

**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 have 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 at the moment in the area where IDPs have settled and in Abyei, with the exception of Agok north where food distributions were put on halt until the security situation in that area has stabilised.
3. Head count of affected people in areas South of Abyei was carried out, 25th May, in Agok, Wauchin, Joljok, Manding Jok.

N. of affected population by site:

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| ▪ Agok Airstrip | 7.218 |
| ▪ Wauchin | 6.522 |
| ▪ Manding Jok | 4.913 |
| ▪ Joljok | 3.380 |

TOTAL 22.033

In Abatok and Malbong authorities completed the registration process on 27 May 2008; however the breakdown of the registration was not available at the time when this update was submitted. Headcount and registration continues in other locations in both Turalei and Agok. About 2,000 more people were registered at the Agok Airstrip. The results of the registration process of IDPs will continue to be updated in the coming days.

4. Further displacement into Aweil East in Northern Bahr el Ghazal has been reported. A total of 1197 IDP have been counted in Mabil and Maluakon. An INGO has reported a further 160 IDPs have arrived in Mathiang Dut Akot boma, Malualbai payam, Aweil East County. UNMIS Child Protection Officer travelled to Maluakon and Mabil on 27 May 2008 to Aweil and were informed by SSRRC that some 538 IDP households in those two locations. Their immediate needs include food, water, health and shelter. The primary protection concern is missing and unaccompanied children. Save the Children UK and Sweden are planning to assess the number of unaccompanied children in that area and share information with other IDP locations in Twic, Agok and Turalei.
5. Displacement into Mayom and Abiemnom in Unity State was reported. Number of IDP is to be confirmed. Agencies are preparing contingency plans for IDP arrivals.
6. 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)
7. The rains and poor secondary road network hampers the humanitarian access into a number of locations.

1. 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 and Turalei) while in Juba meetings have been scaled down to three times a week at 14:00 hours at SSRRRC GoSS.
2. The coordination meeting to review the humanitarian response of the last two weeks will take place on Monday, 2nd of June. Sector planning for the raining season will also be discussed.
3. A Juba health and nutrition coordination group led by the MOH has been established meeting every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 1500.
4. In the coordination meeting held in Turalei MSF-Swiss and ADRA also participated, and it was agreed that agencies sending people to the field they should be self supporting in terms of food, accommodation and logistics since the current resources are already overstretched.

LOGISTICS

1. The cost of fuel has gone up to 700 SDG/barrel in Turalei which is an increase by 100% compared to usual selling prices in the market.
2. The Airstrip in Turalei needs upgrading considering the increase in volume of air traffic and the need to consider air transportation as some of the major link roads are not passable during the rain season.
3. The Road Agok – Turalei is all weather and can be used as a route for road transportation, while the Turalei – Wunrok is generally good except one stretch mid-way which need upgrading. The coordination team is appealing to UNMIS engineers to assist in close collaboration with local authorities. Work on the Wau – Wunrok road was stopped following the Abyei conflict.
4. All towns in Twic, Agok, Turalei and Wunrok are prone to flooding, hence the need for agencies to consider this in their response planning.
5. Due to heavy rains distribution of food and NFIs might be affected in the following days.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Water and Sanitation

- Sanitation provision remains a challenge and the team in the field is requesting for empty 200 litre drums that can be used in constructing pit latrines.
- Rapid assessments were carried out in Abyei and Twic counties covering Abatok, Malual-alue, Agok, Turalei, Wunrok, Panyjok, Juljok, Madin-gothian and Ganga. All locations are considered to have adequate coverage of water supply with the exception of Agok where a large number of IDPs settled and long queues are visible at the water points, with an estimated waiting time from two to three hours.
- Health and hygiene promotion has been identified as a gap that needs to be urgently filled in

Food Aid

- WFP have provided food in two distribution tranches. Initially, a 2 day emergency ration was provided to 37,682 people with a total of 40.7 MT. From 26 – 28 May 2008 following a headcount and registration exercise using tokens, 22,000 beneficiaries received a 15 day ration totalling 178.2MT. Light showers on Tuesday 28 May 2008 disrupted some of the distributions and distributions in Agok north will have to wait until the security situation in that area has stabilised.

Health/Nutrition

- Joint Ministry of Health and WHO polio campaign has been scheduled for 4 – 6 June 2008, targeting the IDPs and the host community.
- 130 wounded have been treated in Turalei hospital by MSF-CH. This number has not increased in the past few days. All other clinics, health posts and triage centres are operational in the Agok vicinity.

- GOAL's 11 health clinics in Twic County are open and are providing services to both IDPs and resident population. Malnutrition is a major concern in Awal, Abatok and Rum-Amer. As soon as the security situation allows partners should prioritize food distribution in those areas.

Non-food items

- By the end of 28 May 2008 about 6,450 kits will have been distributed in five locations (Agok airstrip 2,000, Manding Gok 1,000, Malual Aleu 1,450 from ICRC, Wauchin 1,000 and Joljok 1,000)
- Comprehensive NFI and food total should be available by 29 May 2008.

- NFIs received in Agok up to date:
 - 3.000 from UNICEF
 - 800 from WV
 - 1.000 from MSF Suisse
 - 1.450 ICRC (for Malual Aleu)
 - 1.000 of loose items from UNICEF**Total received: 7.250**

- NFIs en route to Agok:
 - 3.000 from Common Pipeline (Khartoum)
 - 2.000 IOM Khartoum
 - 1.000 MSF Suisse**Total expected: 6.000**

- NFIs en route & received in NBeG:
 - 208 kits were received and distributed by MSF Malual Kon
- NFIs en route to NBeG:
 - 1500 IOM from Khartoum

Protection

- A total of 94 children were reported missing in Agok among the IDPs, 17 children have been found unaccompanied/separated and one child found to be orphaned. Of the unaccompanied and separated children, 11 have so far been successfully reunified with their families through UNICEF-supported tracing programmes, implemented with partners including Save the Children-US.
- In Turalei and Panyok, 54 cases of unaccompanied children were reported, and UNICEF is supporting a rapid registration to cross-reference these children with the lists of missing children held in Agok. However, limited access to other villages makes it difficult to have a full picture of the number of children who may be separated from families or otherwise unaccounted for.
- UNICEF has provided 21 recreation kits to Agok, including footballs, volleyball nets, skipping ropes and other play materials to support the psychosocial needs of children who were displaced from Abyei.

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