South Sudan Situation Report #44 19 September 2014

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# Highlights

- **WFP Assistant Executive Director (AED) Ramiro Lopes da Silva and Regional Director for Eastern and Central Africa Valerie Guarnieri are in South Sudan from 15—19 September to support the Country Office in 2015 strategic and operational planning.** The AED has met with key government officials from the Ministry of Transport, Roads and Bridges and the Ministry of Health (on behalf of the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs) as well as with Ms. Ellen Loej, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNMISS. On 16 September, the AED went to Jiech (Jonglei state) where a rapid response distribution was ongoing.

## In numbers

**Over 1.3 million** IDPs (OCHA estimates)

**452,700** displaced outside South Sudan (OCHA estimates)

**99,500** seeking shelter with the UN (UNMISS estimates)

**3.9 million** projected in emergency or crisis level of food insecurity between June and August (IPC, May 2014).

# WFP Response

### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP currently has rapid response distribution teams in Gorway, Jiech, and Pathai (Jonglei state), and in Wajhtak (Upper Nile state).
- Cooperating partner teams, supported by WFP staff members, are in Akobo (Jonglei, partner is Plan International), Gorway (Jonglei, partner is CRS), Jiech (Jongle, partner is CRS), Ganyel (Unity, partner is German Agro Action), Akoka (Upper Nile, partner is World Vision), Pagak (Upper Nile, partner is Norwegian People's Aid).

**August 2014 EMOP and PRRO distributions by state**

| Project | State | GFD | BSFP | TSFP | FFE | FFA | Unique ben |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EMOP | Central Equatoria | 85,498 | 6,299 | - | - | - | 85,498 |
| | Eastern Equatoria | 35,621 | 2,254 | - | - | - | 35,621 |
| | Jonglei | 337,411 | 45,549 | - | - | - | 337,411 |
| | Lakes | 108,572 | 7,695 | - | - | - | 108,572 |
| | Northern Bahr el Gha | 49,995 | 18,911 | - | - | - | 49,995 |
| | Unity | 93,727 | 17,672 | - | - | - | 93,727 |
| | Upper Nile | 107,442 | 11,327 | - | - | - | 107,442 |
| | Warrap | 24,128 | 1,113 | - | - | - | 24,128 |
| | Western Bahr el Gha: | 32,042 | 18,101 | - | - | - | 32,042 |
| | Western Equatoria | 41,256 | 3,230 | - | - | - | 41,256 |
| **EMOP Total** | | **915,692** | **132,151** | - | - | - | **915,692** |
| PRRO | Central Equatoria | 10,121 | - | 2,102 | 1,228 | 6,230 | 17,999 |
| | Eastern Equatoria | 2,504 | - | 2,002 | 10,433 | 1,876 | 15,213 |
| | Jonglei | 420 | - | 4,756 | - | 237 | 1,608 |
| | Lakes | - | - | 625 | 13,892 | 5,703 | 19,720 |
| | Northern Bahr el Gha | 13,292 | - | 10,969 | 32,175 | 2,996 | 50,657 |
| | Unity | 81,696 | 8,812 | 3,662 | - | - | 84,191 |
| | Upper Nile | 125,016 | - | 4,263 | - | 13,680 | 139,549 |
| | Warrap | 113,431 | - | - | 13,612 | 4,813 | 131,856 |
| | Western Bahr el Gha: | 4,306 | - | 4,384 | 11,663 | - | 16,846 |
| | Western Equatoria | 10,591 | - | | 396 | - | 10,987 |
| **PRRO Total** | | **361,377** | **8,812** | **32,763** | **83,399** | **35,535** | **488,626** |
| **EMOP&PRRO Total** | | **1,277,069** | **140,963** | **32,763** | **83,399** | **35,535** | **1,404,317** |

### Logistics

- Cargo movement to the Western corridor is still hampered by poor road conditions caused by heavy rains. A total of 186 trucks, carrying 7,839 mt of commodities, have been delayed in transit. Emergency spot repairs are planned to be undertaken immediately (see also: Feeder Roads).
- The loading of 1,157 mt of mixed commodities on the second set of barges is completed and the departure is planned for 20 September. Delivery locations are in Pigi County along the River Nile.

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- Since 01 January, WFP Logistics has dispatched 138,128 mt of food, of which a total of 31,830 mt have been airlifted or airdropped within South Sudan and from Ethiopia and Uganda.

