



South Sudan

2015 Third Quarterly Operational Briefing

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Humanitarian Situation

- More than 2 million people have been displaced since fighting began in mid-December 2013.
- Over 600,000 people are seeking refugee in neighbouring countries and around 1.5 million people are estimated to be internally displaced. 184,000 of them have sought shelter in Protection of Civilians sites.
- According to the latest IPC analysis, 4.6 million people are projected to face acute hunger during the lean period (May – July).
 Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) remains alarmingly high.
- The deteriorating economic situation could result in a further deterioration of food security conditions, particularly for urban populations.



Security Situation

Current Situation:

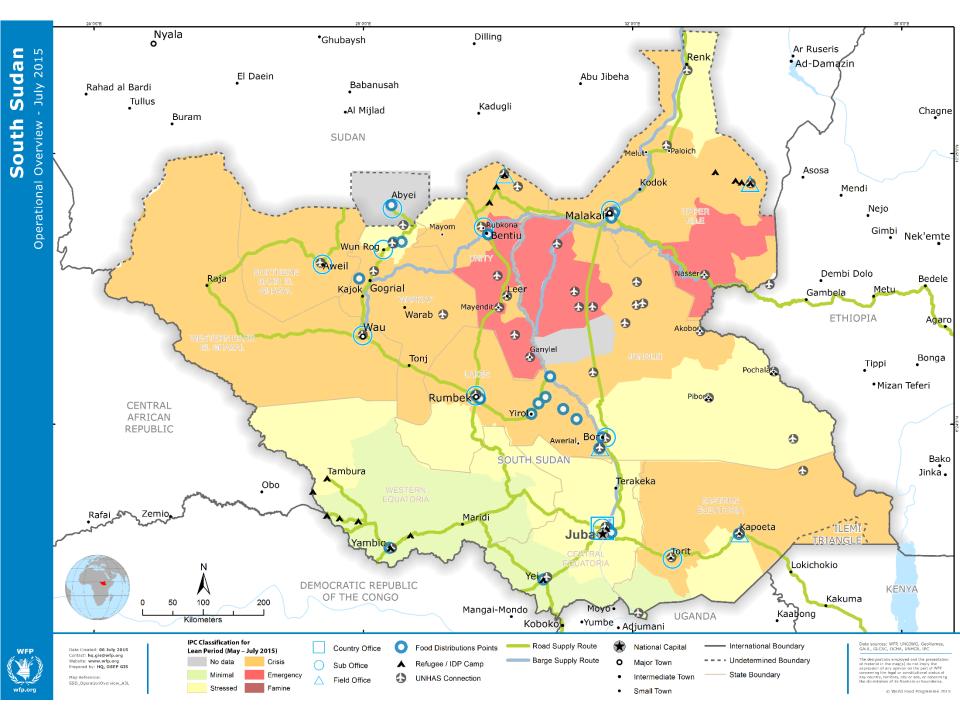
- Increasingly dangerous operating environment for humanitarian workers
- Widespread violence in Unity and Upper Nile States intensified before the onset of the rainy season. More than 300,000 people have been newly displaced in Unity and Upper Nile since May, 2015.

Impact:

- Security situation remains fluid, populations remain mobile;
- Increased arrivals to POCs;
- Deterioration of food security situation amongst populations that cannot be assisted;
- Looting;
- Harassment of humanitarian staff;
- Access constraints, requiring negotiations with multiple armed actors.

Outlook:

 Prolonged nature of conflict is leading to increased criminality, fractionalization (including in non-conflict states) and exhausted coping mechanisms.



