Highlights

- **Restarting of humanitarian assistance to Koch and Buaw (Unity state) this week.** After more than six months without food assistance, WFP was able to deploy an Integrated Rapid Response team to Koch county, specifically Koch town and Buaw, this week. More than 20,000 people are expected to be served this round.

  On Friday, 25 September, WFP, joined with UNICEF, IOM, representatives from donor governments (Germany, European Union, Norway, United Kingdom and United States) and members of the press travelled to Koch and Buaw for a high-level day mission. Objectives of the visit are to advocate for safe humanitarian space and free movement of civilians seeking humanitarian assistance.

- **New Emergency Operation approved.** WFP’s new Emergency Operation (EMOP 200859) was approved this week. Like the previous EMOP, the operation will focus mostly on the three conflict-affected states with a duration of one year (October 2015 to September 2016). In addition to general food distributions and nutrition activities for young children and mothers, WFP also plans to implement emergency school feeding and institutional feeding to TB/HIV/Leprosy/Kalazar patients and their caretakers under the operation, where feasible.

WFP Response

**Food and Nutrition Assistance**

- WFP and Cooperating Partners’ Integrated Rapid Response Mechanism (IRRM) missions were completed in Gorwai (Jonglei) and Nyal (Unity) this week.

- IRRM teams are currently deployed in Wai, Jiech and New Fangak (Jonglei); Gum, Mading, Maker, Nyatut (Upper Nile); Bauw and Koch (Unity).

- Next missions are planned for Bilkey, Dengjok, Gakdong, Nyandit, Kaladak, Nyanapol, (Jonglei), Pagak, Maiwuit (Upper Nile); Dablual, and Mayendit (Unity).

**Logistics**

- Insecurity last week in Western Equatoria has affected WFP’s road movements. Trucks from Juba carrying WFP food destined for Aweil and Rumbek and travelling via Mvolo have been recalled and are awaiting for improvements in the security situation in Mundri county.

- Delays in Flight Security Assurances (FSAs) continue to hinder WFP air operations. A few times this week, airdrops planned for Jonglei and Upper Nile were diverted to other locations and airlifts using the recently added B-727 and AN-26 were cancelled due to lack of FSAs.

- Loading of 1,400 mt has commenced for the WFP barge in Bor, destined for Malakal. Thus far about 700 mt has been loaded onto the two barges already in Bor. Servicing of the two additional barges was completed in Juba this week and they arrived in Bor for additional loading.

- Of the 3,058 mt of cereals in Kosti, Sudan (allocated for WFP’s South Sudan operations), 1,500 mt of cereals has already been delivered to Renk and Melut.

- Since 1 January 2015, WFP has dispatched 174,279 mt of food commodities including prepositioning, of which a total of 38,927 mt has been airlifted or airdropped from within South Sudan and from Ethiopia.
Special Operations

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster
• FSL partners have delivered a total of 23,000 fishing kits and 30,000 vegetable kits since the start of the rapid response mission at the beginning of the month in Greater Upper Nile counties.
• FSL partners officially opened the re-established cold chain for livestock vaccine storage and delivery with the Minister of Agriculture on 15 September.

Logistics Cluster
• The Logistics Cluster airlifted 114 mt on behalf of eight partners to Buaw, Jiech, Koch, Malakal, New Fangak, Old Fangak and Rubkona.
• This week the Logistics Cluster began supporting interventions into south-central Unity. This response has been classified as a top priority by the ICWG and the Logistics Cluster has allocated all helicopters to support in the delivery of non-food items, including survival kits and tarpaulins, to specific destinations.
• Air operations were constrained this week by lack of security clearances for Upper Nile and Jonglei states, resulting in the delay and cancellation of a number of rotations.
• The Logistics Cluster barge has been on hold due to mechanical issues. The barge pusher has had a new engine installed and is expected to depart Juba for Bor next week, where it will pick up the loaded Logistics Cluster barges for onward movement to Malakal.
• Heavy rains continue to impede physical access throughout the country. The most recent Access Constraints map can be found at the following link: http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraints-map-18-september-2015

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)
• A comprehensive security telecommunications mission is ongoing in Bentiu. Thus far, six training sessions have been provided, reaching more than 150 humanitarians. In addition technical support is being provided and radios programmed.
• Responding to assessed needs in Bentiu, the ETC is also installing an additional radio repeater for UNHAS, to enhance its emergency response capabilities.
• An ETC assessment is also being carried out in the upcoming humanitarian hub to be located in Bentiu town. Additionally an on-site Humanitarian Internet Support Project (HISP) assessment is being carried out to evaluate all partners’ needs.

UN Humanitarian Air Service
• Planned Inter-agency Rapid Needs Assessment to Kolapach for this week was cancelled due to lack of security clearance.
• Five cases of medical evacuations were accommodated on UNHAS regular flights out of Aweil, Rubkona and Mingkaman for IRC, IOM, ACTED and UNHCR. In addition, UNHAS facilitated two relocations out of Lui and Kediba for nine people from Doctors With Africa (CUAMM).
• On 25 September UNHAS facilitated a WFP field visit with a delegation of donors and heads of agencies from Juba to Koch town and Buaw.
• The next UNHAS Steering Committee meeting will take place early next week. Minutes of the last UNHAS User Group meeting were circulated early this week with inputs to the new security relocation and medical evacuation procedures for review/approval.
• UNHAS transported 1,567 passengers and 20.4 mt of light cargo during the reporting period.

Feeder Roads
• Several procurement actions, especially financial evaluations are underway.
• Routine monitoring visits to the Kworjiik–Tendere–Buko road (56 km | Central Equatoria) took place this week.
Feeder Roads operations has a budget of US$167.3 million, with a shortfall of US$73.6 million.

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