

# Sierra Leone: Landslide and Floods

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### Situation overview

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Following emergency response to the landslide and floods in and around Freetown on 14 August 2017, the UN system in Sierra Leone is now supporting national recovery.

Under national leadership and drawing on a number of assessments, including the recently-completed Damage and Loss Assessment, the Risk Management and Recovery Action Plan is currently being developed and is scheduled for completion in October 2017.

In the meantime, UN agencies and humanitarian organizations continue to address the urgent needs of those affected. For the purpose of information and coordination, these efforts are detailed here.

### Recovery efforts

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#### HEALTH

##### UNICEF

- Provided technical input to the completion of trainings for personnel involved in the Oral Cholera Vaccination campaign including 61 national and zonal supervisors, 225 district supervisors and 30 independent monitors. Training for 2,901 vaccinators and other team members will be completed on 14 September.
- Supported the development of the vaccine distribution plan. The distribution of the vaccine from the central level to the peripheral health units is scheduled for 14 September.

##### UNFPA

- Facilitated the transportation of 27 affected pregnant women from Old School Camp, Mothemeh Camp, Juba Barracks, Don Bosco and Pentagon to the Planned Parenthood Association of Sierra Leone Sexual Reproductive Health Clinic for comprehensive antenatal checks, including full laboratory investigations and ultrasound scanning. Information sessions were held on the importance of antenatal care, adequate diet, and prevention of malaria,

tetanus complications and danger signs during pregnancy. All of the clients received the full complement of antenatal services and those who had medical conditions/illnesses were seen and treated (bringing the total reached to 110 women). Out of 27 pregnant women, there was one woman with hypertension and another suspected small gestational age.

- Distributed 25 mama and baby kits (locally known as *mama en pikin* packs) to pregnant women in the communities of Pentagon and Juba. The mama and baby kits contain essential items including nappies, baby clothes, sanitary pads, wrappers, washing powder and other baby products (bringing the total to 80 women reached).

### **World Vision International Sierra Leone (WVSL)**

- Distributed NFIs under protection, WASH and Health pillars: Blankets - 2,898; Mattresses (4' x 4') - 2,548; Bed sheet - 2,282; Table spoon - 4,297; Aluminum cooking pots - 806 sets; Drinking cup - 3,948; Plate - 4,697; Sola lamps - 700; Tarpaulin (large size) - 700; Rubber bucket for toilet- 830; Kitchen knives - 700; Aluminum big serving spoon - 350; Rice cooking/serving spoon - 350; Veronica Bucket - 1,099; Water purification (P&G) sachets - 65,940; Cloth for sieving water - 1,099 yds.; ORS- 8,300 pkts.; Sanitary pad - 700 pkts, Jerry can (empty 5 gallon) - 350; Toilet bag - 1,099; Toilet soap (6 in pack)2,049pkts; Laundry soap - 4,998 cake; Tooth brush -3,948; Tooth paste - 4,697 tubes Children's chamber - 1,099; Exercise book (80 pages) - 3,745; Pen - 1,498; Pencils - 1,498 and Popo back/back pack - 749. Also payment of burial teams.
- 1,099 households, 5,474 persons – 1,403 females, 1,401 males, and 2,670 children.

### **Save the Children**

- Donated recreation and hygiene items to Family Home Movement (FHM) for use in Child Friendly Spaces across Old Skool, Kamayama and Juba, benefitting 189 children.
- Screened and referred five boys and eight girls to various community health centers for treatment of minor ailments.
- Continued hygiene-promotion activities with the distribution of cleaning tools to four affected communities.

### **Handicap International**

- Provided Rehabilitation and Assistive Device Support to flood/mudslide victims through Connaught Hospital Psychotherapy Department and the National Rehabilitation Centre in Juba and Kaningo, Kamayama and Regent.

### **WHO**

- Supported surveillance and lab pillars for enhanced surveillance and improved diagnostic capacity.
- Conducted nutrition surveys to guide response.
- Immediately activated communication for all health workers in the two affected districts (CUG).
- Instituted trainings for health workers in facilities and in communities on various aspects of health.
- Engaged affected communities and leaders together with DHMTs in the two districts
- Led health sector coordination through the national EOC.

- Worked alongside Ministry of Health through appropriate pillars at all sites.

## IOM

- Provided extensions to medical clinics with temporary screening and isolation areas in Juba/Kaningo.

