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Refugee Emergency Weekly Update

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Current context/main developments

- During the week, an escalation of the conflict saw a the security situation in the disputed border area of Jau deteriorate, heightening UNHCR concerns about the safety of refugees in Yida.
- Level 2 registration of the entire camp population of Yida was completed on 27 February. 70% of the population is under 18 years of age.

STATISTICS

SETTLEMENT	REGISTERED POPULATION
Yida	16,022
Pariang	1,050
Nyeel	574
TOTAL	17,646

Protection analysis

- **Physical safety:** Although the fighting in Jau last week did not result in refugee casualties, UNHCR remains deeply concerned about the security of refugees in Yida and the need to maintain the civilian character of the settlement. Pariang County Commissioner is holding discussions with refugee leaders on mobilising refugees to move from Yida to Pariang and Nyeel. This follows a meeting where the Governor of Unity state informed the refugees that they should move to a safer location further south. Meanwhile, UNHCR continues to assist secondary school students' to move to Pariang.
- **Level 2 registration** for the entire population of Unity state was completed on 27 February 2012. The total number of refugees the three locations of Unity state is 17,646. Detailed statistics with age and gender breakdown will be posted on the refugee web portal: [www.http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan](http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan).
 - Overall the registration exercise was carried out without problems, and with the full cooperation of the camp administration and *boma* leaders. Vulnerable individuals who were not able to physically attend at the registration site were registered in their homes.
 - WFP will from now on use the updated registration figures for food distribution.
 - Common though not unusual trends emerged during registration. In several cases, adults attempted to register as minors, mothers had registered their children as unaccompanied, large family sizes recorded on ration cards were not reflected when registration was done in person and individuals were found to be in possession of multiple ration cards.
 - Follow-up action to sustain registration in all three various locations is ongoing. SOPs are being developed and teams are being identified to establish continuity and to ensure that new arrivals and those who may not have been captured during the mass registration exercise continue to be registered.
 - In conjunction with the registration in Yida a interagency team of OCHA, FAO, IOM, WVI, CARE and County RRC conducted a re registration of IDPs in Pariang, Yida and Panyang from 20 to 24 February 2012. Overall there is a reduction in the number of

IDP's in the three locations. It is believed that the reduction is caused by some IDP's moving further south and also some corrections made to the earlier collated statistics. The number of IDPs mostly originating from Jaw currently in Pariang Town stands at 673 individuals (195 households). In Yida there are 1,457 individuals (275 households). Crucially the joint team informed the IDP's that they would not receive the same assistance as the refugees and a mapping of areas of origin was done. The IDP's expressed the intention to remain in their current locations.

Operational response

- **Health:** In Yida, Samaritan's Purse reported 22 deliveries for the month as of 22 February. MSF reported 15 inpatient admissions and 827 outpatient consultations during the week. The measles vaccination campaign conducted in correlation with the Level 2 registration reached 5,995 children aged between 6 months and 14 years. In Pariang, CARE is investigating student complaints about increasing cases of diarrhoea, despite confirmation about the safety of the water source. In Nyeel, INTERSOS will provide SGBV training to medical staff and counseling for SGBV survivors, while CARE will provide medical treatment for them. A CARE mid-wife conducted outreach among pregnant refugee women home births. She informed the women about services available for pregnant women in the clinic and discussed the benefits of giving birth there. The women said the information was useful and they would share it with other women.
- **Education:** 457 students in Nyeel are attending primary school in temporary facilities. A meeting is to take place between Save the Children and the education committee as soon as possible to discuss further concerns which the refugees would like to raise.
- **WASH:** According to the assessment by the UNHCR WASH Coordinator, water supply in Yida is satisfactory although the distance to distribution points is greater than recommended. On the other hand, during the week, ICRC installed two new hand pumps in Yida, and Samaritan's Purse repaired one broken hand pump near the air-strip. Sanitation facilities remain an issue with inadequate latrine numbers.

Pariang has sufficient water and latrines for the existing limited number of people. Sanitation facilities are being reviewed in anticipation of the rainy season.

Meanwhile, Nyeel is under construction with three out of nine blocks completed as of 25 February. Water supply is satisfactory for the current stage of development. The main borehole supply has been piped 1km to the camp thereby avoiding long walks for water. Storage tanks are being supplied. Latrine sanitation facilities are satisfactory for the current population; more family latrines will be built by refugees as they occupy the camp. Hand washing facilities and hygiene education are being implemented to mitigate disease risk.

UNHCR delivered 864 bars of soap on for unaccompanied female minors. Samaritan's Purse submitted a stock report for blanket and soap delivery. In Nyeel, following a request by the refugee committee in the camp for child friendly latrines in the camp, a prototype is to be designed by Save the Children to enable CARE so to produce a sufficient number for the camp and school area

Environment: ACTED has been working closely with the host community and refugees in Nyeel to plant trees in the camp. A joint seed collecting initiative is taking place where they community go out together to collect seeds from the local forest to be germinated and raised as saplings before being transferred to the camp site.

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