Despite a period of relative stability since the signing of the revitalized peace agreement in late 2018, humanitarian needs remained high across South Sudan through 2019. The cumulative effects of years of prolonged conflict, chronic vulnerabilities and weak essential services left 7.2 million people—two thirds of the population—in need of humanitarian assistance or protection. Women and children continued to be the most affected.

At the height of the hunger season between May and July, nearly 7 million people were estimated to be acutely food insecure. This was the highest number recorded since the conflict broke out in 2013. Acute malnutrition exceeded global emergency thresholds. Nearly 4 million people remained displaced: 1.7 million of them internally and 2.2 million as refugees across six neighbouring countries. Although many South Sudanese cautiously explored options to return home, conditions were unsustainable for voluntary returns in safety and dignity.

In July, South Sudan was hit by abnormally heavy seasonal flooding. Over the following months, the floods affected more than 908,000 people and destroyed crops on an estimated 74,000 hectares of cultivated land. The Government declared a State of Emergency in the affected areas, which were experiencing high humanitarian needs already before the flooding.

The outbreak of the Ebola Virus Disease in neighbouring Democratic Republic of the Congo triggered active surveillance of the disease across the border with South Sudan. No confirmed cases were reported in the country.

As armed conflict was contained to few areas primarily in the Equatorias and Upper Nile, the operating environment for humanitarian organizations improved. Humanitarians were able to reach previously inaccessible communities, and cost-efficient movement by road and river increased by 10 per cent from 2018. At the same time, bureaucratic access impediments increased from the previous year, as detailed in the 2019 Humanitarian Access Overview.

By the end of the year, more than 5.3 million most vulnerable people were reached with humanitarian assistance through the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP). Achievements included more than 4 million people reached with food security and livelihood support; nearly 2 million people assisted with emergency health care services; and over 1 million people supported with protection, nutrition, and water, sanitation and hygiene services respectively. Over half of the HRP partners were South Sudanese non-governmental organizations.

The humanitarian response was enabled by generous donor contributions. The response plan was 75 per cent funded, with US$1.1 billion received toward the $1.5 billion appeal. This included $28 million channeled through the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund and $80 million disbursed through the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund.
TIMELINE OF EVENTS
January-December 2019

JANUARY-APRIL 2019
Inter-communal violence
Inter-communal violence in Akobo, Pibor, Abiemnhom, Leer, Magwi, Mayorn, Panyijiar, Rubkona, Tonj North, Tonj South and Wau counties displaced thousands of civilians.

FEBRUARY 2019
Access constraint
Humanitarian organizations were unable to reach about 23,000 displaced people around Yei, Central Equatoria, due to fighting and government security operations.

MARCH 2019
Increased needs
Review of needs found 7.2 million people in need of assistance or protection, up from 7.1 million estimated in the 2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview.

JANUARY-JUNE 2019
Malaria outbreak
Malaria cases in the first six months exceeded the number of cases recorded between 2013 and 2017 and accounted for 68 per cent of illness and 72 per cent of deaths reported across the country.

FEBRUARY–JUNE 2019
Displacement
Between February and June, an estimated 28,000 people fled their villages in Jur River County to Wau town and other locations, including Tonj in Warrap.

JULY 2019
Refugee returns
Nearly 26,000 spontaneous refugee returnees, mainly women and children, arrived in Unity and Upper Nile from Sudan due to political unrest and insecurity in the northern neighbouring country.

AUGUST 2019
Displacement
About 33,000 people, mainly women and children, were displaced and 10 aid workers relocated from Maiwut County due to active hostilities between armed opposition elements.

AUGUST 2019
Food insecurity
The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification analysis estimated that 6.35 million people faced crisis levels of food insecurity or worse in August, at the end of the lean season.

OCTOBER 2019
Aid workers killed
Three aid workers were killed in Morobo County, Central Equatoria, while delivering humanitarian assistance. Ebola Virus Disease screening activities were suspended at five sites in the area.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019
HNO/HRP launched
2020 Humanitarian Needs Overview finalized, identifying 7.5 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan launched, targeting 5.6 million people with an overall appeal of US$1.5 billion.

JULY-NOVEMBER 2019
Heavy flooding
Unusually heavy seasonal flooding affected nearly 1 million people in some 30 counties, and damaged homes, crops and basic service infrastructure.

DECEMBER 2019
Fighting in Maiwut
Fighting between armed groups in Maiwut town in Upper Nile displaced thousands of civilians and delayed humanitarian operations. Several aid workers were relocated, restricting humanitarians’ ability to reach flood-affected communities.

PEOPLE REACHED CUMULATIVELY BY MONTH (in millions)

5.3M people reached
93% of target
The administrative boundaries and names shown and the designations used on the maps in this report do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. Final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not been determined. Final Status of Abyei area is not yet determined.

