



# SOUTHERN SUDAN

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#### ABYEI

**Returns to Abyei expected to surge:** A substantial increase of returns is expected in the time leading up to the election and referendum. Tensions of returnees, the majority expected to be Dinka Ngok, with Misseriya pastoralists as well as critical limitations of Abyei area to provide for more than 10,000 returnees need to be taken into account urgently. Information on returns to Abyei should be shared as soon as possible for the attention of all partners in Abyei.

**Reconciliation/ Peaceful Coexistence:** Field visits to the Misseriya communities facilitated by UNMIS/CAD and in partnership with the Abyei authorities were increased. PCA ruling and other concerns of the Misseriya are supposed to be addressed at the planned 10 inter-state summit. UNDP plans a conference of traditional leaders from Abyei and Abatok (Abyei area) and Abiemnom (Unity state). The conference is expected to make recommendations for harmonizing the traditional court system with international human rights standards.

**Common challenges faced by agencies/INGOs in Abyei area:** A comparison of challenges showed severe overall constraints, including budget shortfalls, low capacity of partners, insecurity, inaccessibility and lack of accurate population data for planning purposes. Additionally, the education sector suffers from conflicting school curricula by the Ministry of Education from the north and south respectively for both the schools in Abyei.

**Transition of food aid:** WFP refocuses programmes from blanket feeding to Food for Recovery and FFW. Food rations will be reduced from 100% to 70%. Communities are encouraged to apply for FFW programmes.

#### BLUE NILE STATE

**CHF priorities are being set in Blue Nile State:** During the reporting week, WASH and Health Sectors met in Damazine to set priorities for CHF 2010 first round allocation. Highest priorities were given on returnees/population with less than 10 litres of water/person/day, to vulnerable population in areas affected by conflict, Drought/Flood/AWD preparedness and mitigation, and health services.

**Persistent food shortages in Blue Nile State:** 25-28 January an Inter-Agency Food Security Mission assessed dynamics and root causes of food security in West and South Kurmuk Locality. Major adverse factors are irregular rains, pest infestation and delay in the provisions of seeds. The team recommends increasing Food for Work and Food

for Recovery activities in the area, as well as support from Ministry of Agriculture to the Farmers Cooperatives for them to access agricultural machines of the Agriculture Bank of Sudan. Furthermore, the mission recommends supporting fishers through fishing equipment and training on fish processing, encouraging horticulture and vegetable production, and provision of veterinary services.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

29 January – 1<sup>st</sup> February 4 Ws training.

**SOUTHERN KORDOFAN (KADUGLI AND MUJLAD)**

**HAC/SSRRC and Sudanese Red Crescent face first NFI intervention in Mujlad area:** In response to IDPs in Rihaid Himaidan 40 km from Muglad HAC/SSRRC and Sudanese Red Crescent are preparing for the first NFI intervention since UNJLC handed over the NFI Common Pipe Line Contingency Stocks to the State Governor last December.

**Humanitarian Contingency Planning in South Kordofan:** Consultations on election-scenarios are on-going. Drafts were shared with UN agency representatives during the UNST. The UNST in Kadugli currently prepares plans for a) Mujlad area and c) Rest of South Kordofan, without Abyei area. Especially in Mujlad area, the contingency planning benefits from preparations made in expectation of the PCA decision of 2009.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- EP&R Training for Civil Defense Office and HAC/SSRRC
- Multi-Sector Assessment for Muglad IDPs
- Ten Border State Governors' Conference, 15 February 2010

**DARFUR**

**Soil Stabilized Blocks Programme in South Darfur:** UNHABITAT has signed a partnership agreement of collaboration with Ministry of Physical Planning & Public Utilities to train 100 participants from the community including men, women, and youth in the SSB production. According to that agreement the South Darfur State has allocated the projects' sites. The construction phase for 3 class rooms and clinic facility in Sakali Residential area in Nyala town commenced. This project is part of UNHABITAT strategy to propagate the use of SSB as an alternative building technology which reduce the wood cutting and therefore needs to be widely used in Darfur construction buildings.