## Caritas

- Mobile clinics in all communities and have treated about 2700 patients so far.



## UNICEF

- In partnership with Catholic Relief Services, continued to support the daily provision and delivery of water to the affected communities at the temporary displacement centres. To date, 787,000 litres of water have been supplied through water trucking (317,000 litres in Regent, 150,000 litres in Kaningo, 95,000 litres in Pentagon and 225,000 litres in Old Skool), benefiting approximately 5,900 people (including day visitors).
- Continued to provide sanitation services at the three temporary displacement centres in Regent, Kaningo and Pentagon, benefitting approximately 6,800 people (including day visitors).
- Promotion of handwashing continued in the temporary displacement centres, through the provision of handwashing stations, water and soap, as well as hygiene education to communities at the temporary displacement centres and neighbouring communities. Hygiene education focused on proper handwashing and prevention of diarrheal diseases in children. To date, over 19,891 people received hygiene education including 7,169 in Regent, 3,356 in Kaningo, 5,582 in Pentagon, 1,274 in Old Skool, 600 in Kamayama and 1,910 for communities around Connaught, 34 Military, PCMH and Lumley hospitals.
- Installation of household rain water harvesting systems (RWHS) has started in the three locations of Regent, Kaningo and Pentagon/Kamayama. The training of 10 installation teams per location has been completed in all the three areas. A total of 35 RWHS have been installed. Installations will be scaled up going forward.
- The distribution of Aquatabs is now tied to the RWHS installation. Each household is getting 50 tabs, until the arrival of the Aquatabs consignment when the balance of 300 tabs per household will be distributed to households already covered by the RWHS package. In total, each household will get 350 tabs covering a period of three months. Since the beginning of the response, 109,800 Aquatabs have been distributed to 15,456 people who were directly affected by the floods and landslide [79,750 Aquatabs in Kaningo (1,595 households), 13,250 in Regent (265 households) and 16,800 in Pentagon/Kamayama respectively (336 households)]. The distribution is accompanied by hygiene education on effective use of the Aquatabs and safe water chain.
- UNICEF through its partner Action for Development (ADP-SL) has so far reached a total of 9,719 persons comprising of both patients as well as visiting relatives with hygiene education aimed at infection prevention and control. These includes 2,554 persons at PCMH, 1832 at Lumley, 4,584 at Connaught and 749 at Kaningo CHC.

- Provision of disinfection and self-protection materials to health facilities continued. Nine packs of soap and gloves were provided at PCMH, one pack at Lumley, six packs at Connaught and three packs at Kaningo.
- Installation of permanent communal handwashing stations also continued with five being installed at Connaught, two at PCMH and two at Lumley hospitals. The permanent handwashing stations at Kaningo are under construction.
- UNICEF continued to support the WASH pillar coordination with joint monitoring of ongoing response activities, conduct of regular coordination meetings, and technical advisory support.

### **Red Cross**

- Sensitization on hygiene promotion (hand washing, latrine cleaning, waste management, ORS solutions, personal hygiene)
- Distribution of liquid soap and disinfectants to Juba camp
- 970 households, 5521 persons in Culvert.

### **CRS**

- Provided chlorinated trucked water in Dwazark, Juba service, Juba Bridge, WFP camp, Regent camp2, Regent camp3, Saio elementary, Kaningo, and Old skool.

### **Christian Aid Sierra Leone**

- Provided Community Health Workers (CHWs) and volunteers on Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion in Juba/Kaningo. The aim of this one-day training is to ensure CHWs and volunteers from Kaningo, Pentagon and Juba barracks have the basic knowledge and skills necessary to prevent the outbreak of preventable diseases during this period of emergency. Training participants will develop community health sensitization plans for the three communities mentioned here, where the CHWs and volunteers will raise awareness on basic sanitation and hygiene practices help increase sanitation and hygiene awareness within these communities. The sensitization sessions will include examining existing hygiene behaviours and practices and understand how transmission of disease takes place and how it can be prevented both at a household and community level.
- 46 persons – 20 female, 26 male.