Framework of Interventions

EMOP 200659 – Emergency Operation in Response to Conflict in South Sudan (Jan 14 – Sept 15)

PRRO 200572 – Food and Nutrition Assistance for Relief and Recovery, Supporting Transition and Enhancing Capabilities to Ensure Sustainable Hunger Solutions (Jan 14 – Dec 15)

SO 200778 – Logistics Cluster

SO 200791 – Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

SO 200775 – Food Security Cluster

SO 200634 – UNHAS

SO 200379 – Feeder Roads

Activities

- From January to May 2015, WFP reached 2.2 million people with nearly 75,000 mt through its EMOP and PRRO
- WFP and partner engagement through on-the-ground presence, the rapid response mechanism (RRM), and the multi-agency emergency survival package to ensure assistance to vulnerable people, particularly in Unity and Upper Nile states.
- UNICEF and WFP nutrition scale-up is ongoing
- Where resources permit, Food for Assets and Food for Education help build resilience to shocks and address immediate food insecurity needs
- Refugee assistance continues to approximately 250,000 people
- In June, WFP made headway with its voucher transfers under the EMOP

Clusters and Common Services

- Food Security and Livelihoods (co-lead with FAO)
- Logistics
- Emergency Telecommunications
- UNHAS

Operational Innovations

Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)

• 27 Teams led by WFP, FAO and NGOs

UNICEF/WFP Nutrition Scale-up

• Expanding SAM and MAM coverage

Multi-Agency Survival Package

 Kits of HEBs, fishing kits, seeds, water purification tablets, etc. for 28,000 inaccessible households

Cash & Vouchers

Mingkaman and PoCs

Operational Prioritization

- <u>EMOP</u> prioritization based on food and nutrition need. Sites targeted with 4, 6, or 8 week cycles
- <u>PRRO</u> reduced refugee rations (30% cut); 60,000 fewer FFA beneficiaries; and discontinued family rations for institutional support



Operational Priorities

- Averting further deterioration of the food security situation in conflict affected areas, focusing especially on IPC Phase 4 locations
- Re-engagement of operations in southern Unity especially through short emergency assistance using partners already on the ground
- Re-establishment of assistance in parts of Upper Nile
- Re-supply stocks in Malakal and Bentiu
- Re-prioritization based on latest assessments
- Completion of prepositioning as much as possible

- Data collection for the July round of the Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System is underway and will feed into the August IPC
- WFP and partner staff conduct distribution monitoring and report on issues related to distribution management, entitlements, beneficiary verification, etc. Where necessary, corrective action is immediately taken
- Post distribution monitoring is conducted where security is more stable, to collect outcome data and to measure WFP's progress in emergency locations
- Coverage remains low, however plans are in place to engage third party monitoring where security does not allow UN presence

Access remains an issue throughout the country due to on-going insecurity and poor road infrastructure. In particular, WFP has nearly completely lost access to parts of southern Unity and Upper Nile states because of risks to both staff and beneficiary safety and security.

- Active access negotiations help WFP maintain wide coverage while ensuring safety of staff and resources
- Access to conflict-affected populations remains unpredictable
- Increased fractionalization and spread of conflict situation beyond the Greater Upper Nile region
- WFP utilizes UNMISS as a last resort, when necessary
- Physical inaccessibility earlier than usual due to lack of maintenance of transport routes
- MOU between South Sudan and Sudan governments to allow crossborder shipments has been extended to December 2015

Operational Requirements

PROJECT	BUDGET (USD)	PLANNED BENEFICIARIES	RECEIVED (USD)	CURRENT SHORTFALLS (USD)
EMOP 200659 (2015)	504 million	1.5 million	130 million	118 million
PRRO 200572 (2015)	288.6 million	1.7 million	44.8 million	65 million
SO 200775 Food Security (2015)	1.37 million	n/a	0.4 million	0.8 million
SO 200778 Logistics Cluster (2015)	34.9 million	n/a	11.6 million	12.8 million
SO 200791 ETC (2015)	4.5 million	n/a	1 million	2 million
SO 200786 UNHAS (2015)	59.3 million	n/a	10 million	26 million

Resource Mobilization

DONOR	AMOUNT (USD million)	
Multilateral	6,000,000	
UN CERF	992,092	
USA	103,798,972	
United Kingdom	29,114,916	
Canada	17,702,597	
European Commission	13,854,725	
UN Common Humanitarian Fund	5,004,309	
Japan	4,200,000	
Switzerland	2,606,402	
Germany	2,166,847	
Finland	2,120,891	
TOTAL	187,561,751	