**Peace Building:** ZOA (Dutch NGO funded by DCPSF) facilitated an awareness session in Peace building in Derib Alrayh area (20 km South of Nyala). The session was attended by around 170 participants including 50 women from both Nomads and Farmers communities. The program was followed by four days training on Water Points Management & Maintenance for 11 persons including 5 women from the area water committee. Moreover ZOA distributed vegetable seeds to the farmers in the area targeting 540 female and 720 male farmers.

**Clusters' update (North Darfur):** On 27 January the Darfur wide Inter-Sector Coordination Team (D-ISCT) held its first meeting in El Fasher. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Toby Lanzer, the DRC/HC, and was attended by the regional and some states sector coordinators of the three Darfur states. Main topics of this meeting agenda were: 1) evaluation of the cluster approach and Action Plan roll out in late September 2009; 2) discussions and endorsement of the D-ISCT's TOR; 3) discussions on Standard Operational Procedures for inter-sector needs assessment, emergency preparedness and response plans; 4) review of state level sector WP and current policies.

**Human rights violations and access to basic services issues in Malha (North Darfur):** The UNAMID human rights unit conducted a field mission to Malha last week, where it was found that there is a major concerns about access to medical (including reproductive health), and educational services. Also, the community members fear a possible deployment of CAOG to Al Harra and Jebel Eissa.

**UXOs in Gurer near Kutum:** UNICEF and WFP reported many UXOs in Gurer. SAF was informed by the community but there is no response yet. Currently, the area is inaccessible for UNMAO.

**GBV sub-cluster:** A 2 day workshop on Gender mainstreaming was conducted on 24-25 January. The target group were all the Director Generals of Ministries in ND. It was implemented by the MoSA at the ministry of youth hall with support from UNFPA and UNAMID/GAU.

**North Darfur Return and Reintegration WG:** IOM VMU assessed Gurrer in Kutum locality. Key findings were:

- About 2400 IDPs have returned to PoO, reportedly more coming (total caseload said to be 4000). Transport

assisted by GoS;

- Main pull factor is reported improvement in security – SLA retreated from positions;
- Hakura belongs to returnees, no land issues apparent;
- Return seems voluntary and informed (go-see visits sponsored by GoS since September 2009);
- Lack of services;
- Shelter: returnees received tents from HAC/GoS (used mainly for school and common areas);
- Main issue with green lighting this location is security: very close link with GoS military base; general security situation in the area quickly deteriorating over the past week;

**For further HUMANITARIAN DEVELOPMENTS in Darfur please refer to OCHA bulletins: [www.unsudanig.org](http://www.unsudanig.org)**

### CENTRAL EQUATORIA STATE (CES)

**IDPs:** In October 2009, as a result of conflict in Gemeiza, Terekeka County, there was wide-scale displacement and today more than half of the displaced 7000 people still remain on the islands. The situation is currently calm with a noted presence of Dinka pastoralists and their cattle in the area. UNMIS Military with a detachment of BANBATT and SPLA maintain a presence in the area to diffuse tensions.

**Interagency assessment conducted in Gemeiza, Terekeka:** From 26 – 27 January 2010, the Integrated Team participated in the OCHA-led inter-agency mission in Gemeiza, Terekeka County to assess conditions of the displaced following attacks by suspected Dinkas cattle rustlers. Reportedly 14 villages were burnt and displacement to Nyori and other locations had occurred. There have been some returns but the majority of the population are taking refuge on the islands and are growing vegetables to supplement food aid supplies; the displaced had received a one-month food ration. During the period, WFP completed the distribution of food rations to 6000 conflict displaced persons who returned to Gemeiza. It was observed that most residents are not confident of security Terekeka despite the completion of disarmament and will thus remain on the islands. There are variations in the numbers of displaced and reconciliation is needed prior to further intervention. Immediate humanitarian needs identified included: more food assistance; creation of additional schools, greater health care access, seeds, and tools, fishing gear and shelter materials. Currently, 8 out of the boreholes in the 4 bomas are functioning, there is a PHCU with 3 health workers, but there is no school. The main livelihood activities are fishing, charcoal and grass, and fruit trade.

