

23-29 April 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS

- New refugees in Maban:** 116 newly arrived refugees and 38 individuals seeking family reunification were verified and screened in Kaya camp, Upper Nile State; 34 newly arrived refugees in Doro camp, were cleared for continuous registration. The new arrivals cited aerial bombardments in Blue Nile State, clashes between Government and opposition forces, destruction of livelihoods and hunger as having prompted their flight. Most of the new arrivals came from Jum Jum and Mufu communities.
- Training sessions for police in Maban:** UNHCR started the first in a series of weekly training sessions for 35 refugee camp-based police focusing on international protection, human rights and national laws, including the Police Service Act (2009), the Refugee Act (2012) and the Child Act (2008).
- Elections in Ajuong Thok:** The Commission for Refugee Affairs, UNHCR, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and partners in Ajuong Thok camp conducted elections for 72 block leaders (36 M/36 F) covering 36 (out of 60) blocks in the camp.
- Anti-measles drive in Lasu refugee settlement:** Following a measles case in Lasu catchment area (Central Equatoria State), UNHCR, ACROSS, and the County Health Department started mass immunization. So far, 2,029 refugee children (6 months - 5 years) have been vaccinated.

414,052,136 USD

Requested for the operation



### Current population of concern

IDPs since 15 December  1,527,043

Of them, 117,604 IDPs reside in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

Refugees in South Sudan  259,232

## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- Government and opposition forces clashed on 27 April in Guit County and Nhial-Diu *payam* near Unity State oil fields. There were also clashes in several areas of north-central and northern Unity on 28 April, with reports of casualties. On 27 April shelling and small arms fire was reported south and southeast of Bentiu. There are fears that fighting in Upper Nile State may spill over into Pariang County in Unity State and affect services to refugees and IDPs.
- Two drivers of trucks hired by UNHCR were abducted in the Malakal area of Upper Nile State and are still missing; another driver who had been abducted in the same area was earlier found injured.
- 78 candidates for the secondary school leaving certificate in Malakal fled to the Protection of Civilians (POC) site and were not able to sit their exams because of insecurity. Exam papers are being kept at Malakal police station.
- There are reports of several water bottling companies in Juba closing down for lack of hard currency.
- Juba Monitor (23 April) quoted a trader in Yei, Eastern Equatoria, as saying maize and cassava prices had doubled in the past month.
- Members of the Bari and Omworo communities in Bur *payam*, Torit County, Eastern Equatoria State, met on 25 April and reached an UNMISS-sponsored peace deal expected to end two years of conflict which has claimed many lives.

## REFUGEE RESPONSE

### Protection

#### Achievements and Impact

##### Unity State

- 499 new refugees arrived and were registered in Yida settlement from 23-29 April. In the same period 305 refugees were relocated from Yida to Ajuong Thok (AT) camp, 86 per cent of them new arrivals.
- As part of the ongoing process of providing identity documents in AT, 121 individuals from among newly relocated refugees aged over 15 have been issued with proof of registration ID slips.
- The number of refugees registered since 23 December 2014 is 10,658. Of these, 9,959 were relocated from Yida to AT.
- Protection monitoring activities are ongoing. 55 cases were received in community information centres in Yida during the reporting week - 22 of them were referred for NFI assistance, and 9 for women's protection and empowerment support. 68 vulnerable persons with specific needs were identified and received NFI assistance.

##### Upper Nile State

- Doro camp: The police, the Commission for Refugee Affairs, and the Doro Peace Committee, supported by UNHCR, efficiently diffused tensions between refugees and host communities caused by a road accident which left one host community member dead.
- UNHCR/UNFPA jointly facilitated SGBV information management system training for partners providing medical and psychosocial support in Maban refugee camps. The training was aimed at equipping service providers with skills and knowledge to be able to collect, manage and store data in a standardized manner.

### Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

#### Achievements and Impact

##### Central Equatoria State

- Four brick press machines were received for use in Lasu refugee settlement and the host community. UNHCR partner ACROSS is identifying people to be trained on how to use the machines.
- Tools and seeds (750 kg of maize and 1,275 kg of ground nuts) are ready for distribution to refugee farmers in Lasu.



## Food Security and Nutrition

### Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR provided and facilitated delivery of 125 cartons of Plumpy'nut to partners to shore up supplies until their UNICEF order comes in.



