

Southern Sudan – Abyei Displacement
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SITUATION

1. Following outbreak of conflict in Abyei starting on 14th May, the majority of the residents of Abyei town have fled southwards to the areas of Abatok, Awal, Wunpeth, Malual Alio and Agok in the border areas and downwards into Twic County in Warrab State.
2. Locations and numbers affected in areas South of Abyei in South Kordofan not yet confirmed but a planning figure of 50,000 displaced is currently in use by implementing agencies. It should be noted that the affected population continues to move
3. Further displacement into Aweil East in Northern Bahr el Ghazal has been reported by SSRRC with ten trucks full of IDPs arriving in three locations across the county. A UN/NGO/SSRRC verified a further 253 displaced individuals in Mabil. Figures from the verification conducted in Manyeil and Malualbai are pending.
4. Displacement into Mayom and Abiemnom in Unity State also anticipated and being monitored by UN agencies with SSRRC. Agencies are preparing contingency plans for IDP arrivals. Some unconfirmed reports of IDPs along the border have been received.
5. Displaced from unrelated conflict in Gogrial West and East have been reported by SSRRC to have arrived in Turalei and several surrounding payams (SSRRC reported total of 10,100 in Ajakwach, Aweng, Turalei, Wunrok, Panyok and Akok payams)
6. There are also unconfirmed estimates of displaced population to the North of Abyei town of between 600-2000 people, however reports suggest that the displaced population have been absorbed and supported by the community or family members. The situation will be confirmed by UNJLC/RCO in a mission scheduled to begin 22nd May as security situation allows.

COORDINATION

1. Coordination meetings are being held in Juba on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1400 at SSRRC GoSS
2. Coordination meetings continue in Agok twice daily and are due to commence in Turalei from Saturday 24th May

LOGISTICS

1. UNICEF NFIs, primary healthcare kits, nutritional supplies and fuel were loaded on IOM trucks today for Turalei and Agok

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Water and Sanitation

- UNICEF has deployed 3 WES staff who are supporting the design and implementation of a comprehensive WASH strategy
- PACT and CRS in partnership with UNICEF have completed drilling of four boreholes
- Water trucking to Agok has commenced
- ACAD in partnership with UNICEF have completed rehabilitation of two of a planned 15 broken hand pumps
- WARDS in partnership with UNICEF will set up a slow sand filtration system and conduct hygiene promotion activities
- Provided 3 drums fuel to operationalized an existing water yard.
- UNICEF are sending additional WASH supplies

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- Medair, Oxfam and ACF France are sending a joint water, sanitation, and public health assessment team to identify complementary WASH activities in affected areas

Food Aid

- WFP has distributed 57.8 MT of food to 37,600 people in Abatok, Awal, Wunpeth, Agok
- Today food distribution took place in Malual Alio with 9.9MT distributed to 600 households
 - A total of 100.000 people have been targeted: 50.000 IDPs, 50.000 from host communities
 - WFP will distribute three day food rations to individuals until the registration of beneficiaries is completed
- Further food commodities are being transported by WFP to distribution sites, additional staff and logistics support are being deployed to support registration and distribution.
- A further six sites have been identified for registration and distribution

Health/Nutrition

- UNICEF received additional supplies of antigens in Wau sufficient to conduct emergency immunisation campaigns across the affected areas
- ICRC and WHO established additional triage services at Agok
- The MSF CH surgical team in Turalei operating out of the CCM supported hospital has now treated a total of 120 wounded patients
- UNFPA has dispatched reproductive health commodities to be managed by their reproductive health focal point, GOAL
- WHO has pre-positioned emergency supplies in Kadugli and has dispatched a full AWD/cholera kit in preparation for a possible outbreak, Additional emergency supplies including an Italian Emergency Kit have also been sent to the affected area. WHO Abyei had a number of PHC supplies pre-positioned to respond to this issue however reports of looting in town. From Kadugli, WHO continues to communicate and coordinate with Abyei health partners (WFP, UNICEF, RCSO, UNMIS) as well as NGO partners (MSF and GOAL MSF CH, GOAL, AAH USA, ACF France) to coordinate the health response.

Non-food items

- NFI planning figures remain 12,000 households; to date around 8,000 kits have been earmarked for the response from a range of partners
- MSF CH has distributed 500 NFI kits and will receive a further 500 kits tomorrow
- Caritas distributed 61 NFI kits in Mabil, Aweil East for the balance of IDPs who had arrived after the initial MSF F distribution
- IOM is preparing to dispatch 5,600 NFI kits (1,600 for Northern Bahr el Ghazal and 4,000 for Twic and border areas) pending identification of storage in Turalei and Agok

Protection

- UNICEF's child tracing work continues with a total of 40 unaccompanied children registered and 6 reunited with their families. A further 52 children have been registered as missing. Many unaccompanied children who are not yet registered have been observed in Turalei market.

Maps and NFI stocks and distribution matrices: Under construction to be posted on UNJLC website

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