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Country: South Sudan

Highlights

- South Sudan faces the worst levels of food insecurity in the young country's history.** The latest Integrated Food Security Phase classification (IPC) analysis underscores rising needs with some **4.6 million people projected to face severe food insecurity** during the lean period of May-July 2015. The nutrition situation remains above the emergency threshold. "Millions of people in South Sudan are trapped by a terrible mix of brutal conflict, rising hunger and a deepening economic crisis. The needs are overwhelming at a time when resources are short," WFP Representative and Country Director Joyce Luma said. WFP currently has a six-month funding shortfall of US\$230 million for its food and nutrition assistance. Click [here](#) to access the latest IPC communication summary.
- Active hostilities and looting necessitate a temporary suspension of life-saving food deliveries by air, road, and river.** As fighting continues, over 750,000 beneficiaries in the Greater Upper Nile region remain inaccessible. Meanwhile, WFP commodities have been looted from a road convoy traversing the Western corridor (Western and Central Equatoria). The exact amount of losses is currently being reconciled. Overall insecurity has likewise affected Feeder Roads, UNHAS, Logistics Cluster and Emergency Telecommunications Cluster activities.
- Despite significant challenges, WFP currently has teams on the ground in 12 remote locations.** Rapid response teams are bringing life-saving food assistance to people in 12 locations in the three conflict states—Jonglei, Unity and Upper Nile.
- WFP and UNICEF launch a joint report—"Rapid Response Mechanism: One Year On - Results, Challenges, and Way Forward."** The Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) was designed to access the hardest to reach areas and to re-open humanitarian space. One year on, more than 1.34 million people were reached by WFP general food distribution, while over 730,000 people, including over 154,000 children under five, were reached by UNICEF RRM interventions in nutrition, health, water, sanitation and hygiene, education and child protection. UNICEF and WFP will continue to build local capacity on the ground so renewed humanitarian presence is lasting for the most vulnerable.

In numbers **1.5 million** IDPs (OCHA estimates)**552,000** displaced outside South Sudan (UNHCR estimates)**121,400** seeking shelter with the UN (UNMISS estimates)**4.6 million** projected to remain in emergency or crisis level food insecurity from May to July 2015 (IPC, May 2015).

WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance 

- WFP and Cooperating Partners' teams completed distributions in Nyambor, Kurwai, Kandak, Kuernyang, Mogok (Jonglei), Mankien and Mayendit (Unity).
- Teams are currently deployed in Wai, Jiech, Gorwai, Lankien, Nyanapol, Pading (Jonglei), Abiemnhom (Unity), Gai Reang, Mading, Jikmir, Mandeng/Nyakag, and Makak (Upper Nile).

April 2015 EMOP and PRRO distributions by state							
Project	State	GFD	BSFP	TSFP	FFE	FFA	Unique ben
EMOP	Central Equatoria	38,257	2,615	467	-	-	38,724
	Eastern Equatoria	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Jonglei	159,335	57,338	4,071	-	-	163,406
	Lakes	79,336	-	-	-	-	79,336
	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unity	113,273	25,774	12,051	-	-	125,324
	Upper Nile	14,075	-	3,968	-	-	18,043
	Warrap	8,522	-	-	-	-	8,522
	Western Bahr el Ghazal	5,817	-	-	-	-	5,817
	Western Equatoria	-	-	-	-	-	-
EMOP Total		418,615	85,727	20,557	-	-	439,172
PRRO	Central Equatoria	10,446	-	150	2,089	5,250	17,935
	Eastern Equatoria	28,778	4,728	2,251	22,756	-	53,785
	Jonglei	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Lakes	13,176	18,600	15,002	40,089	16,757	85,024
	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	8,278	16,103	17,120	40,578	35,938	101,914
	Unity	93,691	-	2,126	-	-	95,817
	Upper Nile	130,746	-	3,278	-	-	134,024
	Warrap	130,568	8,975	8,010	42,382	9,436	190,396
	Western Bahr el Ghazal	4,656	14,893	2,477	23,886	11,081	42,100
	Western Equatoria	9,986	-	-	-	-	9,986
PRRO Total		430,325	63,299	50,414	171,780	78,462	730,981
EMOP&PRRO Total		848,939	149,026	70,972	171,780	78,462	1,170,153