- Prepositioning efforts have reached over 80% of the 2015 plan (approximately 88,000 mt).
- The PRRO resourcing situation is critical. Food for Assets and institutional feeding programme beneficiaries have been reduced to match available funding. Rations for the Abyei caseload have been reduced by 50%. Refugees are prioritized but a 30% ration reduction is planned for August, which will increase the risk of deterioration in food security and nutrition security.
- For the EMOP, critical pipeline breaks will start in September. WFP prioritises critical nutrition assistance for the treatment and prevention of malnutrition.

Implementing Capacity

Staff:

• 923 staff in-country (759 national and 164 international)

WFP Offices:

- 1 CO
- 9 SO
- 4 FO

Warehouses:

 WFP manages 154 storage facilities (including permanent structures, rubhalls, warehouses, FlosPan, local storage facilities) with a total capacity 87,510 mt. This does not include partner-managed storage facilities.

Cooperating Partners: WFP works with 35 partners (27 International NGOs, 7 National NGOs and one local government) under the EMOP and 55 partners under the PRRO

Under the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), there are currently 27 WFP and partner RRM teams

Capacity Constraints

- Level of needs in South Sudan is outpacing the capacity of the humanitarian community to meet its operational targets
- Poor and limited infrastructure increases need for barge and air assets, which are in turn limited
- Careful consideration is necessary when making decisions about staff placements

Coordination

- Under the Integrated Rapid Response Mechanism, WFP, FAO and UNICEF working together as joint members of mobile rapid registration and response teams in hard-to-access locations
- UNICEF and WFP continue expansions of its nutrition scale-up
- WFP has contributed ready to use food rations, particularly high energy biscuits, to 'emergency survival kits' coordinated by OCHA
- Management of UNHAS, including provision of medical and security evacuations to the humanitarian community

Clusters

- **Food Security:** Co-led with FAO, coordination to ensure the most efficient response to food availability/access issues
- **Logistics:** Provision of logistical expertise, coordination and transportation of humanitarian cargo
- **Emergency Telecom:** Provision of necessary emergency telecommunication services where basic infrastructure is limited

Critical Risks

CONTEXTUAL RISKS:

- Prolonged conflict with targeted violence
- Food shortages and disrupted commercial activity
- Challenging infrastructure for cash and voucher transfers
- Crisis and emergency level food insecurity in many areas
- High incidence of disease, poor water and hygiene conditions

PROGRAMMATIC RISKS:

- Limited humanitarian access prevents WFP and partners from reaching beneficiaries
- Pipeline constraints undermine ability to respond to current needs
- Reduced cooperating partner presence and capacity due to differing risk appetites
- Insecurity prevents transporters from moving food through the logistics corridors
- Challenges to provide safe and secure air service to the humanitarian community

INSTITUTIONAL RISKS:

- Loss of staff despite security efforts
- Shrinking humanitarian space due to insecurity
- Reputational risk in case transfers are used for purposes other than intended
- Donor fatigue as crisis become protracted and other global crises pull for attention

Mitigation Measures

RISKS	MITIGATION MEASURES	
Limited humanitarian access prevents WFP and partners from reaching beneficiaries	 WFP endeavors to strengthen its relationship with all relevant stakeholders and communicate its mandate to authorities to improve acceptance and access for its food assistance operations. The extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of South Sudan and Sudan allows WFP to continue to conduct faster and more cost-effective deliveries of food assistance to conflict-affected populations and refugees. 	
Reduced partner presence and capacity due to differing risk appetites	 The identification of partners for the 2015/16 cycle is underway with the proposal submission process allowing opportunities to identify the most credible partners – including new ones. WFP continues to work closely with other humanitarian actors, particularly UNHCR and UNMISS, to ensure the areas where IDPs are sheltering are adequate to provide a multi-cluster response. Through its access negotiations, WFP helps reduce risks for partners and increases authorities' familiarity with them. 	
Infrastructure for cash and voucher transfers	 Cost-efficiency analysis indicates that cash transfers are less efficient than in-kind food, but have additional benefits, such as allowing beneficiaries to purchase local food, facilitating dietary diversity, enhancing dignity and stimulating local economies. Cash and voucher transfers for IDPs are only used where markets have adequate supplies and can respond to increased demand. 	

