SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ETHIOPIA
FOOD & NUTRITION FACTSHEET

May 2026

Highlights

Nutrition screening, referral, and treatment services continued across Luakdong and Tormorok, ensuring early identification and enrolment of vulnerable children and pregnant and lactating women into care programmes. Community engagement remained strong through group discussions and health education sessions. Targeted supplementary feeding and fresh food voucher assistance continued, supporting household nutrition, while hot meal provision in Tormorok expanded, providing immediate relief and improved coverage for the most vulnerable populations across sites during reporting period overall with enhanced coordination efforts.

Response & Challenges

Despite continued service delivery, the nutrition situation remains critical, with rising malnutrition trends in both locations exceeding emergency thresholds and indicating heightened vulnerability among children and pregnant and lactating women across all affected communities. Persistent food security gaps continue to affect newly arrived and unregistered populations, leaving them excluded from general food assistance. The absence of blanket supplementary feeding further undermines prevention efforts. Operational constraints, including limited access to expand hot meal services and gaps in referral support, combined with supply and logistical challenges, are constraining response capacity and require urgent, sustained support and resources.

Achievements

Food Distribution

People received 100% dry food ration (May Cycle) (Cumulative rations since August 2025: 360,366) **32,891** (As of 31 May 2026)

People received hot meal (Last Week) (Cumulative meals since August 2025: 116,209) **3,538**

Targeted vulnerable individuals addressed by food vouchers(Last week) **4,041**

Care for Pregnant & Lactating Women (PLW)

Screened **2,952** New Admission **206** In TSFP Program **1,568** Prevalence **31%**

Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) - Treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)

New Admission **411** In OTP Program **1,162** % Cured **100%** % Deafultered **0%** % Death **0%**

Stablization Center program (SC) -Treatment of complicated Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)

New Admission **81** In SC Program **10** % Stabilized **100%** % Death **0%**

Targeted Supplementary Feeding Program -Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)

New Admission **818** In TSFP Program **1,140** % Cured **100%** % Deafultered **0%** % Death **0%**

Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) Program

Group Sessions Conducted **28** Health/Nutrition Education Sessions Conducted **47**

PLW Attended Welcoming Session **3,703** People Attended Health/Nutrition Education Sessions **6,591**

Key Figures

100K Population Planning Figure (New arrivals)

446K Refugees from South Sudan in Ethiopia

18 Response Partners Under Emergency Response Plan

50,030 Total Individuals Registered Refugees Level 1 (Since 22 July 2025)

Demographic (Registered Refugees Level 1)

	Female (57%)	Male (43%)
Adults	23%	9%
Children	34%	34%

35,670 Children Screend for Acute Malnutrition (May Cycle)

Proxy GAM* Prevalence in Children (6–59) months)	16%	Increasing**
Proxy SAM Prevalence	7%	Decreasing**
Proxy GAM* Prevalence in PLW	31%	Decreasing**

*GAM: Global Acute Malnutrition
** Compared to previous week**

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