

16-22 April 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Anyuak refugees get help:** UNHCR is coordinating with WFP on a one-month food distribution to 2,500 Anyuak refugees from Ethiopia in the Alari settlement in Pochalla, Jonglei State, starting this week.
- **Medical supplies delivered:** UNHCR has completed distribution of various medicines and medical supplies to all refugee camps in South Sudan, sufficient for the next six months.
- **Asylum seekers get certificates:** Of the 510 Ethiopians, Eritreans and Somalis in the Protection of Civilians (POC) site in Juba, 507 have received asylum certificates. Three certificates remain uncollected.
- **Relocations in Doro refugee camp:** UNHCR and Doro (Upper Nile State) camp management agency the Danish Refugee Council relocated 176 households (891 individuals, including 3 persons with specific needs) from the Gabanite community to a new camp expansion site as part of the decongestion exercise in Doro. The community, which was at risk of flooding during the rainy season and was too close to the airstrip, fully participated and voluntarily carried most of their luggage. Women and children were transported by bus to the new site.
- **Shelters completed:** The 2,000 transitional shelters planned in Kaya refugee camp, Upper Nile State, have been completed (100 per cent).
- **772 new arrivals in Bentiu POC:** There were 772 new arrivals at the POC from 11-17 April, mostly women and children from Rubkona and Mayom counties in Unity State. They said they were fleeing inter-communal fighting and lacked food. The few men among the new arrivals said they were fleeing forced military recruitment by the SPLA.

**414,052,136 USD**

Requested for the operation

### Current population of concern

IDPs since 15 December  1,527,043

Of them, 117,604 IDPs reside in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

Refugees in South Sudan  259,232



## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- Fighting around Malakal, Upper Nile State, on 21-22 April had driven at least 1,500 additional IDPs to seek shelter in the Malakal POC by the evening of 22 April.
- Three WFP staff members abducted on 1 April 2015 are still missing. Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator (DHC) Sue Lautze visited Malakal on 14 April and Melut on 16 April to meet local authorities in this connection. In Melut, the DHC said the UN as whole was considering options which may include suspension of humanitarian assistance in South Sudan if no cooperation and support is received from the various actors involved in the fighting.
- President Salva Kiir, opening a new session of the National Assembly on 20 April, called for the passage of a new law to control the work of foreign NGOs, saying they were working “without Government supervision”.
- Operations in the Yei area of Central Equatoria State are constrained by militia attacks on the main Juba-Yei (murrum) road: Over the past month staff travelling to Yei from Juba or vice-versa have had to make a 12-hour journey along the Juba-Nimule-Adjumani-Moyo (last two places in Uganda)-Yei road, instead of the previous 4-hour journey.
- The government of Warrap State on 20 April said about 15,000 bags of sorghum had been dispatched from Juba to hunger-affected areas in the state. Meanwhile, an Oxfam report has said South Sudanese families are being pushed to the brink of hunger by inflation, conflict and collapsed markets.

## REFUGEE RESPONSE



### Protection

#### Achievements and Impact

##### Unity State

- 365 new refugees arrived in Yida Settlement from 16-22 April. In the same period 346 refugees were relocated from Yida to Ajuong Thok (AT) camp.
- Between 23 December 2014 and 22 April, 10,159 new arrivals were registered in Yida, and 11,320 were relocated to AT.
- 17 unaccompanied minors (15M/2F) and 145 separated children (94M/51F) were relocated to Ajuong Thok (AT). The 17 UAMs were fostered and are living in a protective environment; 6 more UAMs were reunified with their parents in AT after a successful family tracing exercise.
- LWF provided second-hand clothes to 130 vulnerable children (68F/62M) reported through the Child Help Desks and community structures.
- 3 new SGBV cases were reported in AT this week; (2 physical assault, 1 emotional abuse). The physical assault cases received medical care, and case management was done on all reported cases.
- UNHCR, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and partners, along with the Commission for Refugee Affairs, participated in the inauguration of a youth centre in the DRC Community Centre in AT.
- Yida Settlement: IRC’s Women’s Protection and Empowerment team conducted 3 SGBV education sessions this week in the *bomas* of Tafere, Toro and Kululu in Centres 07 and 13. Eighty-nine people (8 M and 81 F) attended. Topics included rape and early marriage, its consequences in the community, services available, and the referral of SGBV survivors in the Settlement.

##### Upper Nile State

- 400 refugees benefited from awareness-raising campaigns on early/forced marriage and referral pathways in Gendrassa refugee camp.

##### Jonglei State

- The Alari settlement in Pochalla has seen 25 new arrivals from Ethiopia (preliminary figures) in the past two weeks.
- UNHCR is working with the International Medical Corps to improve the borehole situation in Alari settlement, where only one of the two boreholes is operational.

##### Central Equatoria State

- UNHCR and the Commission for Refugee Affairs are working to explore ways in which refugees can be employed locally with the same rights and privileges as locals.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

#### Upper Nile State

- To boost the safety and security response for SGBV survivors in the four Maban refugee camps, 20 police officers in the camps have been trained on SGBV issues. Police focal points have also been established.



### Camp Coordination and Camp Management

#### Upper Nile State

- Consultation with the densely populated communities of Chali 1, Chali 2 and Soda in Doro camp was done to ascertain their willingness for decongestion.



### Health

### Achievements and Impact

#### Upper Nile State

- International Medical Corps has re-started a 24-hour maternity services in Kaya camp, improving access to facility-based delivery services and a 24-hour referral service from Kaya to either Gentil or Bunj hospital. These services were earlier interrupted due to staff safety and security problems.

