



A girl waits in line for her vitamin A supplement, deworming tablet and measles vaccine in Juba, South Sudan.  
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Reporting Period: January 2020

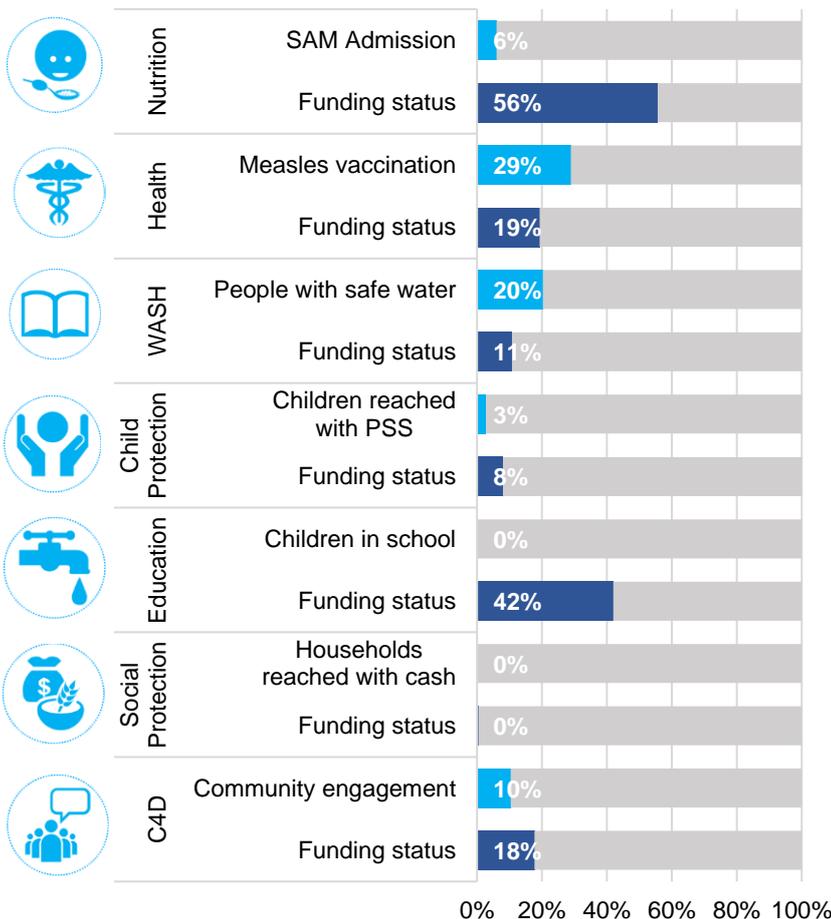
# South Sudan Humanitarian Situation Report No. 140



## Highlights

- UNICEF provided support to the planning of the national measles and vitamin A campaign to take place in 80 counties targeting 2.5 million children. The campaign will be implemented in phases from 1-28 February 2020.
- During the reporting month, a total of 1,758,280 primary and secondary grade textbooks were printed and delivered to distribution points which are closer to the targeted schools.
- A total of 149,502 children aged 6 months–15 years were vaccinated against measles through reactive vaccination campaigns (in Aweil east and Rubkona in Unity) and through integrated rapid response mechanisms (IRRM).
- To date a total of 165,913 people have been provided with access to safe drinking water through water trucking and construction of new or rehabilitation of non-functional waterpoints.
- UNICEF and partners reached 3,470 children (1,363 girls and 2,107 boys) with psychosocial support (PSS) activities in child-friendly spaces, schools and communities in the former 10 states.

## UNICEF's Response and Funding Status



## Situation in Numbers



**4.1 million**  
children in need of humanitarian assistance  
(UNICEF HAC, December, 2019)



**7.5 million**  
people in need  
(OCHA, HNO-November 2019)

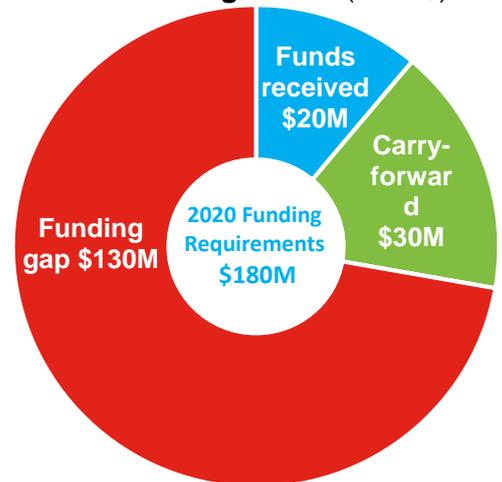


**1.7 million**  
Internally displaced people (IDPs)  
(OCHA, HNO-November 2019)

**2.24 million**  
South Sudanese Refugees in neighbouring countries  
(UNHCR Regional Portal, South Sudan Situation 30 September 2019)

