South Sudan

Acute food insecurity overview 2021



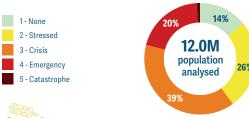
were in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above) in **April-July 2021**

4.67M people in Crisis (IPC Phase 3)

2.41M people in Emergency (IPC Phase 4)

2 0.11M people in Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5)

 $\bf 60\%$ of the analysed population was in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above)





3.14M people were in Stressed (IPC Phase 2)

The analysis covers **100%** of the country's total population of 12.1 million people.

Source: IPC, December 2020.

National population



80% Rural

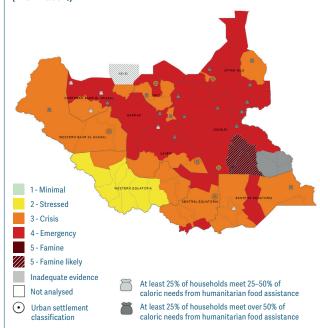
20% Urban

Source: WB 2020.

Following a breakdown in consensus among South Sudan IPC TWG members, which led to the activation of an external Quality Review and Famine Review, an IPC report was published at country level on 11 December 2020, which reflects different findings from those above regarding the estimation of populations in Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5) in Akobo, Aweil South, Tonj East, Toni North and Toni South counties and no Famine Likely classification in some payams of Pibor.

IPC acute food insecurity situation, **April-July 2021**

Western payams of Pibor county¹ were classified in Famine Likely (IPC Phase 5) while Kizongora and Maruwa payams in the eastern part of Pibor were in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) and at 'Risk of Famine'. The majority of counties (45) were in Emergency (IPC Phase 4).



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Source: South Sudan IPC Technical Working Group, December 2020.

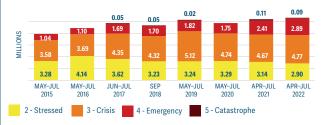
1 Gumuruk, Pibor, Lekuangole, and Verteth

Acute food insecurity trends

Numbers have risen since 2020. The number of people in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above) increased from 6.5 million in May-July 2020 to 7.2 million by April-July 2021 with 108 000 projected to be in Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5) in Pibor, Jonglei, Northern Bahl el Ghazal, and Warrap counties (IPC, February 2020 and December 2020). This 2021 estimate is the highest number for South Sudan in the GRFC's existence,2 driven by the protracted conflict, economic crisis, high food prices, socioeconomic impacts of COVID-19 and unprecedented flooding.

The number of people in Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5) was higher in 2021 than in May–July 2017, when two counties in Greater Unity were classified in Famine (IPC Phase 5) and 90 000 people were facing Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5) (IPC, January 2017). In May–July 2019, 7 million people were in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above), including 21 000 people in Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5). The subsequent decrease to 6.5 million by May–July 2020 was largely due to humanitarian interventions (IPC, February 2020).

Numbers of people in IPC Phase 2 or above, 2015-2022



In April-July 2021 the analysis in Jonglei and Pibor administrative area does not include the population from four payams (Maruwa, Boma, Kizongora and Miwono) due to lack of data. Datasets from all analysis rounds between 2016 and 2022 are provided (see Appendix 1, table A16,

Source: South Sudan IPC Technical Working Group, External Quality Review and Famine Review December 2020.

2 The first edition of the GRFC covered the year 2016 and was published in 2017.