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Country: South Sudan

Highlights

- WFP Executive Director Ertharin Cousin arrives in South Sudan accompanied by the U.S. Ambassador to the UN Agencies in Rome David Lane.** The visit is anticipated to bring increased visibility to the ongoing crisis, as well as to support WFP and the broader humanitarian team in providing needs-based assistance to all affected communities on both sides of the conflict. The ED and the Ambassador will travel to Ganyiel (Unity) tomorrow 21 March and brief the press on 22 March. One year ago, WFP undertook the first airdrops to provide life-saving food assistance to conflict-affected people.
- Voucher programme launches in Juba Protection of Civilian (POC) 2.** In a significant breakthrough, the voucher programme is now underway following months of intensive community consultations and sensitization activities. The voucher programme is designed to increase dietary diversity and to stimulate market operations with the involvement of IDP traders residing in POC2. WFP is also gearing up to launch an e-voucher programme in support of the displaced population in Mingkaman (Lakes).
- Cross border operations through the Sudan corridor accelerate deliveries to refugee populations.** 35 trucks loaded with approximately 1,400 mt of sorghum have arrived in Melut (Upper Nile) from Kosti. Cross loading of trucks destined for Maban (Upper Nile) began today. Additional trucking capacity is being organized to increase uplift capacity in Kosti (Sudan).

In numbers 

1.5 million IDPs (OCHA estimates)

515,298 displaced outside South Sudan (UNHCR estimates)

113,000 seeking shelter with the UN (UNMISS estimates)

2.5 million projected to remain in emergency or crisis level food insecurity from January to March 2015 (IPC, September 2014).

WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance 

- During the reporting period, missions were hampered by insecurity and inclement weather conditions. Air assets were compromised during a hailstorm in Rumbek (Lakes) last week, which has subsequently reduced WFP's capacity to airlift food and to deploy mobile teams to hard-to-reach areas.
- Distributions have been completed in Jazera (Unity). Meanwhile, activities were disrupted in Mathiang (Upper Nile) when skirmishes forced populations to flee.

February 2015 EMOP and PRRO distributions by state

Project	State	GFD	BSFP	TSFP	FFE	FFA	Unique ben
EMOP	Central Equatoria	37,972	2,692	1,690	-	-	39,662
	Eastern Equatoria	5,143	-	-	-	-	5,143
	Jonglei	172,260	53,384	7,130	-	-	179,389
	Lakes	101,991	-	-	-	-	101,991
	Northern Bahr el Ghaz	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unity	85,573	19,300	13,625	-	-	99,198
	Upper Nile	37,905	5,494	7,807	-	-	45,712
	Warrap	8,522	-	-	-	-	8,522
	Western Bahr el Ghazi	4,606	-	-	-	-	4,606
	Western Equatoria	-	-	-	-	-	-
EMOP Total		453,972	80,870	30,252	-	-	484,223
PRRO	Central Equatoria	12,207	-	788	1,481	-	14,476
	Eastern Equatoria	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Jonglei	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Lakes	395	-	2,756	460	-	3,611
	Northern Bahr el Ghaz	7,651	-	9,341	12,245	-	29,237
	Unity	90,152	-	1,711	-	-	91,863
	Upper Nile	129,773	-	3,928	-	-	133,701
	Warrap	127,741	-	10,266	-	35,911	173,918
	Western Bahr el Ghazi	20,217	-	3,664	700	685	25,266
Western Equatoria	9,901	-	-	396	-	10,297	
PRRO Total		398,037	-	32,454	15,282	36,596	482,369
EMOP&PRRO Total		852,009	80,870	62,706	15,282	36,596	966,592

- Together with UNICEF, WFP and partners are conducting registrations and distributions in Kuach (Unity). In addition, two mobile teams are deployed to Ulang/Nyangore (Upper Nile) and Nimni (Unity).
- Airdrops have been completed in Nyal and Ganiyel (Unity) with cooperating partner GAA as well as in Dablual (Unity) with Samaritan's Purse. Distributions have commenced today 20 March.

Logistics

- Government clearances have been obtained for additional barges which will increase uplift and delivery into Upper Nile. A set of four barges have departed for Juba this week.
- WFP is continuing its efforts to dispatch food from Uganda directly to forwarding hubs in South Sudan, bypassing Juba. Approximately 15,200 mt has been dispatched from Uganda; of that about 4,000 mt has been received in Bor, 2,900 mt in Wunrok; 32 mt in Rumbek; and 64 mt in Bentiu warehouses.
- Additionally, WFP is dispatching food from Kenya. Approximately 1,000 mt has been received in Bor (Jonglei).
- Since 01 January 2015, WFP has dispatched 81,670 mt of food commodities, of which a total of 12,744 mt has been airlifted or airdropped within South Sudan and from Ethiopia.

Special Operations

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster

- The FSL cluster reached 966,592 people with food commodities, including 484,223 people in hard-to-reach areas and 482,369 people in conflict areas. Over all achievement in comparison to the implementation plan is around 70%.
- A cold chain technician was deployed to Warrap to conduct installations and maintenance on cold chain facilities for vaccines.
- A training was launched for Community Based Animal Health Workers in Nimule (Eastern Equatoria) which focuses on disease identification and prevention activities.
- FSL Cluster partners have deployed teams around the entire country for the 15th round of the Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System (FSNMS).
- A FSL Cluster partner is conducting an extensive training for field monitors on Monitoring & Evaluation in an effort to further strengthen Accountability to Affected Persons (AAP).
- Several hundred thousand emergency livelihood kit inputs have been received in Juba this week and plans are underway for distribution to hubs and partners.