#### Western Equatoria State:

- Health and hygiene promotion messages reached 314 men, 637 women, 245 boys, 275 girls in Makpandu refugee camp; and 407 men, 494 women, 512 boys and 662 girls in Napere refugee camp.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

#### Unity State

- Pariang County: UNHCR and partners are encountering challenges in handling an increasing number of tuberculosis cases; most patients are from the host community, and from Pariang and Ajuong Thok camps. This is compounded by the absence of a TB programme at Panrieng (Pariang) Hospital. UNHCR is talking to the health authorities to establish a meaningful TB programme in the hospital; discussions are also ongoing with Africa Humanitarian Action and the Health Ministry to start a TB treatment programme in Ajuong Thok.

#### Upper Nile State

- Malnutrition trends continue to increase in the Maban refugee camps; food shortages are reported to be a contributory factor. Partners are conducting on-site assessments in areas and communities targeted as malnutrition pockets, including Magaja and Jumjum communities in Kaya, which are of primary concern.



### Education

### Achievements and Impact

#### Unity State

- Schools in Ajuong Thok have completed the first term exams and the school average attendance stands at 85.5 per cent, with 6,974 (4,658 M / 2,316 F) pupils.

 Shelter and NFIs

**Achievements and Impact**
**Unity State**

- UNHCR distributed a one-off donation of solar lamps from German Agro Action to 663 extremely vulnerable households (3,344 individuals) in Ajuong Thok refugee camp.
- Yida: 66 individuals with special needs received blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets and plastic sheets.

**Upper Nile State**

- Out of 1,200 transitional shelters planned in Doro, 420 units are completed (35 per cent). All these shelters are in the new decongestion area.
- Upgrade of 30 classrooms was completed - 16 in Kaya and 16 in Gendrassa.


**Water and Sanitation**
**Achievements and Impact**
**Unity State**

- Three new tap stands (18 water points) were constructed in Ajuong Thok (AT). Wheelbarrows were distributed to block leaders (1 each) to promote environmental hygiene.
- 43 family and 12 communal latrines were constructed in AT; 12 shared family latrines and 6 institutional latrines were built in Yida settlement.

**Upper Nile State**

- WASH interventions have been strengthened in all Maban camps after reports of new cases of Hepatitis E in Doro camp.
- The water supply in all four Maban camps has remained at an average of 20 l/p/d while sanitation coverage is at 15 persons per latrine.
- IOM is phasing out its WASH operations in Maban by the end of April; the handover to ACTED is proceeding smoothly.
- Two solar-powered boreholes are now operational in Yusuf Batil camp.

**Western Equatoria State:**

- Messages at water points in Napere on how to keep clean water at household level reached 1,072 individuals (250 men, 275 women, 248 boys, 299 girls).


**Logistics/Supply**
**Achievements and Impact**
**Upper Nile and Unity States**

- Between 1 February and 19 April 60 trucks carrying NFIs reached Ajuong Thok and Yida.

**IDP RESPONSE**

**Protection**
**Achievements and Impact**

**Unity State**

- UNHCR community protection volunteers have helped maintain order at water points in the Bentiu POC.
- Pariang County: CMI gave 930 people, including 30 IDPs, awareness sessions on Mine Risk Education in Jamjang.

**Upper Nile State**

- Malakal: 214 persons with special needs among newly arrived IDPs in Malakal town were registered by UNHCR implementing partner the Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) and DRC.
- UNHCR has started biometric registration of IDPs in all the sites in Maban County. The aim is to ascertain the number of IDPs and host community members and identify people with vulnerabilities for probable targeted assistance in future. The findings will also aid in facilitating the IDP return process in future. 2,811 IDPs and 1,427 host community members have been registered so far.

**Lakes State**

- HDC carried out two days of training for 6 SGBV focal points.

**Warrap State**

- 22 orphans living with non-family members without any form of documentation have been identified in two IDP sites. UNHCR is seeking to include them in the identification process under its prevention of statelessness remit, and will collaborate with IOM and WFP (involved in IDP registration).

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps****Unity State**

- Community leaders have reported increasing crime in Bentiu POC; they said residents had been threatened at gunpoint, and that women faced harassment and rape when outside the POC to collect firewood. The Protection Cluster, led by UNHCR, has conveyed this to the UNMISS State Coordinator and action is being taken by UNMISS to reinforce fences and berms, set up “observation posts” and increase manpower.

**Warrap State**

- No recreational activity in Child-Friendly Spaces has been organized for children in the four IDP camps near Kuajok since World Vision International pulled out in August 2014.

**Camp Coordination and Camp Management****Achievements and Impact****Unity State**

- Bentiu POC: IOM reported that it has placed six platforms around the new IDP sites for UNMISS to construct “observation posts”; skeleton shelter construction is ongoing in Sector 3 with 100 shelters being completed per day. Borehole digging is ongoing. Meanwhile, “Plan B” (trucking water, use of water bladder, etc.) is being arranged in the event IDPs are moved prior to full utilization of the new boreholes.

**Shelter and NFIs****Achievements and Impact****Abyei**

- UNHCR distributed 256 plastic sheets to people living in IDP-like situations in Mijak Deng Kaya.

**Lakes State**

- There are currently no stocks in the warehouse in Mingkaman, a concern that has also been raised with HDC, the only actor in the NFI/Shelter Cluster following the withdrawal of NRC and CRS from NFI/ Shelter operations within Mingkaman.

**Unity State**

- Pariang County: 394 households in Kumagon were given an NFI package.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps****Upper Nile State**

- Melut: On 15 April, a fire broke out in Dinthoma, destroying 23 shelters hosting about 76 individuals, and 45 small shops in the market. An assessment by DRC Protection and CCCM established that the immediate needs are shelter and NFIs.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

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