



Weekly Bulletin
Humanitarian Action in Southern Sudan
Weeks 34 & 35, August 24th – September 06th 2008

I. FOCUS ON SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN ACCESS

- Eastern Equatoria State (EEQ): Due to insecurity arising from activities of armed elements, the road stretch from Torit to Kiyala has been raised to Security Level 3 (Armed escorts are mandatory) with effect from 24 August 2008.
- Jonglei State: Yuai area and generally Wuror and Duk Counties in Jonglei State have been raised to UN Security Level 3 with effect from 22 August 2008 because of cattle related inter-clan/tribal clashes and tensions in the area. Any UN/partner INGO movement in or to the area should be strictly coordinated by UN Security in liaison with the local government authorities.
- Central Equatoria State (CEQ): The road stretch between Gondokoro and Parlak on the Juba – Bor road has been raised to Security Level 3 with effect from 21 August 2008 due to insecurity along the road and tribal clashes in the general area of Gemmaiza. Armed escorts are mandatory.
- Eastern Equatoria State (EEQ): Due to re-assessment, the road stretch from Torit to Kapoeta has been reduced to Security Level 2 with effect from 14 August 2008.

II. POPULATION MOVEMENTS AND RETURNS

Returns & Reintegration (from UNMIS/RRR)

- The Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) recently announced a plan to conduct a new intention survey in IDP camps around Khartoum. The survey will determine the numbers of IDPs intending to return as well as needs for local integration and further planning under the Joint Plan for Returns. In the process, HAC needs technical assistance in information management from UNMIS/RRR and additional technical support from IOM. The survey will be implemented soon after Ramadan.

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

Refugees, Returns and Re-integration (from UNHCR)

- No organized return movements were reported in Week 35. Spontaneous returns continue to occur as verified by joint UN agency missions.
- During Week 34, 109 returnees (32 families) were assisted after their self-repatriation from Uganda and Egypt. Up to 108 persons (31 families) came from Uganda to Eastern Equatoria State and one person came from Egypt to Upper Nile State. With the repatriation operation steadily moving from Central Equatoria State to Eastern Equatoria State, and with the relatively small numbers projected for greater Yei, the Yei Alero way station is in the process of closure, and resources are being transferred to Magwi County to support the growing operation there. Floods reported in Jonglei and Upper Nile State (UNS) are causing concern to UNHCR until the areas can be accessed and numbers of affected returnees can be verified. In the reported flooded areas in Duk and Ayod counties of Jonglei, and in Nassir, Maiwut and Longichuk in UNS, large numbers of refugees have resettled.
- A mission of UNHCR and Swedish Rescue Services Agency (SRSA) to Pagak area on the Ethiopia border has had to be postponed a second time due to high water levels. This

mission's objective is to review the bridge for rehabilitation ahead of the coming repatriation season.

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

III. SITUATION, NEEDS AND RESPONSE BY SECTOR

Disease outbreaks (from MoH, WHO, MSF France)

- Chorela - The Cholera outbreak in Northern Bahr el Ghazal is persisting despite multi-agency interventions. The worst affected area is Aweil town in which a total 770 cases of cholera were reported in week 35 alone.
- Seventy three (73) of these were severe cases and treated as in-patients while the rest were treated at ORT corners. The cumulative total for Aweil town since the start of the outbreak has now reached 1,714 (MSF-F figures).

WEEK 35				
ORS Corner	Cases		Referred	
	< 5 years old	> 5 years old	< 5 years old	> 5 years old
1. Maper Akot	49	0	0	0
2. Hospital CTU	28	67	0	25
3. Malou Awer	21	54	0	0
4. Hi Touch	206	261	9	12
5. Zera	50	42	2	6
TOTAL	354	424	11	43

[Source: MSF France]

- Measles - Information on measles outbreak in two counties in Upper Nile State, namely Maban and Longichuk still remains varied and unconfirmed. Verification of the information is still pending.

Health (from UNICEF, UNHCR)

- An assessment of measles cases was carried out by a team comprising the State Ministry of Health, UNICEF and Oxfam in Udier County. Immunisation supplies and 20 vaccinators were sent from Juba.
- 600 long lasting insecticide treated nets (LLITNs) and ACTs for 100 persons were pre-positioned in Bor County for flood related emergencies. AWD supplies including 2,000 sachets of ORS and ringers lactate were also sent to Bor County – Jonglei State.
- Polio National Immunization Days (NIDs) started in three states namely, Warrap, Western and Northern Bahr el Ghazal on 02 September. The campaign is facing some access difficulties in the areas affected by floods in NBeG State.
- 7,000 mosquito nets were given to Tearfund, for support to its health and nutrition programs in Aweil South, NBeG State.
- Three UNHCR protection monitoring missions carried out in villages of Yei and Morobo counties noted the high incidence of epilepsy in Morobo coupled with a lack of medicines in PHC facilities and shortage of trained health workers. The PHCU in Ngepo Payam of Kajo Keji lacked clean water, basic medicine, and medical devices and 40 water purification tablets and a 15 lit plastic container were donated to the PHC facility as a temporary measure.

