

# South Sudan Update



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## Blue Nile Refugees in Upper Nile State, South Sudan

During the past week, the security situation in Bunj town, Doro camp, Jammam and their surroundings has remained calm, but the significant military presence in the county still remains a concern for the humanitarian community. The issue of making humanitarian space in the refugee hosting areas has been discussed with the County Commissioner.

There are currently around 22,000 refugees registered in Maban, although the total number present is higher than this. UNHCR has carried out border monitoring activities and visited several sites where refugees have temporarily settled. In Jammam, the team confirmed the presence of 2,000 self-settled refugees at the site. As with the Doro site, UNMAC has conducted mine inspection and concluded that the location was infected with UXOs. Thanks to the support of the County Commissioner, an alternative site was identified immediately and is now being surveyed by NPA. In Elfoj, UNHCR witnessed about 10,000 individuals and is now working on a response plan together with IOM to move the identified population to Jammam. In addition, partners on the ground are working closely with the authorities to get additional suitable sites for the relocation of the refugees. During the reporting week, partners working in Maban reinforced their staff in order to accelerate the response to the rapid influx of refugees.

WFP carried out a distribution of food, providing 30 days rations to new arrivals. In total to date, WFP distribution has benefited 17,439 individuals. In addition, on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, UNHCR airlifted 140 bags of maize and 91 boxes of oil to Malakal, bound for Maban.

MSF currently has 13 medical staff on the ground and is running a primary health care and nutrition programme. An IPD facility is being set up in Doro as well. Once the site at Jammam is cleared for the relocation of refugees, MSF will establish one clinic there, whilst maintaining their mobile clinic. Samaritan's Purse is present in Maban, working on secondary health care, and has a stabilisation centre for nutrition at the PHCC in Bunj.

On 13<sup>th</sup> December, Oxfam began the transportation of 25 tons of material for sanitation activities to respond to the emergency needs of 12,500 individuals. They have a drilling rig in Maban and have started drilling four boreholes in Doro. In addition, Oxfam have a temporary water yard in their Jammam compound, and are intending to send engineers to set up distribution points for new arrivals. MSF has also been involved in WASH activities, and has completed 25 communal latrines. A total of 25 latrines will be built in the coming weeks by Oxfam and IOM in Doro.