

\$1.07bn

Funding needed for humanitarian action in 2013.

(FTS.org, 8 Dec. 2013)

71%

Funding received against requirements in the Consolidated Appeal.

(FTS.org, 8 Dec. 2013)

3 million

People targeted by projects in the CAP.

(OCHA)

227,918

Refugees living in South Sudan.

(UNHCR, 8 Dec. 2013)

188,526*

People internally displaced by violence since January 2013.

(OCHA, 30 Nov. 2013)

293

Violent incidents since January 2013.

(OCHA, 30 Nov. 2013)

*This figure reflects people who have been accessed and assisted only. Due to access constraints, this figure under-represents the actual number of people displaced by violence in the country.



A bus carrying returnees arrives in Rubkona, Unity State from Sudan's Kostii in November 2013 (Credit: OCHA)

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Highlights

- About 3,500 families displaced by flooding and hostilities in Jonglei's Pochalla County were assessed to be in need of water and sanitation assistance.
- Partners launched the third round of food aid distribution in Jonglei's Gumuruk on 6 December targeting approximately 28,600 people.
- Partners in South Sudan are seeking US\$10 million to provide emergency return assistance to around 19,000 vulnerable and stranded South Sudanese scheduled to travel to South Sudan later this month.

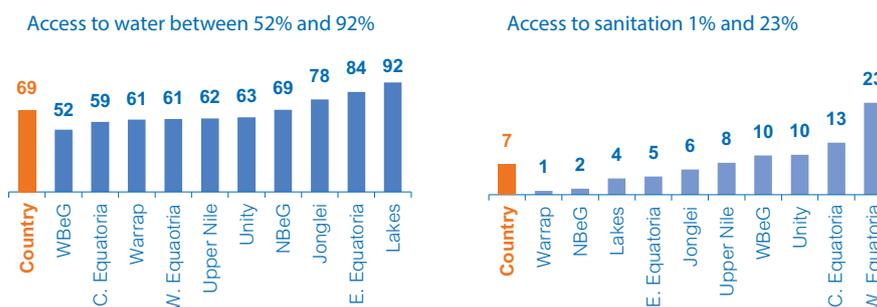
Challenges, needs and response

Pochalla assessment showed lack of access to water and sanitation

A water and sanitation assessment conducted in Jonglei's Pochalla County showed critical lack of access to water and sanitation for about 3,500 families displaced by hostilities and flooding.

The assessment showed that there is no access to latrines, only three per cent of the people have access to 15 litres of water a day, and only 13 per cent of the displaced people have access to a mosquito net, raising fears of malaria. Disease levels may worsen if flooding and insecurity continue, with more than 75 per cent of households in need of water containers, soap and other household materials. Earlier assessment in July indicated that nearly 6,800 people were displaced from different payams of Pochalla County due to food insecurity and hostilities.

In Jonglei State, sanitation coverage is as low as 6 per cent, while access to water is estimated at 78 per cent. Partners are mobilizing to respond to the identified water and sanitation needs together with household materials in Pochalla County. The WASH assessment came two weeks after aid organizations completed food distribution to about 6,000 people in Pochalla town on 21 November, in response to findings of an assessment conducted early November which showed an acute shortage of food in the area.



Source: South Sudan household health survey 2010

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BASELINE INDICATORS

Est. population '14 (OCHA)	12m
GDP per capita (NBS)	\$1,546
Pop. living below poverty line (NBHS)	50.6%
Life expectancy (SHHS)	42 years
Child mortality (SHHS)	105/1,000
Maternal mortality (SHHS)	2,054/100,000
<5 global acute malnutrition (NBS)	18.1%
Adult literacy (NBS)	27%
Net enrollment secondary education (EMIS)	1.6%
Households using improved sanitation (SHHS)	7.4%
Households with improved drinking water sources (SHHS)	68.7%

REFUGEES

Upper Nile

Doro	47,159
Gendrassa	17,193
Kaya	18,612
Yusuf Batil	38,984
Total	121,948

Unity

Ajounk Thok	6,582
Yida	70,035
Total	76,617

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Third round of food distribution launched in Gumuruk

Food partners launched the third round of food aid distribution in Jonglei's Gumuruk on 6 December. This round aims to reach approximately 28,600 people with food assistance by the conclusion of the distribution.

Findings of the inter-agency assessment mission to Gumuruk on 29 July showed acute needs for assistance especially food, following inter-communal clashes around Gumuruk and Liku-ongole between 5 and 17 July. The first round of assistance was launched on 29 August and reached nearly 29,000 people with 15 day food rations. The second round in Gumuruk started on 18 October, reaching more than 28,000 people with general food rations, of which nearly 4,000 pregnant and breast-feeding women, as well as children under five years, were provided with supplementary feeding.

During the week, partners also concluded a training of teachers. Other education activities for children also continued. Health partners were constructing four community latrines and plans were underway to install a surface water treatment facility.

Road access improves as the rainy season ends

Road access has improved in some areas of the country as the rainy season comes to an end. In Northern Bahr El Ghazal State, partners conducted an inter-agency mission to Aweil East and North counties between 2-5 December, where 26,000 displaced people were assessed to be in need of assistance after flooding destroyed their crops. These areas were inaccessible in the last two months due to rains and flooding.

In Unity State, most roads connecting Bentiu to surrounding counties became accessible allowing delivery of aid to deep field locations. The Bentiu-Leer and Bentiu-Kwajok roads were also accessible. However roads to Mayendit and Panyijiar counties remain inaccessible from Bentiu. The Rubkwuey-Mayendit road is still cut off.

In Lakes State, the general road conditions remained poor, but in Western Bahr El Ghazal some roads are slowly becoming accessible with the beginning of the dry season. Access remained a challenge in Warrap State due to recent flooding in Gogrial East and Tonj East counties. This has affected delivery of assistance to some of the flood-affected communities as most main roads linking affected counties with the rest of the state and with the Greater Bahr el Ghazal area were still cut off.

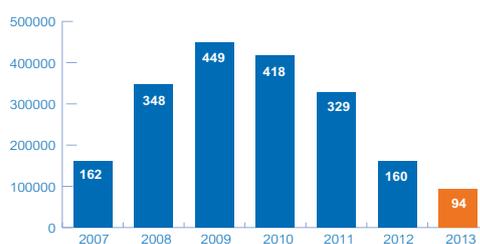
Funding required to assist 19,000 returnees from Sudan

Partners in South Sudan are seeking US\$10 million to provide emergency return assistance to around 19,000 vulnerable and stranded South Sudanese schedule to travel to South Sudan later this month.

Registration of South Sudanese living in open spaces of Khartoum has already started and partners in South Sudan expect ground movements to begin around 13 December.

Partners estimate that between 250,000 to 300,000 South Sudanese remain in Sudan with some living in extremely difficult conditions in different areas of Khartoum. It is unknown how many wish to return to South Sudan, but should they return and if funding is made available, aid organizations will support the dignified movement of returnees to their final destinations, and to provide reintegration packages.

Returnees from Sudan per year (in '000)



Source: IOM, November 2013

Returnees per region since 2007