### **CARE International**

- Distributed water through 10,000-liter capacity tank. As of 30 August, CARE had installed three water tanks (each water tank has a capacity of 10,000 litres) to service the daily water requirements for drinking, cooking, bathing, washing and other domestic use) of affected population in Kamayama community. CARE also ensures water refilling in the 3 stations.
- Installed two water tanks (each water tank has a capacity of 10,000 litres) to service the daily water requirements for drinking, cooking, bathing, washing and other domestic use) of affected population in Pentagon community. CARE also ensures water refilling in the 2 stations.
- Installed one water tank (a water tank has a capacity of 10,000 litres) to service the daily water requirements for drinking, cooking, bathing, washing and other domestic use) of affected population in Kaningo community. CARE also ensures water refilling in the station.
- Refilled 10,000 litres of water to CARE's two water tanks in Pentagon.
- Installed a water tank (10,000-liter capacity, with six water taps) in Kamayama.

- Supplied 10,000 liters of clean water to Kainingo community.
- Distributed 40,000 liters of clean water in Kainingo, Pentagon, Kamayama.
- Distributed 30,000 liters of clean water to Kamayama.

### Action Against Hunger

- Distributed water trucking and aqua tabs in Culvert. 2667 people per day.
- Distributed water trucking, aqua tabs, and provided door to door hygiene promotion in Wellington.
- Distributed hygiene kits to 200 households, bottled water to 100 households, and door to door hygiene promotion in the Rosezain Pre-primary School shelter in Culvert.

### Street Child

- Distributed ready-to-eat food packages and water at shelters, as well as door to door hygiene promotion and distribution in:
- **Regent:** 1039 ready-to-eat food packages were distributed within the centre. 306 females, 82 males, 448 children. 39 pregnant and 82 breastfeeding (calculated along with the adult women number above) + 13 PWD.
- **Juba/Kainingo:** 775 ready-to-eat food packages were distributed within the center + 81 households were visited in communities. 221 females, 46 males, 364 children. 18 pregnant and 46 breastfeeding (calculated along with the adult women number above) + 1 PWD. The visited households all received soap. Street Child was the only organization providing food. The team observed (no participation) that registration verification was done house by house. In the community, people are still using the well and asking for chlorine powder.
- **Kamayama:** 976 ready-to-eat food packages were distributed within the center + 52 households were visited in communities. 309 females, 67 males, and 458 children. 17 pregnant and 67 breastfeeding (calculated along with the adult women number above) + 4 PWD. The visited households all received soap and 9 water filtering packages were distributed. For the government registration verification, 15 families were verified (in collaboration with Street Child staff).
- **Culvert:** 803 ready-to-eat food packages were distributed within the center + 25 households were visited in communities. 316 females, 140 males, 437 children. 118 pregnant and 140 breastfeeding (calculated along with the adult women number above) + 3 PWD. Water and 100pc soap were distributed. The team helped with government registration verification, identifying 110 households.
- **Dwarzark:** 299 ready-to-eat food packages were distributed within the center + 19 households were visited within communities. 79 females, 22 males, 194 children. 16 pregnant and 22 breastfeeding (calculated along with the adult women number above) + 0 PWD. The visited households all received soap.

### CARE International

- Distributed water trucking at 10,00 litre/day (3 sites) for 3 days and hygiene kits in Kamyama.

### World Hope International

- Distributed water filters and water purification tablets, cups, buckets, and provided Hygiene promotion - messaging and distribution of soap in Juba/Kainingo.
- 2704 households, 704 persons.

**Trocaire**

- Distributed dignity kits with soap, towels, plastic bucket, women’s underwear, flip-flops, saba, kettle, hygiene pads, torch, toothbrush, lapa, ghana must go bag, hand sanitiser, plastic plates and cups in Kamayama and Regent.

**FOOD & NUTRITION****UNICEF**

- Peer supervisors in Western Area were re-oriented on reporting nutrition data through RapidPro on 9 September 2017. Common data quality issues encountered were discussed, and potential solutions on how to address data quality issues were deliberated.
- Report from RapidPro by CHWs working in emergency areas revealed that 1,280 children under-five years of age were screened from 4 to 13 September.
- Out of the 1,280 children screened, 38 had severe acute malnutrition (3 per cent), and three (0.2 per cent) had moderate acute malnutrition. There were some data quality issues observed with reports received from CHWs from 4 to 10 September 2017. To address these issues, implementing NGO partners were informed to investigate on the techniques applied by CHWs when taking mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) measurements, and review the screening tally sheets.
- All children identified with severe acute malnutrition and three children with moderate acute malnutrition were referred to the nearest outpatient therapeutic programme (OTP) sites for further assessment.
- All mothers/caregivers of children with severe and moderate acute malnutrition were counselled on optimal infant and young child and caring practices. There was no reported case of breastmilk substitute donation in the flood affected areas.