## Health

### Achievements and Impact

#### Unity State

- 15 staff from 3 partner organizations were trained in Yida on prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

#### Upper Nile State

- Adequate quantities of polio and measles vaccines and accessories have been received from UNICEF/WHO for the upcoming polio National Immunization Days and measles campaigns for refugees and host communities in Maban. The campaign began on 27 April in Kaya and Gendrassa camps, and on 29 April in Yusuf Batil camp.



## Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements and Impact

#### Central Equatoria State

- 7,293 individuals in Lasu refugee settlement received soap (along with their monthly food distributions).



## Water and Sanitation

### Achievements and Impact

#### Unity State

- Ajuong Thok (AT): 31 family and 11 emergency latrines were constructed. Two tap stands were constructed at blocks 29 and 22; 643 10-litre jerry cans were distributed to the needy in new blocks.
- AT: A hygiene session attended by 37 (19 F) students was conducted at SOBA secondary school.
- AT: A drilling rig has arrived and UNHCR partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) is set to start borehole drilling next week.
- Yida: 48 shared family latrines and 4 institutional latrines were constructed in the reporting week.

#### Upper Nile State

- UNHCR partner Medair has begun a pilot project in Yusuf Batil camp to construct latrines using local materials instead of plastic sheets, with the aim of reducing costs, and improving participation and a sense of ownership by the beneficiary community.

### Identified needs and remaining gaps

**Unity State**

- AT: Vandalism of WASH facilities (4 emergency latrines vandalized at block 58) as well as children playing at tap stands and removing nozzles remain a challenge. The lack of pipes and fittings continue to limit network expansion for equitable water delivery. 35 blocks still have no functioning water point. UNHCR is working with IRC to improve the situation.

**Logistics/Supply****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile State**

- 11 trucks heading for Maban are still in Malakal due to insecurity but expected to continue later in the week.

**IDP RESPONSE****Protection****Achievements and Impact****Unity State**

- 2,655 individuals in Bentiu town received food as part of the general food distribution. UNHCR participated in the distribution, identifying vulnerable people for priority distribution.
- Registration began on 27 April for some 2,000 new arrivals in Bentiu POC.
- Pariang County: An IDP biometric registration exercise began on 23 April. The aim is to collect basic bio-data and protection-related information. All IDPs are being registered based on proof of manual registration in May-July 2014.

**Upper Nile State**

- The biometric registration of IDPs continues in Maban County. So far, UNHCR has registered 10,122 IDPs and 4,482 host community individuals. The exercise should be completed by the end of April.
- Melut: Following reports of family sizes being reduced to 2 or 3 persons per household in a bid to access additional NFIs, UNHCR led training on how to complete IDP level one registration. CAFOD, CARITAS, World Vision International and DRC started the registration of IDPs in Delal Ajak and Aromboth on 20 April. The registration team conducted household visits and registered IDPs in their dwellings. About 500 households/2,500 individuals were registered. The “house visit” registration was agreed as a pilot to establish whether realistic household sizes could be captured. The “at home” registration exercise shows average family size of 5 persons (the estimated standard).

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps****Warrap State**

- Kuajok: There are a number of orphaned children in the four IDP sites living with non-family members and without any form of documentation (26 were counted in one camp alone). UNHCR is seeking to include these children in its prevention of statelessness activities and has collected names, which will be shared with IOM for a verification exercise and inclusion in the prevention of statelessness programme.

## Camp Coordination and Camp Management

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

#### Unity State

- Bentiu POC: Relocation of IDPs to the new POC extension has been pushed back a week due mainly to wristbands (used for establishing the “fixed” population of the POC to be relocated to the new site extension) not reaching Bentiu, and delays in the UNMISS deployment of observation posts.

## Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements and Impact

#### Jonglei State

- UNHCR carried out NFI distributions on 21 and 22 April to 174 vulnerable individuals in Nigel village and to 30 vulnerable households in Malou, Langbar, Achingdiir, Lekyak (all in Bor town).

#### Unity State

- 451 IDPs received NFI packages in Kumagoan and Gokur, Pariang County.
- Among new arrivals in Bentiu town, 41 extremely vulnerable households were provided with NFIs.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

#### Lakes State

- The Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) and UNHCR conducted a physical verification of shelters in need of reinforcement. Several shelters for vulnerable people are in poor condition and will be prioritized for repairs.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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