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**SITUATION UPDATE**

More than 600,000 people have been affected by flooding in areas along the White Nile since July, with Jonglei and Lakes the worst affected states. Heavy rains have caused rivers to overflow their dykes and banks, flooding vast areas and settlements along the White Nile in the centre of the country.

The majority of people displaced moved to higher ground near their homes and plan to return once the flood waters recede. In Bor South, over 33,000 people earlier displaced by conflict and flooding in Twic East and Duk counties to the north have moved west into Awerial county, and are now sheltering in Mingkaman town IDP settlement.

A coordinated humanitarian response scale-up in the most affected states of Jonglei, Lakes and Unity was initiated to respond to the increased needs of people affected and displaced by the flood waters. Rapid needs assessments were conducted in six of the affected counties in early August and partners are now responding to the immediate needs of the flood-affected people, with more assessments planned and efforts ongoing to reach the more remote areas. According to early assessments, priorities include water purification tablets, plastic sheeting for temporary shelter, mosquito nets, fishing kits and medicine for malaria, diarrhoea and other waterborne diseases.

**FLOOD-AFFECTED PEOPLE BY STATE**

- Jonglei: 240K
- Lakes: 221K
- Upper Nile: 59K
- Unity: 53K
- Central Equatoria: 26K
- Western Equatoria: 4K

77% of people affected are in Jonglei and Lakes.
CHALLENGES AND GAPS

The combination of floods with conflict, displacement, food insecurity and disease outbreaks have exacerbated needs in South Sudan. The arrival of COVID-19 and related travel restrictions imposed by the government significantly impacted how aid agencies respond. Access is a major challenge, with the majority of flood-affected areas inaccessible by road. The transport of aid by air is extremely expensive. Many of the areas are highly insecure due to the ongoing sub-national violence, especially in Jonglei. Additional funding is needed to scale up response to reach communities affected by the combination of shocks. Capacity and supplies on the ground are limited and need to be replenished to meet increasing needs.

RESPONSE STRATEGY

The flood response is targeting counties with food insecurity and nutrition challenges based on assessed needs and counties in Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) phases 3 and 4. The locations prioritized include settlements located along the Nile river down through the centre of the country where the majority of flood-affected communities were displaced to higher ground. Locations where over 5,000 people were affected, where property is now uninhabitable and over half of water infrastructure and health facilities were destroyed are top priorities for response.

Localization of the response will be promoted by assessing and strengthening the capacity and providing additional resources to national, local and faith-based organizations. Based on lessons learned from the 2019 flood response, UN agencies will conduct a periodic review of pipelines to identify gaps and advocate for additional resources to ensure the continuity of the response. With the COVID-19 travel restrictions, high-level advocacy to ease restrictions is recommended and as advocacy for additional funding.

PHASE ONE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- **Health**
- **WASH**
- **Nutrition**
- **Protection**
- **Food**
- **Livelihood**
- **Shelter/NFI**

**HOUSEHOLD LEVEL**

Distribution of WASH NFIs, COVID-19 package, nutrition supplies, food assistance, fishing kits, protection supplies and emergency shelter and NFIs

**COMMUNITY LEVEL**

Rehabilitation and chlorination of water sources, replenishment of medical, nutritional supplies and dignity kits

PHASE TWO RESILIENCE SUPPORT

- **Repair**
- **Vaccinate**
- **Tools**
- **Advocate**

**Distribution of seeds and tools, animal vaccinations, rehabilitation of boreholes, latrines and schools**

Advocacy with authorities and development partners to engage in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation activities

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