

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 as well as into Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Unity states in smaller numbers.
2. Locations and numbers affected in areas South of Abyei are 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. A total of 1197 IDPs have been counted in Mabil and Malualkon. An INGO has reported a further 160 IDPs have arrived in Mathiang Dut Akot boma, Malualbai payam, Aweil East County.
4. Displacement into Mayom and Abiemnom in Unity State also anticipated and ten individuals were reported to have arrived in Bentiu. Agencies are preparing contingency plans for IDP arrivals.
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. Teams composed of OCHA, Resident Coordinator's Office, UNJLC are facilitating coordination of activities among partners on the ground. The teams are based in Agok and Juba
2. Coordination meetings are being held in Juba on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1400 at SSRRC GoSS.
3. Due to bad weather conditions, the daily coordination meeting in Agok could not take place.
4. A Juba health and nutrition coordination group led by the MOH has been established meeting every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 1500.

LOGISTICS

1. Due to transport shortage, requests are coming from the field for three IOM trucks to remain in Agok to assist of the transfer of food and NFIs to distribution sites.
2. JLC is facilitating the transfer of necessary cargo on available flights to Wunrock and Turalei.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Water and Sanitation

- UNICEF received additional supplies of WASH material in Agok
- MSF Suisse delivered WASH material to Turalei
- There is a need of additional latrines in Agok and Turalei. MEDAIR and UNICEF will coordinate latrines construction in both sites.

Food Aid

- Food distribution started yesterday in Turalei. WFP distributed 15.12 MT to 7,680 beneficiaries for 3 days preliminary ration.
- Headcount is due to start on Sunday in Agok Airstrip, Wauchin, Joljok, Mading Gok and Malual Aleu and will be followed by distribution of a 15 day food ration. Estimated requirements for pre-positioning in Agok to cover 15 days distribution after head count is 239MT.

Health/Nutrition

- MSF Suisse started a nutrition programme in Agok and plan to start a second one in Turalei for the complicated referral cases.
- MSF Suisse plans to support health consultation in Malual Aleu following a needs assessment.
- Measles campaign is being assessed by MSF Suisse and UNICEF. Results of the assessment will be available shortly.
- Increased disease outbreak surveillance is on-going as well as continued monitoring of the nutritional, reproductive health and health needs of the population through collective efforts of MoH GOAL, ADRA, ACF, CCM, MSF CH and WHO.

Non-food items

- NFI planning figures remain 12,000 households; to date 6.800 NFIs have been committed by partners.
- 1000 kits have been pre-positioned today in Agok airstrip. 1800 kits are stored in WARDS compound and will be pre-positioned in the next couple of days in Wauchin, Joljok, Mading Gok, Malual Aleu.
- Agencies agreed today with local authorities to proceed with NFIs distribution after the completion of the headcount.
- MSF Suisse has 1000 kits in Agok and a 1000 additional kits are on stand-by in Nairobi.
- MSF France distributed NFIs to 208 HH in Malual Kon (NBeG) yesterday.

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