## UNICEF Appeal 2020 US\$ 180 million

### Funding Status (in US\$)



## Funding Overview and Partnerships

UNICEF appeals for US\$ 180 million to sustain the provision of life-saving services for women and children in South Sudan. UNICEF expresses its sincere gratitude to all public and private donors for the contributions received, however, the 2020 HAC still has a funding gap of 72%. Without adequate funding, UNICEF and partners will be unable to scale up integrated programming and provide critical and protective services for women, men and children displaced by conflict, affected by gender-based violence, facing the risk of disease outbreaks (including Ebola), and impacted by extreme food insecurity.

## Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Whilst the security situation and humanitarian access has improved since the signing of the peace agreement in September 2018, the political and security situation remains uncertain. Although the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (R-TGoNU) is scheduled to be formed on 22 February, key pre-transitional tasks which include the unification of uniformed forces and the final agreement on the determination of states and their boundaries have not been completed. Localized low levels of armed conflict continue in Central Equatoria, Upper Nile and Western Bahr el Ghazal. The resulting insecurity, together with bureaucratic and operational impediments, continue to impede UNICEF and its partners' ability to deliver results for women and children. Despite the political impasse, the economic performance is expected to improve as oil fields closed during the crisis have resumed operations. According to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis conducted in August 2019, an estimated 5.5 million people (47% of the population) are likely to face Crisis (IPC Phase 3) or worse acute food insecurity during the period January to April 2020. Over 900,000 people, including 490,000 children, continued to suffer from the residual impacts of unprecedented flooding that washed away crops, destroyed homes, contaminated water sources and cut off or constrained access to critical basic services in some parts of the country.

## Summary Analysis of Programme Response

### Nutrition

The prevalence of global acute malnutrition (GAM) remains at serious level, (12.6%). In 2020, a total of 1,301,000 children are projected to be in need of treatment for acute malnutrition, including about 292,000 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition and 1,008,700 children suffering from moderate acute malnutrition. UNICEF in partnership with nutrition implementing partners is providing prevention and curative nutrition services for children and women in South Sudan. In January 2020, a total of 16,018 children affected by SAM were admitted for treatment in inpatient and outpatient therapeutic programs. The highest admission was recorded in Jonglei (19.7%), followed by Unity (15.9%) and Northern Bahr el Ghazal (15.4%). The highest admission in Jonglei State is consistent with the latest Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring (FSNMS) survey that showed a GAM rate of 23.8%. The performance indicators of SAM treatment were above the Sphere standards, with a cure rate of 94.2 per cent, death rate of 0.3 per cent and a defaulter rate of 3.7 per cent. During the same period, infant and young child feeding counselling services reached a total of 124,943 pregnant women and caregivers of children aged 0-23 months. The nutrition cluster has been leading the process of strengthening integration of nutrition services into the health system that will allow beneficiaries access to both health and nutrition services through a "one stop shop" that maximizes on synergies between the two types of services. For this purpose, the Cluster took part in a consultative meeting with a core group made up of UN agencies, Health Pooled Fund Partners and the Ministry of Health. The core group finalized the process of composition of a Steering Group that will provide oversight of the process. The Cluster also undertook bilateral discussions with the health cluster and the Global Nutrition Cluster (GNC) seeking for support.

### Health

UNICEF is supporting the Government and the State Ministry of Health (SMOH) to provide life-saving emergency integrated primary health care services. Essential drugs and medical equipment to strengthen quality primary health care are being distributed to 185 health facilities in all the 25 counties of the former states of Jonglei and Upper Nile. UNICEF and partners have provided 144,874 curative consultations reaching 51,337 children under five (24,388 males and 26,949 females). Most of the children and women seen during consultations were seeking the treatment of malaria (34%), acute respiratory infections (15%) and diarrhea (9.1%). An additional 149,502 children aged six months-15 years were immunized against measles through reactive vaccination (in Aweil East and Rubkona county in Unity state) and through IRRMs. A total of 4,665 long lasting insecticide treated nets (LLINs) were distributed to 2,333 families (children and pregnant women) through UNICEF and partners to support malaria prevention efforts.