**Pending humanitarian assistance to those affected by clashes between Mundari and Bari late 2009:** On 26th January 2010, SSRRC convened a meeting with RRR, WFP, and IOM to review the outstanding caseloads for humanitarian assistance. As a result of the clashes between the Mundari and Baris in 2009 last year, communities in Northern Bari whose villages and property were burnt are in need of assistance. Given the time lag, there is a need to establish the current location of displaced persons so as to conduct an assessment and provide assistance. The Mundari are in need of health and veterinary services. Communities in Morobo County do not require immediate food aid intervention.

**Highlights from Return Working Group Meeting on 28 January 2010:** The Integrated team in close collaboration with SSRRC convened the RRWG. Key points include discussion on the caseloads that have yet to receive assistance despite advocacy. It was there agreed that a fact finding mission be undertaken particularly to Gudele, Gereii and Kabo areas where it is reported that there more than 4,000 IDPs in dire need of humanitarian assistance.

### JONGLEI STATE (JS)

**Peace prevails in Mareng, Bor County:** The Joint Monitoring Team (JMT) reported that the local authorities of Mareng in Bor County informed that people live in fear of attacks from Murle. It was reported that on 24 January 2010, 47 goats were stolen by armed men from various homesteads. It should be noted that disarmament was recently carried out in Mareng and SPLA troops are deployed in the area.

**Twic East:** the Twic East County Commissioner informed the JMT patrol on 27 January 2010 that security had deteriorated in the area with an increase in criminal activities following the civilian disarmament exercise. The County has 82 police officers, a number insufficient to secure the County. Disarmament is ongoing in the area the County Commissioner claims that as of 26 January 2010, 360 weapons (including small arms); one mortar, one light machine gun and one RPG-7 had been collected.

**Akobo Peace Conference Postponed:** UNMIS Civil Affairs reported on 28 January 2010 that the Akobo peace conference scheduled for the following day has been cancelled by the State Governor who, in his letter of apology. Stated that aspiring members of parliament sought information on their nominations prior to the meeting. The conference has been rescheduled to the second week of February 2010. This is the second time the peace conference has been postponed.

**Assistance provided to Gemmaiza Pariak IDPS:** On 26 January 2010, the distribution of NFIs with a second food ration for the IDPs of the Mundari/Dinka conflict in Gemmaiza Pariak was completed by CRS and WFP.

**Return Working Group meeting convened:** On 27 January 2010, a Return Working Group was held by the SSRRC Jonglei State in collaboration with Integrated Team. During the meeting, the following updates were reported: FAO has prepositioned assorted seeds and tools in Bor. According to FAO, plans are being made to distribute the items. FAO is currently undertaking trainings on fish preservation and processing in Akobo County. The same training will be conducted in Pibor in February. All beneficiaries are IDPs in both Counties.

SSRRC Bor reported that Jalle IDPs who were internally displaced to Baidit Payam in the early 1990s have voluntarily decided to go back to their original homes in Jalle Payam. As of 27 January 2010, 1,336 individuals in 439 households have already returned to Jalle Payam, and their pressing needs, according to SSRRC are boreholes for safe drinking water; and tents for classrooms as well as medicines. Last year, about 600 households who returned to Jalle were assisted with food by WFP and water by Total and CHF with the construction of two boreholes. The repair of the broken boreholes in Makuach is now a matter of priority.