Logistics Cluster

- Over the last week, 81 mt of humanitarian supplies has been airlifted on behalf of eight different organizations to Jonglei, Upper Nile, and Unity states (Abiemnhom, Akobo, Ganyiel, Gum,

Jiech, Kandak, Kuach, Leer, Mandeng, Nimni, Old Fangak, Pagak, Panyagor, and Pigi).

- The humanitarian barge bound for Malakal/Melut (Upper Nile) departed from Bor (Jonglei) on 16 March. The barge is carrying over 1,000 mt of relief items for ten different humanitarian organisations and is expected to arrive at the end of next week.
- Upgrades to the common storage facilities in Bentiu (Unity) are ongoing and additional storage capacity is already available for use. All partners are encouraged to send cargo for Bentiu as soon as possible prior to the start of the rainy season.
- Funding continues to be a major constraint in 2015. The project is currently 16% funded with an overall shortfall of USD29.3 million.
- The latest access constraints map can be found here: http://www.logcluster.org/sites/default/files/maps/ssd_lc_op_accessconstraints_a3l_20150313.pdf

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- A new ETC site has been established in Nyal (Unity).
- In Leer (Unity), a front line ETC service deployment assessment mission has been completed. The provision of ETC services is currently being evaluated.
- In Ganiyel (Unity), a mission is ongoing to deploy a user authentication system which will put in place system controls and governance elements.
- A mission is underway to make the necessary changes to the ICT infrastructure in Bentiu (Unity), to enable continued provision of internet services.
- Also underway is a mission to restore connectivity services in Mingkaman (Lakes).

UN Humanitarian Air Service

- The hailstorm in Rumbek damaged five aircraft reducing the capacity to respond to existing demands. WFP/UNHAS and the air operators are securing the needed spare parts for the repair; some of the air assets will require replacement. The affected air assets require at least ten days to resume operation. Pending the resumption of services by the aircraft, cancellations and delays should be anticipated.
- UNHAS transported 2,143 passengers and 16.5 mt of light cargo during the reporting period.
- 443 passengers were affected by flight cancellations (381) and lack of aircraft capacity (62) during the week. Flight cancellations were mostly caused by the security situation in Bentiu, lack of security clearance from UNDSS, poor visibility and crew sickness.
- Three medical evacuations were performed out of Yida, Wau and Maban for UNHCR and WFP.
- UNHAS supported ten special missions during the week including, WFP/Cooperating partners' mobile team deployments to Nimni, Jazeera, Kauch, Bauw, Ganyiel and Mathiang; WFP mission for the preparation of the ED's visit and one UNICEF Rapid Response Mission (RRM) to Nimni.

- During the week, UNHAS facilitated IOM missions for the Displacement Tracking Matrix assessments in Bor and biometric registration in Rubkona.

Feeder Roads

- A pre-construction meeting for construction works on the Kworijik – Tendere – Buko Road (50 km, Central Equatoria) was held at the Ministry of Transport, Roads and Bridges on 12 March. Subsequently, a joint site visit with the mine clearance team was conducted on 13 March to confirm the road alignment. Local area chiefs accompanied the mission to sensitize the communities and mine risk awareness was done by the demining team. Demining activities commenced on 13 March. The communities are pleased about the road being rehabilitated and are hopeful that the improved access to markets, as well as social and health centres would significantly increase their wellbeing. A routine monitoring visit was conducted on 18 March.
- In collaboration with UNAIDS, a training-of-trainers workshop for HIV/AIDS awareness raising activities, funded by the EU, took place in Wau from 17 – 18 March. 18 participants from local communities (14 men, 4 women) and four WFP staff attended the training. The workshop was received with enthusiasm and HIV/AIDS campaigns in various locations along the road are being planned.
- A monitoring mission to Mundri – Bangolo Road (67.25 km) was conducted between 15 – 18 March. Works are progressing well. The foundation of the large slab culvert, which will replace the drainage structure that had been demolished in mid-February, is almost complete.
- A Feeder Roads Steering Committee meeting on maintenance, which was scheduled for 18 March, had to be postponed due to the public address by the South Sudanese President.

WFP South Sudan donors (listed alphabetically)*:



*Since 01 January 2014
Not included: CHF, World Bank and Private Donors

Resourcing Update

Project	2015 Requirements	Six-month Shortfall
EMOP 200659	\$504 million	\$200 million
PRRO 200572	\$331 million*	\$77.8 million*
SO 200786 (UNHAS)	\$59.3 million	\$15.3 million
SO 200778 (Logistics)	\$34.9 million	\$13.4 million
SO 200775 (Food Security)	\$1.37 million	\$0.68 million
SO 200791 (ETC)	\$4.5 million	\$2 million
Total	\$935 million	\$309 million

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

**Operation is undergoing budget revision—shortfall and requirement to be updated.*

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