### Funding for 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan

**Total Funding:** $1.51B

**Funding Required:** $1.12B

**Funding Provided:** $1.12B

**Funded:** 75%

#### Cluster Funding (US$) and Required Coverage

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#### SSHF Funding by Organization Type (%)

- **48 INGOs:** 44%
- **65 NNGOs:** 38%
- **7 UN:** 18%
- **Total Orgs:** 120

#### Top 10 Donors (US$)

- **USA:** 656.2
- **UK:** 126.6
- **Germany:** 59.6
- **ECHo:** 36.0
- **CERF:** 27.4
- **Netherlands:** 25.2
- **Norway:** 22.8
- **Canada:** 19.2
- **Denmark:** 17.8
- **Sweden:** 16.9

### South Sudan Humanitarian Fund

**Total Allocated:** $80M

**By Sector (US$):**

- **Health:** $14.3M
- **Protection:** $14.0M
- **WASH:** $13.0M
- **Nutrition:** $12.3M
- **FSL:** $7.5M
- **ES/NFI:** $6.7M
- **Education:** $5.4M
- **Logistics:** $4.0M
- **CCCM:** $2.2M
- **CCS:** $0.6M

**Size of SSHF Funding by Organization Type (%):**

- **48 INGOs:** 44%
- **65 NNGOs:** 38%
- **7 UN:** 18%
- **Total Orgs:** 120

### Central Emergency Response Fund

**Total Allocated:** $28M

**By Sector (US$):**

- **FSL:** $9.1M
- **WASH:** $6.4M
- **Protection:** $3.4M
- **Health:** $3.1M
- **Refugee response:** $3.0M
- **CCCM:** $2.7M
- **CCS:** $0.2M

**By CERF Allocation (US$):**

- **Ebola Virus Disease preparedness:** 5%
- **Support to returnees:** 41%
- **Flood emergency response:** 54%

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Camp Coordination and Camp Management

**1.9M PEOPLE IN NEED**

- **855K people targeted**
- **816K people reached** of target (95%)
- Female: 432k
- Male: 384k
- Age disaggregated data not available

**OPERATIONAL PRESENCE**

- Number of partners by county
- Number of IDPs registered
- $19M requested
- 95% funded
- 1% unmet
- 9 HRP partners

**Education**

**2.8M PEOPLE IN NEED**

- **876K people targeted**
- **758K people reached** of target (87%)
- Female: 318k
- Male: 440k
- Data partially disaggregated by age

**OPERATIONAL PRESENCE**

- Number of partners by county
- Number of children accessing education in emergency
- $54M requested
- 41% funded
- 59% unmet
- 24 HRP partners

**Emergency Shelter and Non-Food Items**

**2.0M PEOPLE IN NEED**

- **969K people targeted**
- **1.1M people reached** of target (114%)
- Female: 555k
- Male: 512k
- Age disaggregated data not available

**OPERATIONAL PRESENCE**

- Number of partners by county
- Number of people served with ES/NFI
- $30M requested
- 31% funded
- 69% unmet
- 26 HRP partners

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2019 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN REVIEW

SOUTH SUDAN

Food Security and Livelihoods

6.5M PEOPLE IN NEED

OPERATIONAL PRESENCE

Number of people assisted with food

$650M requested
funded: 74% unmet: 26%
73 HRP partners

Health

3.6M PEOPLE IN NEED

OPERATIONAL PRESENCE

Number of people reached through consultations

$120M requested
funded: 39% unmet: 61%
54 HRP partners

Nutrition

1.8M PEOPLE IN NEED

OPERATIONAL PRESENCE

Number of boys and girls aged 0-59 months, children aged 5 and above, and pregnant and lactating women with severe and moderate acute malnutrition admitted for treatment

$180M requested
funded: 105% unmet: 0%
45 HRP partners

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Protection

5.7M PEOPLE IN NEED

3.3M people targeted

1.4M people reached

42% of target

Data partially disaggregated by age

Female: 786k
Male: 571k

1.4M people reached

47% of target

Age disaggregated data not available

Number of partners by county

Number of people reached

$100M requested

funded: 58%
unmet: 42%

67 HRP partners

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

5.7M PEOPLE IN NEED

3.0M people targeted

1.4M people reached

47% of target

Number of partners by county

Number of people with access to improved water sources

$130M requested

funded: 43%
unmet: 57%

67 HRP partners

Logistics

290 ORGANIZATIONS

4,180MT of cargo transported

88k UNHAS passengers served

Number of organizations utilizing logistics and coordination services

$87M requested

funded: 50%
unmet: 50%

3 HRP partners

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