

1-7 April 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **People flee to Malakal POC:** 4,550 people have arrived and been registered in the UNMISS Protection of Civilians (POC) site in Malakal, Upper Nile State, over the past few days after fighting in Akoka and Fashoda counties. Malakal POC was until recently home to 21,368 IDPs.
- **People flee from Melut, Upper Nile State:** 10,000 people from Melut have reportedly crossed into Noon/Fashoda; partners say urgent humanitarian assistance is required.
- **More arrivals in Yida:** 291 new refugee arrivals were registered in Yida, Unity State, bringing the total number of arrivals since 23 December 2014 to 8,982; 306 refugees were relocated from Yida to Ajuong Thok, bringing the total number of relocations since December 2014 to 9,968. Ajuong Thok camp has grown to nearly 25,000, while services remain static.
- **Funding woes:** Some of the Protection Cluster’s key partners will run out of funding for their activities after May/June 2015. Protection Cluster coordinators are compiling a funding gap matrix in order to advocate with prioritized donors for continuation of critical programmes, especially in POC sites and for Rapid Response Missions.

**414,052,136 USD**

Requested for the operation



### Current population of concern

IDPs since 15 December  1,527,043

Of them, 112,590 IDPs reside in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

Refugees in South Sudan  259,232

## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- The Sudanese Air Force dropped 24 bombs on Rojo, Delhi *payam*, Raja County, Northern Bahr el Ghazal State, on 7 April; there are no reports of casualties.
- The situation along the Yei-Juba road remains unpredictable as unknown gunmen continue to operate illegal checkpoints and rob travellers. With only one UNHAS weekly flight to Yei, UNHCR road missions to Juba have been forced to travel for 10 hours using the Juba-Nimule road. The security situation has remained the same for more than two months.
- The security situation in Bentiu, Unity State, remains unpredictable and a staff ceiling of 150 has been set by UNDSS for humanitarian agencies.

## REFUGEE RESPONSE

### Protection

#### Achievements and Impact

##### Unity State

- 9,968 refugees have been relocated from Yida to Ajuong Thok (AT) since 23 December 2014.
- As part of the ongoing process to issue ID documents to help protect persons of concern, 150 individual proof of registration ID slips were issued to refugees over 15 who relocated to AT from Yida.
- 24 unaccompanied or separated children (UASC - 16 M/8 F) were identified and registered during relocation from Yida to AT. Six unidentified minors (UAM - 1 girl and 5 boys) were later placed in foster care families.
- During the week, 1,444 children (822 boys and 622 girls) attended activities at Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in AT. The lower attendance compared to 1,792 children last week is partly attributed to the closure of one CFS which is being repaired after a wall collapsed.

##### Upper Nile State

- Yusuf Batil refugee camp police station - constructed by the Danish Refugee Camp (DRC) with UNHCR financial support - was inaugurated on 1 April 2015. It will cater for 9 police officers.

##### Central Equatoria State

- Child protection training was conducted in Lasu settlement during the week for teachers from primary and secondary schools, community leaders, community mobilizers, health workers and child protection members from the settlement.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

##### Unity State

- At least 3 UNHCR trucks were prevented by police in Jamjang from proceeding to Upper Nile State due to insecurity there. They have been put on hold at the African Humanitarian Action (AHA) compound in Jamjang pending a decision on how to proceed.

### Health

#### Achievements and Impact

##### Unity State

- All implementing partners received drugs for the next 6 months on 31 March.
- Acute watery diarrhoea in AT has been controlled and line listing has been stopped.

## Education

### Achievements and Impact

#### Unity State:

- 132 standard desks were delivered to the 2 primary schools in Ajuong Thok (AT); 25 desks were provided for teaching staff in all schools in AT. The total number of pupils attending schools this week was 7,747 (2,542 F/5,205 M).

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

#### Unity State

- The average number of children per teacher in AT primary schools is 1:70; only 8 per cent of primary school teachers are female. The average number of students per classroom in primary school is 1:140 and 1:135 in the secondary school. The overall pupil-desk ratio is 1:29.



