Country: South Sudan

Highlights

- **Latest Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System report now available.** The 14th round of the FSNMS (December 2014), shows a general improvement in food security for non-conflict affected states (excluding Warrap) but a worrying situation in the Greater Upper Nile region.

- **Milling voucher programme for refugees in Maban and Yida under threat of suspension due to fund constraints.** Since October 2014, the milling vouchers have been reduced from 70 percent of the distributed in-kind cereals to 50 percent. The programme is at risk of being suspended in February if contributions do not arrive.

WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP and its Cooperating Partners’ mobile teams are currently deployed in Pading, Kandak, Wai, Pathai, Akobo, Gorwai Menime (Jonglei) and Jikmir (Upper Nile). Planned deployment for next week is Nyal (Unity).

- The report for the 14th round of the Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System (December 2014) has been finalized. Though the food security situation has improved in most of the seven non-conflict affected states (excluding Warrap), especially after the harvest period, the situation is still worse compared to the same period last year. Warrap state shows the highest proportion of moderately and severely food insecure households in the country. Moreover, the Greater Upper Nile region continued to show significant food insecurity, particularly in Unity and Upper Nile. This is likely attributable to inability to cultivate due to conflict-related displacements.

Logistics

- A total of 20 trucks from Kosti, Sudan, loaded with 700 mt of cereals, arrived to its intended destination, Melut, this week. The cereals were offloaded and the trucks have arrived back in Sudan. Reloading in Kosti and delivery to Melut is expected next week.

- Roads in Jonglei and Upper Nile are drying slowly, delaying their re-opening for about three weeks, according to WFP’s assessment. This will almost definitely reduce the window of opportunity to preposition food to certain locations.

- The barge convoy loaded with 1,200 mt of mixed food commodities from Bor arrived in Malakal, its intended destination, on 18 January. Another convoy of four barges is currently in Bor, being reloaded for Malakal.

- Since 01 January, WFP has dispatched 15,488 mt of food commodities, of which a total of 3,987 mt have been airlifted or airdropped within South Sudan and from Ethiopia.

In numbers

- **1.5 million** IDPs (OCHA estimates)
- **491,300** displaced outside South Sudan (OCHA estimates)
- **103,300** 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).
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Special Operations

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster

- FSL Cluster has decided to resume the Food Assistance Working Group Meeting (chaired by WFP) in consultation with WFP from the month of February 2015.
- Most of the FSL Cluster partners have submitted their 3Ws and plans for 2015 as requested by the FSL. Data received are now being uploaded into the Cluster Information Management tool, aiming to produce an FSL report in a comprehensive and accurate way.
- FSL Cluster has re-scheduled its regular FSL meeting from weekly to the first and third week of every month after receiving written requests by the majority of participants in the 7 January 2015 cluster meeting.
- During the reporting week, the FSL Cluster organized and facilitated two briefings to the FSL partners on the Logistics Cluster strategy/2015 operations, cluster access and pre-positioning facilities; and VAM presentation on “Impact of the Conflict on Markets” in conflict affected states and possibilities of market-based interventions in the areas. The purpose of the briefings was to strengthen the inter-cluster support and assistance for the humanitarian activities in South Sudan.
- FSL Cluster received three no-cost extension requests from partners on 2014 CHF projects. The received projects have been reviewed by the Cluster and submitted to the CHF Technical Secretariat for final approval.

Logistics Cluster

- Over the last week, 190 mt of humanitarian supplies have been airlifted on behalf of 17 different organizations to Jonglei, Upper Nile, and Unity state (Akobo, Bentiu, Juba, Koch, Kodok, Lankien, Leer, Malakal, Nyal, Old Fangak, Pagil, Panyagor and Waat).
- The Logistics Cluster barge heading to Malakal/Melut was dispatched from Juba on 10 January. Due to technical issues, the barge is waiting in Mangalla until the pusher is operational.
- The Logistics Cluster briefed several different partners and clusters on the importance of pipeline forecasting. This is the information required for the Cluster to make a decision on whether to scale up or down both air assets and storage capacity.
- Plans are being finalized and/or implemented for increasing the common storage capacity in Bor, Rumbek, and Bentiu.
- Following a Logistics Cluster assessment in Akobo, the Cluster will establish a common storage facility there to support the partners on the ground.
- The Logistics Cluster is adding a Civil/Military Officer to the team who will support dry season planning by liaising with UNMISS regarding convoys and any other related issues.
- Roads across the country are beginning to dry out. The Abiemnhom-Mayom-Bentiu road is now physically passable. The latest access constraints map can be found here: http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraints-map-23-january-2015

