Communities across South Sudan, especially women and children, were hit hard in 2020 by the multiple shocks of intensified conflict and sub-national violence, a second consecutive year of major flooding, and the impacts of COVID-19 related restrictions on livelihoods. An estimated two-thirds of the population needed humanitarian assistance and protection services.

Humanitarian organizations worked tirelessly to meet people’s priority needs, guided by three strategic objectives set in the 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP). By the end of the year, some 7.3 million women, men and children were reached with some form of assistance or protection through the plan. Key achievements included more than 5 million people reached with food security and livelihood support; some 3.3 million emergency health consultations conducted; and more than 2.1 million people benefiting from access to improved water sources. An estimated 1.4 million people were reached with protection services, including child protection and protection from gender-based violence. Some 1.1 million children and new mothers were treated for acute malnutrition. A million people, most of whom were displaced, received emergency shelter and essential household items and nearly 600,000 displaced people benefited from camp coordination and management support. Some 300,000 children received education in emergencies, less than planned due to COVID-19 related school closures. More than 8,600 metric tons of humanitarian supplies were transported to 166 locations. Among the more than 200 HRP partners operating across the country, nearly 60 per cent were South Sudanese non-governmental organizations.

The humanitarian response was enabled by generous donor contributions. The response plan was 65 per cent funded, with US$1.2 billion received toward the $1.9 billion appeal. This included $38 million allocated through the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and $62 million disbursed through the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SSHF).

Key figures

- **People in need**: 7.5M
- **People targeted**: 7.6M*
- **People reached**: 7.3M
- **Requirements (US$)**: 1.9B
- **Funded (US$)**: 1.2B

* People targeted is higher than the people in need as it includes newly vulnerable people during COVID-19 based on market dependence.
Response highlights in 2020

**JANUARY 2020**
**Food insecurity**
Humanitarian organizations scaled up their response for food insecure people in parts of Jonglei, Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Upper Nile.

**FEBRUARY 2020**
**Sub-national violence**
An upsurge in violence severely impacted humanitarian operations in Jonglei. Assessments were hindered and aid workers were relocated.

**MARCH 2020**
**Pooled fund allocations**
SSHF launched a $35-million standard allocation for frontline activities under the 2020 HRP. CERF allocated $17 million for food security and protection activities.

**APRIL 2020**
**Reduced footprint**
The humanitarian footprint reduced considerably across the country in the months after COVID-19 was confirmed in South Sudan in early April.

**MAY 2020**
**COVID-19 response**
SSHF launched a reserve allocation of $5 million to procure 70 tons of personal protective equipment to protect frontline health workers responding to COVID-19.

**JUNE 2020**
**COVID-19 Addendum to the HRP**
The COVID-19 Addendum to the HRP, including the National COVID-19 Response Plan, brought the overall humanitarian appeal for 2020 to $1.9 billion.

**JULY 2020**
**Conflict displacement**
Humanitarian organizations responded to the needs of more than 100,000 people displaced by sub-national violence in Jonglei and the Greater Pibor Administrative Area.

**AUGUST 2020**
**Flood response**
A three-phased response approach was launched to meet the needs of close to half a million flood-affected people in low-lying areas along the Nile River.

**SEPTEMBER 2020**
**PoC site transition**
Bor was the first Protection of Civilians (PoC) site to transition into an IDP camp in 2020. Wau and Juba sites followed in October and November. Bentiu and Malakal PoC sites remain pending.

**OCTOBER 2020**
**Flood response funding**
CERF and SSHF released a total of $20 million to provide life-saving assistance to 360,000 most vulnerable people affected by widespread flooding since July.

**NOVEMBER 2020**
**Aid worker security**
Two aid workers were killed within days while providing humanitarian assistance in Jonglei, bringing the total number of aid workers killed in 2020 to nine.

**DECEMBER 2020**
**Scale up in food insecure areas**
The humanitarian community scaled up assistance to save lives and avert collapse of livelihoods in six counties in response to the latest food security analysis.
People reached and operational presence

![Map of the region with administrative boundaries and population distribution]

**People Targeted:** 7.6M  | **People Reached:** 7.3M  | **% of Target:** 97%  | **Operational Partners:** 209  | **% of Partners National NGOs:** 58%

**Number of partners**
- 40+
- 31-40
- 21-30
- 11-20
- 1-10

**Number of people reached**
- 200K+
- 100.1-200K
- 50.1-100K
- 25.1-50K
- 5-25K

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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.

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**People reached with some form of assistance**

cumulatively by month (in millions)

![Graph showing monthly people reached]

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Funding for 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan

$1.9B funding required

$1.2B funded

65% funded

Cluster | Funding (US$)
---|---
FSL | 468.9
Nutrition | 174.2
WASH | 65.3
Refugee response | 26.8
Health | 63.9
Protection | 42.3
Logistics | 43.5
Education | 46.0
ES/NFI | 12.7
CCCM | 16.8
CCS | 17.9
Not specified | 202.5

Required | Coverage (%)
---|---
817.1 | 57
229.6 | 76
170.2 | 38
149.7 | 18
214.0 | 29
96.5 | 43
84.4 | 51
56.8 | 82
39.6 | 30
18.2 | 92
24.5 | 73

Top 10 donors (US$)
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USA | 714.5
UK | 88.9
Germany | 75.3
ECHO | 67
CERF | 39.5
Netherlands | 31.5
Norway | 29.2
Sweden | 23.8
Canada | 19.9
Switzerland | 10.4

