



WFP South Sudan Situation Report #260

In Numbers

4.54 million people facing acute food insecurity from September to December 2019 ([IPC](#))

2.1 million acutely malnourished women and children ([HRP](#))

1.85 million people assisted by WFP in October 2019

1.47 million internally displaced people ([OCHA](#))

2.24 million South Sudanese refugees ([UNHCR](#))

180,478 seeking shelter with the UN ([UNMISS](#))

Highlights

- **WFP is in a race against time to mobilize vital funds for food assistance to prevent famine conditions in the coming months** as the year ends amid intense political instability and catastrophic flooding. **WFP urgently requires US\$ 270 million to provide life-saving food and nutrition support to the population.**
- **On December 12, the humanitarian community launched the Humanitarian Response Plan for 2020, requesting US\$ 1.5 billion to reach 5.6 million people** with urgent life-saving assistance. WFP needs for 2020 are reflected in the Humanitarian Response Plan. However, should additional funding not be received in a timely manner, these needs will increase.

People assisted

October 2019



Global Humanitarian Funding 2019

Overall:
USD 1.5 billion
WFP share:
USD 660 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(December '19 - May '20) **463.3**

Strategic Outcome 1

Food-insecure women, men and children in crisis-affected areas have access to safe and nutritious food

350.6

Strategic Outcome 2

People at risk of malnutrition in crisis affected areas, specially young children and pregnant and lactating women, are able to meet their basic nutrition requirements all year round

81.9

Strategic Outcome 3

Food-insecure smallholders and communities in non-conflict zones have enhanced livelihoods and resilience to seasonal climate shocks throughout the year

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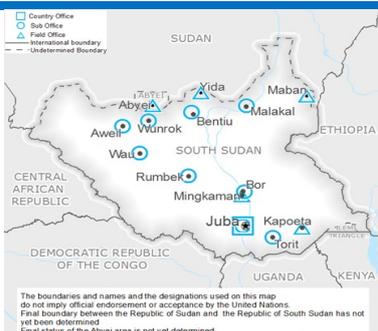
Strategic Outcome 4

The humanitarian community has access to reliable common services until satisfactory alternatives are available

27.8

Situation Update

- WFP is concerned that up to 5.5 million South Sudanese are projected to be going hungry in early 2020 according to forecasts from the latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC). The number of people in need of food assistance is likely to increase due to the catastrophic level of destruction caused by floods that have been devastating the country since July 2019. Close to one million people have been directly affected by flooding that destroyed 73,000 metric tons of potential harvests and wiped out tens of thousands of cattle and goats on which people depend for survival.
- WFP has increased its assistance to reach 4.6 million people with life-saving support this year. However, WFP urgently requires US\$270 million for the first half of 2020 to be able to provide food assistance to prevent famine conditions in the coming months. Of this, WFP needs US\$100 million in the next month to buy and preposition food ahead of the rainy season in May 2020.
- Alain Noudéhou, the UN Humanitarian Coordinator in South Sudan, called for timely contribution to next year's humanitarian response to help build on the gains made to date to improve people's lives. In 2019, around 5 million people have been reached with assistance through the Humanitarian Response Plan, thanks to the dedication of thousands of humanitarian workers, most of whom are South Sudanese, and the generosity of donors who have contributed more than US\$1 billion towards the 2019 response.
- UN peacekeepers have been sent to the northern Lakes region after increased inter-communal violence claimed the lives of 79 people and injured more than 100. David Shearer, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, urged people not turn to violence as a solution to the dire economic situation or because of political uncertainty. Reconciliation and peace-building is the only viable path to development and, ultimately, prosperity for all South Sudanese he added.
- Parties to the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan have not been able to agree on how many states the country should have. A two-day meeting held in Juba, December 2 – 4, overseen by the Deputy President of South Africa, David Mabuza, and Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Special Envoy to South Sudan, Ismail Wais, ended in deadlock. The resolution of the issue of states and their boundaries is expected



to pave the way for the formation of the Transitional Government of National Unity within the 100 day extension period.



WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP has provided food and nutrition support to some 103,140 people, including 21,900 children under 5, with around 1,930 mt of assorted food items distributed in six counties of Akobo East, Ayod, Koch, Mayendit, Ulang and Uror as part of the Rapid Response Mechanism in the last fortnight.

