

Upper Nile State

UNHCR Weekly Update for the Period 23-29 May 2012

Security Situation

Security: The general security situation in Upper Nile state remains calm.

In Jammam, a UXO was found and reported on Wednesday 23 May 2012. The area where the UXO was found has been marked. A response team is now in the area to conduct assessments and eventually to dispose of the UXO.

Relocation of Refugees: A number of refugees have moved from El Fuj to Rum where currently 2,296 are in transit awaiting relocation. Refugees arriving at the border are being transported to a safer distance away for the disputed area, and some new arrivals are spontaneously relocating to a area some 25 km from the border in an effort to avoid locations where aerial bombardments have been reported. UNHCR is moving them on to Jammam and Batil camps. Some 20,000 refugees remain in El Fuj pending transport

Operations

Doro

Registration: Upon arrival, refugees are registered and provided with tokens as identification that they have registered. In order to step up registration of new arrivals, UNHCR is deploying additional registration staff.

Protection/Child Protection/GBV: On 27 May 2012 a protection mission was undertaken to Shatta border point. Shatta is characterised by back and forth movements of individuals between Sudan and South Sudan areas as their areas of origin are close to the border, to cultivate their land.

UNHCR plans a visit to Guffa within the coming week.

Community Participation: Community Participation Standard Operating Procedures

have been drafted and shared with camp managers as well as partners, to harmonise community participation and increase representation across camp coordination committees and technical structures in all three camps in Maban. It is also anticipated that the SOPs will enhance empowerment of refugees as well as effective participation in camp management.

Health and Nutrition: The nutrition situation for refugees post arrival has been steadily improving. A report of complied nutrition data will be released within the coming weeks.

A shortage of medications in health facilities as a result of the increase in the number of patients, linked to the increasing number of new arrivals has been observed. As part of Cholera preparedness action, a Cholera Treatment Centre (CTC), separate from other health facilities is being prepared. Stocks for immediate response to a cholera outbreak are available.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management: An additional survey of the Doro site has been conducted to ascertain the availability of usable space for new refugees and asylum seekers. Much of the surveyed land has been found to be unsuitable for refugee settlement due to the probability of inundation and the abundance of black cotton soil. The area north of the current Doro refugee camp has also been investigated and also found to have black cotton soil with severe cracking.

Access to Camps: Due to the rains, access to Doro and Batil is becoming increasingly difficult as road degrade. Mitigating measures including deployment of engineering assets are being sought, to repair and improve road networks to and in the areas where response operations for the refugee influx are on-going.

Yusuf Batil

Health: Biweekly mobile clinics are in place on Wednesday and Saturdays. A new health facility

is under construction. In the interim expansion of mobile clinic services is being developed.

Water: Three drilling rigs are on site. One borehole has already been encased and should be ready for pump testing. Water sourcing continues in order to supplement current water supplies which remain below 10 litres per person per day.

prevalence of diarrhoea has been reported. As part of Cholera preparedness action, a potential site for a Cholera Treatment Centre (CTC) has been identified. Stocks for immediate response to a cholera outbreak are available.

Jammam has received many new arrivals from Blue Nile state, and malnutrition remains high, with an average of 15% Global Acute Malnutrition.

Jammam

Health and Nutrition: The number of patients received in the clinic continues to rise. A high