## Food Security and Nutrition

### Achievements and Impact

#### Central Equatoria State

- 100 tons of food, including cereals, vegetable oil and pulses, were trucked to and pre-positioned at Lasu refugee settlement for April and May distributions.

#### Upper Nile State

- Following the arrival of the second road convoy from Kosti (Sudan), sufficient quantities of food have been pre-positioned in Maban for a 30-day food distribution in April.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

#### Unity State

- In Ajuong Thok, routine screening in the camp showed that 11.1 per cent of children were malnourished. This is above the 10 per cent UNHCR Global Acute Malnutrition threshold of acceptable malnutrition levels. UNHCR is working with partners to overcome the problem.



## Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements and Impact

#### Unity State

- 134 individuals whose houses burnt down during the fire outbreak on 20 March at Block 1 and Block 2 in Yida were assisted with nine different NFIs.
- The Lutheran World Federation provided second hand clothes to 110 UASC (45F/65M) in AT assessed to be in need of material assistance/support.

#### Upper Nile State

- Out of 2,000 transitional shelters planned in Kaya refugee camp, 1,849 units are completed (92 per cent), with an additional 151 in progress.
- Out of 1,200 transitional shelters planned in Doro, 254 units are completed (21 per cent), with an additional 26 in progress. All these shelters are in the new decongestion area.

- Classroom upgrades: 14 classrooms have been upgraded with walls in Gendrassa refugee camp and 4 in Kaya. Work on classroom upgrades has started in Batil (10 ongoing).

#### **Western Equatoria State**

- 30 newly arrived individuals in Makpandu refugee camp were given 30 plastic sheets, 23 buckets, 23 jerry cans, 30 sleeping mats, 20 kitchen sets, 23 mosquito nets and 30 bars of soap; 9 female new arrivals were given 18 sanitary towels.



## Water and Sanitation

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### **Achievements and Impact**

#### **Upper Nile State**

- Installation of solar systems at two boreholes in Yusuf Batil refugee camp has started this week with fabrication of the mounting structure.
- UNHCR, in collaboration with WASH partner ACTED, installed water supply facilities (a supply line, a 2,000 litre storage tank and a tap stand with 4 taps) at the new police station in Yusuf Batil.

#### **Unity State**

- A major borehole rehabilitation was done for the host community in Alel village in Jamjang *payam* (converted from motorized to hand pump).
- In the reporting week, 38 community Health/Hygiene Promoters (including 10 women) from the International Rescue Committee and AHA were trained on acute watery diarrhoea prevention and control.

### **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

#### **Unity State**

- Ajuong Thok: The water supply coverage is 10.9 l/p/d (below the minimum standard of 20 l/p/d). Sanitation coverage is 1 latrine /65 people which is also below the minimum standard of 50 persons/latrine in emergency and 20 persons/latrine in a “normal” situation. UNHCR is working with its partner, the International Rescue Committee, to improve the situation.



## Logistics/Supply

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### **Achievements and Impact**

#### **Upper Nile State**

- UNHCR storage capacity has been expanded in Doro refugee camp with the completion of two additional rubbhalls, bringing total warehouse capacity to six rubbhalls.
- Since 4 March 2015, 51 trucks have arrived in Maban from Juba (23 carrying timber purlins for the Maban shelter programme and 28 carrying NFIs).
- An IL-76 cargo flight with light vehicles and solar systems arrived in Paloich, Upper Nile State, on 2 April.

## IDP RESPONSE



### Protection

#### Achievements and Impact

The Protection Cluster's Roving Field Coordinator went on a week-long mission to Leer as part of the protection risk assessment being conducted in the three priority locations (Leer, Akobo and Pagak) for the voluntary assisted relocations of IDPs in the Wau and Bor POC sites. UNHCR has been designated as the lead agency in coordinating the voluntary assisted relocations of IDPs from Wau POC site.

