

2-7 July 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Cholera outbreak:** 724 cholera cases, including 34 deaths, have been reported from Juba County, Central Equatoria State, and Bor, Jonglei State, since the first case was confirmed on 1 June. UNHCR and partner ACROSS conducted a rapid assessment in Gorom refugee camp, where there have been 5 cases but no deaths, on 3 July.
- **Ajuong Thok population:** Ajuong Thok refugee camp's population topped 30,000 after new arrivals on 7 July.
- **Unity State road works:** Two excavators, 2 bulldozers, 3 graders, 3 pneumatic roller compactors and 17 dumper trucks are in action on the Ajuong Thok expansion programme and the 14 km Pamir access road. Progress so far: Survey works for virgin roads - 10 km (45.1 per cent); bush clearing and grubbing - 8.0 km (40 per cent). Repair work on the Yida-Pariang road is also proceeding smoothly.
- **Mission to strife-torn Maridi:** An inter-agency rapid needs assessment mission was conducted from 2-5 July in Maridi, Ibba and Madebe, Western Equatoria State. The team, consisting of representatives from UNHCR, OCHA, CMMB (Catholic Medical Mission Board), WHO, World Vision International (WVI) and South Sudan's Relief and Rehabilitation Committee (RRC), visited four villages in Maridi County and two in Ibba and Madebe. Identified needs include food, NFIs, health and WASH. Schools and the hospital in Maridi remain closed; most of the hospital equipment including medicines were reportedly looted. Some 4,000 IDPs have fled the area.
- **New school desks delivered:** 148 new school desks were delivered to the three primary schools in Ajuong Thok refugee camp, Unity State.
- **Training for police:** UNHCR and the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) facilitated training for 50 participants from the Police and the Department of Social Welfare on child protection issues in Maban, Upper Nile State.

**FUNDS REQUIRED:**  
USD 414,052,136

**FUNDS RECEIVED:**  
USD 109,405,452



### Current population of concern

IDPs since 15 Dec  
2013



1,538,484

Of them, 153,769 IDPs reside in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

Refugees in South  
Sudan



265,887

## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- The South Sudan army said it had occupied Malakal on 6 July from opposition forces, who had departed earlier without fighting.
- The security situation in Upper Nile State is extremely tense and unpredictable. All UNHCR staff members have been pulled out of Malakal ahead of possible trouble around Independence Day on 9 July. They will return once the situation is calm.
- The Government says it is investigating United Nations allegations that its troops raped, then burnt girls alive inside their homes during recent fighting in the country's civil war (AFP).
- The security situation is volatile in Bentiu, Unity State, which has seen sporadic artillery shelling and small arms fire. Armed herders move around with their cattle. The United Nations believes the heavy presence of armed herders in the town could be a potential source of insecurity, probably between them and the SPLA, as the latter have resorted to extorting cattle from herders and imposing heavy taxes on cattle herds.
- UNMISS condemned the fatal shooting of a civilian in its Bentiu Protection of Civilian site on 5 July.
- According to media reports, more than 4,000 people have fled Mundri and Maridi Counties during the first week of July due to fear of insecurity. The Western Equatoria State Government has condemned the arrest of 36 youth in Maridi by SPLA forces from Juba.
- Increasing insecurity has been reported along the Juba-Mingkaman road where an Oxfam contractor was robbed twice.

## REFUGEE RESPONSE



### Protection

#### Achievements and Impact

##### Unity State

- With the latest arrivals from Sudan's South Kordofan on 7 July, Ajuong Thok refugee camp's population topped 30,000.

##### Upper Nile State

- 7 cases of Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) were reported across all four camps and supported. SGBV referral pathways were reviewed with a view to improving referrals, giving due respect to survivors.
- The host-refugee Peace Committee for Kaya camp was revived. The newly constituted committee, headed by the Jinkwata *payam* administrator, has 6 members each from the host and refugee communities.

##### Western Equatoria State

- UNHCR is providing assistance to 87 individuals who fled to Makpandu refugee settlement from strife-torn Maridi. Clearance of additional land in Makpandu is ongoing for future contingency needs with the support of State Ministry of Physical Infrastructure.
- In collaboration with Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA), partners and local authorities, UNHCR started verification and distribution of IDs for refugees on 1 July. The exercise will also be conducted in Makpandu and Ezo refugee settlements as well as in urban areas of Naandi, Andaari, Source Yubu and Tambura.

