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World Food Programme

Country: South Sudan

Highlights

- **Executive Director for WFP confirms death of four staff.** On 18 August, the day before World Humanitarian Day, WFP's Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin, confirmed for the world that four colleagues from WFP's South Sudan operation have likely died while on duty. This includes Security Assistant Mark Diang, who was taken from the Malakal airport in October 2014 as well as two staff drivers—Simon Peter Ajak, James John Adwok and one contracted driver, John Ajak, who disappeared while on mission during skirmishes in Akoka in April 2015. <http://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/eve-world-humanitarian-day-wfp-executive-director-lauds-frontline-heroes>

- **WFP celebrates World Humanitarian Day.** WFP's Regional Director for Eastern and Central Africa, Valerie Guarnieri, opened the occasion by hosting an internal all-staff meeting in Juba on 18 August where she lauded staff for their commitment to humanitarian service in South Sudan and recognized the sacrifices made in that endeavour. A special moment of silence was held to respect the memory of colleagues that have passed away while on duty and working in South Sudan.

On 19 August, WFP attended the World Humanitarian Day commemorative event organized by UN OCHA in Juba, represented by its Head of Programme, Shaun Hughes. At a press conference following the event, Hughes explained the multiple challenges facing humanitarian workers in providing assistance to people affected by the conflict in South Sudan. He stressed the criticality of using windows of opportunity, where and when access is possible, to quickly respond.

- **Approximately 1.45 million people in South Sudan reached last month with food assistance.** In the month of July, WFP and its partners reached about 1.45 million people with roughly 18,500 mt of food assistance under both its Emergency Operations and its Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation in all ten states and the Abyei contested area. This is the highest number of people reached and metric tonnage distributed thus far in 2015. Cumulatively since January 2015, 2.3 million people have been reached with about 110,080 mt of food.

WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance



- WFP and Cooperating Partners' teams completed distributions in Pieri and Ying (Jonglei).
- Teams are currently deployed in Mwot Tot, Pultruk (Jonglei), Wau Shilluk, Gai Reang, Kiechkuon and Aburoc (Upper Nile).
- The next deployments are planned for Gorwai, Pathai, Nyambor, Kotdalok, Keew, Nyanapol (Jonglei), Maker, Nyatut (Upper Nile) and Mankien (Unity).

July 2015 EMOP and PRRO distributions by state

Project	State	GFD	BSFP	TSFP	FFE	FFA	Unique ben
EMOP	Central Equatoria	22,446	134	2,347	-	-	24,793
	Eastern Equatoria	5,257	1,332	-	-	-	5,257
	Jonglei	265,811	81,797	13,645	-	-	279,456
	Lakes	82,903	-	-	-	-	82,903
	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unity	231,435	55,585	26,688	-	-	258,123
	Upper Nile	89,665	9,118	2,909	-	-	92,574
	Warrap	8,557	-	-	-	-	8,557
	Western Bahr el Ghazal	3,348	79	-	-	-	3,348
	Western Equatoria	-	-	-	-	-	-
EMOP Total		709,422	148,044	45,589	-	-	755,011
PRRO	Central Equatoria	2,560	-	1,849	1,817	2,148	8,374
	Eastern Equatoria	-	-	-	24,366	-	24,366
	Jonglei	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Lakes	1,671	-	2,170	16,217	14,918	34,976
	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	6,023	31,209	13,366	51,232	50,238	120,859
	Unity	95,603	-	1,116	-	-	96,719
	Upper Nile	133,587	-	4,704	-	-	138,291
	Warrap	128,644	21,276	8,581	35,923	45,897	219,045
	Western Bahr el Ghazal	19,503	-	3,117	14,168	17,906	54,694
	Western Equatoria	5,927	-	-	-	-	5,927
PRRO Total		393,518	52,485	34,903	143,723	131,107	703,251
EMOP&PRRO Total		1,102,940	200,529	80,492	143,723	131,107	1,458,262

Logistics

- An additional fixed-wing aircraft will arrive in Juba next week to deliver about 200 mt of WFP food and around 100 mt of Logistics Cluster cargo from Juba to Malakal.
- The empty barge set arrived in Bor from Malakal on 20 August for loading.
- Due to insecurity in Pageri earlier this week, the Nimule border between South Sudan and Uganda was closed for one day, 18 August. It was reopened on 19 August and the situation is being monitored.
- Last week, the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) in Dubai dispatched 65 mt of High Energy Biscuits to South Sudan on behalf of WFP. Since December 2013, more than 700 mt of WFP relief items and support equipment have been sent to South Sudan from UNHRD.
- Since 1 January 2015, WFP has dispatched 160,927 mt of food commodities, including prepositioning stocks. Of that amount, a total of 33,402 mt has been airlifted or airdropped within South Sudan and from Ethiopia.