# Special Operations

### Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster

- The FSL has established a Strategic Advisory Group composed of National and International NGO members. A multi-stakeholder representation helps ensure that the coordination, management and technical capacity development objectives of the FSLC are met.
- Updated maps of partners presence in the country as well as in Unity, Jonglei and Upper Nile states have been presented to partners for feedback .
- On 17 September, the cluster coordinators, together with the HCT, participated in the Humanitarian Needs Overview workshop which was organized by OCHA as part of the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC) process. The workshop highlighted the main issues that will be analysed during the drafting of the 2015 Strategic Response Plan (SRP).
- FSL cluster partners are currently participating in an IRNA in Ulang. Assessment findings will be shared in the next cluster meeting.

### Logistics Cluster

- Over 95 mt of humanitarian supplies were airlifted on behalf of 11 different organizations to Bentiu, Lankien, Leer, Maban, Malakal, Nyal, Paloich and Wathjak.
- The Logistics Cluster is working with partners to consolidate cargo to link on to the next barge movement. Humanitarian organizations are in the process of clearing their cargo through the local authorities.
- The Logistics Cluster's Mi26 remains grounded due to mechanical issues, since 05 September. The aircraft cannot be repaired and a replacement is on its way from Russia with an estimated arrival date of 22 September. In the meantime, the Cluster is working with WFP and UNHAS to maintain a steady daily airlift capacity.
- The Logistics Cluster is in the process of contracting a fixed wing aircraft with a capacity of 5 mt to do two daily rotations from Rumbek to Bentiu.
- Logistics Cluster operations continue to be constrained by the shortage of fuel supply in Rumbek and the directive to stop air operations at Rumbek airport by 1600hrs from the 16 September 2014 for the next 7-14 days.
- Poor road access due to rains: Roads continue to deteriorate throughout the rainy season. The latest Access Constraints map can be found in the link below: http://www.logcluster.org/map/south-sudan-access-constraints-map-12-september-2014

### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- ETC now has 12 VSAT sites offering internet and connectivity sites across the country. This is in addition to the six sites provided by partners.
- In Koch, a feasibility assessment was conducted by a WFP ICT staff member. Five agencies are present and no internet connection is available on site. ETC plans to install connectivity services next week.
- Ericsson Response is working on a software update to improve the authentication system of the ETC Response Solution connectivity kits operating in Mingkaman and Bentiu.
- In Bentiu, the ETC Response Solution, with technologies from emergency.lu, Ericsson Response and WFP, is currently offline due to electrical power source instability.
- ETC is facing a radio room staffing gap in Malakal, Bentiu and Bor. Procurement of equipment continues to be a challenge as due to lengthy import procedures and the volatile security situation.

### UN Humanitarian Air Service

- UNHAS has transported 1,767 passengers and 23 metric tons of light cargo during the reporting period.
- During the week, 87 passengers were affected by flight cancellations or lack of aircraft capacity to accommodate all requests. 58 passengers were affected due to lack of aircraft capacity, 13 by mechanical breakdown, 11 by bad weather and 5 because the airstrip was not operational.
- During the week, four cases of medical evacuation were performed out of Ajoung Thok, Paloich and Yambio. UNHAS also carried out relocation of 11 humanitarian staff, five IOM staff and six WFP staff out of Kaldak following the deteriorated security situation in the location.
- UNHAS facilitated seven special missions during the week in support of the WFP missions to Koch, Mayendit, Wathjack, Pathai, Jiech and Baliet and IOM assessment mission to Kaldak.
- Deteriorated road infrastructure within the country is slowing down movement of Jet A1 fuel to different refueling locations, especially in Lakes, Jonglei and Upper Nile States. UNHAS now airlifts drums of fuel to critical locations to avoid multiple flight cancellations and impacting the humanitarian response in the country.
- Results of the inflight-survey carried out in July and remedial actions to improve the UNHAS experience was shared with users during the User Group Meeting on 18 September.
- UNHAS has reduced cost of flights to all destinations to US$200 and will be implementing Customer Service training for all desk officers and airport staff starting from 27 September. Several other initiatives are to be implemented to improve communication to passengers especially on delays, cancellations and diversion of flights.

- On the request of users, Kaldak has been added to UNHAS regular schedule twice a month effective from 01 October. This brings to six the number of destinations added since the survey.