**CARE International**

- Distributed food and non-food items to Don Bosco Orphanage Center, Wilberforce Catholic Church, as well as unconditional cash transfers in Kamayama.

**WFP**

- WFP delivered a two-month food and nutrition ration to children residing at Don Bosco, Rainy Day and St. George’s shelters.

**Christian Aid Sierra Leone**

- Distributed food and non-food items in Kanigo and Pentagon communities. This was done jointly by NETHIPS and WoNES with Christian Aid staff supporting the process throughout. In attendance, also to witness and support the distribution exercise were faith leaders (Muslim and Christian), community chiefs, staff from the Ministry of Social welfare, Gender and Children’s Affairs, Office of National Security (ONS), youth leaders and volunteers. A total of 150 households received food and non-food items; 100 at the Kanigo and 50 at Pentagon reaching an estimated household population of 900. The items distributed were: 300bags of

50kg rice (2 per HH), 150gals of cooking oil (1 gallon per HH), 150bags of salt (1 bag per HH), 100bags of Onion (2 bags per HH), 30bails of used clothes (1 per 5 HHs), 450 pieces of tooth brush (3 per HH), 800 packets of sanitary pad (5 per HH), 300 pieces of bathing soap (2 per HH), 450 pieces paste (3 per HH), 300 drinking buckets (2 per HH), 450 pieces of Dettol (3 per HH) and 450 pieces of deodorant (3 per HH). Procurement of food items was done by WoNES whilst NETHIPS procured the non-food items, but sorting out of items and distribution was done jointly. 900 individuals—585 female, 315 male.

### Plan International

- Donated food: Pusawa Rice (parboiled) - 200bags; vegetable oil -50 of 20litres; Palm oil 50 of 20litres; Onions100 bags 25kg; Maggi - 100 pkt; Salt 20 of 10kg; Grafton purified water 1,000 bundles in Regent and Kaningo.
- 1000 households. 700 persons 100 females, 100 men, and 500 children.

### Muslim Aid

- Distributed food, hygiene & dignity and kitchen/HH packs
- 94 households, 3000 persons.

### Caritas

- Provision of cooked food in the evening with water in Regent (479 individuals) and Hill Station (400 individuals)



## SHELTER

### IOM

- Survey/mapping of allotted space for camp site at Juba barracks by IOM Shelter experts for an expected 1000 persons.
- Distributed NFIs (100 buckets, 300 plates, 300 mugs, 96 spoons)
- Construction of communal kitchen
- Two half-day introductory training on Camp Management and Camp Coordination (CCCM) for ONS, NaCSA and service providing agencies
- Tarpaulins, mattresses, blankets, bucket (30 L), jerry cans (22 L), plates, mugs, spoons, cooking pots, cooking spoons, and a kitchen knife to 40 households in Wellington.
- Site Planning for a camp which could host 50 households, pitching tents, instalment of floor pallets, fencing and temporary drainage in Kaningo School ICC/shelter.
- Distributed NFI kits (tarpaulins, mattresses, blankets, bucket (30 L), jerry cans (22 L), plates, mugs, spoons, cooking pots, cooking spoons, and a kitchen knife) to 150 households in Mountain Cut and 127 households in Dwarzark.
- Constructed a shaded area, and provided 110 sandbags for care and maintenance of tents in Juba/Kaningo.

### UNOPS

- Assisting in coordinating the supply of building material for the construction of an open fire kitchen and renovation work on the main building at Hill Station: Old School proposed shelter.

- UNOPS with UK Aid rehabilitated a road washed away next to bridge that is servicing Charlotte CHC. Approx. 300 households reached, 1200 persons. 9 members of the community are helping UNOPS to rehabilitate the road and strengthen the embankment next to the bridge with the financial backing of UK Aid. The work is expected to finish on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

### Trocaire

- Facilitating information flow to and from communities through outreach (& kiosks when established) in Culvert, Regent, Kamayama, Dwarzark, Juba/Kaningo, and Mountain Cut.