## WASH

During the reporting month, the WASH programme continued to provide critical life-saving WASH interventions through the provision of access to safe water, basic sanitation and hygiene services to the vulnerable people residing in Protection of Civilian sites (POCs), IDPs living in collective centres and host communities. As a result, 165,913 individuals have so far been provided with access to safe drinking water through water trucking, construction of new waterpoints and rehabilitation of non-functional waterpoints. UNICEF continued to provide support for the operation and maintenance of water yards, surface water treatment and urban water systems. Likewise, a total of 4,728 vulnerable individuals have been supported with access to basic sanitation facilities through the construction and rehabilitation of emergency communal latrines and household latrines. In relatively stable communities in Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Eastern Equatoria, community led total sanitation is being implemented as the approach to improve the sanitation coverage. Follow up is being conducted for the previously triggered village in Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Eastern Equatoria to establish communities that have attained open defecation free status. In addition, a total of 75,297 people have been reached with key hygiene promotion messages and total of 107,570 individuals have benefited from the distribution of core-pipeline supplies and WASH non-food items (NFIs) including jerrycans, buckets, soap and water treatment chemicals.

## Education

During the reporting period, the schools were closed as the academic year begins in February and ends in December. However, UNICEF and partners, in close coordination with the Ministry of General Education and Instruction (MoGEI) officially launched the distribution of the new curriculum textbooks at the state level. The new curriculum is part of a greater initiative to strengthen national education systems and respond to the nationwide shortage of learning materials. In January, a total of 1,758,280 primary and secondary grade textbooks were printed and delivered to distribution points, which are close to the targeted 4,145 schools. The new curriculum textbooks are for both primary and secondary schools, and include the following subjects: mathematics, religious studies, biology, chemistry, history, geography, physics, citizenship studies, and French, Kiswahili and English languages.

The MoGEI has formally announced the approval of Multi-Year Resilience Programme (MYRP) for South Sudan. The multi-year programme aim to mobilize over US\$189 million over the next three years to provide about 500,000 children and youth with improved access to inclusive, equitable, safe and protective learning environments in South Sudan. The development of the MYRP was coordinated by Education Cluster under the leadership of MoGEI and Task Team members. With the support from the Global Education Cluster, the Education Cluster in South Sudan activated the cluster coordination performance monitoring exercise to allow partners and stakeholders to assess the cluster performance against six core functions and accountability to affected populations. The result of the survey will be shared in February.

## Child Protection

UNICEF and partners reached 3,470 children (1,363 girls and 2,107 boys) with PSS activities in child-friendly spaces, schools and communities throughout the country. A total of 195 unaccompanied and separated children (99 girls and 96 boys) received follow-up visits or material support. A total of 896 individuals including 359 children (167 girls and 192 boys) were reached with life-saving mine risk education messages in Unity and Central Equatoria states. Planning for the release of 205 Children Associated with Armed Forces and Armed Groups (CAAFAG), (55 girls and 150 boys) was conducted in January in Ngo Halima in Wau State. In addition, UNICEF reached 7,387 children (6,397 girls and 990 boys) and 606 adults (335 women and 271 men) with gender-based violence (GBV) prevention (including awareness raising), response services, including individualized case management, PSS, skills building courses, access to women and girls friendly services and referrals for other specialized services.

During the reporting period, the Child Protection Area of Responsibility reached 21,567 people including 19,673 children with critical child protection services. The 19,672 children include 8,478 girls and 11,195 boys who accessed psychosocial support and 124 unaccompanied and separated children (59 girls and 65 boys) who were identified and documented

## Ebola Preparedness

During the month, a total of ten EVD alerts were reported, verified and investigated by the rapid response teams. Out of those, four met EVD suspect case definition, prompting laboratory testing of samples. The results showed that all the samples were negative for EVD. UNICEF continued supporting the implementation of the national EVD preparedness

plan by co-leading the risk communication, social mobilization, community engagement and psychosocial support (RCSMCE/PSS) pillar and the case management/infection prevention and control (IPC)/WASH pillar. Planning for the period of January-June 2020 (phase III of the current national EVD preparedness plan) started in December 2019 and the final workplans are expected by February. Under the RCSM/PSS pillar, trained community mobilizers reached a total of 156,701 people with key EVD messages through different channels of communication such as house to house visits and community sessions at health facilities, water points, markets, playgrounds and churches across high risk areas. In addition, a total of 11,725 individuals were sensitized about EVD through community meetings and orientation sessions with key community influencers such as religious leaders, youth leaders and other groups. Training for child protection actors on psychosocial support and child protection within the context of EVD was kickstarted. The training will be delivered in a total of six high risk locations.

