**WFP News Video:**

**Thousands Fleeing Violence in Sudan Flood into South Sudan**

**Shot: 3-4 May 2023**

**Locations: Renk/Juba , South Sudan**

**TRT: 2:45**

**SHOTLIST:**

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Over 30,000 people have crossed the border from Sudan Most are returnees originally from South Sudan.

**Shot: 3May23**

**Renk County, South Sudan**

**:22-:46**

**SOT Naimat Khamis, South Sudanese Returnee (Arabic)**

*“We were forced to come here because of the fighting in Khartoum…we had to run as quickly as possible because of the war…it was a difficult journey…we want to stay with our relatives here because we have suffered a lot.”*

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**Renk County, South Sudan**

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Children being tested for malnutrition with Mid-Upper Arm Circumference tests (MUACs).

**Shot: 3May23**

**Renk County, South Sudan**

**1:01-1:24**

**SOT Hassan Abdallaziz, 17 year old Sudanese refugee (Arabic)**

*“The situation in the country forced me to come here. There is nothing good left in the country, no work, it’s chaos. Anyone can rob you of your belongings, it’s like a jungle.”*

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**Renk County, South Sudan**

**1:24-1:44**

GVs of camp for new arrivals.

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**Renk County, South Sudan**

**1:44-2:14**

**SOT Mary-Ellen McGroarty, WFP South Sudan Country Director (English)**

*“This crisis couldn’t come at a worse time. You know in South Sudan we are entering the annual lean season and the rainy season when access is difficult.*

*We already have 7.4 million people in need of food assistance.*

*We are unable to reach them all because of the resourcing challenges.*

*We have had to cut our programmes because of severe funding constraints*

*And now again we are having to re-priorities between hungry people,*

*these new arrivals, who are extremely vulnerable.”*

**Shot: 4May23**

**Juba, South Sudan**

**2:14-2:45**

GVs of hot meals being provided to new arrivals from Sudan.

**Shot: 3May23**

**Renk County, South Sudan**

**ENDS**

**Thousands of people have crossed into South Sudan as they flee ongoing conflict in Sudan. WFP is on the ground and supporting the new arrivals, but this additional response is putting pressure on an already severely underfunded operation.**

* More than 30,000 people[1] have so far crossed the border from Sudan into South Sudan. Most of them are returnees and many are in need of humanitarian assistance.
* WFP is providing hot meals for 2,000 new arrivals each day as well as nutrition screening for children and pregnant or breastfeeding women and children.
* WFP is already providing half rations to South Sudanese families due to a funding shortfall of US$466. Extra pressure on resources could force us to take food and funding from others to support the new arrivals.

**The conflict is disrupting critical transport and trade routes from Sudan, limiting the supply of food, increasing prices and threatening to push people further into hunger.**

* The cost of a food basket has risen by up to 28 percent across South Sudanese states bordering Sudan since the outbreak of fighting on 15 April. This will push people further into hunger and increase humanitarian needs in South Sudan.
* These trade routes are also critical for WFP’s operation, with around 20 percent of the food we planned to buy coming from Sudan. Without access to these routes, WFP will be forced to explore more costly options which could push up food prices in other countries.

**This new response comes as South Sudan enters its lean season and when humanitarian needs increase even more. The rains have already started, restricting road access to vulnerable communities and reducing available farming land.**

* Heavy rainfall in South Sudan has caused damage to the already fragile and undeveloped road network. As the season progresses, communities will become even more isolated by floodwaters and struggle to feed themselves.
* More people than ever before - two-thirds of the population or 7.76 million people - are facing crisis or worse levels of hunger, due to the climate crisis, conflict, and soaring food and fuel prices.
* Despite record levels of hunger, funding is not matching the needs, and the arrival of thousands more people could exacerbate an existing crisis.

**Facts & figures**

* **People in IPC3+                                                                                                                              7.76 million**
* **People in IPC4                                                                       2.9 million**
* **People in IPC5                                                                       43,000**
* **People WFP plans to reach in 2023                                 5.7 million**
* **Children with malnutrition                                               1.4 million**
* **Internally displaced people                                               2.2 million**
* **Funding requirements for the next six months          US$466 million**