

**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. On 1st June 2008 two security incidents were reported at a check point in Agok town where people in military uniform attempted to board UN trucks (WFP). The authorities were informed and have pledged to follow up the issue. All planned humanitarian activities north of Agok have been suspended until the security situation in that area has stabilised. The authorities have been supportive in facilitating access to the affected population.
3. An Inter-agency review meeting with public authorities is schedule for 2nd June 2008 in Agok. The meeting will review the humanitarian response for the last two weeks and work on the next phase of the response taking into consideration the rainfall season that has already started.
4. CERF proposal development is ongoing in Juba with sector leads developing proposals based on a 90 day emergency response operation.

COORDINATION

1. Mercy Corps has offered to be the lead NGO in Twic County for the next three months and GOAL will take over.
2. CERF proposal development in on going in Juba by UN agencies with field and sector partners consultation.
3. An inter-agency emergency response operation review meeting has been planned for Monday 2nd June 2008 in Agok (09:00hours at WARD office compound). Sector planning for the raining season will also be discussed.
4. A coordination meeting is scheduled to take place in Twic County on 2nd June 2008 at the County Commissioner's officers at 10:00 hours. Humanitarian agencies operating or planning to operate in this area are invited to attend this meeting.
5. 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.
6. 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. Logistics in Agok seem to be going on well and the team will assess the proposed joint logistic site in terms of suitability and accessibility
2. Assessments are being carried out in Turalei in consultation with the public authorities to identify the possible site for common premises.
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. IOM has donated 2 rubhalls, one for Agok and one for Turalei. GOAL will lay the cement foundation for both and manage the one in Agok. Head Logistics for WFP Juba agreed to assist in erecting them, he has a technician in the area.
5. IOM fleet in Agok will return to Turalei tomorrow (2 June 2008), as the drivers will not stay in Agok.
6. UNJLC field staff is investigating possibilities for regular fuel supply but bringing in a supplier has been discouraged as fuel is a precious commodity and potential target.
7. UNJLC Khartoum has initiated cargo flights with UNMIS to Wau for any interested agency. IOM has storage in Wau and can manage the incoming flights and dispatch items as needed. UNJLC is trying to identify someone for Wau to manage the cargo operations.
8. Construction company was identified to rehab the road to the Mercy Corps compound, where the rubhall for Agok will be erected
9. WFP is putting 2 additional rub halls in Wunrock for food

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Water and Sanitation

- Water and sanitation activities are ongoing
- GOAL is going to conduct health and hygiene promotion training 2 – 4 June 2008 in Agok.
- A water tanker was transported to Medbong (north of Agok) where 5,000 litres was pumped into a bladder, chlorinated and then distributed to the IDPs and the host community.
- The Sudanese Red Crescent Society is planning to send a hygiene promotion specialist from Juba
- In Mading gok the planned installation of a submersible pump on a recently drilled borehole, was changed as the community voiced concerns about flooding of the currently dry wadi bed. Instead a hand pump was recommended and installed. When the full equipment for the installation of the pump and water bladder arrive, the system will be reversed and installed.
- Hygiene promotion activities are ongoing. Communities are being encouraged to treat or boil water
- Water treatment and distribution of aqua-tabs is ongoing.
- Construction of latrines is in progress. The WatSan sector is still appealing for 200 litre empty drums to facilitate latrine construction.

Food Aid

- Distributions in Mabuin are ongoing. This follows a submission of a register of some people who had not received a head count.
- Distributions in Awal had to be suspended following a disputed with the host community who received a 5 months ration 4 weeks ago.

Health/Nutrition

- IOM have donated 2 tents to the MoH to support in health service delivery
- WHO and MoH held a meeting in Agok on 1 June 2008.
- UNICEF, WHO and the NGO and IOs are working closely with the MoH on the mass measles and polio campaign targeting on the new schedule of 9 – 12 June 2008.
- UNICEF will provide the supplies for the polio/measles immunisation campaign.



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Partnership for Humanity

- 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.

Non-food items

- Distributions in Awol and Malawal Alu was completed,
- Distribution of NFI in Mabuin will be completed on 2 June 2008.
- Distribution of NFI in Mading Jok was completed
- A total of 3,240, 2,360 blankets, 1,875 sleeping mats, and 880 mosquito nets will be distributed by GOAL through their clinics targeting the most vulnerable (pregnant and lactating women, the disabled and other deserving cases).
- The team in the field has identified a gap in emergency shelter expertise.

Protection

- A total of t 230 children were reported as unaccompanied, missing or separated.
- The protection sector is also working at reactivating some Youth Centres in and around Agok.
- 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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