Under the Case Management and the IPC/WASH pillar, UNICEF and partners supported trainings on EVD ambulance patient transfer, management of dead bodies and Infection prevention and control across the high-risk areas. At least 30,550 people were reached with hygiene messages, infection prevention and control as well as Ebola virus control and prevention in churches, markets and health facilities. A total of 19 handwashing facilities were installed in public places (marketplaces and schools). Distribution of critical supplies such as hand sanitizers, soap, chlorine powder (HTH), waste bins, heavy duty gloves, and aprons also took place in 32 health facilities, 10 primary schools, and markets across high risk states.

### Cash-Based Programming

In 2019, UNICEF launched a South Sudan cash strategy, increased internal capacity on cash-based programming and began a Water Voucher project in Wau. In January 2020, 1,766 people (442 households) have been provided with water through a community kiosks' voucher system. Complementary water infrastructure work, including elevated reservoir tanks has also been completed, bringing the total number of operational kiosks to 10 and the number of functional customer care centres to three. Also, during this month, 27 staff from the urban water corporation have received training on effective billing, customer care and revenue collection. Over 3,218 people have been reached with messages to raise awareness around the use of the vouchers and key hygiene messages through hygiene promoters/community mobilisers. The trained staff will be manning the customer care centres and water kiosks. An estimated 25,200 people have been reached with hygiene promotion messages through hygiene promoters/community mobilisers.

### Communications for Development (C4D), Community Engagement & Accountability

As part of the EVD preparedness and response plan, the C4D section partnered with 18 radio stations in Ebola high - risk areas to air 3,240 jingles and 12 talk shows on Ebola. UNICEF and partner agencies reached 168,426 people with key prevention messages through house to house visits, in schools, health facilities, water points, markets and churches in EVD high risk areas. A total of 22,628 households (79,200 individuals) were reached with lifesaving messages on health, nutrition, WASH, education and child protection through 1,336 community engagement sessions facilitated by the integrated community mobilizers network. The C4D section supported the measles reactive campaign in Jonglei and Unity states, flood response interventions in Pibor, Akobo, Yirol and Duk counties and a countrywide measles vaccination campaign. UNICEF partnered with 35 radio stations countrywide to host 36 talk shows and air 2,100 radio spots in 10 languages and distributed 109,090 Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials in the form of leaflets and posters. In addition, a total of 5,700 aprons for community mobilizers were distributed.

### Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

UNICEF is co-leading three Clusters and one Area of Responsibility (AoR) out of a total of 10 clusters and three AoRs currently active in the country. UNICEF co-leads at national level both the Child Protection AoR and the Education Cluster with Save the Children, the Nutrition Cluster with Concern, Action Against Hunger (ACF) and the World Food Program (WFP) and the WASH Cluster with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC). Memorandums of Understanding have been signed between UNICEF and each co-lead agency at country level to guide effective and efficient coordination and ensure clear roles and responsibilities of each party. UNICEF co-led clusters and AoR are all part of the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) facilitated by OCHA at the national and sub-national levels. UNICEF participates in the in-country interagency PSEA Task Force, which functions under the auspices of the Deputy SRSG/ Resident Coordinator (RC) / Humanitarian Coordinator (HC), and plays an active role to advocate for better protection of children against SEA.

### Human Interest Stories and External Media

In January, UNICEF South Sudan and Sudan issued a [press release](#) on the cross border education support to South Kordofan, a newly accessible area in Sudan. The education materials were sent from Juba. Later in the month, UNICEF called for increased public spending on education in South Sudan through a [press release](#), with a reasonable media

pick-up. Online, the country office focused on the [flood response](#) and [children used by armed groups](#) in preparation for the international day against the use of child soldiers in February. Furthermore, UNICEF South Sudan held a webinar on children associated with armed forces and armed groups for all national committees for UNICEF. UNICEF also hosted a TV-team from Euronews, covering the same issue in Yambio. The report is yet to come out.