#### Unity State

- Bentiu POC site: 21,279 IDPs who arrived between 15 January and 13 March 2015 have been biometrically registered. 730 individuals (302 families) who arrived after this date were also screened during the reporting period. Bentiu POC is currently home to 52,908 IDPs.
- The Government reported that 90 families had also arrived in Bentiu Town during the week. No decision has yet been reached on the response to and registration of this population. Most are youth from Mayom and Koch counties who said insecurity and forced recruitment led them to flee to the POC.
- Pariang County: AHA carried out community mobilization and awareness raising on community participation, hygiene, sanitation and HIV/AIDS in Aliny *payam*, reaching 76 IDPs (48M & 28FM).
- Christian Missionary Initiative (a UNHCR operational partner) trained 30 teachers on Mine Risk Education for 2 days in Pariang *payam*.
- Following a number of incidents in Bentiu POC between youth gangs. UNHCR participated in a Youth Programming Taskforce Meeting organized with the Protection, Education and CCCM Clusters in an effort to engage the youth and mitigate violence. An action plan is under way to include resource mobilization to increase youth activities in the POC.

#### Upper Nile State

- 552 IDPs from Bugaya and Gismala were registered Maban.

#### Jonglei State

- 1,000 NFI kits were shipped from Bor to Akobo on 27-29 March as NFI pre-positioning for voluntary relocation from Bor POC to Akobo.

#### Western Bahr el Ghazal State

- Wau County: 68 calls through Thuraya have been made to link up families at the Wau POC site to family members in the relocation sites. So far, all of the calls have been to the Leer relocation site and represent 56 per cent coverage of households intending to relocate there. IDPs at the Wau POC have been enthusiastic about the communication links as the calls have provided a lot of them with their first contact with relatives since the beginning of the conflict in December 2013. In addition to updates about their well-being and loved ones, the IDPs have received useful information on conditions in the relocation sites.



### Camp Coordination and Camp Management

#### Achievements and Impact

#### Unity State

- Bentiu POC: A new biometric mechanism (fingerprints) for new arrivals will speed up food distributions to new arrivals while they await full biometric registration, which takes over a month.
- 90 per cent of Sector 3, the largest camp in the POC extension, is completed.
- Health partners have embarked on a measles campaign targeting all children in Bentiu POC site after 99 measles cases were identified.

#### Lakes State

- Minkaman: 66 individuals who arrived from Twic East County to access food and medication, have been registered; 140 former refugees (South Sudanese mainly from Uganda) also arrived and are awaiting possible registration.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

#### Unity State

- Bentiu POC: The provision of WASH and shelter/NFIs might not be adequate to meet the needs of IDPs when they are relocated on 22 April 2015. Water trucking plans are being put in place in case boreholes are not ready in time.
- Bentiu POC: Water supply coverage is 10.9 l/p/d - below the minimum standard of 20 l/p/d. Sanitation coverage is 1 latrine per 65 people which is also below the minimum standard of 50 persons/latrine in emergency and 20 persons/latrine in "normal" situations. A "sanitation corridor" has been mapped on the site extension plan.

## Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements and Impact

#### Abyei

- UNHCR conducted field missions in Magar, Rumamer and Mijak Deng Kaya in the disputed area of Abyei and saw how recent heavy rain had badly affected the shelters of those living in IDP-like situations in Magar and Mijak Deng Kaya. UNHCR distributed 230 plastic sheets to these people on 31 March.

#### Unity State

- Bentiu POC: The Shelter/NFI partner has begun constructing skeleton structures on the new POC extension site.
- Pariang County: Samaritans' Purse distributed NFI sets (soap, jerry can, sleeping mat, blanket, plastic sheet, kitchen set, and mosquito net) to 2,189 IDPs in Aliny *payam*.

#### Upper Nile State

- Maban County: Following an inter-agency rapid needs assessment in Benchul on 26 March 2015, UNHCR and IOM distributed NFI packages to 254 individuals on 2 April 2015.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Bentiu POC: A major challenge is the lack of shelter/NFIs to cover the foreseen estimated POC population of 70,000 individuals. The temporary NFI/Shelter Cluster plan is to target about 8,000 households who claim to be "residents of POCs".

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some US\$ 28,703,076 as of 7 April 2015.

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### Funding received (in USD)

