Country: South Sudan

Highlights

- **Protection concerns prioritized in WFP’s emergency response to those displaced in Central Equatoria.** As conflict-related displacements persist in Central Equatoria, WFP continues to provide urgently needed food assistance in Lainya and Juba county—reaching about 11,700 registered beneficiaries last week. WFP’s Protection Officer joined the response to undertake protection activities, including informing the community about their entitlements, program activity and objectives and how to complain. During the distribution, vulnerable individuals were provided help in carrying their rations back. When interviewed, female beneficiaries stated the positive impact of food assistance on their lives, as their coping mechanisms are depleting without access to their homes, markets and food.

- **Fuel efficient stoves distributed in Yida and Maban.** WFP launched a pilot project in Yida and Maban to provide fuel efficient stoves to vulnerable host and refugee community members. The Safe Access to Firewood and Alternative Energy in Humanitarian Settings (SAFE) stoves initiative is being rolled out to help address gender based violence, environmental degradation, and health concerns. Approximately 2,500 fuel efficient stoves were distributed in Maban, contributing to the safety and dignity of women, girls and other vulnerable families targeted. Tree cutting has been a source of tension between the host and refugee communities in Maban and Yida. The SAFE stoves will therefore not only help protect the environment with practical solutions, reduce conflict between host and refugee communities but also lower health risks and provide alternative livelihood options. The distribution of fuel efficient stoves is underway in Yida.

WFP Response

**Food and Nutrition Assistance**

- WFP and Cooperating Partners’ IRRM teams completed missions in Lankien (Jonglei) and Ngueny (Upper Nile) this week.
- Teams are currently deployed in Nyambor, Old Fangak, Walgak, Gorwai (Jonglei), Mankien (Unity), Makak, Mayendit and Wathjak (Upper Nile).
- Planned upcoming missions will cover Chuil, Ayueldit, Duk Poktap, Wai, Jiech, Pading, Puilruik, Katdalok (Jonglei), Reang, Athidway (Upper Nile), Dablual, Buaw, Koch, Mir Mir, Nyal, and Thaker (Unity).
- As part of WFP’s efforts to assist people in southern and central Unity in a manner that minimizes the associated protection risks, it has begun operations in Mayendit county during the reporting period and is scaling up its nutrition response with MSF in Leer. WFP continues to coordinate with other humanitarian actors, authorities and relevant stakeholders.

**Logistics**

- Due to the upcoming holidays in Ethiopia, Logistics has planned to re-position two of its IL-76s from Gambella to Entebbe and Wau until 15 December to avoid halts in air operations. Arrangements have been put in place to handle increased rotations ex-Wau and for the WFP Kampala Country Office to handle air drops from Entebbe.
- A convoy of barges, empty after offloading food and non-food items in Malakal, departed on 22 November under UNMISS Force Protection bound for Bor. Currently sailing towards Shambe, so far no major incident has been reported and it is expected to arrive in Bor on 05 November.

**In numbers**

- **1.66 million** IDPs (OCHA estimates)
- **646,000** displaced outside South Sudan (UNHCR estimates)
- **185,000** seeking shelter with the UN (UNMISS estimates)
- **2.4 million** projected to remain in emergency or crisis level food insecurity from October to December 2015 (IPC, September 2015)
Logistics (continued)
- Access in the Western Corridor remains hampered due to growing insecurity. Transporters are currently reluctant to travel this route due to insecurity and fuel shortage. WFP has joined a weekly UNMISS Force Protection escort from Juba to Rumbek. There are significant limitations for trucks carrying more than 15–20 mt per truck. WFP is using its own fleet for deliveries to Western and Central Equatoria and plans to send a convoy on 09 December to Rumbek.
- Airdrops will continue until the roads become accessible in January/February 2016. The target is four drops (totaling around 120 mt) per day Monday–Thursday.

Special Operations

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster
- Nothing significant to report.

Logistics Cluster
- This past week, the Logistics Cluster delivered 90 mt to Akobo, Boma, Ganyiel, Kurwai, Leer, Malakal, Mandeng, Nyal, Pagak, Paloich, Pibor, Thonyor, and Wau Shilluk (via Malakal) on behalf of 13 humanitarian organizations.
- This week the Logistics Cluster has been using a chartered AN-32 aircraft to support deliveries to Malakal, Paloich and Wau Shilluk (via Malakal). Charters will continue to support fixed wing destinations until a replacement is identified for the Logistics Cluster fixed wing aircraft that crashed in early November.
- The Logistics Cluster is currently supporting the high priority response into Leer county in southern Unity. So far a total of 15.7 mt of nutrition, WASH, health, and protection supplies have been delivered. In addition, survival kit deliveries are ongoing in the two response locations in Leer county (Leer town and Thonyer).
- Two barge sets are currently returning to Bor after offloading in Malakal. The Logistics Cluster has secured two barges to be loaded upon return for onward movement to Malakal.
- Physical access has continued to deteriorate 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-27-november-2015

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)
- In Ganyiel (Unity), the ETC has fully deployed the radio communications services for humanitarian actors there as planned. Due to the lack of mobile coverage in the area, ETC radio communications and internet connectivity services are essential for efficient emergency response. Additionally ICT Helpdesk support is being provided and the status of all ETC services, including the solar power system efficiency, is being assessed.
- A solar system to power the ETC Internet service in Nyal (Unity) has been successfully concluded.
- The user authentication system for the solar system has been upgraded, allowing a more regulated and reliable Internet service. This measure also allows to manage the system remotely from Juba, for a more efficient user support.
- The ETC continues to provide radio programming services to humanitarian partners in South Sudan. During the reporting period, 99 radios were programmed for UN and NGO partners.

UN Humanitarian Air Service
- UNHAS performed a special flight in support of the Humanitarian Country Team’s mission to Pagak, a town bordering Ethiopia in Upper Nile. In coordination with the Logistics Cluster, UNHAS also facilitated Inter-Agency Rapid Needs Assessment/response missions to Thonyor and Leer in Unity.
- A special flight was performed to facilitate the Joint Assessment Mission of WFP and partners to Yei during the week. Other special charter flights include Crown Agent mission to Kuajok, WFP VAM mission to Malakal and WFP assessment mission to Yambio.
- Twenty seven children were transported out of Kurwai, Bor, Jikmir and Rumbek in support of UNICEF family reunification activities.
- One flight was launched for the medical evacuation of an OXFAM GB staff from Lankien. In addition, three cases of medical evacuations were accommodated on UNHAS regular flights out of Maban, Rubkona and Rumbek on behalf of IMC, MEDAIR and USAID-AECOM.
- This week UNHAS transported 2,380 passengers and 19.4 mt of light cargo.
- UNHAS facilitated WFP and Cooperating partners’ Rapid Response Mobile team deployments in and out Athidway, Dablual, Kaikuny, Mankien, Mayendit, Nyambor, Ngueny, Pathai and Thaker.

Feeder Roads
- The tender for bids for construction and maintenance works on the Canadian-funded road in Western Bahr El Ghazal closed on 30 November. Six bids were received and the technical evaluation has started. Additionally a call for proposals for community sensitisation and mobilisation along the road was launched on 03 December. Community sensitisation is a critical complementary activity of the Feeder Roads operation which aims at community engagement and will ensure successful implementation and sustainability of the project after hand over to authorities.
- A site meeting on the Kworijik–Tendere–Buko road (56 km | Central Equatoria) took place on today 04 December.
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.

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