## LIVELIHOODS

### WFP

- Distributed identification cards to 1,667 (88 percent) of registered and verified household heads in Culvert, Dwazark, Juba, Kamayama, Kaningo, Regent and Old Skool shelter. The ID cards will facilitate the humanitarian and early recovery cash transfer packages through November.
- On 15 September, WFP Logistics and M&E team conducted a commodity tracking and management tool training for the Office of National Security and the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces to facilitate. On 18 September, WFP trained 28 partners, consisting of Government and INGO workers, on the logistics of in-kind food distribution.

### UNICEF

- With the support of DFID, UNICEF and partners (WFP, the National Commission for Social Action, the Anti-Corruption Commission of Sierra Leone, Restless Development, Airtel, the Red Cross, as well as religious leaders) households are being enrolled in the humanitarian cash transfer programme, funded by UK Aid.
- A total of 776 households were enrolled to receive the cash transfers from 12 to 14 September in Old Skool, Regent and Dwarzark, Kamayama and Juba. The registration of remaining sites (Culvert and Kaningo) will be continued on 15 September.
- The Government has approved US\$120 as an immediate unconditional transfer of cash and two subsequent instalments of US\$30, each in October and November to support nearly 2,000 households. These instalments will be supplemented by an additional transfer from WFP, which is estimated as the food needs of the household per month. These transfers will be given to registered households irrespective of their family size. Additionally, a one-off conditional recovery aid cash transfer will be provided as soon as possible to the households who wish to voluntarily settle outside the camp.

### Tearfund

- Provided cash disbursement in Kamayama, Dwarzark (65 households, 390 persons), Culvert (127 households, 762 persons), Juba/Kaningo (60 households, 360 persons).



## ENVIRONMENT

### UNDP

- Distributed tools for recovery of corpses at Kamayama.
- Collected tools such as shovels, pick axes, body bags, rain boots, megaphone, protective gears, and sanitizers, face masks, etc, from the EOC at Regent (Sular Loaf Mudslide) and delivered to community volunteers at Kamayama and Pentagon.
- Assessing flood & mudslide affected communities for clearing of debris in Mountain Cut, Kanningo, Kamayama, Pentagon, Regent, Kissy Brook (Culvert downstream of Bormeh Waste Dump Site), and Wellington.
- The idea is to engage community volunteers to clear debris from water ways in flood & mudslide affected communities.

### UNOPS

- Distribution of solar lanterns in Juba/Kanningo.

### Caritas

- Community engagement and orientation of community volunteers on proposed cleaning of drainages (22) at Culvert.
- Community engagement on proposed clean-up of affected houses, mapping of houses and selection of volunteers in Pentagon (180 houses), Kamayama (165 houses), and Kanningo (155 houses).

### Caritas

- Cleaning of communities at Kamayama, Kanningo and Culvert.



## PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT / PROTECTION

### IOM

- Distributed NFI kits to 131 households, reaching approx. 700 persons in Dwarzark Community Centre

### GOAL

- Training of community leaders on psychological first aid in Juba/Kanningo, Culvert, Regent and Mountain Cut
- Training community leaders on child protection in Culvert
- Training on child protection for community leaders in Regent, Juba/Kanningo and Mountain Cut
- Working with the Ministry of Social welfare and other partners to provide protection desk services in Culvert: Rosezain Pre-primary School shelter
- Children's social therapy day conducted at all sites

**Save the Children**

- Provided Psychosocial First Aid (PSS/PFA) to a total of 572 beneficiaries (89 males, 148 females, 143 boys, 181 girls). In addition, four disabled people and seven elderly people were supported though the gender breakdown is not available at present. Of the 148 females, 11 were pregnant and 14 were lactating.
- Provided daily support to four Protection Desks at Old Skool, Kamayama, Dwarzack and Juba.
- Provided light refreshments to a total of 219 children across Dwarzack, Old Skool, Kamayama and Juba during recreational activities.
- Participated in a 'Child Social Therapy' session at Family Kingdom which reached 25 boys and 25 girls.

