



**Weekly Bulletin
Humanitarian Action in Southern Sudan
Week 26, 29 June – 05 July 2008**

SUMMARY/HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ Magwi County received the highest number of returning refugees in 2008
- ✚ Most of the 2,873 IDPs from Nabanga have not yet received humanitarian assistance

I. POPULATION MOVEMENTS AND RETURNS

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) (SSRRC, UNRCO)

- According to the South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (SSRRC), 2,873 IDPs (651 households) are scattered in Maridi and Yambio Counties of Western Equatoria State. The IDPs were displaced by the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) rebels’ surprise attack in Nabanga on 4 June 2008.
- All the IDPs are said to be staying with their relatives and working for the host communities in exchange for food. They are situated as follows;

PAYAM	HOUSEHOLD	NUMBER OF PEOPLE
Ibba	65	280
Madebe	210	840
Nabanga	213	1017
Manikakra	163	736
Total	651	2873

- Most of the IDPs are in urgent need of assistance in form of food, shelter and NFIs. To date, 236 IDP households have received NFIs from UNICEF through SSRRC, while 77 households have received food from WFP.

Returns & Reintegration (from UNMIS/RRR)

- UNMIS/RRR has done reintegration analysis of Mabaan County in Upper Nile, where 7,877 people returned during the last dry season. A monitoring visit in June showed that most returnees constructed their own houses and were provided seeds and tools. The local authority allocated land for settlement and farming. However, the returnees lack of schools and food. Mines also remain a threat in the County. Some 6,265 Mabaan IDPs in Blue Nile State still wish to return in the next season and proper planning and coordination is needed for their organized return.
- Verification of spontaneous returnees continued in Jonglei State and Northern Bahr el Ghazal State (NBeG). The joint verification process has identified 470 individuals (100 households) from Eastern Equatoria, Upper Nile, Kenya, and Uganda and 2,742 individuals (496 households) who were issued with food ration cards. The verification exercise was hampered by the current heavy rains, which have rendered some places in Northern Bahr el Ghazal inaccessible and that has also cut off transportation of food by WFP to some rub-halls.

- UNMIS/RRR participated in a three-day inter-agency assessment mission to Wuror County in Jonglei State. The area is suffering a dry spell that has negatively affected crop production. Norwegian Peoples Aid distributed food for returnees, IDPs and vulnerable groups in three Payams. Another food distribution by WFP is ongoing with 100% one month food ration through Food For Work, Food For Recovery and Food For Training programmes.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: UNMIS/RRR, SSRRC/GoSS, IOM, ADRA)

Refugees, Returns and Re-integration

- This week, there were no organized refugee returns from the countries of asylum. Seven persons (1 family) returned independently from camps in Uganda to Eastern Equatoria state, and received the standard return package upon arrival.
- The highest return area this year was Magwi County in Eastern Equatoria State, where there are currently 700 SPLA troops and 1,000 Ugandan troops deployed to maintain security. A total of 39,172 returnees have come back to Magwi County this year giving rise to new villages and bomas, and their security is being closely monitored at this time.
- A serious backlog of food distribution to refugee returnees was created in Eastern Equatoria State in 2008. The problem arose from the inability of an operational to manage their food pipeline from Gulu in Uganda. Following repeated but failing attempts to restart and restructure the pipeline, the partnership with the partner has been terminated. UNHCR and WFP have embarked on emergency food distribution to the returnee population some of whom have sustained themselves without UN food assistance for more than three months.

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

II. SITUATION, NEEDS AND RESPONSE BY SECTOR

Disease outbreaks (from WHO/MOH)

Note: Week 26, which is under review for the rest of this bulletin, is Week 27 in the Health Calendar.

Below are the weekly statistics on epidemics from the Ministry of Health and WHO. A total of 24 counties from 8 states sent in timely reports for week 27.

Cases/Deaths	AWD		ABD		Meningitis		Measles		Hep. E											
	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D										
Age Aggregate	<5	>5	<5	>5	<5	>5	<5	>5	<5	>5	<5	>5	<5	>5	<5	>5				
Figures for this week	165	216	0	0	40	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total for this week	381	0	123	0	0	0	31	0	2	0										
Cumulative for last week	6669	51	4016	16	97	15	254	5	4	0										
Cumulative for this week	7050	51	4139	16	97	15	285	5	6	0										
Case Fatality Rate	0.72		0.39		15.46		1.75		0.00											

AWD = Acute Watery Diarrhoea; ABD = Acute Bloody Diarrhoea, Hep. E = Hepatitis E.

Cholera – A new report came from Malakal indicating 31 cases and 4 deaths from AWD/cholera, which had been registered in three areas of Malakal namely; Tonga and Kurfiut (a military camp). On the 6th July, only two cases were admitted in Malakal

hospital. The state task force had been activated on the 25 June. Case management hygiene promotion and chlorination of household water is being undertaken.

