



**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 issue of security was also raised at the coordination meeting in Juba on 2 June 2008. The SSRRC will follow-up with the relevant authorities and feedback in the next coordination meeting. Generally the authorities have been supportive in facilitating access to the affected population.
3. Today 2nd June 2008, the main activities of the day centred at conducting the emergency response review and coordination meetings. In Turalei the first coordination meeting was held with 26 participants drawn from NGOs, UN, local NGOs, civic groups, government and international organisations.
4. An Inter-agency emergency response review was held on 2nd June 2008 in Agok. The authorities, NGOs and UN agencies participated in the review. The authorities were impressed with the speed, multi-sectoral, multi-agency and well coordinated response to the humanitarian crisis. The meeting also looked at the way forward and areas that needs scaling up.
5. CERF proposal development is ongoing in Juba with sector leads developing proposals based on a 90 day emergency response operation.
6. Thousands of people have been displaced in Gogrial County south of Wunrok following some inter-clan fighting and revenge attacks. The number of casualties could not be established at the time of posting this sitrep.

COORDINATION

1. At the inter-agency meeting was held in Turalei on 2 June 2008 as scheduled. GOAL was nominated to co-chair coordination meeting with SSRRC for the next three months.
2. OCHA deployed additional staff to facilitate overlaps in rotations.
3. CERF proposal development in on going in Juba by UN agencies with field and sector partners consultation.
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.

LOGISTICS

1. Rehabilitation of the Turalei – Wunrok road has started on one of the areas that were difficult to pass. This is progressing very fast and will see an improved access between the two areas.
2. 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
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Construction company was identified to rehab the road to the Mercy Corps compound, where the rwhall for Agok will be erected
6. WFP is putting 2 additional rwhalls in Wunrock for food

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Water and Sanitation

- MSF has started constructing two latrines in Agok out of the 24 it has planned.
- Water and sanitation activities are ongoing.
- WFP has availed about 40 empty drums to be used in the latrine construction. Mercy Corps was tasked to work together with UNICEF the sector lead in establishing to total empty drums that are required and feedback to WFP.
- Solid waste management has been identified as major concern that need both hardware and software support.
- GOAL is going to conduct health and hygiene promotion training 2 – 4 June 2008 in Agok.
- 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 are focusing at reaching areas that are cut off from supplies in Turalei.
- Food and NFI will continue this week in Turalei.
- World Vision is planning start food aid programmes in Twic County.
- 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

- MoH and WHO are going to launch the 3rd polio campaign 3 – 6 June 2008 in Twic County.
- Health centres have been reporting and increase in patients.
- A concern has been raised on the need to scale up nutritional support to the IDPs and the war affected host community.
- MSF-CH is using its mobile clinic to screen malnourished children with support from implementing partners.



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- ACF is planning to set up a stabilisation centre in Akoch.
- 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.
- 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

- 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 260 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.

Education

- Schools in the affected area have not opened since January 2008 with the exception of a mission run school that opened today. The missionary (diocese) school provides wet feeding to the children.
- This is an area that needs urgent attention in consultation with the relevant ministry of education targeting children from both the IDP population and the host community.

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