- Next deployments are scheduled for Haat, Ayueldit, Pagil, Chuil, Motot, Paguer, Menime (Jonglei), and Ganyiel (Unity).
- Facilitated by the Regional Bureau of Nairobi, a Corporate and Multifunctional Training on Cash and Vouchers (C&V) Transfers is ongoing in Juba from 25-30 May. The training aims to capacitate the South Sudan Country Office on the business process implementation of the C&V modality, from response planning to closure.

Logistics

- Air deliveries have been hampered due to insecurity. Meanwhile, dispatches via a barge convoy (Bor to Malakal) and a truck convoy (Kosti, Sudan to Melut) continue to be on hold pending an improvement in the security situation.
- As a temporary measure, WFP has also suspended commodity movement along the Western corridor. This mitigating measure follows a serious incident wherein commodities were forcefully offloaded from WFP fleet and commercial contractors.
- The Sudan and Ethiopia Country Offices are obtaining clearances to facilitate food deliveries by road from Nazareth (Ethiopia) to Kosti (Sudan) for onward delivery to South Sudan.
- Over 80,000 mt of food commodities has been dispatched to all ten states under the pre-positioning exercise. This represents 75 percent of prepositioning requirements.
- Since 1 January 2015, WFP has dispatched 136,866 mt of food commodities, of which a total of 23,521 mt has been airlifted or airdropped within South Sudan and from Ethiopia.

Special Operations

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster

- Over the past week, FSL partners distributed over 75,000 emergency livelihood kits in the Greater Upper Nile region.
- Last week, partners reached 80 percent of the targeted households in the Equatoria region with emergency crop, fish and vegetable kits.
- FSL partners' livestock vaccination campaign is ongoing. Last week in Tonj East (Warrap), FAO teams and partners vaccinated over 40,000 animals.
- Partners' air operations with emergency crop kits has been ongoing. The cumulative amount of seeds distributed last week was over 350 mt.

Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster airlifted 86 mt on behalf of ten partners to Bentiu, Boma, Jiech, Kurwai, Lankien, Mankien, Malakal, Mathiang, Old Fangak, Pagak, Renk, and Toch.
- Insecurity continued to result in flight cancellations in Upper Nile. In addition, no flights were scheduled into southern Unity due to the lack of clearances and presence on the ground.
- On 27 May, the Logistics Cluster chartered plane destined from Malakal was not dispatched due to

lack of flight clearance from Malakal authorities which was related to the safety of aircraft without UN markings.

- The Logistics Cluster is working with all Clusters to finalize planning to enable the first 'survival kit' delivery in Unity State.
- Physical access continues to deteriorate due to recent rains. The latest Access Constraints map can be found here: http://www.logcluster.org/sites/default/files/maps/ssd_lc_op_accessconstraints_a3l_20150522.pdf

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In Bentiu (Unity), a two-week mission to provide on-site ICT support to all humanitarians was successfully concluded and a second mission is ongoing. The ETC guarantees a constant presence in this area to promptly respond to the high emergency telecommunication needs.
- In Leer, Koch, Nyal and Ganyiel (Unity), due to the security situation, all humanitarians have been evacuated leaving the compound and all ETC equipment behind. ETC operation are currently suspended in these locations and will be reinstated once the security situation improves.
- In Yida (Unity), a mission is ongoing in order to restore internet connectivity, which has been unstable since last Thursday.
- In Pibor (Jonglei), the ETC installed an emergency.lu and Ericsson Response internet response solution for UNICEF, which will allow to share internet connectivity with all humanitarians responding in this area. UNICEF and ETC are also planning to deploy radio communications services to this area.
- In Mingkaman (Lakes), a five-day ETC mission to resolve the internet equipment challenges and support humanitarians was successfully concluded last week. However, internet connectivity issues are currently reported, probably due to heavy rain affecting the equipment. An ETC mission is planned for the end of this week.
- The ETC continues to provide radio programming services to humanitarian partners in South Sudan. During the reporting period, 36 radios have been programmed for Concern, FAO, Medair, Terre des Hommes (TDH), UNDP, UNOPS and WFP.