#### Identified needs and remaining gaps

##### Central Equatoria State

- Following recent tensions in Lasu refugee camp, the Yei County Commissioner has announced the appointment of a county-level fact-finding committee to look into various grievances, including teachers' salaries. Two primary schools in the settlement are closed, though the secondary school remains open.

## Upper Nile State

- The presence of armed elements was reported in all four camps, leading to some protection incidents in the camps, including three armed robberies targeting relief items in the warehouses in Gendrassa. Concerns were shared with the County Commissioner who promised a raft of measures including sending police to Gendrassa to carry out investigations.
- In Doro camp, cases of the theft of refugee livestock, the destruction of host community farms, and abduction were reported; 7 suspects are in custody.
- On 30 June, Medir host community reported the loss of 50 goats, which they traced to Kaya camp; the community then detained two refugee youths who had gone to graze their livestock in that village. Efforts by police, CRA, UNHCR and community leaders led to the recovery of 30 goats. Community leaders are discussing how to recover the remaining goats.
- Due to the increasing incidents between host and refugee communities, UNHCR, CRA and Peace Committees continue to take measures to amicably resolve issues to avert conflict. CRA was encouraged to take the lead in these initiatives.



## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

### Achievements and Impact

#### Central Equatoria State

- UNHCR undertook a monitoring visit in Lasu settlement on 1 July to gauge cultivation progress. Beneficiaries who received vegetable seeds had planted them in nursery beds, and tomato and onion seedlings were ready for planting in fields. UNHCR partner ACROSS plan to train beneficiaries on post-nursery management of the seedlings.

#### Upper Nile State

- Grading and opening of the roads in Doro main market started on 30 June. Out of 7 roads, 4 have been graded. This is an initiative that will free space in the main market in order to aid the relocation of refugee retailers who were affected by the decongestion exercise in Doro camp.
- Distribution of seeds and tools was undertaken in the villages of Doro, Old Guffa, and Thueji. Plans are underway for distribution in Jamam villages, Dollo villages, Liang/Kenyaji and Bunj town villages in the week ahead.



## Education

### Achievements and Impact

#### Central Equatoria State

- UNHCR partner ACROSS distributed assorted scholastic materials to students of Nyori Secondary School in Lasu refugee settlement.

#### Upper Nile State

- Maban County: A partnership agreement between UNICEF and LWF for support to Early Childhood Development (ECD) activities in Gendrassa, Batil and Kaya has been finalized leading to the start of ECD programmes in three camps.

### Identified needs and remaining gaps

#### Upper Nile State

- Primary school teachers in Gendrassa continue to threaten strike action if not paid in US dollars, in spite of the announcement that UNHCR will implement dollarization from July onwards, where applicable. Meetings are being held to manage their expectations as well as follow up on actions for a concrete solution.

- Save the Children International facilitated a training for the Board of Governors of Bunj Secondary School on their roles and responsibilities. Secondary school textbooks and a draft South Sudan curriculum framework were distributed to students and teachers at the school.

### **Western Equatoria State**

- Makpandu primary and secondary schools' attendance increased due to the new arrivals of refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan, putting pressure on learning space and teachers. Among the Sudanese refugees who self-relocated from Maridi are students of Senior 4, but there are no teachers to teach them.



## **Food Security and Nutrition**

### **Achievements and Impact**

#### **Unity State**

- UNHCR partner Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) conducted a blanket supplementary feeding programme (BSFP) targeting pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and children aged 6 to 23 months in Ajuong Thok. 810 PLW and 1,642 children were reached. BSFP is being used both for malnutrition prevention as well as for micronutrient deficiency control.

