

**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. It was a dry day on 30 May 2008 making access to a number of locations much easier.
4. Head count and pre-positioning of food completed in Awal. Distributions are planned to take place on Saturday 31 May 2008.
5. In Aweil East County a total of 26 IDPs were registered by a team from RCO, SSRRC, World Vision and IOM.
6. OCHA and sector leads will be meeting on Saturday 31 May 2008 to put together a CERF proposal.

COORDINATION

1. An inter-agency emergency response operation review meeting has been planned for Monday 2nd June 2008 in Agok (09:00 hours at WARD office compound). Sector planning for the raining season will also be discussed.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 17:00 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 between 18:00 and 19:00 hours that facilitate production of the sitrep and information sharing with the field team.
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.
6. A CERF proposal development meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday 31 May 2008 at UNOCHA conference hall starting at 10:00 hours.

LOGISTICS

1. Mercy Corps has increased its V-Sat band-width leading to increased internet access for agencies.



Partnership for Humanity

2. OCHA/RCO working on improving the current Mercy Corp compound in Agok.
3. About 25 tents received from UNMIS will be used as offices and accommodation in Agok and Turalei
4. Some trucks with relief items and a fuel tanker arrived in Agok from Kadugili.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. A common warehouse has been proposed.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Water and Sanitation

- Water and sanitation equipment arrived in Agok.
- The water sector is working on increasing the provision of safe water to the IDPs and war affected host community.
- The water yard in Agok was assessed. It is now operational after the supply of the necessary parts and fuel.
- Construction of latrines is in progress. Shortage of 200 litre empty drums is still hindering progress in latrine construction.
- Water treatment and distribution of aqua-tabs is ongoing.
- ICRC is rehabilitating a borehole and installing a submersible pump in Malua Aleu

Food Aid

- By 30 May 2008 WFP had distributed cumulatively 234 MT to over 28,000 beneficiaries.
- Head count and pre-positioning of food completed in Awal. Distributions are planned to take place on Saturday 31 May 2008.
- A two months ration was distributed in Malual Aleu on 30 May 2008 as the area is difficult to access when it rains.
- A total figure of 2,800 was received from Mabul and distribution will take place on Saturday 31 May 2008.
- The team is currently assessing a suitable site for distribution in Abatok. Verification is ongoing in this area together with South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (SSRRC).

Health/Nutrition

- OCHA is facilitating the transportation of 4.5 tonnes of assorted emergency health supplies from Juba – Turalei on 3rd of June 2008 through the ERF TAF account. The Charter will also transport health personnel who are going to be based in the field supporting health service delivery to the IDPs and war affected host community.
- A team of three WHO staff members arrived in Agok on 30 May 2008. The team will be based in Turalei but supporting health service provision in both locations (Turalei and Agok).
- MoH, WHO and partners will be meeting on 31 May 2008 to review the macro plan for measles campaign.
- IOM is going to start running a mobile clinic in Twic County.
- 11 clinics for GOAL in Twic County continue operate supporting the IDPS and the host community.

Non-food items

- Cumulatively a total of 5,450 NFI will have been distributed by 31 May 2008, including 1,450 distributed by ICRC in Malual Aleu.
- NFI distribution will take place in Awal and Manding Jok on 31 May 2008.
- 2,000 NFI received from Khartoum will be split between Twic and Agok.

Protection

- A total of 200 children were reported as unaccompanied, missing or separated.
- Distribution of recreational kits for children received from UNICEF started on 30 May 2008.
- Planned vaccination campaign will be used as an opportunity to register unaccompanied, separated or missing children. This opportunity will also be used to facilitate reunification of children where possible.

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