



Weekly Bulletin
Humanitarian Action in Southern Sudan
Week 25, 22 – 28 June 2008

SUMMARY/HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ Measles cases reported in Pibor and Gumruk.
- ✚ Bad weather and insecurity in some areas limit return of refugees.

I. POPULATION MOVEMENTS AND RETURNS

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

- IOM has reported that a total of 14,901 spontaneous returnees have been registered in Juba, Kajo Keji, Lainya, and Yei from January to May 2008. UNMIS/RRR, IOM, SSRRC, UNHCR, and IRC will meet to plan field missions for verification and follow up humanitarian assistance.
- Islamic Relief distributed 200 NFI kits to returnees in Kalla, Kajo Keji County, Central Equatoria.

Returns & Reintegration

- *Self Organized/Spontaneous Returns* - The ADRA/IOM team in Kosti reported a total of 342 individuals (79 households) to have passed through the transit hub in spontaneous movements from 20th to 26th of June, representing a decrease by 50% compared to the previous week. The main destinations were Upper Nile and South Kordofan.

As of Friday 27 June, a total of 315 individuals (83 households) were waiting at Kosti. They were enroute to Upper Nile and Equatoria States.

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Refugees, Returns and Re-integration

- This week, 165 refugees reached home; among them 126 persons (34 families) were organized, while 39 returnees (13 families) returned on their own and were assisted by UNHCR at their final destinations. All returnees this week came from Uganda to Central and Eastern Equatoria States.
- This brings the return of Sudanese refugees to a cumulative total of 288,002 since May 2005, of whom 136,750 returned with UNHCR assistance. Road and weather conditions in Upper Nile and Jonglei prevent convoy movements from Ethiopia or Kenya from taking place.
- Due to the reported presence of LRA and the escalated security levels in parts of Central and Eastern Equatoria, returnees coming through Nimule corridor are being dispersed with armed escort. As previously reported, returns through Yei and Kajo Keji are temporarily suspended for reasons of insecurity.

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

II. SITUATION, NEEDS AND RESPONSE BY SECTOR

Disease Outbreaks (from UNICEF)

- A team of UNICEF, WHO and GoSS Ministry of Health (MoH) staff at central and state level carried out an assessment of reported cases of Hepatitis E in Ikotos County, Eastern Equatoria. The team visited the villages of Tsertenya, Lodwara, Chorocol and Chakari and assessed the prevalence of the disease as well as the health, water and sanitation facilities. The disease was found in the county, although the number of cases and the exact area affected could not be ascertained.
- MSF Holland reported 12 cases of acute watery diarrhoea, two of which have been confirmed as cholera, in Leer County. Most of the patients are said to be arriving from Adok, 20 km away, where the general water and sanitation conditions are very poor and open disposal of human excreta is practiced widely.
- The State Health Emergency Task committee assessed the general situation in Leer. They took along some emergency health kits including intravenous fluids, oral rehydration solution (ORS) and drugs donated by UNICEF. CARE developed some key health messages to raise awareness on prevention of cholera. MSF Holland managed and treated all cases admitted to Leer Hospital. UNICEF and MEDAIR assembled a team that was deployed to Leer to support the water, sanitation and hygiene and health sectors in the affected areas. UNICEF is also in the area working with MEDAIR and local authorities to contain the reported AWD.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: WHO, OCHA EP&R, Medair, Oxfam, UNICEF, CARE, MSF Holland)

Health

- In response to reported increased cases of measles in Pibor and Gumruk UNICEF provided MSF Belgium with 5,000 doses of measles vaccines and accessories to be used for the vaccination of 5,000 children. So far, 1,384 children aged 6 months to 15 years have been vaccinated in Pibor and Gumruk and vaccinations are on going.
- UNICEF provided vaccines (1,200 polio, 2,000 DPT, 1,000 measles, 800 TT) and accessories to MSF-Holland for routine immunization in Lankien and Peiri in Nyirol and Wuror Counties of Jonglei state.
- UNICEF supported the MCH/ ANC and maternity units at Nyakuron and Malakia Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC) in Juba by providing the Central Equatoria State Ministry of Health reproductive health programme with 2 delivery beds, 4 infant weighing scales, 2 bathroom weighing scales, suture materials and drugs to prevent pregnancy related complications, iron, folic acid and vitamin A supplements for 8,000 women and children.
- The Jonglei state Anti-AIDS Youth Association (JOSAAYA) conducted HIV education awareness programmes in the market place, on road sides and bus station in Bor town to educate youth and other people on the modes of HIV transmission and prevention. About 744 people benefited from the messages (449 men and 295 women).
- The Southern Sudan Youth Alliance Foundation (SSYAF) trained 8 youth as trainers on HIV/AIDS in Morobo County. The trainers will mobilize the community and educate them on HIV and the various preventive methods to avoid infection.

