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WFP South Sudan

Situation Report #169

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In Numbers

1.89 million internally displaced people ([OCHA](#))

1.6 million South Sudanese refugees ([UNHCR](#))

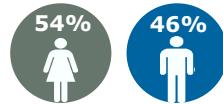
223,895 seeking shelter with the UN ([UNMISS](#))

4.9 million people facing severe food insecurity from Feb-April 2017 ([IPC, Feb. 2017](#))

Highlights

- Distributions through mobile teams in Leer County and the broader Greater Upper Nile continue, as WFP also prepares for a seasonal relief scale-up in Northern Bahr El Ghazal and Eastern Equatoria states.
- Market price monitoring highlights dramatic increases in food prices. In January 2017, a food basket in Juba cost five times as much as the year before.
- WFP has completed 20 percent of its commodity pre-positioning plan in preparation for the rainy season.

People assisted February 2017



GENDER MARKER **2A** EMOP 200859

Global Humanitarian Funding

Overall:
USD 1.64 billion
WFP share:
USD 774.1 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements (March—August 2017)

Emergency Operation (EMOP 200859) **USD 134.9 million**

Protracted Relief & Recovery Operation (PRRO 200572) **USD 60.6 million**

Logistics Cluster **USD 1.5 million**

UNHAS **USD 6 million**

Situation Update

- WFP, UNICEF and Oxfam have jointly conducted a rapid food security and nutrition assessment in the drought affected area of Kapoeta, Eastern Equatoria State. Preliminary findings show that 150,000 people are in need of immediate food assistance. Food insecurity in Kapoeta is exacerbated by very high inflation. According to WFP's market monitoring, the price of the main staple food, white maize, in local markets has increased by 228 percent in one month, and in February, the price was nearly 20 times that of the same time the previous year (an increase of 1,876 percent).
- WFP's latest monthly market price bulletin highlights a continued weakening of the South Sudanese Pound against the US dollar, and dramatic increases in food prices, which contribute significantly to the overall inflation rate. According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the national inflation rate stood at 372 percent in January 2017. Food and non-alcoholic beverages account for 71 percent of the Consumer Price Index calculation, indicating that the largest share of household expenditures go towards food. In Juba, the food inflation rate was 370 percent; a standard food basket cost almost five times as much as the same month the year before.
- A commercial airline (South Sudan Supreme) caught fire after landing at Wau airport, with no human casualties according to preliminary reports. The incident disrupted the operation of humanitarian flights out of Wau, resulting in the cancellation of some UNHAS flights. The accident points to the continued need for humanitarian air services, as the safety standards of commercial airlines and overall South Sudanese airspace strengthen gradually.



WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In Leer County (Unity) mobile teams are carrying out distributions in Din Din, targeting 23,000 people, including 4,500 children under 5. WFP is serving populations facing famine in Leer with a 30-day delivery cycle, including household rations and preventative nutrition assistance. In Mayendit, Koch and Panyijiar counties, WFP is providing food assistance to populations facing acute hunger on a 60 day delivery cycle, with preventative nutrition assistance provided through moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) treatment sites every 30 days.
- Currently, there are 16 integrated rapid response mechanism (IRRM) teams deployed in the Greater Upper Nile region, providing lifesaving food assistance for more than 190,000 people. WFP plans to deploy to 18 additional locations in the coming weeks to serve as many as 195,000 people.
- Preparations for WFP's seasonal relief scale-up in Northern Bahr El Ghazal and Eastern Equatoria states are underway. Upcoming distributions aim to reach 200,000 people in Northern Bahr El Ghazal and 330,000 people in Eastern Equatoria.



Supply Chain

- WFP's test convoy from Mombasa to Kapoeta via Nadapal arrived on 23 March, with 9 trucks at destination and 5 in transit. The convoy, carrying 364 mt of food items, has opened up a new route which shortens delivery time, reduces costs and is relatively more secure than WFP's usual southern corridor from Kenya through Uganda to Juba.
- To ensure the availability of food items in faraway areas of operation during the rainy season, WFP continues its pre-positioning campaign. So far, nearly 23,000 mt (or 20 percent) of the total plan of 115,000 mt of food commodities have been pre-positioned in strategic locations across South Sudan.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security & Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC)

- WFP, FAO and food security and livelihoods cluster partners carried out a food security, livelihoods and nutrition rapid needs assessment in Yei, Central Equatoria. Preliminary results show an increase in malnutrition cases in Yei town, with people reportedly leaving Yei due to food insecurity.



Logistics Cluster

- In the past week, the logistics cluster delivered 92 mt to Akobo, Bauw, Buoh, Din Din, Gorwai, Juba,

Koch, Malakal, Mandeng and Thaker, including support to three UNICEF rapid response missions to Unity state by facilitating the delivery of 19 mt of health, nutrition, protection and WASH cargo.

- The current logistics cluster coordinated fleet consists of two MI8 helicopters. An additional helicopter is being mobilized for the Central Unity inter-cluster famine response, and ad hoc charters will be used to augment cargo deliveries where necessary.
- The most recent Access Constraints map can be found at the following link: <http://www.logcluster.org/map/south-sudan-access-constraints-map-17-march-2017>



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- So far in 2017, UNHAS has performed 111 medical evacuations and security relocations representing a small decrease from the same period in 2016. This past week, UNHAS facilitated two medical evacuations from two different locations.
- During the past week, UNHAS transported a total of 1,970 passengers and 26.8 mt of light humanitarian cargo to 49 destinations, and facilitated 41 WFP airdrops, delivering 1,173 mt of food.
- UNHAS facilitated an inter-agency mission to Leer and RRM deployments on behalf of three agencies to five locations. In addition, UNHAS performed three special flights for diplomatic missions.
- UNHAS continues to support UNICEF's child reunification project and facilitated the reunification of 10 children with their families.
- Dust and haze affected visibility across South Sudan throughout the week and delayed several flights. To ensure passengers reached their planned destinations, UNHAS performed recovery flights on the same day or the day after.



Feeder Roads

- WFP engineers carried out a comprehensive inspection of the completed Kangi-Kuajok road (41.25 km), now fully open for use.
- The construction of cross-drainage structures along the Terekeka-Muni-Tombek and Juba-Kajokeji roads is ongoing, with expected completion in mid-April 2017. WFP's engineer was sent to supervise works on the Terekeka-Muni-Tombek road to expedite progress, after the contractor indicated difficulties in supplying materials to the site and recruiting labour.

WFP Operations					
	2017 Requirements (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (Mar-Aug 2017)	People Assisted (February 2017) *	Female**	Male**
EMOP 200859 TOTAL (Oct 2015-Sept 2017)	731 million***	134.9 million	1,075,677	675,658	548,186
General Food Distribution (GFD)			983,191	529,637	453,554
Nutrition Assistance			240,653	146,021	94,632
PRRO 200572 TOTAL (Jan 2014-Dec 2017)	190 million	60.6 million	381,684	211,720	196,744
General Food Distribution (GFD)			250,559	127,524	123,035
Nutrition Assistance			35,864	25,321	10,543
Food for Education			122,041	58,875	63,166
Food Assistance for Assets			-	-	-

*Unique beneficiaries, excluding overlap

**May include overlap of beneficiaries

*** Requirements for October - December 2017 are estimated.

2016-2017 WFP South Sudan donors (listed alphabetically)*:



*Includes donors that provided multi-year funding continuing in 2017

Not included: SSHF and Private Donors

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