SITUATION UPDATE

An estimated 625,000 people have been affected by flooding in areas along the White Nile since July with nearly 90 per cent of those affected in Jonglei, Lakes and Upper Nile states. The numbers and water levels are expected to rise in the coming months.

Rapid needs assessments have now been completed in the majority of the 34 counties affected by the flooding. Of the 34 counties affected, 18 are in IPC Phase 3 (Crisis) and 11 in IPC Phase 4 (Emergency). Humanitarians are responding in all affected counties. Ayod, Bor South and Duk counties in Jonglei, Awerial in Lakes, and Panyijiar and Koch counties in Unity are identified as a high priority for a scale-up in operations, where physical access allows. Light humanitarian hubs are planned in the most affected areas to overcome operational constraints caused by the flooding and COVID-19 related measures.

The Humanitarian Coordinator will allocate US$10 million from the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund and explore a possible allocation from the UN’s Central Emergency Response Fund, complementing bilateral funding sources. Together, these would enable a three-pronged response to the floods:

- Immediate relief to flood-affected people
- Community-based support
- Enabling the humanitarian response

FLOOD-AFFECTED PEOPLE BY STATE

- Jonglei: 230K
- Lakes: 147K
- Unity: 83K
- Central Equatoria: 42K
- Upper Nile: 15K
- Western Equatoria: 9K

87% of people affected are in Jonglei, Lakes and Unity

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. Final boundary between the Republic of South Sudan and the Republic of Sudan has not yet been determined. Final status of Abyei area is not yet determined.
RESPONSE STRATEGY

The priority counties identified in the response map above are based on needs assessments conducted in areas with high numbers of flood-affected people and counties in IPC Phases 3 and 4. Counties with recent outbreaks of violence and displacement, and where water levels are forecasted to remain high for the next three months with the potential for disease outbreak, will also be a priority. Clusters are targeting 360,000 people with emergency services and 625,000 people with community-based services such as boreholes, health facilities, nutrition centres and referral pathways.

CHALLENGES AND GAPS

The majority of affected counties are still underwater, with airstrips submerged, complicating the transport of humanitarian goods and personnel. Humanitarian organizations are diverting resources to the flood response from their pipelines allocated for regular programmes. The government has committed to provide access and security for the flood response. More funding and partner presence on the ground is needed to meet the growing needs.

RESPONSE PRIORITIES

IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO FLOOD-AFFECTED PEOPLE

Key immediate needs include food, water purification tablets, plastic sheeting for temporary shelter, mosquito nets, fishing kits, basic health items including anti-venom for snake bites, and the replenishment of medicine, nutritional supplies and dignity kits.

COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT

Cash-for-work and food-for-work assistance are part of the community-based approach to the floods. The provision of drugs and other support to existing health and nutrition facilities, the repair of rehabilitation of boreholes, dykes and latrines, and other community services will enable affected people to return home once water levels recede.

ENABLING THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Light and tented humanitarian hubs will be setup for partners to stay and deliver life-saving assistance in hard-to-reach, flood-affected locations. Without the hubs, it will be difficult to scale up effectively and respond.

FOOD SECURITY OUTLOOK AUG-SEP (FEWS NET)

11 counties in IPC 4 (Emergency)
18 counties in IPC 3 (Crisis)

ASSESSMENTS

Initial Rapid Needs Assessments: completed
Other assessments: completed

PHASE ONE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

HEALTH PROTECTION NUTRITION FOOD SHELTER/NFI LIVELIHOOD WASH

HOUSEHOLD LEVEL

Food assistance, fishing kits, WASH NFI distribution, COVID-19 package, nutrition supplies, emergency shelter/NFIs and protection services

COMMUNITY LEVEL

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

PHASE TWO RESILIENCE SUPPORT

REPAIR BUILD VACCINATE ADVOCATE

Distribution of seeds and tools, animal vaccinations, rehabilitation of boreholes, latrines and schools, and advocacy with authorities and development partners to engage in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation activities