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Country: South Sudan

Highlights

- Funding constraints force the suspension of milling voucher programme for refugees.** The suspension has affected over 200,000 refugees in Yida, Ajuong Thok, and Maban camps. WFP urgently needs USD5.5 million to reinstate the programme through to end 2015. The milling voucher programme has been effective in reducing the need for beneficiaries to exchange food rations for milling services.
- The Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System (FSNMS) exercise is progressing well with data collection due to be completed in early April.** Meanwhile, WFP has released the South Sudan market bulletin for the month of February which highlighted a precarious food security situation resulting from the depressed economy characterised by rising inflation and shortage of foreign currencies for transactions.

In numbers 

- 1.5 million** IDPs (OCHA estimates)
- 514,974** displaced outside South Sudan (UNHCR estimates)
- 113,000** seeking shelter with the UN (UNMISS estimates)
- 2.5 million** projected to remain in emergency or crisis level food insecurity from January to March 2015 (IPC, September 2014).

- Preparations for the development of national guidelines for the Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition are underway.** The guidelines will be based on best practices and lessons learned within the South Sudan context and adhere to WHO recommendations. Already, the Ministry of Health, WFP and UNICEF have jointly finalised a set of Terms of Reference for the recruitment of consultants who will help to ensure a continuum of nutrition services for severe acute malnutrition and moderate acute malnutrition.

WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance 

- Over the past week, distributions have been completed in Ulang and Nyangore (Upper Nile) for more than 12,000 beneficiaries.
- WFP/CP teams are currently deployed in Koch and Bauw (Unity); Pultruk, Old Fangak and Haat (Jonglei); Jikmir, Nyakang and Makak (Upper Nile; river deliveries from Ethiopia), Kiechkuon (Upper Nile).
- Next deployments are planned for Jiech, Nyanambor, Kurwai, Yuai (Jonglei), Whajtak (Upper Nile) and Ngop (Unity) in collaboration with partners.

February 2015 EMOP and PRRO distributions by state							
Project	State	GFD	BSFP	TSFP	FFE	FFA Unique ben	
EMOP	Central Equatoria	37,972	2,692	1,690	-	-	39,662
	Eastern Equatoria	5,143	-	-	-	-	5,143
	Jonglei	172,260	53,384	7,130	-	-	179,389
	Lakes	101,991	-	-	-	-	101,991
	Northern Bahr el Ghaz	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Unity	85,573	19,300	13,625	-	-	99,198
	Upper Nile	37,905	5,494	7,807	-	-	45,712
	Warrap	8,522	-	-	-	-	8,522
	Western Bahr el Ghaz:	4,606	-	-	-	-	4,606
	Western Equatoria	-	-	-	-	-	-
EMOP Total		453,972	80,870	30,252	-	-	484,223
PRRO	Central Equatoria	12,207	-	788	1,481	-	14,476
	Eastern Equatoria	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Jonglei	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Lakes	395	-	2,756	460	-	3,611
	Northern Bahr el Ghaz	7,651	-	9,341	12,245	-	29,237
	Unity	90,152	-	1,711	-	-	91,863
	Upper Nile	129,773	-	3,928	-	-	133,701
	Warrap	127,741	-	10,266	-	35,911	173,918
	Western Bahr el Ghaz:	20,217	-	3,664	700	685	25,266
	Western Equatoria	9,901	-	-	396	-	10,297
PRRO Total		398,037	-	32,454	15,282	36,596	482,369
EMOP&PRRO Total		852,009	80,870	62,706	15,282	36,596	966,592

Logistics

- Some 20,254 mt of food commodities has been dispatched from Uganda and 1,232 mt from Kenya directly to forwarding hubs in South Sudan (Bor, Rumbek, Wunrok, and Bentiu).
- A shortage of trucks in Ethiopia has impacted the uplift of South Sudan cargo, which will lead to a shortfall of commodities for airdrops and airlifts. Delays are expected for another four weeks.
- Plans are underway to position one Ilyushin 76 in Wau (Western Bahr el Ghazal) to improve operational efficiency and flexibility between this location and Juba. As cross-border operations through the Sudan corridor are running smoothly, WFP plans to release the C-130 based in Assosa (Ethiopia) at the end of April.
- Since 01 January 2015, WFP has dispatched 95,731 mt of food commodities, of which a total of 15,076 mt has been airlifted or airdropped within South Sudan and from Ethiopia.

Special Operations

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster

- Partners continue to vaccinate livestock before the dry season ends. Over the past week, more than 6,000 livestock were vaccinated in Northern Bahr el Ghazal. FAO livestock team also conducted large scale vaccinations and treatments in Nimule (Eastern Equatoria).
- In line with the emergency response, FAO has developed instructional leaflets to accompany emergency livelihood kits for the 2015 distribution campaign. The leaflets are tailored for beneficiaries and partners/trainers.