South Sudan Humanitarian Fund

$62M allocated

By sector (US$)
---
Health | 14.3M
Protection | 11.6M
Nutrition | 9M
FSL | 8.1M
WASH | 7.3M
ES/NFI | 4.5M
Education | 2.5M
Logistics | 2.2M
CCCM | 1.4M
CCS | 1M

By organization type (US$)
---
INGOs | $26.6M
NNGOs | $14.6M
UN | $20.6M

Central Emergency Response Fund

$38M allocated

By sector (US$)
---
FSL | 25.3M
WASH | 4.4M
Health | 4.4M
Protection | 2.5M
ES/NFI | 1.4M
Logistics | 0.5M

By allocation (US$)
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Disruption of basic services/food insecurity | 44%
Flooding | 18%
Food insecurity (multipurpose cash) | 25%
COVID-19 | 13%

Note: Funding data for 2020 updated from Financial Tracking Service (FTS) as of 24 February 2021. SSHF and CERF funding are updated as of 31 December 2020.
Response achievements by cluster

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

1.6M PEOPLE IN NEED

1.6M people in need

804K people targeted

571K people reached

71% of target

Female: 432K
Male: 384K

Targeted data not available

OPERATIONAL PRESENCE

NUMBER OF IDPS REGISTERED

$18M requested

funded: 92%

unmet: 8%

10 HRP partners

Education

3.1M PEOPLE IN NEED

3.1M people in need

806K people targeted

331K people reached

41% of target

Female: 139K
Male: 192K

Targeted data partially Age-disaggregated by age

OPERATIONAL PRESENCE

CHILDREN ACCESSING EDUCATION IN EMERGENCY

$57M requested

funded: 82%

unmet: 18%

30 HRP partners

Emergency Shelter and Non-Food Items

2.3M PEOPLE IN NEED

2.3M people in need

1.2M people targeted

1M people reached

84% of target

Female: 533K
Male: 452K

Targeted data not available

OPERATIONAL PRESENCE

NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED WITH ES/NFI

$40M requested

funded: 30%

unmet: 70%

30 HRP partners

Note: Funding data for 2020 updated from Financial Tracking Service (FTS) as of 24 February 2021.
Response achievements by cluster

Food Security and Livelihoods

**6.7M PEOPLE IN NEED**

* People targeted is higher than the people in need as it includes newly vulnerable people during COVID-19 based on market dependence.

**Operational Presence**

$817M requested

funded: 57%

unmet: 43%

HRP partners: 74

**5M**

people reached

73% of target

* Male: 2.7M

Female: 2.3M

**Number of people assisted with food**

**Health**

**3.6M PEOPLE IN NEED**

**Operational Presence**

$214M requested

funded: 29%

unmet: 71%

HRP partners: 55

**3.3M**

people reached

154% of target

* Male: 1.8M

Female: 1.5M

**Number of people reached through consultations**

**Nutrition**

**2.1M PEOPLE IN NEED**

**Operational Presence**

$230M requested

funded: 76%

unmet: 24%

HRP partners: 51

**1.3M**

people targeted

84% of target

* Male: 785K

Female: 307K

**Number of people with severe and moderate acute malnutrition admitted for treatment**

**Note:** Funding data for 2020 updated from Financial Tracking Service (FTS) as of 24 February 2021.

**According to the Health Cluster, the proxy indicator of “number of health consultations” results in double-counting and over-achievement of the cluster target.**

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**Data partially disaggregated by age**

**84% of target**

* Boys and girls aged 0-59 months, children aged 5 and above, and pregnant and lactating women.
Response achievements by cluster

### Protection

- **4.8M PEOPLE IN NEED**
- **3.3M people targeted**
- **1.4M people reached** (44% of target)
- **Female: 839K**
  - Male: 577K

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**NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED**

- **44%**
- **1.4M**

**Data partially disaggregated by age**

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- **5.5M PEOPLE IN NEED**
- **3.0M people targeted**
- **2.1M people reached** (69% of target)
- **Female: 1.1M**
  - Male: 942K

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**NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH ACCESS TO IMPROVED WATER SOURCES**

- **2.1M**
- **4.8M PEOPLE IN NEED**

**Data partially disaggregated by age**

### Logistics

- **300 organizations**
- **42,524 UNHAS passengers served**
- **8,660 MT of cargo transported to field locations**
- **17,773 MT of cargo consolidated and transported from warehouses to airstrips, riverside docks and PoC sites**

**OPERATIONAL PRESENCE**

**NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS UTILIZING LOGISTICS SERVICES**

- **$76M requested**
  - Funded: 51%
  - Unmet: 49%
- **2 HRP partners**

**Note:** Funding data for 2020 updated from Financial Tracking Service (FTS) as of 24 February 2021.
Focus on the flood response

Flood response highlights

Food Security and Livelihoods
1.4M people reached with food assistance

Emergency Shelter and NFIs
98K people received emergency shelter and essential household items

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
469K people reached with WASH support

Health
57K people provided with healthcare services

Protection
17K people reached with general protection services

Nutrition
185K people reached with nutrition support

Child Protection
22K people reached with child protection services

GBV Protection
41K people reached with GBV protection services

Logistics
2,400MT of humanitarian cargo transported to 97 locations

South Sudan: Flooding Situation Report as of 18 December 2020