in Northern Bahr el Ghazal. The food security situation generally remains dire with the main factors being a poor harvest in 2015 as well as limited commodities in the market and insecurity affecting the roads. The percentage of children referred to nutrition programmes has notably increased since 2015.

- The FSLC participated in an ICWG mission to Wau (Western Bahr el Ghazal) on 8 and 9 June. The main challenge affecting food security and livelihoods partners is access, restricting the intervention of FSLC partners to Wau town, where about 63,000 IDPs are displaced.

- The FSLC, jointly with WFP, held a two-days workshop on protection mainstreaming in the areas of food security and livelihoods from 9-10 June for cluster partners, in Juba.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) is gradually migrating the security telecommunications system to digital with 120 radios programmed in the past week for ETC partners.

- A mission was carried out in Abyei for the installation of WFP/interagency standard satellite-based wireless internet system. The mission will also assess the possibility of implementation of the Humanitarian Internet Support Project (HISP) system to ensure that connectivity and telecommunication needs of humanitarian partners are being adequately addressed.

Feeder Roads

- Nothing significant to report.
The Feeder Roads Special Operation has a total budget of US$167.3 million, with a shortfall of US$70.4 million.

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