The deteriorating humanitarian situation in South Sudan caused by soaring food and fuel prices, rising poverty and intensification of clashes, is hitting vulnerable families and pushing up to a third of the population into hunger.

Conflict and insecurity, particularly the extensive use of landmines, is disrupting WFP’s food lifeline while women and children, fleeing violence, killings and hunger, continue to arrive in communities with resources already stretched to the limit.

WFP is quickly putting plans in place to scale up its operation and reach 2.7 million food-insecure and conflict affected people in 2012. To protect the minds and bodies of children in the first thousand days, WFP will reach over 500,000 children and pregnant and lactating women with highly fortified supplementary food products.

Due to the poor infrastructure, up to 60 percent of the country becomes completely cut-off during the rainy season. WFP urgently needs additional donor funding in order to complete preposition of food for areas that will be cut-off after March.

Shotlist

00:00 – 00:40 Dolieb Hill South Sudan 16 November 2011
Various village scenes
Woman pounding sorghum

00:40 - 01:01 SOT Challis Mc Donough, WFP Spokesperson 16 November 2011
“When the rainy season starts which will be just in few months, many areas of the country will become completely inaccessible by road, so we are going to have to get food into place before the rain starts because if we wait too long then we won’t be able to get it there at all, it’s a very very challenging environment to work in just from an infrastructure prospective.

01:01 – 01:16 Malakal Town South Sudan 15 November 2011
GV market

01:16 – 01:38 Malakal Port South Sudan 17 November 2011
Commercial barge, people off loading commercial supplies

01:38 – 02:02 SOT Challis Mc Donough, WFP Spokesperson 16 November 2011
“Too few barges like this are able to get that food into the markets here
which is one of the reasons why the prices of staple commodities like sorghum are very very high. Humanitarian agencies including WFP have also had difficulties in being able to get commodities across the border so that’s one of the problems that we are facing as we are preparing to trying and cope with humanitarian crises in South Sudan.”

02:02 – 02:28  Juba port South Sudan 25 November 2011
WFP product PumpyDoz being loaded. Once the loading is completed, the barge will start cruising the Nile towards Malakal and Renk in Upper Nile State where the nutritional product is critically needed.