**Urgent assistance needed for IDPS in Pigi and Fangak:** Following clashes, there were between 21,000 and 35,000 displaced individuals reported by the County Commissioners of Pigi and Fangak Counties. On 28 January that SSRRC Jonglei State submitted a request for UN assistance, dated 26 January and stamped 27 January. There is a need for strengthened coordination between the SPLA and the State/local authorities in order to facilitate more efficient humanitarian assistance delivery.

**Cooperation with the Government:** On 28 January 2010, the Bor UNHCR office handed over furniture and stationary to the Judiciary in Bor, the high court in Bor. Present at the ceremony were the High Court Judge; the Court Supervisor; the SSRRC State Director; a representative from the Bor Commissioners office, RCSO/RRR JIT Focal Point for State Support and UNMIS Human Rights. The High Court Judge was thankful for the donations. The court house is indeed in need of serious renovation as well as administrative capacity building.

## LAKES STATE (LS)

**Stabilization through Recovery:** On 28 January 2010 a very senior delegation led by the DRC/HC and GOSS Minister Dr. David Mayo visited came to Rumbek to move forward on the Sudan Recovery Fund support for stabilisation in Lakes State. The three priorities were unanimously endorsed by the State Development Committee, State Security Committee, and line ministries and will be presented to the SRF Steering Committee in Juba for approval: **a)** Road construction in key areas alongside connection to accessible police posting for rapid deployment purposes; **b)** Strengthening and upgrade of law enforcement institutions namely police cells, county police posts, building and renovating prisons, court houses and officers training; **c)** Increase the number of boreholes and extension dams for animals watering of animals during the dry seasons in t specified security related locations.

**Lack of drugs in State Government Stores and dog bites going untreated:** During the Lakes State Monthly Humanitarian Coordination meeting, held on 27 January 10 at the SSRRC Conference Room, it was reported by the representative of the Ministry of Health that the Ministry drug stores are without essential drugs/medicines. And that, the situation would continue for unforeseeable future given the similar state of affairs in Juba. The State Ministry of Health reported that there had been many cases of dog attacks in Rumbek Town that have gone untreated due lack of suitable drug. Discussions with health authorities is planned to explore a way forward.

**Ongoing improvement in safe water provision in Lakes State:** In 2009, Hydro-Water Wells [SS] Ltd was contracted by GOSS to drill 50 potable water points in Yirol East County. The MTFD-funded project has encountered several constraints, including insecurity and heavy rains, and only 16 wells have been drilled and installed with hand pumps. In 2010, two wells have been completed.

## NORTHERN BAHR EL GHAZAL STATE (NBEGS)

**The Dinka Malual-Rizeigat Peace Conference held:** The Peace Conference for the two states of NBeG and South Darfur was held and ended on 25 January 2010 and resulted in a peace accord between the Dinka Malual and the Rizeigat nomads. The Governor of NBeG in his opening remarks encouraged the two communities to always try to peacefully co-exist.

**False rumours of clashes in Aweil North County:** Rumours of clashes between Arab nomads and some Dinka community members were confirmed false by the County Executive Director, William Deng. Rather, on 26 January 2010, in Makuei Market, Malual West Payam, a Dinka man shot five people dead and one seriously wounded over a cattle dispute. The culprit is still at large and being hunted by the community and the government. The Arab nomads who had fled on news of the tribal clashes have since returned with their animals and are grazing peacefully. The Governor of NBeG plans to visit the communities at the time of writing the report to talk to both Dinka and Rizeigat communities to remain committed to the recently signed agreement.

**Village assessments by IOM:** Thus far 150 out of a total of 165 villages have been covered by the IOM assessment. The data can be used to advocate for provision of basic services in needy communities.

**Urban Planning technical assistance for Zira re-settlement:** The UNDP Urban Planning Specialist is writing a proposal to be presented to council of ministers for approval. The proposal is for technical assistance with the planning of the relocation of the Zira settlement to ensure that there is sufficient land allocation for clinics, schools, and water facilities.

