



# UNHCR South Sudan

## *Situation Report*

### Developments

UNHCR Deputy High Commissioner, Alexander Aleinikoff visited South Sudan on 30 January—2 February, accompanied by the Deputy Director of the Africa Bureau, Ms. Ann Encontre. He met with senior Government officials, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, the Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator and NGOs. He visited refugees in Yida and Ajuong Thok accompanied by the South Sudan Commissioner for Refugee Affairs. In Juba he visited IDPs in the two UN PoC Areas: Tomping (pop. 27,000) and UN House (pop. 16,000).

A complete ceasefire between David Yau Yau (SSDM-Cobra) and the Government has been confirmed.

Reports from Unity State indicate that pro-government forces may have taken control of Leer (home area of the former Vice President), and that in the course of the fighting, Leer has been burned to the ground. Meanwhile, in Pariang County, movements of armed actors are reportedly reducing.

In Upper Nile, reports indicate that anti-government forces continue to exercise some control in 4 of 13 counties.

In Warrap State, a cattle raid in Tonj East reportedly resulted in some 30 deaths. It does not appear to be directly linked to the hostilities that commenced on 15 December.

### Refugee operations

#### • Unity state

Voluntary relocation from Yida to Ajuong Thok continues. 97 persons were relocated on 31 January, bringing the total number of refugees relocated between 17 January and 1 February 2014 to 950.

Vaccines and accessories are awaited to start a mass measles campaign (targeting 6 months to 15 years) in Yida camp and surrounding communities. Six cases of measles were identified in Yida camp (three nationals; three refugees). One is under-5 years, two are between 5-15 years and three are above 15 years.

### Statistics of Sudanese refugees

	Camp/settlement	Pop.
Unity State	Ajuong Thok	7,687
	Yida	70,064
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>77,311</b>
Upper Nile State	Doro	47,421
	Gendrassa	17,289
	Kaya	18,922
	Yusuf Batil	39,033
	Lelo	956
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>123,621</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>201,372</b>

Yida camp is at high risk of measles outbreak due to the low vaccination coverage (a survey conducted by MSF in October 2013 revealed a coverage of 58%) and mobility with people moving between Bentiu, Pariang and Yida. Measles cases were confirmed in Bentiu UNMISS compound in week 3. Although no cases have been isolated in Ajuong Thok camp a micro-plan is under development which will also include host communities and IDPs. Refugee relocation from Yida to Ajuong Thok increases the risk, thus the surveillance system is being strengthened.

#### • Upper state

170 Ethiopian refugees from Gambella region who are registered in Malakal and sought refuge in the UNMISS PoC Area have expressed an intention to repatriate in the wake of the conflict. UNHCR has initiated the voluntary repatriation process.

### Internal displacement

*UNHCR is participating in the IDP response via the inter-agency collaborative approach under the leadership of the Humanitarian Coordinator.*

#### Protection Cluster

In Juba, weekly protection meetings continue, with the primary goal of addressing with UNMISS,

## Distribution of UNHCR emergency non-food items (28 January 2013)

LOCATION	Central Equatoria				Lakes		Eastern Equatoria	Unity	Upper Nile	Abyei	TOTAL
	Juba			Yei	Ming-kaman	Yirol West	Nimule	Bentiu	Beneshawa & Nurashine	Abyei	
	UNMISS	UN House	Elsewhere								
Blankets	-	-	702	-	4,000	100	8,000	5,000	-	-	17,802
Kitchen sets	-	-	153	-	2,000	-	-	2,500	-	-	4,653
Mosquito nets	-	-	702	-	4,000	-	8,000	5,000	0	0	17,702
Plastic sheets	60	-	244	158	2,000	-	-	2,500	207	-	5,169
Plastic tarpaulin	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Sleeping mats	-	-	382	-	4,000	300	-	-	167	-	4,849
Buckets	-	-	382	-	4,000	-	9,000	-	-	-	13,382
Jerry can (rigid)	-	-	382	100	-	-	9,000	-	822	-	10,304
Jerry can (collapsible)	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	300
Sanitary cloth	-	-	300	102	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,402
Family tent	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Poles	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Hoes	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Pangas	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Rubb hall	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Soap	-	-	-	535	-	-	9,000	-	-	-	9,535

CCCM and other actors relocation, registration, site planning, assistance delivery, etc.

Discussions between Protection, CCCM and UNMISS actors related maintenance of law and order in UNMISS PoC areas continue, including additional support by UNMISS Women Protection Advisors undertaking regular GBV monitoring and outreach in the PoC areas together with UNPOL and in coordination with humanitarians.

Early rain showers in Juba caused distress among IDP populations in UNMISS Protection of Civilian (PoC) areas who are exposed to the elements. UNHCR is preparing to distribute NFI to this population in the course of the week.

In the UN House PoC area, there continue to be challenges with securing additional land for expansion. Despite a written agreement with Government officials, the local population appears hesitant to endorse the expansion.

In the UNMISS Topping PoC area registration is on hold, as is relocation of IDPs to the UN House PoC area, primarily owing to an outbreak of measles at the UNMISS Topping PoC site to which health actors are responding.

Protection Cluster actors continue to have presence in Bor (Jonglei), Awerial (Lakes), Bentui (Unity) and Malakal (Upper Nile), including staff from, *inter alia*, NP, NRC, SAVE, DRC and UNHCR.

In Nimule (Eastern Equatoria) UNHCR colleagues continue to engage with the local population and IDPs with respect to establishment of a possible “camp”, which is generally rejected by the host community and IDPs alike.

### • Upper Nile state

UNHCR airlifted additional NFIs from Nairobi to Malakal to support the IDP response and assist Ethiopian Aynuak refugees who were impacted by fighting.

ICRC and South Sudan Red Cross resumed operations in Malakal and started collecting dead bodies from the streets. UNHCR protection team visited six IDP sites and has started identifying persons with special needs in the PoC Area and in town with a view to prioritizing them for NFI distribution and other protection related interventions.

Protection Cluster partners and UNHCR completed an assessment mission to Melut. 3,509 individuals were registered and provided two weeks’ food plus NFIs packages.

### • Abyei Administrative Area

On 30 and 31 January, IDPs in Rummamir received food and NFI. 163 household received blankets, mosquito nets, sleeping mats and collapsible jerry cans. A portion of the sleeping mats distributed was contributed by UNICEF. The distribution went smoothly with assistance of the RRC and local leaders. Rumkor, WFP completed a small food distribution including persons identified by protection actors as having specific needs.

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