**Feeder Roads**

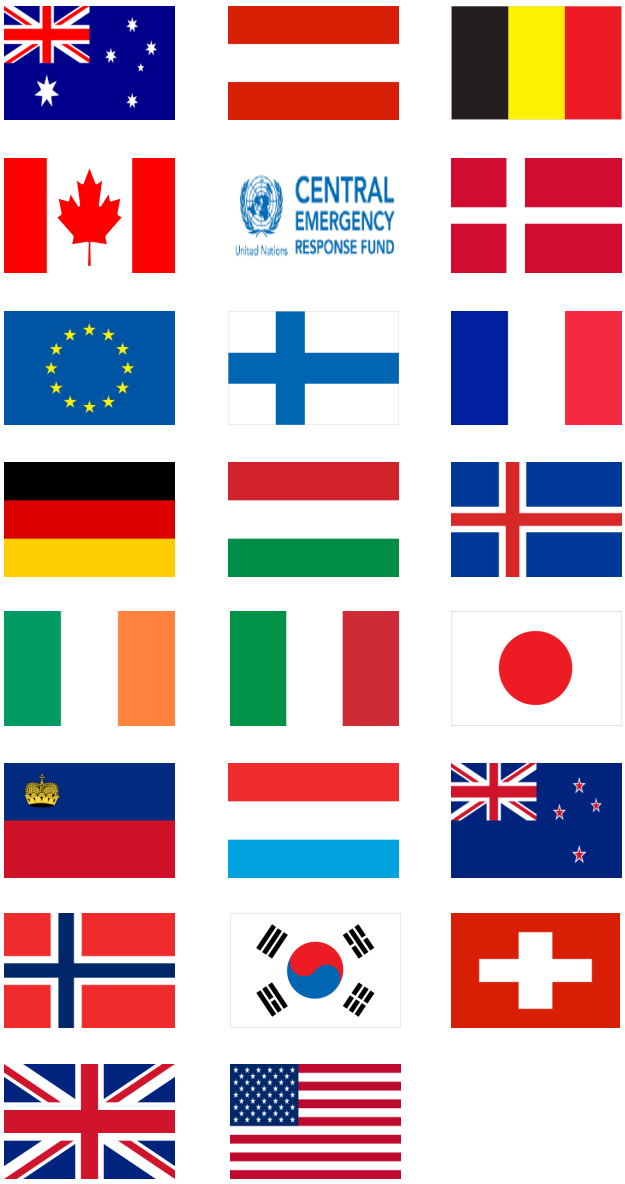
- The contract for emergency repair works on the Juba—Rumbek road, which became impmpassable a few weeks ago, was signed this week and the Contractor is mobilizing to the site and will start work immediately.
- In collaboration with UNAIDS, a training-of-trainers workshop for the HIV/AIDS awareness raising programme to be implemented along the Mundri—Bangolo (75km) and the Pageri—Magwi (65km) roads was held on 17-18 September. Participants came from different locations along these roads in Eastern and Western Equatoria States. Contractors and Consultants working on these roads were also among the participants, as were representatives from the State Ministries of Physical Infrastructure and the State Aids Commission. UNAIDS experts provided a comprehensive practical training. Material for the trainers to use for the training sessions in their respective communities were also provided. This complementary activity is crucial to raise awareness and provide the local communities with knowledge and ways to deal with potential risks that occur as a by-product of increased mobility.

## Resourcing Update

| Project | 2014 Requirements (US$) | Six-month Shortfall (US$) |
|---|---|---|
| **EMOP 200659** | $554 million | $239 million* |
| **PRRO 200572** | $240 million | $86 million* |
| **SO 200634 (UNHAS)** | $50.7 million | $8.2 million |
| **SO 200361 (Logistics)** | $30 million | |
| **SO 200423 (Food Security)** | $0.7 million | $0.4 million |
| **SO 200399 (ETC)** | $4.5 million | $2.8 million |
| **SO 200702 (Air Operation)** | $17.3 million | $8.7 million |
| **Total** | **$897 million** | **$345 million** |

**The United States has publicly announced a US$180 million contribution of in-kind food which will be reflected in WFP's resourcing figures once formally confirmed. Most of this food will become available in-country towards the end of November, to meet gaps from December and into early 2015. WFP South Sudan urgently needs US$86 million in cash contributions to fill gaps through to November as well as to repay commodities that have been made available by WFP operations in neighbouring countries.*

**Current WFP South Sudan donors (listed alphabetically)*:**




*Not included:
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