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

Protection (from UNICEF, UNHCR)

- UNICEF and Ministry of Social Development (MOSD) made a joint visit to Wau prison. The number of children in detention dropped to 9 from 16 last week. The office of Public Prosecutor is working to improve the situation of juveniles and collaborate with Social workers of MOSD.
- Social workers of MOSD NBeG registered 64 children living and working on the street in Aweil town and 22 in Aweil East. UNICEF developed together with MOSD an assessment and a follow up form to document cases of vulnerable children supported by social workers. UNICEF donated to MOSD 13 bicycles, 10 bales of used clothes and sport equipment to provide psychosocial support to vulnerable children.
- UNHCR office in Kajo Keji and County Social Welfare Department conducted home visits to 25 special needs cases (EVIs), majority of whom were established to have severe needs as they have no economic means, and can only be supported through micro income-generating activities.
- The third Gender/SGBV Working Group co-chaired by UNFPA and the Ministry of Gender took place this week. UNHCR drafted the Terms of Reference of the group.
- Protection monitoring was carried out in Mugali Payam in Eastern Equatoria and Makuach Payam in Jonglei State. Monitoring in two payams in Yei and Morobo Counties in CES reported their unmet needs for drinking water, health facilities and schools facilities. Monitoring in Lire Payam in Kajo Keji County in CES revealed that although returnees faced no insecurity or discrimination, health facilities lacked supplies, and the lack of livelihoods directly resulted in school drop-outs especially for girls.

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

Nutrition (from UNICEF)

- Training on iodine testing in salt has been completed in Malakal town. Fifteen health workers from Bam and Malakia, 10 teachers and 107 women were trained. 750 test kits for sample testing in the community were given to the persons trained. Results are yet to be compiled.

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Water and Sanitation (from UNICEF)

- One new borehole completed in Maper Akot Aru camp for flood displaced persons in Aweil Centre County by Southern Sudan Drilling Services (SSDS);
- 12 broken down water sources were rehabilitated – 6 in Aweil East, 3 in Aweil town and 3 in Wau County - reestablishing access to safe drilling water for 6,000 people in NBeG and WBeG States.
- 3,015 pieces of washing soap were distributed to Peth Cholera treatment centre in Aweil East.
- 100 Boxes (240 sachets) of the water purifier, ‘Water maker’ were given to households in Peth.
- Construction of 17 communal pit latrines has begun and will benefit about 1,000 people in cholera affected villages once finished;
- Emergency water and sanitation supplies were pre-positioned in Aweil for emergency response in Aweil Centre County.
- One school latrine at Shaab Basic School in Malakal has been completed.
- WASH supplies for response to the flood have been received at Baidit Payam and information on the use of chlorine tablets for household water treatment has been given.
- UNICEF supplied 200 litres of diesel to Kator emergency water treatment plant to increase accessibility for safe water for communities. This system supplies over 60,000 litres of safe water to the communities daily.

- Two hand washing facilities have been sent to schools in Tambura and will be sent to schools with permanent latrines.

(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 UNHCR)

- A UNHCR/IRD livelihood survey in Mabaan on 20-24 August reported the immediate need for livelihood intervention as a result of crop failure in high return areas. UNHCR offices all over South Sudan are also reviewing proposals for IGA/livelihoods projects to be undertaken for the remainder of the year.
- UNHCR is planning to undertake several livelihoods projects in 2008 for a total budget of up to \$350,000 and the agency is now discussing initial proposals with partners in Upper Nile, Central and Eastern Equatoria states.

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

Education (from UNICEF, UNHCR)

- Construction of latrines is on-going in 3 child friendly schools (Koch, Ruthnyibol and Kuergeng).
- 380 school-in-a-box kits that will benefit over 30,000 students were delivered to Torit in Eastern Equatoria State and Bor in Jonglei State for emergency pre-positioning and response to support newly opened schools as a result of returning students. In addition, 70 recreational kits were sent to be distributed to schools in the state.
- 3,400 school bags are being distributed to children in Mundri West and Mvolo counties.
- UNICEF provided 150 school-in-a-box kits, 75 for Agok and 75 for Turalei, that will benefit 12,000 students affected by the Abyei displacement. Those in Agok have been distributed to 16 schools.
- UNHCR handed two newly constructed classroom blocks for the Assosa Girls Secondary School in Malakal to the authorities.

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

Mine Action (from UNICEF)

- UNICEF provided 400 mine risk education booklets and four sets of posters to four of its partner NGOs to help raise awareness in the communities.

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

V. ASSESSEMENTS AND MISSIONS

- Efficacy and effectiveness of Artusinate and Sulfadoxin-pyrimethamine Combination treatment for non-complicated malaria: report of case study at the Marial Bai PHCC, Aweil West County, NBeGS, 18th – 22nd August.
[For full report contact: takele.lakew@concern.net]
- Rapid nutrition assessment report on Toch North, Toch East, Toch West and Pathuon West Payams of Gogrial East County, 20th to 28th August 2008.
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