#### **Upper Nile State**

- Results of the monthly MUAC (mid-upper arm circumference) screening for children under 5 in Maban were released during the reporting week. In Doro, the MUAC malnutrition levels have increased to 13.8 per cent, and 0.4 per cent of them were found to be MUAC severe cases. Doro has the highest percentage. Gendrassa follows with a MUAC malnutrition prevalence of 12.1 per cent, with 1.6 per cent of MUAC severe cases. This could be seen as stabilization compared with the month of May. Kaya camp saw a slight improvement compared with May. Batil is the camp with the best nutrition situation in June, as malnutrition levels dropped from 7.1 per cent to 4.8 per cent, with 1.4 per cent MUAC-severe cases. UNHCR and partners undertaken a number of activities to tackle malnutrition, including one-month distribution CSB++ for Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW); identification of most-at-risk children and households; improvement of referral system and distribution of seeds in the camps. Efforts are being made, such as through mother support groups, to promote good plantation, harvest and food product usage to diversify diets. UNHCR, WFP and UNICEF are also working to expedite Ready to Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF) and Ready to Use Supplementary Foods (RUSF) to Maban.
- The nutrition situation of Pregnant and Lactating women (PLW) is still poor, even though compared with May, 3 out of 4 camps (Kaya, Gendrassa, Batil) showed an improvement and one (Doro) has stabilized. The highest percentage was found in Doro, with 32.9 per cent malnourished in May and June, but in June there were fewer severe cases (0.1 per cent severe in June and 1.1 per cent in May). Yusuf Batil camp experienced the most marked improvement as the malnutrition percentage decreased from 32.4 in May to 19.5 in June and severe cases dropped from 10.8 per cent to 5 per cent. (A Therapeutic Supplementary Feeding Programme started in June for PLWs after a two-month gap, with cereals, pulses and oil).



## **Health**

### **Achievements and Impact**

#### **Central Equatoria State**

- There is an ongoing cholera outbreak in South Sudan, mainly in Central Equatoria State, with 724 cases and 34 deaths as of 7 July. Five of the cholera cases have been reported from Gorom Primary Health Care Centre, which services close to 5,300 refugees and the surrounding host population; there have been no deaths so far.

- UNHCR and partner ACROSS conducted a rapid assessment in Gorom refugee settlement on 3 July, identifying critical gaps in WASH, manpower, materials, among others. These will be incorporated into the costed emergency plan for Gorom.

## Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements and Impact

#### Upper Nile State

- In Maban County, UNHCR and partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed shelter materials to 66 families (sizes 8 and above) who had been identified as beneficiaries of the hybrid zinc shelters in Chali 1 in Doro camp.
- Targeted NFI distribution comprising plastic sheets, blankets, mosquito nets, and cooking utensils was carried out at Kaya camp for 1,420 households with people with specific needs (PSN).

#### Western Equatoria State

- UNHCR partner World Vision International has pre-positioned 200 plastic sheets, 500 sleeping mats, 500 blankets, 290 mosquito-nets, 480 plastic buckets, 854 pieces of ladies underwear and 35 delivery kits in Makpandu, given the recent displacement in Maridi and Mundri counties.

### Identified needs and remaining gaps

#### Upper Nile State

- The trend of violent disruption of distributions in Maban camps continues unabated. In Yusuf Batil camp, NFI distribution was stopped after a refugee reportedly wielding a knife and a hand grenade - in the company of others who also threatened to collect their guns - climbed on to the NFI truck and stole plastic sheeting and mosquito nets, threatening the truck driver and agency staff around with harm if stopped.
- In Gendrassa, the women who had disrupted distribution of NFIs two weeks ago held meetings with community leaders. It is reported the disruption was meant to register displeasure with sections of the camp leadership and the mode of distribution of NFIs. In the process, humanitarian staff and police were harassed and threatened. The women are planning a peaceful demonstration on their “right to receive NFIs” and are preparing a petition to that effect to be presented to UNHCR. The community leadership declined to take responsibility and attributed blame to UNHCR and partners regarding the mode of distribution, i.e. targeted as opposed to general. It is apparent that sections of the leadership especially in Doro, Batil and Gendrassa were involved in planning these disruptions. Humanitarian staff and assets are increasingly being exposed to grave danger during these distributions.

## Water and Sanitation

### Achievements and Impact

#### Upper Nile State

- In Maban County, Medair has started installation of solar-run water systems at two boreholes in Batil; once completed, there will be 4 in all, allowing significant fuel savings.

## Logistics

### Achievements and Impact

#### Unity State

- 11 vehicles have been airlifted to Yida over the past week for use by UNHCR and partners in Pariang County.

## IDP RESPONSE



### Protection

#### Achievements and Impact

- The Protection Cluster submitted its strategy paper for the Second Standard Allocation of the CHF, with a proposal to focus on the three states of Greater Upper Nile and on activities related to the freedom of movement objective in the HCT Protection Strategy.
- The Protection Cluster conducted a mapping exercise of existing tools and resources for protection mainstreaming, a first step towards the development of a protection mainstreaming mechanism in South Sudan.

