



## FEWS NET South Sudan Food Security Monitor

### Scope of Work

The Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET), funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is a leading global provider of objective, evidence-based food security information and analysis. Created in 1985 in response to famines in East and West Africa, the project provides global coverage with a mix of presence and remote monitoring countries. The FEWS NET implementing team includes NASA, NOAA, USGS, USDA, Kimetrica, and Chemonics International, the last of which manages the Washington-based technical office and more than 20 field offices.

Based on an in-depth understanding of local livelihoods, FEWS NET analysts monitor information and data on factors that affect food security, such as weather conditions and climate, crops, pasture, markets and trade, and nutrition. FEWS NET produces regular reports including Food Security Outlooks (FSOs) and FSO Updates, emergency alerts, market and price updates, and global weather hazards documents. The project also produces specialized research products on food security drivers and crosscutting issues, such as climate change and resilience. FEWS NET makes reports available at [www.fews.net](http://www.fews.net) and distributes them globally to governments, relief agencies, and other organizations engaged in humanitarian response and development programs.

The ongoing third phase of FEWS NET (2012-2018) relies on close collaboration with international, regional, and national partners on food security analysis and reinforcement of food security networks. Major activities include joint monitoring and assessments, data exchanges, collaborative analysis and report writing, and training. FEWS NET supports local and regional food security networks to contribute to achieving the global objective of food security for all.

### Position Description

FEWS NET South Sudan works closely with the Government of South Sudan in strengthening institutional capacities to conduct timely early warning and vulnerability analysis and provide information on emerging and evolving food security issues. The Food Security Monitor (FSM) collects relevant food security data in locations where partner network are not present or have a limited presence. This position is based in Juba, South Sudan. The successful candidate will report to the National Technical Manager (NTM) for South Sudan.

### Activities

The primary objective of the FSM is to collect information on food security drivers and outcomes through: field visits in the country, collaboration with local partners, and desk reviews and additional analysis of available secondary data. To achieve this objective, the main activities of the FSM in Juba include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Monitor and provide monthly updates on status or changes in various food security indicators which include: changes in key food sources depending on the month or season; changes in prices of staple foods and livestock; changes in climatic conditions; flow of key staples into markets; etc.
- Collect information to support analysis for reasons for abnormal changes in food security indicators and provide monthly updates.
- With support of the FEWS NET South Sudan National Technical Manager, collaborate with FEWS NET partners on relevant food security activities.
- Participate in seasonal meetings which include formal and informal training on food security topics, evaluation of food security monitoring progress, and discussion of challenges being experienced and potential solutions.
- Participate in and debrief the FEWS NET South Sudan National Technical Manager on results of food security coordination meetings located in the FSM's state
- Disseminate FEWS NET monthly reports to state offices and report feedback.
- Participate in food security or crop assessments or inter-agency emergency assessments,
- Collaborate with relevant food security offices at the State level, including CLiMIS, MAF, MARF, SSRRC and IPC focal points.
- Liaise with USAID monitors and WFP food security monitoring systems teams.
- Complete other related tasks as assigned

The FSM will work in collaboration and coordination with other FEWS NET colleagues based in Juba, as well as with the Washington DC-based Decision Support Group and technical advisors, and any other technical staff, as appropriate, to ensure high technical standards and timeliness of the FEWS NET products and activities to which they contribute. The FSM will be required to travel regularly within South Sudan, and some international may also be required.