Logistics Cluster

- Over the last week, 68 mt of humanitarian supplies have been airlifted on behalf of seven different organizations to Jonglei, Upper Nile, and Unity state (Akobo, Atar, Boma, Ganyiel, Koch, Kodok, Kotdalok, Kurwai, Kurwai, Leer, Mathiang, and Pochalla).
- The humanitarian barge bound for Malakal/Melut departed from Bor on 16 March; it is expected to arrive in Malakal on 04 April. The barge is carrying over 900 mt of relief items for ten different humanitarian organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster will soon be adding a fixed wing plane to the fleet which would allow for the delivery of approximately 10 mt per day to airstrips conducive for this type of asset.
- There will be a training session held 8-9 April in Juba on how to set up a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU).
- Rains have begun in different locations across the country; the rainy season is expected to begin a few weeks earlier this year than previous years that will likely have a negative effect on road transport due to road conditions.
- The latest access constraints map can be found here: http://www.logcluster.org/sites/default/files/maps/ssd_lc_op_accessconstraints_a3l_20150327.pdf

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC continues to support 26 repeater sites for the provision of security telecommunications services.
- On-site as well as remote ICT support services are being provided to 10 data connectivity sites across the country.
- In Mingkaman (Lakes), due to equipment failure, internet services were non-operational in one of the two ETC sites for six weeks. During the last two weeks, the ETC conducted a successful mission restoring internet connectivity services and extending the WiFi coverage in the new humanitarian hub. ICT Helpdesk services have been also provided. Humanitarians in Mingkaman can now access reliable internet services at ACTED and Save the Children ETC sites.
- A mission is currently ongoing in Mingkaman to solve radio communication issues associated with the shifting of an ETC site.
- In Bentiu (Unity), a successful mission was carried out to apply connectivity infrastructure changes to mitigate the risk of internet connectivity service failure. ICT Helpdesk services have been also provided to the area.

- A mission is ongoing in Malakal (Upper Nile) to deploy the MikroTik user authentication system, allowing more regulated and reliable internet connectivity services. This measure addresses the issue of unauthorized use of the internet services.

UN Humanitarian Air Service

- UNHAS transported 1,517 passengers and 13.19 mt of light cargo during the reporting period.
- 227 passengers were affected by the cancellation of 11 flights: 93 passengers due to heavy rain and wet airstrip, 32 due to lack of aircraft capacity, 77 due to late security clearances, 11 due to operational reasons/cut-off time and 14 due to no contact on the ground to provide weather/security information.
- Two fixed wing aircraft arrived in country this week; one fixed wing is already operational while the other is still pending operational clearance from authorities.
- Two helicopters which arrived in country in March have been assembled but are still awaiting clearance.
- Two medical evacuations were performed out of Yida and Ajuong Thok.
- UNHAS supported ten special missions during the week including, WFP/Cooperating partners' Rapid Response Mobile team deployment to Kiech Kuon, Ulang, Old Fangak, Koch and Bauw; Wai, Jiech, HAAT and Mayom for WFP-VAM mission and Ajuong Thok for UNHCR VIP mission
- UNHAS facilitated the reunification of one child to parents in Aweil-Juba on behalf of UNICEF.
- UNHAS also launched one Caravan to assist with staff relocation out of Rubkona.
- Following a meeting with the Operational Working Group on 01 April, UNHAS will include five new locations effective 07 April. Locations include Nimni, Mankien, Kuach, Ngop and Jazeera.

Feeder Roads

- On 31 March, a Feeder Roads Steering Committee meeting on maintenance took place. It was agreed that a working group would meet as a matter of urgency to see what can be done to keep the major trunk roads open during this year's rainy season. The group consisting of representatives from the Ministry of Transport, Roads and Bridges, Tetrattech, WFP, UNOPS, Technical Advisor to the EU and Dutch met on 02 April and prioritized the trunk roads which are in most urgent need of repairs. Road assessments shall be carried out on the Juba-Yei, Yei-Faraksika, Faraksika-Mundri, Mundri-Rumbek, Rumbek-Wau roads and the working group will convene again on 14 April. Subsequently a technical and financial proposal shall be sent out to donors for funding of the road maintenance for the humanitarian effort and vital commercial linkages (fuel).
- A follow-up meeting on conflict sensitivity was held with International Alert on 01 April to discuss the conflict-sensitivity integration plan and further steps.
- A team of engineers has started conducting a detailed survey of the Canadian-funded road south of Wau (Western Bahr El Ghazal) on 30 March. Furthermore, a request for proposals for topographical survey of this road was launched on 01 April.
- Negotiations are ongoing with contractors who bid for the works on Kuajok – Lunyaker Road (50 km, Warrap State).
- A monitoring visit was conducted to Kworijik – Tendere – Buko road (50 km, Central Equatoria) on 01 April. 9 km of the road has already been bush cleared and the demining has progressed to approximately 20 km.
- The technical evaluation of the Juba - Kajo Keji structures was submitted on 30 March. Once this has been approved financial evaluation will start.
- On 31 March – 02 April a monitoring visit to Pageri – Magwi road (65 km, Eastern Equatoria) took place. Construction on culverts and structures is ongoing and progressing well. During construction works a landmine was discovered off the road at Ame junction. UNMAS was informed through TDI, the demining company, and the mine was removed on 27 March.
- Construction of the large slab culvert on Mundri – Bangolo road (67.25 km, Western Equatoria) is ongoing.

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Resourcing Update

Project	2015 Requirements (US\$)	Six-month Shortfall (US\$)
EMOP 200659	\$504 million	\$200 million
PRRO 200572	\$331 million*	\$77.8 million*
SO 200786 (UNHAS)	\$59.3 million	\$15.3 million
SO 200778 (Logistics)	\$34.9 million	\$13.4 million
SO 200775 (Food Security)	\$1.37 million	\$0.68 million
SO 200791 (ETC)	\$4.5 million	\$2 million
Total	\$935 million	\$309 million

Feeder Roads operations has a budget of US\$167.3 million, with a shortfall of US\$73.6 million

*Operation is undergoing budget revision—shortfall and requirement to be updated.