**Plan International**

- Establishment of Child Protection Desk in Juba/Kaningo.
- 1000 households. (700 persons: 100 females, 100 men, and 500 children)
- Provision for Child friendly Space at each of the two centres
- Plan International Sierra Leone in Collaboration with the Ministry Of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs on Tuesday 12 September 2017 conducted Child Protection in Emergencies training for Humanitarian Workers at Juba Camp.
- Plan International Sierra Leone through the Social Mobilization and Communication pillar conducted a poll that interviews 1050 affected victims on key issues raised by affected persons of the mudslide/flooding. Most Affected persons think that Child Protection/Psychosocial, support Education, Food and Non-Food Relief Health/WASH, Housing are the top issues that government and agencies should continue to focus on. (Conducted in: Culvert ICC (off Racecourse Rd), Rosezain Pre-primary School shelter (off Racecourse Rd), Dwarzark Community Centre ICC/proposed shelter (on George Brook Rd), Juba Baracks proposed shelter (on Peninsular Rd), Kaningo School ICC/shelter (on Yumkella Rd), NIC proposed shelter (near Kaningo, off Yumkella Rd), Pentagon).
- Deployed 10 Youth volunteers that have been engaged in massive Social Mobilization through the Social Mobilization pillar at the Juba Camp, Culvert, Pentagon and Dwarzak

**UN Women**

- Distribution of Dignity Kits (towel, toiletries, sanitary wares and cotton wrap) in Regent. 60 household. 300 women and 133 were single parents. These dignity kits were meant to provide basic but most required items that women will need following the loss of homes. More than 600 women in the other communities have been received these earlier.

**CRS**

- Psychological support to an estimated 200 people daily in Juba/Kaningo

**CARE INTERNATIONAL:**

- Community engagement on health, sanitation and hygiene in Culvert, Dwarzark, Kaningo, Kamayama, Regent, and Murray Town.
- 1734 households reached in Culvert. 2,266 persons — 1239 females, 1027 males.

### Handicap International

- Providing Psycho-social support and Psycho-social First Aid to affected Victims through counselling and house to house follow-up in Juba/Kaningo (50 households) and Kamayama (50 households).
- Providing Psycho-social support counselling and Psycho-Social First Aid to Victims in Regent (approx. 50 households).
- Sexual and gender based violence and child protection sensitization meeting with household women and children in Wellington. (151 persons – 66 female, 6 male, and 78 children).

### Red Cross

- Provided psychosocial support to survivors through one-on-one and group discussions in Culvert.
- Conducted psycho-education activities with children (games, playing etc).
- Provided PSS to Red Cross responders.
- Referral of specialized cases for further care and support.
- 877 households, 5000 persons.

### WHO

- Supported Ministry of Health through the psychosocial pillar to provide counselling, psychological first aid and mental health care to the affected communities.
- Trained mental health nurses and volunteers, facilitated volunteers, nurses and clinicians to provide care to camps and affected communities.
- Supported risk communication and community engagement through the EOC at national level and DHMTs.
- Facilitated activation and functionality of EOCs at national and district level.
- Case management for trauma and management of common ailments in the IDPs, IPC for burial teams and ambulance staff.
- Deployed Mental Health nurses and Psychiatrist who offered counselling, PFA and mental health care among IDPs.
- Procured trauma kits, disease diagnostic kits for immediate care of the injured and to strengthen surveillance.

### UNICEF

- Since 24 August, 4,542 children have attended the child friendly spaces in the five locations (Regent, Kaningo, Kamayama, Pentagon, and Old Skool), and 343 children received psychological first aid in the same locations. Implementing partner Family Homes Movement has established an additional child friendly space in Juba Barracks with UNICEF providing on-site child protection technical support; activities are to begin once necessary supplies are installed.
- Eight protection desks were established with Family Support Unit and Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs (MSWGCA) for field-level presence in Regent, Kaningo, Kamayama, Pentagon, Dwarzark, Culvert, Old Skool, and Juba Barracks.
- Each day during the reporting period, over 2,200 males, 1,300 mothers of under-five and 120 community leaders were engaged on key messaging priorities across health, nutrition, WASH, child protection and education sectors through household visits (an average of 2,356 visits per day) by 150 CHWs and over 170 small community dialogues held daily.

- An additional 500 CHWs supported by GIZ were oriented to undertake similar health promotion interventions in areas beyond the affected communities. In addition to these, over 50 peer supervisors of CHWs, 100 teachers and 150 community leaders were oriented on updated messaging covering malaria, cholera, hygiene practices and support for back to school.

