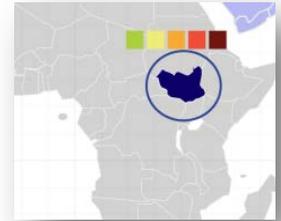




SOUTH SUDAN NEEDS URGENT ACTION TO PREVENT FAMINE



IPC PARTNERS AGREE ON THE FOOD SECURITY SITUATION - 3.7 MILLION PEOPLE ARE IN NEED OF URGENT ACTION TO PROTECT AND SAVE THEIR LIVELIHOOD, SAVE LIVES AND PREVENT FAMINE

How Many & When:

- Currently, **6.9 million people are acutely food insecure**, with as many as **3.7 million of those being in Crises and Emergency** requiring urgent humanitarian assistance (IPC Phase 3 & 4)
- From June to end of August this number will **increase to 7,3 million people**, with as many as 4 million of those being in Crises and Emergency
- **Famine is not declared** at this time in South Sudan either at State or County Levels

Risk of Famine:

Even within this period, **some populations within counties face the risk of famine** unless adequate humanitarian assistance is delivered

Where:

The **most affected States** are **Unity, Upper Nile and Jonglei** where populations are in crisis or emergency.

Who:

The most affected population are **Internal Displaced Populations (IDPs)** who are dispersed and the **host communities** affected by the on-going conflict.

Why:

This complex emergency in South Sudan is caused by high **underlying vulnerability**, the effects of **conflict and displacement** compounded by the coming **lean season** and resulting **in loss** of livelihood, income, assets, inadequate food access, high prices, emergency unsustainable coping.

Actions Needed Now to Prevent Famine

The South Sudan Food and Nutrition Security situation is precarious and can deteriorate dramatically and rapidly at any time due to the existing vulnerabilities and unpredictability of the current conflict. There is a need to:

- Deliver adequate levels of **Humanitarian Aid Now** as indicated by the IPC Results
- Vigilance is needed for **monitoring the evolving situation** and updating the IPC analysis in real time.
- It is imperative to **improve data availability** to support real-time updates and to be able to forecast famine if required

IPC Process

- **South Sudan IPC Country Process:** The South Sudan IPC Technical Working Group (SS IPC TWG) lead a month long process of analysis and consultations involving more than 60 members from State and National Levels
- **IPC Global Emergency Review Process:** Due the sensitivity and severity of the Food and Nutrition Security situation, the SS IPC TWG called for an external and independent review of their preliminary findings. The IPC Global Support Unit activated a pane of leading food security and nutrition experts who conducted the independent review and provided recommendations to the SS IPC TWG.
- **Final Report and findings:** This Alert provides indicative figures for planning purposes. The South Sudan IPC Technical Working Group (SS IPC TWG) is finalizing the report which is expected to be released soon.

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