

**Southern Sudan – Abyei Displacement
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SITUATION

1. Following outbreak of conflict in Abyei starting on 13th May, the majority of the residents of Abyei town fled southwards to the areas of Abatok, Awal, Wunpeth, Malual Alio and Agok in the border areas and downwards into Twic County in Warrap State as well as into Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Unity states in smaller numbers.
2. The security situation remains calm and stable in areas where IDPs have settled; with the exception of Agok north where food distributions were put on halt until the security situation in that area has stabilised.
3. The US Special Envoy is planning to visit the Abyei IDPs on 30 May 2008 in Agok.
4. Some people who used to leave on the north of Kir River have moved southwards. Multi-sectoral teams including child protection will be visiting these areas for in-depth assessments.
5. A figure of 4,000 people (not verified) was reported by the authorities in Mabal. Verification in this area will take place after completing the assignment planned for Awal.
6. It has been raining heavily for the last six days making it difficult to effectively implement the planned response interventions, distributions and logistical challenges in accessing some locations.

COORDINATION

1. There are plans to establish a joint operational office (common premises) that can house different agencies. A common warehouse has also been proposed to support the operation.
2. A coordination meeting is scheduled to take place in Twic County on 2nd June 2008 at the County Commissioner's offices in the morning. This will be co-chaired by the South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (SSRRC) and an INGO. Agencies operating or planning to operate in this area are invited to attend this meeting.
3. Teams composed of OCHA, Resident Coordinator's Office, and UNJLC are facilitating coordination of activities among partners on the ground. The teams are based in Agok, Turalei and Juba with daily coordination meetings being held in the field (Agok) at 08:30 and 18:00 at WARD a local NGO. In Juba meetings have been scaled down to three times a week (Mon-Wed-Fri) at 14:00 hours at SSRRC GoSS. Daily update calls are made from Juba to the field between 19:30 and 20:30 hours that facilitate production of the sitrep.
4. The coordination meeting to review the humanitarian response of the last two weeks will take place on Monday, 2nd of June. Sector planning for the raining season will also be discussed.
5. Agencies sending staff to the field should coordinate with UNDSS and should make sure that their staff are self supporting in terms of accommodation, food and transport, so as to not to over-stretch the limited resources in the field.

LOGISTICS

1. 20 drums/barrels of fuel were delivered in Agok on 29 May 2008. This will greatly improve the operation which was now facing challenges as a result of unavailability and high fuel costs.

2. WFP is going to install a VHF Radio repeater at Agok airstrip that can cover a radius of 40KM. This will see improved communication and coordination among agencies during field operations.
3. In the coming week the operation will put its focus on Twic country and the more vehicles will be reassigned to this area to facilitate logistical requirements.
4. The assessment of roads leading to Majok, Mabul and Awal was completed.
5. A common warehouse has been proposed.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Water and Sanitation

- Following the arrival of an electrician a submersible pump will be installed at Agok airstrip on 30 May 2008 and this will see an increase in the provision of water to the IDPs and the host community.
- ICRC is fixing a water pump in Awal area.
- MSF is going to support the construction of 4 communal toilets around Agok and this will improve the sanitation coverage in the area.
- 200 slabs were received from UNICEF which will be used in the construction of emergency latrines.
- CRS has drilled 4 of the 9 boreholes it planned for this emergency response to the IDPs and war affected host community.
- More empty drums are still need to support in the sanitation provision to the IDPs and the host community.

Food Aid

- Food distributions completed in 4 sites (Mading Jok, Agok airstrip, Wauchin and Joljok).
- Distributions will take place on 30 May 2008 in Malual Aleu. The new road to Awiel which is a much longer route will be used since the direct routing from Agok is only passable by small vehicles following heavy rainfall in the last 6 days.
- A two months ration will be distributed in Malual Aleu as the area is difficult to access when it rains.
- A head count and pre-positioning of food will be conducted in Awal on 30 May 2008, with a food distribution being planned for Saturday 31 May 2008. This will facilitate catching up with who crossed south of Kir River.
- Distribution in Mabul has been temporarily put on hold pending verification of the population.

Health/Nutrition

- 2 boxes of drugs were received from the Ministry of Health (Government of South Sudan) to support in meeting the health needs of the IDPs.
- Mass measles campaign has been planned by the Ministry of Health, WHO and UNICEF targeting the war affected host community and the IDPs.
- MSF-CH is planning to increase its mobile to three times a week in Malual Aleu.
- Ministry of Health (Government of South Sudan is planning to send 9 medical officers in the coming days to support in health service provision.
- Rumeck clinic is not yet functional since construction activities are still ongoing.

Non-food items

- About 330 national staff and their families from Abyei received non-food items (NFI).
- Distribution of NFIs completed in four locations (Joljok, Wauchin, Mading Jok and Agok Airstrip).
- 4 trucks from Wau were received with NFIs from UNJLC common pipeline. IOM supported with transportation.

Protection



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- A total of 53 children were registered as unaccompanied.
- 118 children were reported as missing by their parents.
- 6 Children were registered as separated staying with relatives as care givers.
- In Twic County a total of 25 children were reported by the authorities and their status has not been verified as yet.
- The protection teams, UNICEF and the ICRC will continue with registration and facilitate where possible the reunification of children.

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