



## Weekly Bulletin Humanitarian Action in Southern Sudan Week 37, 14 – 20 September 2008

### SUMMARY/HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ Polio campaign planned for Juba Town, 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September (*see Section I*).
- ✚ UNMIS/RRR warns of secondary displacement from Sakure (*see Sections I & III*).
- ✚ Planning for next return season continues as season approaches (*see Section III*).
- ✚ NFI needs met for the 5,292 households in Aweil Town (*see Section IV, NFIs*).

### I. FOCUS ON SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN ACCESS

- Western Equatoria State (WEQ): - Insecurity arising from the activities of armed elements has necessitated the raising of the road stretch from Yambio to Sakure, Yambio Gangura/Nabiapai/Border and Gangura/Mbata Sindan/Border to be raised to Security Level 3 with effect from 19 September 2008. Armed escorts are mandatory. Movement should be cleared by UN area security coordinator for Yambio.  
On 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008, the area of Sakure (southwest of Yambio along the DRC border) was raised to Security Level 4 with effect from 18 Sept 2008. This followed insecurity arising from an attack on the SPLA post there by suspected LRA militias.

### II. CURRENT ISSUES

#### **Polio campaign planned for Juba Town, 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

There has been a confirmed Polio case in Juba town. In response to that the Government of Southern Sudan in collaboration with WHO, UNICEF and other partners will conduct a Polio campaign from 25 to 27 September to immunize all children under five years of age.

All parents who have children under five years of age are requested to get the polio vaccinations for their children. Vaccinators will visit house to house from 8 am to 4 pm during the three-day campaign.

### III. POPULATION MOVEMENTS AND RETURNS

#### **Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)**

- The LRA attack in the Sakure Payam in Nzara County (Western Equatoria) reported under Section I may trigger substantial secondary displacement as in previous seasons. The Payam has been a major recipient of returnees.
- UNMIS and WFP plan to undertake an in Gok Machar (Northern Bahr el Ghazal State) on 26 September to verify numbers of people inhabiting a new camp there and assess the humanitarian needs. Over 5,000 people were reported to have moved into Gok Machar from South Darfour in July. Half of them moved into a new camp created adjacent to one established there before. The accommodation status of the other half is not yet known. Previous attempts to assess this situation were made by humanitarian actors but access was denied. Gok Machar is also cut off from road communication due to floods. Only small aircraft can reach the area. More specific details are expected from the assessment mission.

#### **Returns & Reintegration (from UNMIS/RRR)**

- In preparation for the upcoming planning exercise for 2009, team leaders from UNMIS/RRR field offices around the country gathered in Khartoum for one-day workshop on 18 September. They assessed lessons learned over the past year and discussed future directions for the returns and reintegration operation.

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

### **Refugees, Returns and Re-integration (from UNHCR)**

- Since 1 January to 20 September 2008, UNHCR has assisted the return of 60,676 refugees from countries of asylum, bringing the total number of facilitated returns to 137,631 from the time the operation started in May 2005.
- This week 11 refugee returnees (5 families) repatriated themselves and were assisted by UNHCR after verification at their final destinations. Ten persons (4 families) came from Uganda to Central Equatoria and Eastern Equatoria States and 1 person came from Ethiopia to Upper Nile State.

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

## **IV. SITUATION, NEEDS AND RESPONSE BY SECTOR**

### **Coordination and Common Services (from WHO)**

- WHO together with State Ministry of Health and MoH/GoSS organized and facilitated a five days training workshop from 16 – 20 September 2008 on Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) in Aweil town – NBEG State. A total of 40 participants from all the six counties of the state participated. In order to improve the surveillance activities, WHO donated two motor bikes – one each to Warrap and Lakes States.
- The WHO epidemiologist for Western and Northern Bahr el Ghazal States has been involved in the State MoH planning meeting in NBEG. His focus among others in this budgeting process includes communicable diseases targeted by IDSR.

*(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: OCHA, RCO, UNICEF, WFP, SSRRC, UNDSS, UNMIS, UNJLC, IOM)*

### **Disease outbreaks (from WHO, UNICEF)**

*Note: Week 37, which is under review for the rest of this bulletin, is Week 38 in the Health Calendar.*

- *Measles* - From September 5 -13, a team of experts from UNICEF, Oxfam, and the Ministries of Physical Infrastructure and Health conducted a rapid assessment on the reported measles outbreak and flooding in Udier Payam. Up to 1,846 households in 4 Bomas were affected by floods. Fifty (50) cases of Measles were recorded in Udier primary health care centre. The assessment was immediately followed by a Measles mop-up campaign during which 4,438 children between 6 months and 15 years were vaccinated.
- *Cholera* - The cholera outbreak in Northern Bahr el Ghazal State is under control. One of the CTCs in the north has been closed. Cholera cases in Aweil Town are also reducing.
- *Acute Jaundice Syndrome (AJS)* - Health facilities within Juba town (Central Equatoria State) continue to report cases of acute Jaundice syndrome. Seven cases with one death have been recorded in 5 health facilities. Investigation of cases and blood sampling for virology are on going.

### **Health (from UNICEF, UNHCR)**

- Three (3) Primary Health Care Unit (PHCU) kits, malaria and other assorted drugs were sent from Malakal to Udier to benefit an estimated 10,000 children and women over a period of 3-4 months.