Special Operations

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster

- Nothing significant to report.

Logistics Cluster

- This week the Logistics Cluster airlifted 119 mt on behalf of 15 partners to Aburoc, Akobo, Malakal, Motot, Nyal, Rubkona, Walgak, Wau Shilluk and Yuai.
- The barge bound for Malakal is expected to depart Bor on 31 August, pending final arrangements of the UNMISS escort. To date, the Logistics Cluster has loaded 380 mt of supplies, with additional cargo still being added.
- An additional Mi-8 helicopter is expected to be added to the Logistics Cluster fleet this week and will be based in Rumbek.
- The main airstrip in Malakal remains open for fixed-wing aircraft; airlifts are completed based on a priority list received from the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) in Malakal. This week the Logistics Cluster delivered 28.2 mt of life saving cargo to Malakal.
- Weather has been a significant constraint to operations this week, especially in Rubkona, where the airstrip has been damaged due to recent rains, resulting in the cancellation of a number of dispatches. This weekend there are plans for spot repairs on the airstrip.
- Physical access continues to deteriorate throughout the country as a result of the rainy season. The most recent Access Constraints map can be found at the following link: <http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraints-map-14-august-2015>

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The mission in Bor, comprising two senior engineers, has restored connectivity of the Humanitarian Internet Support Project (HISP) and

met with partners. The team is still on-site for monitoring.

- The next HISP sites will be Bentiu and Mingkaman. The new HISP equipment has arrived in Juba and its clearance is now pending. Implementation is planned for early September. The tower equipment is being delivered to each location.
- The ETC is organizing two Let's Comm Digital training sessions on MotoTRBO Digital VHF radio infrastructure deployment. The training will be held in Juba in mid-November 2015. According to estimated needs, 24 participants from UN agencies, NGOs and the Government will be invited to participate, with women prioritized. Expressions of interest should be sent to SouthSudan.ETC@wfp.org.

UN Humanitarian Air Service

- UNHAS facilitated Inter-Agency Rapid Needs Assessment (IRNA) missions to Rumbek and Nyilwak for seven agencies: OCHA, WFP, Fashoda Youth Forum, International Medical Corps, Non-Violent Peace Force, UNICEF and World Vision.
- In addition, UNHAS facilitated special missions for WFP/Cooperating Partners' Rapid Response Mobile team deployments in and out of Aburoc, Ulang, Gum, Gai reang, Wau Shilluk and Ying. In addition, IOM needs assessment mission in Melut was supported using the regular flight.
- UNHAS transported 1,675 passengers and 15 mt of light cargo during the reporting period.
- Six medical evacuations were performed out of Alek, Yida, Yei and Ajoung Thok for GOAL, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH) and UNHCR. UNHAS also facilitated the return of four refugees to Yei and Yida after undergoing medical treatment in Juba and supported reunification of five children with their families in Juba out of Paloich on behalf of UNICEF.
- During the week, 190 passengers were affected by flight cancellations mainly due to bad weather conditions in Rubkona, Kapoeta, Lankien and Yida.

Feeder Roads

- During the 19 August, Feeder Roads Steering Committee it was agreed that MOUs will be signed between WFP and State Ministries of Physical Infrastructures.
- Due to the security incident in Pageri (Eastern Equatoria) on 18 August, construction works were suspended for two days. The situation is back to normal and construction works have resumed.
- Work on the Kworijik-Tendere-Buko road has been hampered by heavy rains in the past two days.
- A monitoring mission is in Wau to verify the topographical survey activities being conducted on the DFATD-funded road.
- Community sensitisation contract for the Kangi-Kuajok road is signed and the activities will commence in September 2015.

Resourcing Update



Project	2015 Requirements (US\$)	Shortfall* (US\$)
EMOP 200659**	\$504 million	\$86.2 million
PRRO 200572	\$288.6 million	\$42.3 million
SO 200775 (Food Security)	\$1.37 million	\$0.8 million
SO 200786 (UNHAS)	\$59.3 million	\$19.3 million
SO 200778 (Logistics)	\$34.9 million	\$12.8 million
SO 200791 (ETC)	\$4.5 million	\$2 million
Total	\$892.7 million	\$163.4 million

*Operations in the table are set to end in 2015. Shortfall information is to the end of 2015.

**Current EMOP closing 30 September, new EMOP is under revision

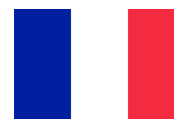
Feeder Roads operations has a budget of US\$167.3 million, with a shortfall of US\$73.6 million

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