Residual Risks

- Prolonged conflict with targeted violence;
- Crisis and emergency level food insecurity in many areas;
- Loss of staff despite security efforts;
- Reputational loss in cases transfers are used for purposes other than intended.

Regional Impact

600,758 refugees now (as of July 2); 821,000 expected by end of 2015

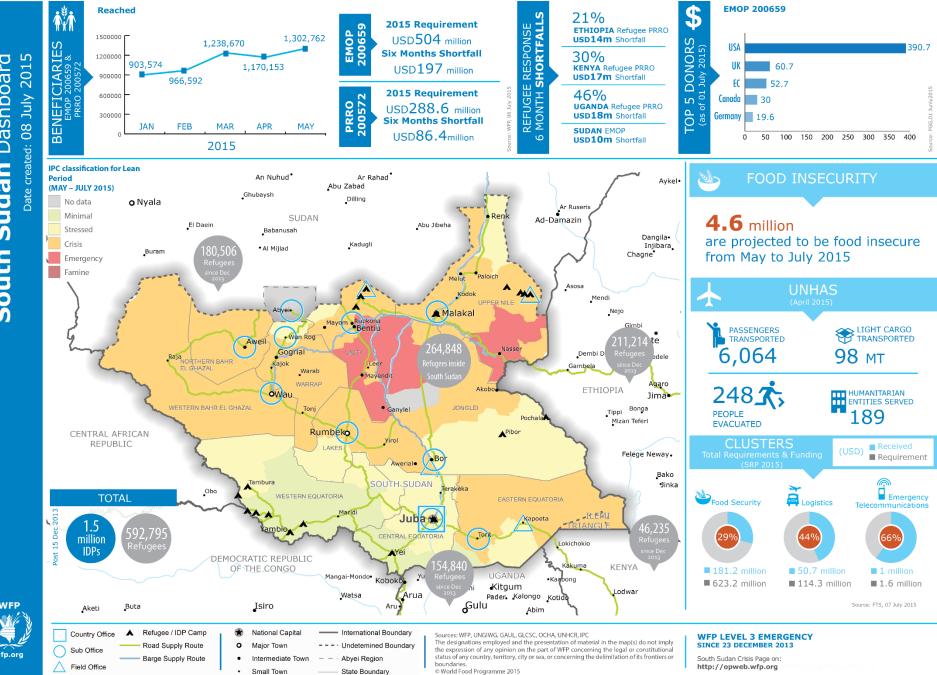
- Critical resource shortfalls are being faced for refugee support operations throughout the region. USD 65 million needed to the end of the year
- In Kenya, general rations have already been reduced by 30% and, without new contributions, further cuts may be necessary to stretch available resources



- Concern that continued insecurity and escalating violence, combined with the deteriorating food and nutrition security situation, may encourage more people to flee the country – particularly to Sudan and Uganda.
- The nutritional status of refugees entering neighboring countries is expected to worsen given conditions in South Sudan. GAM rates, chronic malnutrition and micronutrient deficiency continue to be an issue in the refugee camps in the region.

Refugee Numbers and Shortfalls

PROJECT	South Sudanese Refugees	UNHCR "Most Likely" 12 Month Projected Arrivals	6 Month Shortfall
Ethiopia Refugee PRRO	211,260	340,000	USD 14 million
Kenya Refugee PRRO	46,237	75,000	USD 17 million
Uganda Refugee PRRO	155,514	210,000	USD 18 million
Sudan PRRO	187,747	196,000	USD 16 million
Total	600,758	821,000	USD 65 million



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