- 1,800 Insecticide Treated Nets (ITNs) will be distributed to children under five and pregnant women in Unity State.
- One month training of health care providers on Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EmONC) started on September 8th and is ongoing in Unity State. Twenty-seven (27) participants (10 women and 17 men) are participating.
- 500 BCG doses, 500 DPT doses and 600 doses of tetanus toxoid (TT) vaccines were issued to MSF-Belgium in Jonglei State for routine Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) activities.
- On 16-19 September, a joint mission of County Health Department (MOH), SUHA, ARC and UNHCR in Kajo Keji assessed the health facilities in the county to identify gaps in the system of service delivery despite the existence of infrastructure.

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

### **Protection (from UNHCR)**

- In Yei UNHCR, UNDP and DRC co-facilitated protection training on Human Rights, Child Rights, Rule of Law and Customary Court systems. Fifteen (15) SSRRC members, community leaders, chiefs, women leaders and local administration represented the five (5) payams of Yei County.
- A UNHCR monitoring mission to Lainya County in Central Equatoria identified the lack of medical personnel and drugs at the Kupera Payam PHCU and general poverty in the absence of livelihoods. The majority of returnees are farmers but they lack seeds and tools. Monitoring in Litoba Boma of Kajo Keji has identified food and drug shortage, insufficiency of water points, declining education standards due to absence of structures, irregular payment of teachers' salaries and lack of income-generating activities in the area.

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

### **Nutrition (from UNICEF)**

- 13 Nurses (10 ladies and 3 gentlemen) from health facilities within Malakal town were trained on Management of Acute Malnutrition. Facilitators were from ACF, WFP, SMoH and UNICEF. Exclusive breastfeeding was one of the key topics taught to the participants.
- 200 cartons of F-100, 105 and 500 cartons of plump nuts were sent to Wau for distribution.
- Nutrition supplies (plumpy nuts, F100, high energy biscuits) expected to reach 400 children affected by floods in Bor County (Jonglei State).
- Three-day training workshop for ToTs on Annual Needs Livelihood Assessment (ANLA) and nutrition anthropometric assessment was conducted in Juba. Follow up training will take place in EES and Jonglei States.

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### **Water and Sanitation (from UNICEF)**

- One school latrine (4 compartments) was completed in Obel by RWD/MoPI with UNICEF support to provide safe means of excreta disposal for 986 pupils (449 girls and 537 boys).
- In Obel 71 households completed the digging of their pit latrines.
- Seven (7) broken down safe water sources and 2 hand pumps have been rehabilitated in Wau Town and the surrounding communities.
- Medair has completed the construction of 18 public pit latrines at Maper Akot. This has added to the original 80 constructed in 8 different locations of the area badly affected by cholera.

- Household level water chlorination continued in Aweil Town, Aweil East at Peth and Aweil West at Akuem.
- Sachets of chlorine water guard have been distributed to CONCERN and Cord Aid as part of continued cholera prevention in Aweil West and North. Both have received 100 cartons each.
- Emergency WASH and hand pump repair supplies including a month's supply of chlorine tablets and soaps for household water safety and basic hygiene promotion; and hand pump spares enough for rehabilitation of estimated 15 boreholes were sent to the flood affected payams of Baidit, Makuac and Kolnyang of Bor County (Jongolei 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 FAO)**

- FAO in partnership with APARD (a local NGO) conducted a five days training in Rumbek East County for 10 participants drawn from six primary schools on school vegetable gardening and other nutrition related aspects. The training follows on distribution of *seeds, drip irrigation kits, water tanks and treadle pumps* to primary schools in the counties mentioned above in support of school gardening projects.
- 8kgs of assorted vegetable seeds and an assortment of common hand tools were distributed by FAO to; Ayen-Mayar Womens' group (96 women) and Nuktamanga Womens' Group (72 women).
- Women for Women (WfW) Commercial Integrated Farming initiative was boosted by FAO through provision of assorted vegetable seeds (20 kilograms; Kale, onion, tomatoes, pumpkins, watermelon, cabbages and okra). WfW is implementing a project in support of returning households, IDPs and vulnerable households in Lakes State through farming. The project is targeted at 1 000 households of returnees, IPDs and vulnerable households in Lakes State.

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

### **Non-Food Items – NFIs (from OCHA)**

#### **Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLITNs)**

- Of the first batch of 14,000 nets delivered 12,400 have been collected from UNICEF. The second batch is in the pipe.
- Malaria Consortium's batch of 142,200 LLITN is estimated to arrive in Aweil on 02 October 2008.

#### **Other NFIs**

- So far distributions have focused on Aweil town, Aweil East and Aweil South.
- In **Aweil Town**, 5,292 households were registered. NFI distributions are complete.
- In **Aweil East**,
  - Majak Awer 2,141 households were registered. NFI distributions are complete.
  - Peth Town cholera response - Medair will place emergency water system (SWAT).
  - Baac Payam - 700 households were displaced. Tearfund distributing chlorine, LLITNs and health and hygiene promotion (HHP) started. There are NFI gaps.

*(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: ACF-USA, Caritas, Concern, CSI-USA, Goal, ICRC, IOM, Mercy Corps, MSF-Swiss, SC-USA, SSRRC, UNICEF, WARDS, WFP, World Vision, and UNJLC as sector lead. For details contact: [Thomas.Nyambane@wfp.org](mailto:Thomas.Nyambane@wfp.org))*

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