



Weekly Bulletin
Humanitarian Action in Southern Sudan
Week 24, 15 – 21 June 2008

SUMMARY/HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ Humanitarian assistance required for Nabanga IDPs.
- ✚ Return of IDPs and refugees continues to reduce due to the rains.

I. POPULATION MOVEMENTS AND RETURNS

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) (from UNMIS/RRR)

- The population that fled the LRA attack at Nabanga on 05 June remains displaced. Government authorities and state SSRRC visited their locations twice and provided initial assistance. More humanitarian assistance is required. The situation remains calm in Yambio town, although the general security situation in the Western Equatoria State (WES) is unpredictable.

Returns & Reintegration (from UNMIS/RRR)

Joint Organized Return Plan

- During this period ADRA/IOM's Kosti team did not report any other organized returns.
 - On 18 June, the pusher *Hashaba* with four cargo and one passenger barges left for Juba. The total number of returnees on board was 623 individuals (164 households)
 - As of 20 June, a total of 132 individuals (29 households) were waiting at Kosti, enroute destinations in Upper Nile and Equatoria.
- transit hub in spontaneous movements from 30 May to 5 June, representing a small decrease by 5% compared to the previous week. Main destinations were Central Equatoria (23%), Upper Nile (21%), Warrab (12%) and Northern Bahr el-Ghazal (11%).
- During the reporting period, IOM received the reports of 27,595 tracked individuals (4,441 households) in Northern Bahr el Ghazal (NBeG) and 1,559 individuals (272 households) in Western Equatoria State (WES). Those figures were received this week but cover the tracking for both May and June.

Self Organized/Spontaneous Returns

- The ADRA/IOM team in Kosti reported a total of 692 individuals (138 households) that passed through the

Refugees, Returns and Re-integration (from UNHCR, UNMIS/RRR)

- This week, 514 refugees reached home; among them 504 persons (159 families) were organized, while 10 returnees (2 families) returned on their own and were assisted by UNHCR at their final destinations. Of the total, 416 persons (117 families) came from Uganda to Central and Eastern Equatoria States, and 98 persons (44 families) came from Kenya to Eastern Equatoria State. This brings the return of Sudanese refugees to a cumulative total of 287,778 since May 2006.

- Due to the ongoing insecurity in Central Equatoria, returns to Yei and Kajo Keji corridors are suspended until further review, and all returns are now channelled through Nimule in Eastern Equatoria.
- UNHCR reported that organized return to Upper Nile State has been suspended because of the rainy season. However, spontaneous refugee returnees are still arriving in Mabaan from Blue Nile and Ethiopia. Small numbers of Somali refugees have been coming to the south through Pagak, Nassir and Malakal.

II. SITUATION, NEEDS AND RESPONSE BY SECTOR

Health (from UNHCR, UNICEF)

- UNHCR Juba in collaboration with South Sudan AIDS Commission (SSAC) Executive Director and Director for Care Treatment and Support officially started the Inter Governmental Authority for Development (IGAD) Regional HIV/AIDS Programme in Kajo Keji County, on Tuesday June 11, 2008. The program also marked the official hand over of a consignment of medical kits, equipment and supplies to the County Commissioner Major Oliver Mule through Dr. Angok Kuol – Executive Director SSAC by UNHCR Juba Assistant Representative, for use by Kajo Keji Civil Hospital. UNHCR also donated a motorcycle and a computer to Kajo Keji SSAC.
- Six Primary Health Care Unit (PHCU) Kits were sent to Bentiu by UNICEF to support a mobile clinic run by CARE and SMoH in Lalob IDP camp, where there are 6,000 women and children.
- Six PHCU kits, 1,500 bed nets, emergency health kit equipment and drugs were sent to SMoH to support Obel Community ICRD project.
- With support from UNICEF, the Jonglei state Anti-AIDS Youth Association (JOSAAYA) started HIV/AIDS enlightenment programs in Bor town to educate young people on the mode of HIV transmission and prevention.
- The People living with AIDS Southern Sudan (PLASS), Magwi County started to equip the counseling center in Nimule with support from UNICEF. The center will be used for providing psychosocial counseling to the members. This will expand HIV/AIDS prevention programs so as to reduce stigma and discrimination of PLHIV by the community.
- UNICEF distributed vaccines and accessories to NGO and government partners working in Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria and Jonglei states, which will benefit 23,000 women and children.

Protection (from UNICEF)

- IRC reported that street children in Aweil were arrested and brought to the police station on Friday 20 June. UNICEF Child Protection Specialist is travelled to Aweil to follow up and to conduct a monitoring mission on the implementation of the IRC child protection community based project supported by UNICEF.

Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (from UNICEF)

- 38 Children Associated with Armed Forces (CAAFG) were identified in Wunyiik SPLA barracks, Yargot payam in Aweil East County, NBeG State. Registration is going to be conducted with the South Sudan Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Commission (SSDDRC) staff.

Nutrition (from UNICEF)

- 50 cartons of Plumpy Nut, 16 cartons of F75, 40 cartons of soap and 10 exclusive breastfeeding posters were sent to ACF Bentiu and will provide nutritional support to 900 community members.
- UNICEF distributed 75 cartons of plumpy nut to ACF- USA to support the feeding programmes in Warrap State, particularly in Twic and Gogrial Counties.

Water and Sanitation (from UNICEF)

- 29.485 MT of WASH supplies were sent to the Rural Water Department, Unity State.
- 44 water points were rehabilitated and are now being used to provide safe drinking water to 22,000 community members in Abiemnhom, Pariang, Rubkona, Mayiendit and Leer Counties
- In Upper Nile, 242 community members including 55 boys and girls, received training on good hygiene and sanitation practices. Six hand washing facilities were distributed to 3 Primary Schools enabling 5,500 children to benefit from improved sanitation and hygiene facilities
- In Wau, four boreholes were completed. Twelve broken down hand-pumps were repaired in Wau South Payam Wau County, WBeG State increasing access to safe water to 6,000 people.
- 3 three broken down hand-pumps were rehabilitated in Kauc North Gogrial West County Warrap state increasing access to safe water to 1,500 people
- One unprotected spring catchments was successfully protected in Nzara county, establishing access to safe water supply to 500 people
- UNICEF provided spare parts to the Directorate of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation who used them to repair three broken down hand pumps in Yambio.
- 123 community members benefited from a hygiene awareness session on safe disposal of waste and management of water at the household in Yambio.
- IOM in has ongoing projects in NBeG including construction of Hai Salam market's 12 cabinets public latrines; monitoring and follow up of the construction of 3 public latrines and the refurbishment of 2 existing water systems; construction of the hand dug wells; the community-based water supply construction (through a SWDS) in Mayen Ullem .
- In Unity State, IOM is implementing garbage collection in Bentiu & in Rubkona while the construction of the market and latrines is in the procurement stage.
- In Warrap state, two boreholes were completed in Kwajok town. The training of water committee and mechanics is ongoing.

Food Security and Sustainable Livelihoods (from FAO)

- In Jonglei State, FAO in collaboration with Cooperative Research and Development Agency (CRADA) and Cush Community Research International (CCRI) distributed a total 11 MT of field crop seeds to 2,100 households of returnees and vulnerable host community members in Pochalla and Nyirol Counties, respectively.
- FAO collaborated with the State Ministry of Agriculture in Upper Nile State to distribute a total of 13.84 MT of field crop seeds and 4,870 different kinds of hand tools to 1,000 households in Paryikango and Nasir Counties.

- In Unity State, 6 MT of field crop seeds and 3,960 pieces of agricultural hand tools were distributed to 1,000 households through a FAO/PAPAD collaboration in Ruweng County.
- Distribution in Warrap state was concluded during the reporting period with 1,200 returnees and vulnerable host community members in Gogrial East benefitting from the distribution of 18 MT of assorted crop seeds and 3,600 common hand tools. For the distribution in the state, FAO partnered with the State Ministry of Agriculture, WVI and SUVAD,
- 3,200 fishing twines and 20,000 different sizes of hooks were distributed to 1,600 families in Akobo and Pochalla. FAO partnered with CRADA to reach the most vulnerable in the counties.
- 16 treadle pumps together with associated accessories for demonstration fields in non-rain based farming techniques in Malakal, Bailliet, Ulang and Nasir counties, were donated to IRD by FAO.
- In an attempt to boost local seed production and inject resources in the community, FAO engaged Women development Group (WDG) and Women Empowerment group to recollect 25 MT of groundnuts and a similar amount of Sorghum respectively. During the reporting period 8.3 MT of groundnuts and 8 MT of Sorghum had already been recollected and delivered to FAO for further distribution to returnees in Wau and Jur river counties.

Education (from UNICEF)

- Koch and Kuerngeng schools are completed. Both Rubkuai and Leer schools are 95% complete
- 20,000 school bags with UNICEF logo were delivered to the State Ministry of Education Central Equatoria.

Mine Action (from UNMAO)

- Two anti-tank mines were reported on the Juba-Moli road. Both mines were removed and demolished on the 21 June by the UNMIS Bangladeshi Military Demining Company.

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