## EDUCATION

### UNICEF

- Schools reopened on 11 September. To support children in shelters, UNICEF is working with Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) and implementing partner Save the Children to set-up temporary learning spaces (TLS) at the shelters. UNICEF provided 15 tents and 15 school-in-a-box (benefiting 40 teachers and 600 students), composed of educational supplies and materials, to support learning of affected children living in the shelters. As part of the recovery, UNICEF will work with MEST to ensure that these children are quickly reintegrated back into regular schools.
- UNICEF is also working with MEST and the Psychosocial Support Pillar to train teachers on basic psychosocial support, with a view to supporting affected students with psychosocial counselling and related services. The training will target 3,846 teachers in all the 1,923 schools in both Western Urban and Western Rural districts.
- UNICEF also provided 7,758 boxes of chalk for distribution to all the schools in the Western Urban and Rural schools. This is in addition to learning materials (exercise books, pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners) provided for 2,500 affected children.
- With support from the UNICEF Communication for Development, about 500 community health workers were oriented on the key education messages. These include mobilisers supported by the German development agency GIZ, MOHS and Action Aid. CHWs were provided with the education specific awareness cards on going back to school. These community cards are being used to create awareness and mobilize populations and communities to send their children back to school.
- To date, 265 community conversations have been held focusing on education related messages around affected schools, teaching learning materials, psychological and emotional support to children and teachers.
- With support from C4D, 150 community leaders have been oriented on the education key messages, widely disseminating the messages through community meetings, local radio and megaphones.
- Radio announcements and radio jingles on back to school are ongoing during the peak and off-peak time.

## Bilateral and Private Sector Support

- Japan: Relief items such as 100 tents, 6,395 of blankets, 1,320 sleeping pads, 163 plastic sheets, 30 units of water purifiers and 1,500 of portable jerry cans are distributed across affected regions of the country
- ECOWAS (including WAHO): US\$300,000
- Ghana: 28MT of relief items;
- Togo: \$500,000
- Liberia: 20 vehicles to bring medical and food supplies
- Nigeria: 315MT of assorted relief materials and one million dollars to Sierra Leone
- Côte d'Ivoire: 1.5MT of medical supplies
- Senegal: \$100,000
- Morocco: 66MT of tents, blankets, cholera kits, transported by Royal Armed Forces
- China: \$1 million to the GoSL through its embassy in Freetown.
- Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Sierra Leone: \$83,000
- Chinese Ambassador to Sierra Leone, WU Peng handed over \$100,000 from the Red Cross Society of China to Sierra Leone Red Cross Society (SLRCS) as a disaster relief fund.
- Israel has announced it will send medicine, clean water, and blankets via the embassy in Senegal.
- Spain: EUR 60,000, and deployment of a technical team to help with body identification;
- UK: GBP 5 million
- EU: EUR 300,000 for vulnerable families affected by disaster (through local and international partners)
- Ireland: EUR 400,000 for INGOs
- Mercury International: \$55,000
- United Bank of Africa CEO: \$500,00 USD to Sierra Leone
- Africell: \$67,000
- Red Cross: Appeal for \$4.8 million
- Switzerland: Pledge of CHF 400 000 to IFCR Appeal (WASH, primary health)
- Qatar: Cargo with medical and surgical supplies
- Germany: EUR 90,000 through Deutsche Welthungerhilfe Freetown (for purchase and distribution of mattresses and blankets and food packages); EUR 135.000 pledge to Caritas International (for purchase and distribution of food, clothes and psycho-social support)
- Netherlands: EUR 580,000 to the International Red Cross Society
- Turkish Red Crescent: Deployment of delegates to Freetown, via an air freighter containing 2.5MT wheat flour; 2.5MT pasta; 2.5MT rice; 100 tents; 100 kitchen kits; 12,300 razor blades and 1MT liquid soap. The relief materials were received by the Sierra Leone Red Cross with \$15,000.00 for additional support.
- UK: Team from the British Geological Survey (BGS) and ARUP to assess the risk of further landslides in the already-affected zone.
- Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund: \$275,000 to Care Canada
- South Africa: \$615,000 to WFP Sierra Leone
- IOM: Team of emergency managers to provide technical support to the GoSL

- OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID): Approval of emergency assistance and support to emergency operations. A grant will be channelled through the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).
- Botswana: \$100,000 to GoSL

**THE NEXT RECOVERY BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED BY THE UNDP ON 26 SEPTEMBER.**

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