## Next SitRep: 20 March 2020

**UNICEF South Sudan Crisis:** [www.unicef.org/southsudan](http://www.unicef.org/southsudan)

**UNICEF South Sudan Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/unicefsouthsudan](https://www.facebook.com/unicefsouthsudan)

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## Annex A

### Summary of Programme Results

|  | Cluster/Sector Response |                |                                 | UNICEF and IPs |               |                                 | %     |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-------|
|  | 2020 target             | Total results  | Change since last report<br>▲ ▼ | 2020 target    | Total results | Change since last report<br>▲ ▼ |       |
| <b>Nutrition</b>   |                         |                |                                 |                |               |                                 |       |
| # of children aged 6 to 59 months affected by SAM admitted for treatment   | 268,045                 | 16,018         | N/A                             | 268,045        | 16,018        | N/A                             | 6.0%  |
| # of children reached with vitamin A supplementation   | 2,933,723               | 0              | N/A                             | 2,933,723      | 0             | N/A                             | 0.    |
| # of caregivers of children aged 0 to 23 months who received counselling on maternal, infant and young child nutrition | 1,098,241               | 124,943        | N/A                             | 1,098,241      | 124,943       | N/A                             | 11.4% |
| <b>Health</b>  |                         |                |                                 |                |               |                                 |       |
| # of children aged 6 months to 15 years vaccinated against measles   |                         |                |                                 | 518,000        | 149,502       | N/A                             | 28.9% |
| # of pregnant women and children provided with insecticide-treated nets in malaria-endemic areas                       |                         |                |                                 | 340,000        | 9,330         | N/A                             | 2.7%  |
| <b>WASH</b>  |                         |                |                                 |                |               |                                 |       |
| # of people accessing a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene                   | 3,000,000               | 333,413        | N/A                             | 817,000        | 165,913       | N/A                             | 20.3% |
| # of people accessing safe and appropriate sanitation facilities   | 3,000,000               | 87,772         | N/A                             | 303,500        | 4,728         | N/A                             | 1.6%  |
| <b>Child Protection</b>  |                         |                |                                 |                |               |                                 |       |
| # of children reached with psychosocial support services   | 525,000                 | 19,672         | N/A                             | 127,000        | 3,470         | N/A                             | 2.7%  |
| # of children and women accessing gender-based violence risk mitigation, prevention or response interventions          |                         |                |                                 | 100,000        | 7,993         | N/A                             | 8.0%  |
| <b>Education</b>   |                         |                |                                 |                |               |                                 |       |
| # accessing quality formal or nonformal early learning, pre-primary, primary or secondary education                    | 793,874                 | 0 <sup>1</sup> | N/A                             | 709,000        | 0             | N/A                             | 0.0%  |

<sup>1</sup> The schools had not been opened during the reporting period

|  |       |   |     |           |                |     |       |
|--|-------|---|-----|-----------|----------------|-----|-------|
| # of teachers trained on education in emergencies, basic pedagogy and learner centered methodologies | 6,322 | 0 | N/A | 2,500     | 0              | N/A | 0.0%  |
| <b>Social Protection</b>   |       |   |     |           |                |     |       |
| # of households reached through the cash transfer programme  |       |   |     | 42,030    | 0 <sup>2</sup> | N/A | 0.0%  |
| <b>Communication for Development</b>   |       |   |     |           |                |     |       |
| # of people accessing mechanisms to voice their needs/concerns/ feedback, including on Ebola         |       |   |     | 2,400,000 | 247,626        | N/A | 10.3% |

## Annex B

### Funding Status\*

| REPORT AS OF 31ST JANUARY 2020  |                    |                   |                   |                    |            |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Funding Requirements (as defined in Humanitarian Appeal of 31 Jan 2020 for a period of 12 months) |                    |                   |                   |                    |            |
| Appeal Sector   | Requirements       | Funds Available   |                   | Funding Gap        |            |
|   |                    | Funds Received*   | C/F from 2019     | Funding Gap (\$)   | %          |
| Health  | 6,006,000          | -                 | 1,158,362         | 4,847,638          | 81%        |
| Nutrition   | 57,484,671         | 25,225,000        | 6,759,679         | 25,499,992         | 44%        |
| WASH  | 45,587,830         | 2,105,755         | 2,815,078         | 40,666,997         | 89%        |
| Education   | 21,822,956         | -                 | 9,167,607         | 12,655,349         | 58%        |
| Child Protection  | 42,963,722         | -                 | 3,413,972         | 39,549,750         | 92%        |
| Social Protection   | 3,862,413          | -                 | 16,074            | 3,846,339          | 100%       |
| Community Engagement  | 2,753,798          | -                 | 487,321           | 2,266,477          | 82%        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>180,481,390</b> | <b>27,330,755</b> | <b>23,818,092</b> | <b>129,332,543</b> | <b>72%</b> |

\* As defined in Humanitarian Appeal of 01/01/2020 for a period of 12 months

- The figures indicated above are gross (including global recovery, but not programmable at CO level).
- HAC funded includes substantial C/F funding from 2019, however figures are still provisional

<sup>2</sup> Only preparatory activities have been conducted during the reporting period