**Inter-agency coordination meeting:** This forum meets twice a month and is chaired by SSRRC and co-chaired by the Integrated Office. Key Issues discussed in the 28 January 2010 meeting include the following:

- a) Improvements to safe water access in Majok Yithiou and the IAS plans to provide 10 bore hole to Aweil north county this season, 9 boreholes to Aweil West county and a health centre for Nymboli in Aweil north county
- b) IRC is ending its civil society project this month and the office in Aweil town will be closed due to funding shortages. The Return Monitoring project in Aweil East County ended in December 2009. IRC will be Tearfund health program in Aweil South.
- c) AMURT is considering taking over from Cordaid as the WFP partner in Aweil North and West Counties and is setting up an office in Arroyo.
- d) The newly-constructed Agriculture Office, funded by SRF, is ready to be handed over to the State Ministry of Agriculture.
- e) WFP in conjunction with partners conducted verification exercises in Mayen Ullen in Malual East Payam in Aweil North County. A total of 70 households (350 individuals) were verified and received food. Also On 27/01/10, the Integrated Team and FAO supported WFP in verification of vulnerable in Mayom Deng Akol in Malual East Payam in Aweil North County. 480 households (2400 persons) were verified and assisted with food aid.

## UNITY STATE (WES)

**ANLA findings presented by WFP:** In a meeting held on the 26 January 2010 and chaired by the SSRRC, the WFP sub office in Unity State presented the findings of the Annual Needs and Livelihoods Assessment (ANLA) conducted in November/December 2009. Notably absent were the Ministry of Agriculture the key line ministries, and FAO. The ANLA report indicated that in Unity State 21% households were severely food insecure, 22% households moderately food insecure and 57% households were food secure. The report served as baseline for planning and implementation of food security and other livelihoods projects. The effects of the food insecurity on other sectors like education, health, and social developments in the state were discussed. However recommendations were tabled for a later date given the absence of key ministries.

**Displacements following cattle raids on border with Warrap State:** The SSRRC reported large displacement of people following cross border cattle raids between Nuer of Unity State and Dinka of Warrap in Mayom and Panyijar. Reportedly, 7000 individuals (1010 households) were displaced from the borders in Kuernyang, Wanan, Buoth, Wichok, and Chatchora Payams in Mayom County and are residing in Makien Payam 135 km from Bentiu. In Panyijar County

SSRRC reported an estimated number of 300 individuals (95 households) who were displaced in Pachar Payam. The report further indicated that these people are in need of humanitarian assistance. A humanitarian assessment planning meeting will be held on 2 February 2010.

**Displacement due to fire damage:** The Integrated Team received reports from SSRRC about fire disaster in Bentiu and Rubkona towns which caused serious damage to properties including 35 houses and shops and the subsequent displacement of 108 individuals (16 households) with no reported deaths.

**Returns:** From the 23 – 25 January 2010, IOM, SSRRC, and Integrated Team conducted a tracking and monitoring refresher training for 82 enumerators and SSRRC county focal persons from nine counties.

#### UPPER NILE STATE (UNS)

**Evacuation of 13 wounded to Malakal Hospital:** On 28 January, RRR/RSCO integrated team managed to successfully coordinate, with support from UNMIS, and evacuate a total of 13 wounded persons from Khorwack following the recent fighting in the area between the Dinkas of Khorfulus and the Nuer of Phom el Zeraf. Initial report received from the field by the local authorities indicated that a total of 17 people required urgent evacuation but at the time of actual evacuation only 13 persons were present of who 2 were seriously wounded. The remaining (04) did not show up and the rest (11) were in stable condition. The wounded were all given first aid treatment by UNMIS level II doctors who accompanied them on the flight. They were later referred to Malakal training hospital for admittance.