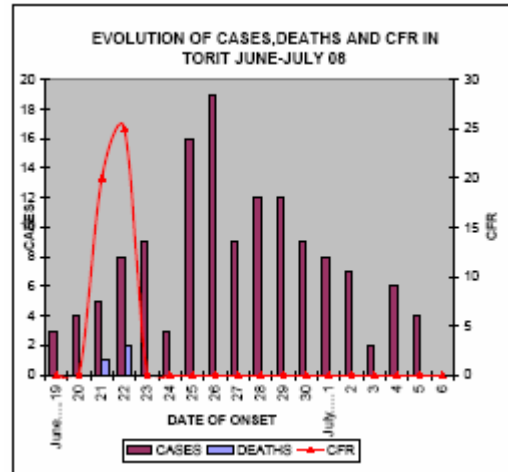
Generally the cholera outbreak in Torit is under control. The Ministry of Health (MoH) is encouraging efforts to improve safe drinking water supply as well as sanitation and hygiene promotion to prevent another spike of cases.

MSF Swiss, OXFAM GB, and Medair are planning to go for an assessment of the ongoing interventions especially in the areas mentioned above as they consider supporting interventions to address the situation there.

In Juba, the number of admission in the Cholera Treatment Centres (CTCs) has dropped significantly and the Munuki CTU has been closed. The few sporadic cases from areas of Kator, Nyokuron and Munuki are being sent to the CTC at Juba Teaching Hospital.

Fifteen cases and one death of AWD/cholera have been recorded in Leer county of Unity State within the last two

weeks (week 27 and 26). Culture results of one sample collected from there was positive for *vibrio cholera serotype ogawa* that has intermediate sensitivity to *doxycycline* and *ampicillin*. The state MoH has been informed to coordinate any response efforts.



Measles - The vaccination campaign by MSF Belgium in Pibor County, Jonglei State is on going. During the week under review, 5,030 children were vaccinated out of a target of 7000.

Measles outbreak in Gumuru-Pibor county										
Epi Week	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Total
Cases	1	7	10	41	37	48	30			174
Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			1

Health (from UNICEF)

- UNICEF provided Tearfund in Jonglei state with vaccines for the immunization of 1,500 women and children; 300 BCG, 500 OPV, 500 DPT, and 200 TT vaccines were.
- A joint assessment on cholera outbreaks was carried out by UNICEF, Medair, SSRRC, and AMA in Unity State and discovered that the cases of cholera were controlled and all patients had been discharged from hospital. The team recommended drilling of two boreholes in Adok and construction of 50 household latrines for the community.
- Accelerated routine Immunization started in Obel Community, Upper Nile State, as part of ICRD project, which targets 4,500 children under five years. The immunization program will be completed soon.

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

Protection (from UNHCR)

- UNHCR and UNFPA, in collaboration with the Ministry for Gender, Social Welfare and Religious Affairs have organized a two-day workshop on sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) in Juba to take place from 10-11 July 2008. The training workshop seeks to address and raise awareness about issues related to Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) in the communities of Southern Sudan. The workshop will sensitize the responsible actors in the sector of SGBV and create standard operating procedures (SOP) on SGBV case management.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: UNMIS, UNHCR, UNICEF, SSRRC/GoSS,)

Water and Sanitation (from UNICEF)

- Three boreholes have been drilled in Eastern Equatoria and are awaiting installation of hand pumps.
- UNICEF donated one drum of Chlorine powder (50Kgs) to support Solidarities in response to AWD cases reported in Tonga County in upper Nile state.
- Six hand pumps were repaired in Pariang County in Unity State to continue providing water for 1,500 persons.
- Four hygiene awareness sessions were conducted in Yambio county benefiting 121 men, 147 women and 197 children promoting hand washing after using latrines and personal hygiene.
- Construction of 10 household latrines is on-going in Li-Range Payam. UNICEF provided concrete and plastic slabs to be installed over the pits.
- Two broken hand pumps were repaired by the O&M team in Asanza III and Franco Payams re-establishing access to safe drinking water to 1,000 people.
- Six broken down boreholes were rehabilitated in Wau, re-establishing access to safe water for 3,000 people.
- Two new boreholes were drilled in Wau County, increasing access to safe water for 1,000 people.
- Two broken down hand-pumps were rehabilitated, all in Tonj South Payam, Tonj South County Warrap State, re-establishing access to safe water for 1,000 people
- One productive borehole has been completed increasing access to safe water for 500 people in Tonj East County Warrap State.
- Construction of 6 household pit-latrines, 4 in Wau North Payam and 2 in Wau South Payam, Wau county, Western Bahr el Ghazal (WBeG) State. Another 10 household pit-latrines were constructed in Kuajok Kauc North Payam, Gogrial West County, Warrap state.

(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)

Food Security and Sustainable Livelihoods (from UNMIS/RRR)

- FAO completed seeds and tools distribution, covering 80% of targeted returnee families in all eight counties of Lakes State.

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

Education (from UNICEF)

- Education materials were sent to three schools in Bungu Payam, Juba County benefiting 286 students who had been left out of the initial distribution.
- Pit latrines in Lainya and Kagwada primary schools in Central Equatoria State have been completed.
- Pit latrines in Moti and Torit West primary schools in Eastern Equatoria State have been completed. The superstructure for the pit latrines in Nkaware, Mugali, Lalanga and Laudo primary schools has been completed and roofing is currently being carried out.
- Of the four schools being rehabilitated in Eastern Equatoria, the schools in Hiyala and Lauronyo have been completed. The schools in Riwoto and Imehejek are in the final stages of the rehabilitation process.

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

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