UN Humanitarian Air Service

- UNHAS transported 1,755 passengers and 15.2 mt of light cargo during the reporting period.
- During the week, 148 passengers were affected by flight cancellations. More than 70 percent of the cancellations were due to lack of security clearance from local authorities and UNDSS to fly to Malakal; other passengers were affected by bad weather conditions in Rubkona, Lankein and Maban.
- UNHAS continued to support security relocation of humanitarian workers as a result of armed violence in the Greater Upper Nile Region. This week, 14 aid workers from five agencies were relocated out of Ajoung Thok, Paloich and Malakal. As part of a contingency plan to meet all relocation needs, UNHAS has the capacity to

mobilize additional aircraft capacity from the region on short notice.

- On behalf of UNHCR, UNHAS facilitated the return of two refugees to Yida after undergoing medical treatment in Juba, while two children were reunited with their families in Pibor for UNICEF.
- UNHAS facilitated 11 special missions during the reporting period including WFP/Cooperating partners' Rapid Response Mobile team deployments to Nyanapol, Kurwai, Kandak, Mading, Akobo, Jikmir, Pagil and Ayueldit; the special mission of the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) to Leer, Ganyiel and Nyal.
- The monthly UNHAS User Group Meeting took place during the week, during which UNHAS presented the result of the first quarter 2015 snap survey.
- The National Security is yet to return the VHF radio confiscated in early May from UNHAS staff at the Juba International Airport. WFP management continues to liaise with relevant national authorities to retrieve the radios.

Feeder Roads



- Following a shooting incident close to Mundri in Western Equatoria State (WES) on 21 May, the security situation in WES deteriorated quickly and remained precarious. A team, including the WFP Engineer, the Contractor and the Community Development Officer, was working to boost security around the site camp by hiring more policemen from the county. However, the situation worsened to the extent that the Engineer, Consultant and Contractor staff were relocated to Juba for safety on 24 May. All activities on site were suspended immediately during the week. Although the situation has somewhat improved, it is still not calm enough for works to resume. WFP is closely monitoring the situation and final works on this road will resume as soon as possible.
- A site visit to Terekeka – Muni – Tombek road (Central Equatoria State) was conducted on 27 May to establish the scope of required works and estimated associated costs. The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Cooperatives and Rural Development (MAFCRD) has requested WFP to rebuild two-river crossing structures on this road under an addendum to an existing agreement. Collected data is currently being analysed.
- Works on Kworijik via Tendere to Buko road (50 km, Central Equatoria) are progressing well, though fuel shortage is still a challenge. The setting out of the centreline has reached 45 km, bush clearing 26 km and road formation is at approximately 8 km.
- Demining works on the DFATD (Canada)-funded road south of Wau has been completed and no evidence of mines was found. The report is awaited.
- Works on Pageri – Magwi road (65km) in Eastern Equatoria are progressing, with works on lot 2 nearing substantial completion.

Resourcing Update



Project	2015 Requirements (US\$)	Six-month Shortfall (US\$)
EMOP 200659	\$504 million	\$147 million
PRRO 200572	\$288.6 million	\$82 million
SO 200786 (UNHAS)	\$59.3 million	\$14.3 million
SO 200778 (Logistics)	\$34.9 million	\$11 million
SO 200775 (Food Security)	\$1.37 million	\$0.68 million
SO 200791 (ETC)	\$4.5 million	\$2 million
Total	\$892.7 million	\$257 million

Feeder Roads operations has a budget of US\$167.3 million, with a shortfall of US\$73.6 million

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