



Weekly Bulletin
Humanitarian Action in Southern Sudan
Week 23, 08 – 14 June 2008

NOTICE BOARD

- ✚ **Notice 1:** The Abyei Situation Report has been scaled down to once a week. It is a separate report focusing on the Abyei IDPs emergency only.
- ✚ **Notice 2:** Humanitarian agencies assisting IDPs from Abyei are kindly requested to complete the humanitarian response tracking form that has been circulated. The form should be updated every Friday and emailed to OCHA (lokoya@un.org, CC: maputseni@un.org). If you need to request the form or you have questions, send a quick email.

I. POPULATION MOVEMENTS AND RETURNS

Returns & Reintegration (from UNMIS/RRR, IOM)

Joint Organized Return Plan

- In Unity state during this week, a total of 219 individuals (62 households) were transported in two convoys to Turalei bringing the total number of Kharasana IDPs assisted to return to their original home states to 544 individuals (167 households). They returned to areas like Aweil, Wau and Turalei.
- On 13th of June 2008 some 200 individuals (86 households) were transported by IOM from Juba way station to Torit way station.

State & SPLA Organized Returns

- 1,733 individuals were transported from Khartoum to Northern Bahr el Ghazal State.
- On 13 June, the pusher Aradaiba with four cargo barges left for Malakal. The total number of returnees on board was 164 individuals (32 households).
- As of Friday 13 June, a total of 464 individuals (126 households) were

waiting at Kosti to proceed to their destinations in the Equatoria States.

- The expected state/Goss organized return of 3,396 individuals from the north started arriving on 12 June. UNMIS/RRR met with WFP and SSRRC on 13 June and confirmed that SSRRC would collect the manifest from all the other arrivals in the rest of the remaining four counties and submit to WFP for verification.

Self Organized/Spontaneous Returns

The ADRA/IOM team in Kosti reported a total of 730 individuals (150 households) passing through the transit hub in spontaneous movements from 30 May to 5 June, representing an increase by 50% compared to the previous week. The main destinations were South Kordofan and Upper Nile.

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(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: UNMIS/RRR, IOM, UNHCR)

II. SITUATION, NEEDS AND RESPONSE BY SECTOR

Coordination and Common Services (from UNICEF)

- A Maternal Health and Safe Motherhood coordination meeting was held in Malakal. Twenty-six participants from the GoSS, NGOs and UNICEF attended the meeting. Key recommendations during the meeting included; strengthening of the HMIS on maternal and neonatal services, adopting unified reporting format for the States, the need for HIV and Syphilis test kits for prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT) programme in the existing 33 primary health care centres (PHCCs) and six hospitals and scaling up of Tetanus Toxoid vaccination coverage among women of child-bearing and breastfeeding age (WCBA), mainly targeting schools girls.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: OCHA, RCO, UNICEF, WFP, SSRRC, UNDSS, UNMIS, UNJLC, IOM)

Disease outbreaks (from WHO, EP&R-OCHA/Oxfam GB/Medair/UNJLC)

- Cholera -From 9-14th June there were 215 new cholera cases in Juba with 3 deaths. These cases are still being managed with support from MSF-Spain in Juba Teaching Hospital and Munuki Cholera Treatment Centre (CTC). In Parajok, the Medair CTC has been handed over to the Ministry of Health and Diocese of Torit and few new cases were seen. The Ministry of Health has sent extra support staff to Parajok and Owinyikibul. Cholera has been confirmed by samples taken during assessments by MoH/WHO in Terekeka and Awerial County. There were 8 new cases in Awerial while Terekeka had 19 cases with one death. Chlorine and medical supplies have been made available to the ADRA clinic in Terekeka and support has been provided to the Community Health Workers providing treatment in Awerial County. A joint Merlin and MoH assessment to Lafon County in Eastern Equatoria State (EES) did not find any cases of acute watery diarrhoea. With Medair support in training and provision of supplies the isolation ward for management of cholera cases was reopened at El Sabbat Childre's Hospital.
- Measles - Five cases of measles with one death have been reported in Pibor by MSF-Belgium. Plans for a mop up measles campaign are on course.

