



South Sudan Humanitarian WASH Needs: April – August 2021

3.0 million individuals in South Sudan need emergency water, hygiene and sanitation (WASH) services in 2021.

- 2.2 million individuals live in high food insecure counties with an extreme or a catastrophic **WASH Vulnerability** (insufficient access to safe drinking water per day). The Cluster targeting guidance 2021 identifies the most vulnerable counties to ensure that the most in need are prioritized.
- To address to the **food insecurity** crises needs, the WASH Cluster response is integrated with Health and Nutrition programming and contributes to make health outcomes more sustainable. This integration happens at nutrition facility, household and community levels.
- The WASH Cluster **flood preparedness** and contingency plan anticipates that 900,000 individuals will need immediate WASH assistance in 2021 in 49 counties.

Between April and August 2021, **WASH Cluster partners need a total of US\$ 35 million** to meet the acute lifesaving needs of people affected by acute crises in South Sudan. It includes US\$ 9.4M to ensure the replenishment of the Core Pipeline with key items to scale up the response to food insecurity and prepare the flood season.

This funding is essential for the cluster to respond to **priority needs** and implement life-saving responses. It represents less than third of the overall HRP ask (119M) and aims at reducing excess WASH-related morbidity and mortality. Priority is given to access to safe **water and hygiene** promotion.

The funding will also support WASH partners to continue mainstreaming protection, mitigate WASH-related GBV and improve AAP in WASH programming using the specific checklists developed by the cluster to facilitate field implementation of these cross-cutting issues.

WASH Cluster Priority Needs

With the timely mobilization of necessary funding, the WASH Cluster partners expect to achieve the following:

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| <p>Response scale-up in food insecure counties</p> <p><i>Funding needs US\$ 17 million</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Scale-up emergency WASH response to high food insecure communities presenting an extreme WASH Vulnerability in 6 priority counties and 17 additional geographical hotspots, aiming at reaching 690,000 people (284,000 in the top 6 priority counties).- Response packages include access to water in nutrition facilities and communities showing high prevalences of GAM and/or diarrheal diseases, WASH NFIs distribution and hygiene promotion to couples “SAM child and their caretaker” and sanitation in crowded settings.- Core Pipeline remaining needs estimated at US\$ 2.7M. <p><i>Contact WASH Cluster to get the complete response strategy</i></p> |
| <p>Flood preparedness and contingency</p> <p><i>Funding needs US\$ 16 million</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Based on SAG’s recommendation, DTM analysis of 2019/2020 data and FAO forecast, the cluster anticipates that 900,000 people will be in need of WASH life-saving assistance due to flooding in 2021.- WASH Cluster response package will include household water treatment and safe storage products, hygiene promotion and repair of water points with flood-resilient design when it applies.- Core Pipeline needs for flood are estimated at US\$ 6.7M to be received in March for strategic, timely and cost-effective prepositioning. <p><i>Contact WASH Cluster to get the complete contingency plan (under development)</i></p> |
| <p>Maintain provision of services in IDP/ (ex-PoC) sites</p> <p><i>Funding needs USD 2 million</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- WASH services have been interrupted in several sites early in 2021 due to lack of funding, resulting in increased Open Defecation (OD) and risk of WASH-related disease outbreak.- The WASH Cluster IDP/(ex-PoC) Task Force estimated that partners operating in the different sites need a total of US\$ 10.6M to ensure the WASH transition towards more sustainable services in 2021/2022.- An immediate US\$ 2M is needed to resume and maintain essential services in Q2 and Q3 of 2021, including desludging of sanitation facilities. <p><i>Contact WASH Cluster to get the funding needs analysis per site and transition plan</i></p> |
| <p>Others</p> <p><i>Funding needs USD 2 million</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Strengthen Sub-National Coordination (SNC) with five fully funded state-level positions and a new position of SNC roving coordinator. This will also support the cluster to better operationalize the food insecurity response scale up and the flood preparedness plan.- Increase Accountability to Affected Population in WASH programming.- Update the WASH Cluster Strategic Operational Framework (SOF) and adapt international standards to South Sudan to harmonize services, quality of outputs and define unit costs. |

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