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Refugee Emergency Weekly Update

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Current context/main developments

- The security situation for refugees and humanitarian workers remains unpredictable in Unity State following conflict in the border areas.
- Delivery of assistance continued for 18, 202 refugees who are registered in Unity State. As of 16 March an additional 1,606 are reported to have arrived to Yida.

STATISTICS

SETTLEMENT	REGISTERED POPULATION
Yida	16,022
Pariang	1,542
Nyeel	638
TOTAL	18, 202

Protection analysis

- **Physical safety:** UNHCR remains deeply concerned about the well being of refugees in Unity State, the need to maintain the security and civilian character of refugee settlements, and humanitarian access.
- **Level 2 registration:** The security situation this week restricted access to the affected population and halted monitoring and planned Level 2 registration activities for new arrivals.

Operational response

- **Health:** CARE is currently providing medical referrals on a case by case basis subject to the medical analysis of the attending physician. A referral committee is developing SOPs for enhanced medical coordination and for the referral process. CARE initiated information sharing on tse tse flies with the State Ministry of Health to convene a technical committee at Bentiu level and assess the situation. A measles vaccination campaign was conducted for 335 children in Nyeel. In Pariang, Care is expected to relocate their mobile clinic so that Save the Children (SCiSS) can begin using the longhouses at the present location as additional school classroom space.
- **Food:** All new arrivals have been provided with immediate emergency rations and a 14 day food distribution will be conducted shortly. WFP is looking into alternative food assistance modalities for unaccompanied minors in Yida.
- **Education:** Printing of text books (English and Arabic languages) is pending the release of the curriculum to the printer. Reduced school attendance rates have been observed in Pariang, and the causes for this are under examination. SCiSS is planning to conduct a training on child protection for teachers and will meet with the student leadership in order to set up a student committee. Classes were held in John Garang school and in the 3 rooms of the

longhouses that were recently built by Intersos. The construction of an additional classroom block in Pariang is ongoing.

SCiSS will meet with the Education Committee to set up a Parents and Teachers Association in Nyeel. Recreation kits were delivered in Nyeel and will also be delivered in Pariang. Save the Children is currently exploring accelerated learning alternatives to secondary school education for students who are above school age.

- **WASH**: Partners constructed additional latrines and a hand pump in Pariang, where sanitation remains an issue given an insufficient number of latrine. Water capacity has been further enhanced with the construction 10 water distribution points, 5 in the camp and 5 within the host community in Nyeel. The refugee community prefers to have communal latrines located based on family affiliations in the camp.
- **Environment**: ACTED will carry out the distribution of seeds that were procured for 9,000 refugees in Nyeel.

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