Flood Response

- WFP has reached over 770,300 flood affected individuals with vital food and nutrition assistance. So far, more than 8,400 mt of assorted food commodities have been distributed to people affected by floods.
- In Pibor, former Jonglei state, one of the worst flood-affected areas, WFP airdrops began on December 2, to ensure the increased number of flood-affected people, 65,131, receive food and nutrition assistance. Airdrops will continue until the water level recedes and road transport is again possible. Two All-Terrain vehicles (ATVs) have been received in Pibor to provide mobility and support the flood response. The ATVs have provided access to Gumruk an area in Pibor that was previously challenging to reach.
- In Maban, former Upper Nile state, another critically affected area, WFP has reached around 148,000 flood-affected people in refugee camps with a second round of general food distribution. Airdrops and airlifts of food continue as the road from Renk and Melut to Maban is yet to open.



Gender and Protection

- On December 6, WFP together with UNHCR and UNDP members of the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Interagency Task Force marked Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Stand Down Day. At the event in Juba, community members, local government representatives, women's groups, traditional leaders, students and the UNMISS Bangladeshi engineering contingent joined to mark the day where "SAY NO to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse" messages were delivered to the audience at the Straight Link Orphanage and School through interactive games, musical and dance performances.
- As part of the WFP partnership and collaboration with Humanity and Inclusion (HI), WFP has been reviewing its strengths and gaps in ensuring that persons with disabilities are meaningfully engaged as agents of change in their own lives. A half-day roundtable discussion was held jointly between WFP & HI with Organization of Persons with disabilities and stakeholders, with a total of 21 participants (15 female & 6 male). The key objectives of the discussion was to identify gaps for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in terms of risk and barriers to quality access to services delivery, Gender-Based Violence related risks and how to support PWDs to have meaningful access to services. The next steps will be for WFP and HI to jointly prepare an action plan for 2020 reflecting the outcomes of the roundtable.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security & Livelihoods (FSL) Cluster

- As of end of October 2019, the FSL cluster reached a total of 4 million unique beneficiaries (95% WFP and 5% other partners) with unconditional and transitional emergency food assistance. The FSL cluster reached over 406,000 (76% FAO, 34% FSL partners) unique households with livelihood kits to improve food production and respond to the extensive flooding. During the same period a further 124,700 unique households received trainings to build their capacity and reduce dependency on food and agricultural assistance



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 340 mt of Education, Food Security, General Operations, General Program, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Protection, Shelter, and WASH cargo to 34 locations on behalf of 32 organizations. This includes 229 mt (67%) of cargo transported to flood-affected locations such as Akobo, Lankien, Mankien and Ulang.
- The Logistics Cluster took part in the 2020 Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Strategic Planning Workshop to establish the logistics support needed for the next year. The Logistics Cluster undertook a supervisory field mission to Yambio to monitor logistics coordination. The Logistics Cluster also deployed equipment to Nimule for V-Sat installation, improving connectivity for partners operating in the area.
- The Logistics Cluster conducted four trainings during the reporting period in Bentiu, Bor and Juba, benefiting 83 participants representing 60 organisations. As part of a global partnership with the Agility Group, the Logistics Cluster engaged with Tristar, a fuel logistics provider in South Sudan, to deliver a training on warehouse safety in Bentiu. Remaining trainees took part in Logistics Cluster Induction and Service Request form trainings.
- The most recent access constraint map can be found [here](#).



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- Over the last two weeks, UNHAS transported 4,551 passengers to 58 destinations across South Sudan.
- UNHAS performed five medical evacuations on behalf of four organizations from Aweil, Maban, Nyal, Rumbek and Wau. UNHAS performed six security relocations, five from Jekow and one from Wau.
- In support of the UNICEF family reunification project, UNHAS flew three children to be reunited with their families.
- UNHAS performed three passenger charter flights on behalf of WFP and FAO.
- UNHAS transported 45 passengers for Inter-Cluster Working Group flood response missions.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted (October, 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL	2.99b	1296.3	463.3	1,852,797	1,016,806	835,991
Activity 1 Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations Strategic Result 1: Access to food	1680.3	593.1	282.8	1,278,690	668,756	609,934
Activity 2 Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees Strategic Result 1: Access to food	317.5	102.6	67.8	77,955	42,497	35,458
Activity 3 Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition	437.5	120.3	81.9	233,967	171,433	62,534
Activity 4 Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity and Income	220.2	64.4	3.0	262,185	134,120	128,065
Activity 5 Operate air services for the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	152.4	110.6	17.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 6 Coordinate the Logistics Cluster in support of the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	73.5	46.8	4.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7 Supply Chain provision Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	16.5	7.9	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 8 Inter-Agency IT Communication Service Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	6.5	3.8	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 9 SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	36.7	6.4	4.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 10 Provision of IT services to the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	1.2	0	0.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Activity Specific funding	0.0	240.4				

Donors (2019, listed alphabetically)*