#### Jonglei State

- UNHCR partner Nonviolent Peaceforce identified 22 separated children in Bor POC and is now working to reunite them with their parents in Akobo. UNICEF is organizing the flight.
- UNHCR hired a private nurse in Bor POC to conduct blood group tests for 188 IDPs who had previously received birth certificates as part of the Department for Nationality, Passports and Immigration procedures. The decision to hire the private nurse was due to the limited capacity of the International Rescue Committee (IRC), which is running the clinic in the POC.

#### Unity State

- The daily influx of IDPs at Bentiu POC dropped slightly during the reporting period, with an average 216 people arriving daily. This week UNHCR registered the arrival of 1,512 individuals at the POC. 2,292 individuals received temporary ration cards.
- 74,652 individuals have been biometrically registered at Bentiu POC, while another 30,000 IDPs are still waiting for biometric registration. UNHCR has started to screen extremely vulnerable families and individuals, issuing them with a vulnerability prioritization token.
- Local authorities say over 15,000 people have newly arrived in and around Bentiu.

#### Upper Nile State

- UNMISS have started patrols and protection of women leaving Malakal POC in search of greens, firewood and water. No incidents of abduction or harassment of the women were reported during the reporting period.
- UNHCR received reports of new IDPs arriving from Melut-Paloich (102 individuals) and Benshawa Zinke (123 individuals). Biometric registration is under way.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

##### Central Equatoria State

- Protection monitoring at Yei IDP site confirmed that cattle keepers and their cattle moved to the IDP site on 1 July. Tension is building up between the (Nuer) IDPs and the (Dinka) cattle owners due to the destruction of crops planted by IDPs.
- Melijo IDP site in Nimule, hosting a population 4,744, lacks a police presence. A Community Watch Group was established in May.

##### Upper Nile State

- Tension remains high in Malakal POC following last week's shootings, which resulted in a death and injuries. UNMISS will increase the height of the berm, deepen the trench and increase patrols inside the POC and around the perimeter fence. Additionally, each block in the new POC will be separately fenced to improve security.
- Maintaining the civilian character and neutrality of Malakal POC continues to be a challenge. It was reported that on 30 June four soldiers in uniform walked into the POC and spent the night; this is being investigated to ascertain how they were able to enter the POC.



## Camp Coordination and Camp Management

### Achievements and Impact

#### Lakes State

- An agricultural land dispute in Ahou, near Mingkaman, was resolved after a separate piece of land was allocated for IDPs to cultivate, though documentation is not yet completed.
- In Mingkaman, UNHCR partner Norwegian Refugee Council conducted a training on Camp Coordination and Camp Management for chiefs and community leaders in Site 1.

#### Unity State

- CCCM partners in collaboration with other clusters relocated some 31,000 IDPs into the Bentiu POC extension as of 29 June.



## Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements

#### Jonglei State

- On 29 June, UNHCR partners ACTED distributed 59 mosquito nets to the most vulnerable households in Bor POC.
- UNHCR identified and provided NFIs to 77 vulnerable IDPs in Bor town who had arrived from Pigi. Dignity kits were also distributed to 52 women/girls of reproductive age.

#### Unity State

- The ongoing shelter relocation has been resumed in Bentiu POC after a series of meetings and discussions between humanitarian organization, UNMISS and community leaders.
- UNHCR identified 79 extremely vulnerable households in Bentiu POC. 62 of these have been allocated a ready-made shelter and moved to the new site; 17 vulnerable households are yet to be allocated shelters.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

#### Jonglei State

- According to unverified reports, 38,000 people have been displaced from Unity State to Duk County, in particular in Poktap, Ayueldit and surrounding villages.

#### Lakes State

- The Humanitarian Development Consortium has yet to start renovating shelters in Mingkaman due to lack of shelter materials.

#### Upper Nile State

- In Maban's Tomaji area, UNHCR distributed NFIs to some 400 vulnerable IDP households on 2 July.

### Funding received (in USD)

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to US\$ 109,405,452 as of 7 July 2015.

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JAPAN	10,016,945
ECHO	2,651,113
CANADA	1,573,564
CERF	1,451,678
CHF	1,451,678
LUXEMBOURG	625,782
SWITZERLAND	520,291
UN PROG ON HIV/AIDS	490,000
FRANCE	250,000