**Humanitarian assistance delivered to Obel and Doleb:** Based on the recommendations from a verification exercise by joint WVI, MEDAIR and SSRRC in Obel and Doleb, MEDAIR has dispatched a total of 720 kits to be distributed in the two locations (320 to Obel and 400 to Doleb). The distribution of the items is yet to be done pending registration of the actual beneficiaries

**Humanitarian Assessment in Phom-el-Zeraf:** Numbers of fatalities and injured in the wake of the violence in Kolnyang and Phom-EI-Zeraf remain unclear. The situation in these areas is currently calm but unpredictable. The Fangak County Commissioner informed a visiting joint humanitarian team that approximately 330 SPLA soldiers (150 to Kolnyang, 60 to Kolapech and 120 troops to Door) have been deployed to the areas to stabilize the situation. On 27 January 2010, a joint humanitarian team visited Phom –el –Zeraf (Fangak County, Jonglei State) to conduct a humanitarian assessment in the aftermath of tribal fighting between Dinka from Khorfulus (Khorwach Payam, Pigi County) and Nuer from Phom el-Zeraf. The team was composed of RCO/RRR, WFP, WVI, FYF, UNICEF, Solidarité, MEDAIR and UNHCR and met community members in Kuerkan and Kuernyang villages. The team's recommendations can be summarized as follows:

- One month food distribution to target 3,200 households representing 15,000 beneficiaries
- Verification of the actual number of people in need of humanitarian assistance.
- UNICEF to provide medical supplies to WVI for onward distributions. WVI advised to mobilise a team to visit the area to treat the IDPs.
- Due to the limited stocks of NFIs in the state, RSCO to contact UNJLC in Juba requesting for their support. The current stocks of NFIs in the state are approximately 900 kits.
- Solidarity to send in a WASH team to the areas affected for a more in-depth assessment and report back accordingly.

**Returns:** Due to lack of sufficient funds ADRA will no longer be tracking spontaneous movement within the state. The responsibility will be left to SSRRC.

#### WARRAP STATE (WS)

**Plans for Peace and Reconciliation Conference:** The Dinka living along the borders with Unity State live in fear among persistent rumours of further attacks from Nuer tribesmen of Mayom County in Unity State. The State Government of War rap is planning to organize a Peace and Reconciliation Conference in either Makuac or Wunlit Payam of Tonj East County in early February 2010. The conference will bring together the community leaders and chiefs from Warrap, Unity and Lakes States. UN agencies and NGOs will be invited by the government to participate. The exact date of the meeting has yet to be set by government.

**Assistance to IDPS in Nyang and Aliek:** Non Food Items - UNICEF and IOM have both agreed to contribute 947 NFI kits to 4,860 (947 households) individuals displaced from their homes in the recent tribal clashes between the Nuer of Mayom County in Unity State and Dinka from Gogrial East and Tonj North Counties. The breakdown of the IDPs is: 125 households (750 individuals) in Warrap town, 562 households (2,810 individuals) in Aliek and 260 households (1,300 individuals) in Nyang (Awut wut, Thiekthou and Atayang) Payam. IOM will facilitate the transportation of the 947 NFI kits to Warrap, Aliek and Nyang on 1 February 2010 while World Vision Sudan (WVS) will be responsible for the distributions of these items to the IDPs in all the locations. IOM will contribute 400 NFI kits while the remaining 560 kits will come from UNICEF as per their agreement in the Emergency Response Meeting at UNICEF Wau on 26 January 2010. UNICEF will provide emergency education supplies

**Food assistance for Humanitarian Assistance for Aliek, Nyang and Tonj North IDPs Response:** WFP intends to issue 2-month food rations 4,735 (947 households) IDPS in Aliek and Warrap towns of Tonj North County and Nyang Payam in Gogrial East County. The Integrated Team in collaboration with UNICEF and IOM visited Warrap town on 30 January 2010 to inform the county authorities of the distribution schedule for NFI kits and UNICEF WASH materials.