- State Ministry of Health Western Equatoria, Directorate of HIV/AIDS, with support from UNICEF, conducted a workshop for 15 participants, which addressed the issue of HIV/AIDS in rural areas.
- In Unity, training of 13 EPI county supervisors on the Reaching Every County Strategy is ongoing in Rubkona. This will be followed by the training of Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) vaccinators. The training is facilitated by WHO, UNICEF and the SMOH. After the training, an accelerated routine campaign is expected to begin in Rubkona, Mayom and Leer in the first week of July.
- The State EPI department in Unity received a three month supply of vaccines; BCG 10,000 doses, DPT 23,000 doses, OPV 22,000 doses, Measles 15,000 doses and TT 10,000 doses.
- In Upper Nile, accelerated routine immunization has started in Renk, Menyo, Fashoda, and Malakal Counties. A high number of children under one are expected to receive BCG and DPT1 vaccination by the end of July;
- A Gender and HIV/AIDS awareness training organized by WFP was conducted in Malakal from 25 – 27 June. Forty participants from government, UN and NGO institutions attended. The training concentrated on practical programming issues on how exactly to mainstream HIV/AIDS and Gender. It also familiarized participants with key concepts related to gender and programming. It is envisaged that the participants will be able to strengthen community leadership skills, particularly those of women.

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

Protection

- On 24 June, UNHCR office in Yei organized training for Police and Prisons personnel on Gender, Child Rights and Human Rights, in cooperation with UN Police. Fifteen members of the community benefited from the training.
- In a UNHCR monitoring mission in Lutaya and Sanjasiri III villages in Yei County, it was discovered that the main problems facing returnees are land occupation and economic challenges.
- UNHCR and UNFPA, in collaboration with the Ministry for Gender, Social Welfare and Religious Affairs will co-fund and facilitate a two-day sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) training workshop in Juba on 10-11 July 2008. This joint effort between stakeholders is aimed to produce Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to facilitate coordination between government, agencies and communities by establishing mechanisms to prevent and respond to SGBV in Southern Sudan. The programme will be inaugurated by Ms. Regina Ossa Lullo, Director General of Gender and Social Welfare.
- The local NGO CHORM, with support from UNICEF, carried out psychosocial training in Baliet County in Upper Nile. It was attended by 62 children aged 14 -18 (32 boys and 30 girls) and targeted demobilized children and other children from the community. In addition, CHORM and youth from Baliet County organized a rally at Abwong Payam to sensitize the community on child abuse, exploitation, and HIV/AIDS, which was attended by over 200 people. Returnee children were visited and took part in the children's clubs that CHORM formed last month. A total of 70

children were identified (38 girls and 32 boys) and are fully involved in the clubs and are benefiting from psychosocial activities and recreational materials.

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Nutrition

- In Unity, UNICEF provided ACF France with 50 cartons of plumpy nut therapeutic food, 16 cartons of F75 milk and 80 cartons of laundry soap to support the Therapeutic Feeding Centre in Bentiu and two OTPs centres recently established in Rubkona and Bentiu. Over 60 malnourished children are benefiting from the supplies in the OTPs, all of whom are in a stable condition and are gaining weight. To strengthen the quality of work in the OTPs, ACF provided a three-day training to 15 health workers on management of severe malnutrition.
- The State Ministry of Health Nutrition department in Unity received assorted supplies including one Oxfam kit to assist in emergencies.
- In Upper Nile, UNICEF provided 25 cartons of plumpy nut and 20 of BP5 biscuits to Malakal Therapeutic Feeding Centre to benefit 300 severely malnourished children.

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Water and Sanitation

- A team of experts from UNICEF and the Directorates of Rural Water and Sanitation Development (from MCRD/GoSS and SMOPI/CES) conducted a seven-day training for water source enumerators/surveyors in Yei. The trained enumerators/surveyors began carrying out a pilot water source inventory in all the 5 payams of Yei, which is expected to take a month.
- 5 boreholes in Ayod County in Jonglei State and 15 boreholes in Kapoeta East County in Eastern Equatoria State have been constructed; a further seven boreholes have been drilled and are awaiting installation of hand pumps.
- 270 people, including 70 children, benefited from hygiene and sanitation messages provided by UNICEF WASH staff at a church in Malakal on Sunday. This information sharing is done on a weekly basis and is proving to be a good way of sharing key information with the community.

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Education

- The pit latrines at Lainya primary school, Central Equatoria State have been completed and are ready for use. All the major construction work on the pit latrines in Kagwda primary school has also been completed.
- 12 pit latrines are being constructed in the six newly constructed schools in Eastern Equatoria State with those in Torit West and Motti primary schools completed.
- 20 cartons of exercise books were distributed to seven schools in Nagero county, Western Equatoria State, benefiting over 800 students.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: UNICEF, GoSS/MoEST, SCF-UK, Norwegian Refugee Council, World Vision, ADRA, Concern, IAS)

Mine Action

- *South* - Recent changes in security restrictions are impacting mine action activities on several areas in south, south east and south west of Sector 1. UMAO are liaising with the relevant staff.
- *Juba* - A ceremony was held on Saturday 28th June to celebrate the handing over of a large cleared minefield at Rejaf West, following its clearance by the Bangladeshi Military Demining Company.

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

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