Health (from UNICEF)

- UNICEF provided technical and financial support to the EPI activities in Agok. Children under five were immunized against measles and polio. The child bearing age women were immunized against Tetanus. The activities took place with the support of the NGOs like GOAL and MSF-Swiss. The main actor was the Ministry of Health.
- UNICEF provided technical and financial support to a life skills training session on HIV/AIDS that took place in Aweil, Northern Bahr el Ghazal (NBeG) State for 40 peer educators. The training was organized by the state Aids Commission Director, assisted by the state Aids Coordinator from the Ministry of Health together with UNICEF HIV/AIDS Officer. Awareness was also raised during a football mach that took place at the freedom square of Aweil.

- One Sibir fridge and 20 Primary Health Care Unit (PHCU) kits were sent to Malakal by UNICEF to strengthen cold chain and healthcare services respectively.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: Goal, Ministry of Health, MSF-Switzerland, SSRRC, and UNICEF, WHO as sector lead)

Protection (from UNICEF)

- UNICEF has donated 10 bicycles to the Ministry of Social Development in Yambio to facilitate mobility of social workers in support of monitoring and follow up of cases in the communities.
- Two training sessions were conducted in Adong and Abwong Payams for two child welfare committees (CWCs). Thirty members were trained in each payam bringing the total of members for the two payams to 60 people including both men and women.
- In Upper Nile and four states of Great Bahr el Ghazal, celebrations for the ‘Day of the African Child’ have begun. In collaboration with the Department for Child Welfare in Malakal, children interviewed the Ministers from line Ministries asking them about government plans and strategies regarding their roles to protect children’s rights in Upper Nile State. Dissemination of key messages on child protection and on the child bill was done. In WBeG, the opening ceremony was attended by the Governor and the day was marked by drama, songs, dances and a football tournament. UNICEF supported the MoSD in celebrating the day in Warrap and WBG states.
- On the 6th June 2008 CHORM staff plus the Child Welfare Committees conducted an awareness-raising rally on issues of sexual exploitation and abuse for children, early marriage, corporal punishment for children in families/schools and child labour, which is rampant in Baliet county. Up to 280 adults and 300 children benefited from the session.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: UNMIS, UNICEF, SSRRC/GoSS, department of social welfare in Agok)

Non-Food Items - NFI (from UNICEF)

- UNICEF gave 50 NFI kits, to support the 128 families displaced to Madebe and Ibba following the LRA attack in Nabanga.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: ACF-USA, Caritas, Concern, CSI-USA, Goal, ICRC, IOM, Mercy Corps, MSF-Swiss, SC-USA, SSRRC, UNICEF, WARDS, WFP, World Vision, and UNJLC as sector lead. For details contact: Thomas.Nyambane@wfp.org)

Nutrition (from UNICEF)

- In Unity, plumpy nuts, mid and upper arm circumference (MUAC) and weighing scales were distributed to Nyal, Mayiendit and Guit health facilities by UNICEF for managing moderated malnourished children at community level.

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Food Security and Sustainable Livelihoods (from FAO)

- Despite the logistical difficulties encountered by FAO and ACROSS in delivery agricultural tools and seeds to Maper in Rumbek North, the seeds were finally delivered and distributed to 700 households bringing to completion the seed and tool distribution for targeted households in Lakes State.