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- ETC is currently providing vital frontline services to over 120 Humanitarian partners serving in South Sudan in the areas of security telecommunication, connectivity services (Internet), technical support (helpdesk support and management) and training (ICT capacity building to the humanitarian community). The Cluster continues to support 13 sites with emergency response data connectivity across the country.
- In Bentiu, an ETC mission has been conducted in order to provide user support and to present the Humanitarian Internet Support Project (HISP) to humanitarian partners. The ETC Response Solution, with technologies from emergency.lu, Ericsson Response and WFP, is working properly. Troubleshooting has been carried out on user devices and newcomers have been added and enabled to access the ETC network. A presentation of HISP has been made to the humanitarian meeting. ETC provided assistance to vehicle radio equipment, some of them have been fixed and rest of them need additional spare parts. Another mission will start on 26 January in order to ensure continuity in the helpdesk services.
- A mission to Malakal is ongoing in order to meet with humanitarian partners to seek their opinions on the quality of ETC services and update them on the rollout of HISP. The latter is being tested for reliability and availability of bandwidth. Ten humanitarian partners out of 13 have already been activated and the first phase (free of cost) will last until end of February.
- ETC is continuing to support users remotely in the remaining 11 sites (besides Benitu and Malakal).
- The ETC provides radio programming services to UN Agencies and NGOs. Thirty radios have been programmed during the reporting period for WFP, UNDP, IRC and CRS.
- ETC was underfunded in 2014. The Cluster participated in the allocation process for the first 2015 CHF allocation, obtaining US$900,000 for the first six months of the year out of an annual budget of US$4.5 million. To achieve its target, the Cluster is looking for other sources of funding and potential new donors.

UN Humanitarian Air Service

- UNHAS transported 1,858 passengers and 15.2 mt of light cargo during the reporting period.
- No flights were cancelled during the week and only 35 passengers were not served due to lack of capacity to accommodate all requests.
- UNHAS performed five medical evacuations out of Kandak, Yida, Rubkona, Mingkaman and Yambio for CRS, UNHCR, WFP, IRC and MSF-S.
UNHAS (cont.)

- UNHAS facilitated 12 special missions during the week in support of the Humanitarian Country Team to Rumbek and Ganyiel, OCHA mission to Malakal, MSF mission to Wai, WFP and its partners’ Rapid Response mobile teams to Kandak, Jiech, Wai, Gorwai, Mingkaman and Menime.

- UNHAS facilitated an IOM mission to Mingkaman as part of ongoing support to the biometric registration in some parts of the country.

- An emergency meeting of the UNHAS User Group Meeting took place on 20 January where about 70 heads of agencies and representatives of different organizations reviewed the existing UNHAS schedule and assets to ensure continuous support for the Rapid Response Team mobilization and Security Risk Assessment missions to critical locations, especially in Ayod County.

- UNHAS has borrowed one Mi-8MTV from the Logistics Cluster for a week to support the response capacity for Rapid Response Team deployment to six locations identified by the Operational Working Group with critical needs for urgent humanitarian assistance.

- On 22 January, UNHAS organized a one day Annual Retreat in Juba bringing together all UNHAS staff in the country to review the last year’s operational performance, identify challenges and to enhance the quality of service in 2015.

Feeder Roads

- On the Mundri-Bangolo road (Western Equatoria), clearing activities have reached 70 km while gravel wearing course is complete to 50 km with five culverts completed.

- On the Pageri-Magwi road (Eastern Equatoria), bush clearing activities and 10 km of gravel wearing course have been completed.

- Construction works on the Kangi-Kuajok road (Western Bahr el Ghazal) are currently under the mobilization and site camp establishment period.

- In coordination with UNMAS, demining works on the Kworijik-Tendere-Buko road (Central Equatoria) are expected to commence late January.

- Technical evaluation is ongoing for the Kuajok-Lunyaker road (Western Bahr el Ghazal).

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Resourcing Update

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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.

*Not included: CHF, World Bank and Private Donors