### WESTERN BAHR ELGHAZAL STATE (WBEGS)

**SSRRC staff given village assessment skills:** In Wau, 7 key SSRRC staff received 2-day village assessment training from IOM in village assessment skills. The staff was trained on how to carry out village assessments as well as identifying the IDPs, Returnees, and also host communities' needs. On January 28, the IOM team moved from Wau County to Marial Bai Payam of Jur-river County to conduct similar training and will train in Raja County w/c 8 February 2010.

**Data collection for Returnee report:** During the week the Integrated Team collected information for submission to the UNMIS RRR annual report on returnee and reintegration which is expected to be published by 30<sup>th</sup> march/2010.

**IDP verification mission:** The Integrated team participated in a verification mission in villages of Wau County, including Bazia, Khorghana, and Pongo. Participating in the verification is IOM, SSRRC, and WFP. The results of the IDP verification will be shared.

### WESTERN EQUATORIA STATE (WES)

**Peace Dialogue:** On 28 January 2010, the Political Parties Forum of Western Equatoria convened its first meeting of the year to strengthen capacity for dialogue and communication and to ensure peaceful democratic actions. Issues addressed during the forum include: voter's education; security complaints on harassment and intimidation by soldiers and men in security uniform and failure on the State High Committee's part to furnish parties with the voters list as requested in line with Section 25 of the Electoral Act. The Forum agreed to meet with NEC, NGOs, and CSOs to strategise on the way forward for timely information dissemination and civic education. The Forum also agreed to meet with the governor on identified security issues.

**Training in basic computer skills for senior Prison officers is on-going by Correction Advisors:** A total of 80 inmates have been enrolled for literacy and primary level educational activities at the Yambio Central prison.

**SGBV workshop to establish working group:** CPU attended two days SGBV workshop organized by UNCHR in collaboration with INTERSOS in Yambio, to establish a multi-functional group which will work in developing and implementing SOPs (Standard Operation Procedures) for prevention and response to SGBV for refugees and IDPs population.

**Interagency mission to Ezo and food aid distribution:** During last week, a Joint Interagency mission to Ezo County was successfully concluded by UNHCR, WFP, WVI and INTERSOS. During this mission, WFP assessed the road condition and found it viable to transport food up to Tambura, where the intended food distribution will take place. The IOM compound will be utilized for the storage of food although additional capacity is required. WV successfully completed the planned food distribution in Ezo. A detailed report regarding the number of beneficiaries and amount of food is yet to be completed.

**INTEREOS established presence in Ezo:** INTEREOS has acquired a house in Ezo for their office to ensure the presence of their staff. Initially the house will be taken for 03 months. INTEREOS also distributed 10 sewing machines

among the refugees under their social services activities.

**Water and hygiene improvements at Makpandu Camp:** UNHCR has started the drilling of four water Bore Holes and the construction of 140 Pit latrines for refugees in Makpandu camp.

**UNICEF Education assessment in LRA-affected areas:** A Team of consultants from UNICEF are in Yambio on three days mission and will do the assessment of emergency school facilities in the LRA affected areas.

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**ABBREVIATIONS:**

AAA: Abyei Area Administration  
AWD: Acute Water Diarrhoea  
CAOG: Chadian Armed Opposition Groups  
CSAC: Community Security and Arms Control Programme  
CHF: Common Humanitarian Fund  
DG: Director-General  
EC: European Commission  
GBV: gender based violence  
HAC: Humanitarian Aid Commission  
JIT: Joint Integrated Team (formerly RCSO & RRR)  
RRR: Return, Reintegration and Recovery

SAC: Sudan AIDS Commission  
SMOA: State Ministry of Agriculture  
SMOH: State Ministry of Health  
SRRC: Sudan Recovery and Relief Commission  
WAD: World AIDS Day  
WG: Working Group  
WES: Water , Environment and Sanitation  
UNST: UN State Team  
USG: Undersecretary General