- In Upper Nile State, FAO in partnership with ADRA distributed a total 16 MT of crop seeds to 2 000 returnee and vulnerable community households in Maiut, Longochok and Nasir Counties.
- In Unity State, in total 10.92 MT of various crop seeds and 7,280 pieces of assorted hand tools were distributed to 1,820 households in Rubkona, Mayom, Guit, and Abeynoum Counties. FAO partnered with NYCA and GAA for the distribution.
- FAO in collaboration with Women Organization for Training and Promotion (WOTAP) distributed a total of 7.57 MT of crops seeds and 1 788 assorted hand tools to 596 households in Wau County.
- A total of 1 820 spontaneous returnees households in Jur River County received 5 680 pieces of assorted hand tools and 12.74 MT field crops seeds.
- In support of and promotion of the use of appropriate agricultural technologies, FAO together with the state Ministry of Agriculture and implementing partner ACROSS was able to provide 10 ox-ploughs for the two counties of Rumbek East and Central respectively. These ploughs are given to farmers' groups and will benefit 100 households. Elsewhere in Wullu county, Six farming groups were provided with six (ox-ploughs in order to promote animal traction in the County. Agricultural inputs like Treadle pumps, hoes, pangas, malodas and sickles to support six school vegetable gardening projects in Lakes State.
- FAO provided 11.5 Kgs of assorted vegetables seeds to implementing partner IRD for demonstration and horticultural training purposes in Bailet, Ulang, Nasir and Malakal.
- In Jonglei, FAO provided Bor Self Help Women Group of returnees with 4kgs of assorted vegetable seeds and 20 Pieces of different hand tools for their demonstration garden. The group is expected to train 60 members on horticulture and marketing to help in crop diversification and improved nutrition.
- 22 fisher folk (12 men and 10 women) completed a 10 day training session on fish nets braiding. The workshop was organized by the fisheries department in collaboration with FAO, which also provided 50 spools of fishing twines for the training.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: FAO, ADRA, Mercy Corps, ACROSS, WOTAP)

Water and Sanitation (from UNICEF, IOM)

- Nineteen broken down boreholes were rehabilitated, 5 in Boro-Medina Payam, 14 in Raga Payam Raga County, increasing access to safe water for 9,500 people in Western Bahr el Ghazal State.
- Four boreholes were drilled in Aweil town. Drilling of a borehole in Aweil civil hospital was successfully completed with the installation of a submersible pump now providing adequate amount of water for patients in Aweil Hospital.
- Eight boreholes have been rehabilitated in Aweil Town increasing access to safe water for 4,000 people
- Seventeen broken down hand-pumps were rehabilitated in Kauc North Payam Gogrial West Warrap State, increasing access to safe water for 8,500 people.
- Fifteen latrine slabs were repositioned in Aweil East together with water and environmental sanitation team from ACF as part of WASH emergency preparedness and response.

- IOM in Kwajok, Warrap state: 10 boreholes were drilled within the frame of the Sustainable Return and Reintegration program. The erection of one block of 12 latrines is ongoing in Kwajok town.
- IOM in NBeG: drilling of 20 boreholes was completed in (Aweil East; Aweil North; Mayen Ullem; Mangarton). Construction and upgrading of four small water distribution systems is ongoing (in Mayen Ullem; Gok Machar; Aweil town). Excavation of 30 hand-dug wells is ongoing; and the construction of three latrine blocks is ongoing in Aweil town.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: ICRC, Save the Children US, MSF Switzerland, GOAL, Mercy Corps, two local partners, Ministry of Health and UNICEF as sector lead)

Mine Action (from UNMAO)

- Norwegian Peoples' Aid (NPA) completed the demining of a number of minefields on the Juba-Yei Road: three in Kenyi (including one at Lora Health Facility), one in Monkindi and one in Makindi.
- The Mines Advisory Group (MAG) completed clearance of the anti-personnel minefield at Chukudum while Armor Group completed a route survey of Aroya – Marial Bai (and found no dangerous areas).
- The remainder of personnel from the 315th Cambodian Military Demining Company arrived in Malakal on 10th June. The company is currently acclimatizing, training, and preparing for accreditation so that they can work on mine clearance, survey and explosive ordnance disposal tasks. Meanwhile the Kenyan Military Demining Company is undergoing in-country training in preparation for accreditation.
- Sections of Central Equatoria have been raised to Level 3 and due to the lack of proper armed escorts, a number of mine action tasks will be suspended prematurely, before the end of the season.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: United Nations Mine Action Office)

III. ASSESSEMENTS AND MISSIONS

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