



Weekly Bulletin
Humanitarian Action in Southern Sudan
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SUMMARY/HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ At least 44,700 people were affected by recent flooding in Maban (*see Section II*)
- ✚ 4,500 of them have received 73MT of one month food rations
- ✚ 713MT more food aid earmarked for Maban is yet to be delivered

I. FOCUS ON SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN ACCESS (*from UNMIS*)

- According to UNMIS, on 27 October UNMAO received reports of anti-personnel mines along the road in the Rajaf West area of Central Equatoria State. It was recommended that the area be raised to Security Level 4 (NO-GO Area) of Security Phase 3 until mine clearance has been completed.
- The security situation remains calm in Abyei, but not sufficiently stable for larger-scale return of displaced civilians. The Joint Integrated Unit (JIU) and the Joint Integrated Police Unit (JIPU) are still not fully deployed to the area. The Abyei Area Civil Administration [AACAA] has also not been fully established. It is important to take necessary action to prevent imminent inter clan / tribal fights when the migration season starts right after the rainy season. Competition for pastoral resources and revenge attacks between pastoralists need to be forestalled in advance of time.
- The security situation in Western Equatoria State (WES) remains calm but unpredictable. LRA attacks are still reported on the DR Congo side.

II. CURRENT ISSUES

Latest update on flooding in Maban County

- Preliminary findings of a joint rapid assessment have revealed that at least 44,700 people (8,840 households) have been affected by floods in Maban County. Out of the affected households, 4,470 need non-food item (NFI) kits.
- The assessment team regrettably confirmed the drowning of five girls. On 28 October, the government announced that 31 people had died from the floods, which includes the five girls.
- The most affected areas are Bounj, Banasowa, Khor El Ahmar, Ginkuota and Ginmagda Payams. However, the number of people affected could be much higher as the assessment team could not access other areas due to the floods and security considerations.
- The assessment was carried out from 25th to 31st October 2008 by the Southern Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (SSRRC), Oxfam GB, Medair, WFP and UNICEF with coordination support from UNOCHA.
- Immediate humanitarian needs for the affected population include food, NFIs, safe drinking water, medicines, health and hygiene promotion as well as agricultural and veterinary supplies.
- Boreholes and other water points in most villages that were assessed are submerged in flood waters. Most household latrines and shelters collapsed and the general environmental sanitation is amenable to disease outbreaks.
- The high incidence of open disposal of human waste and pools of stagnant water increase the chances of waterborne diseases.
- Large quantities of education materials were destroyed and all 25 schools in the area will remain closed until flood waters dry up.

- Up to 34 cases of measles were reported between 06th and 31st October.
- An Emergency Planning Team of United Nations organizations, NGOs and government agencies (RCSO, WFP, UNICEF, FAO, Cafod, Consortium, Medair, Oxfam, WV, Relief International, MPI, VSFG, UNMIS, UNHCR with SSRRC and SMOH) based in Malakal is working hard to deliver humanitarian assistance to the affected people as quickly as possible.
- More information about floods in Maban can be found in the tables below.

Affected Population by Payam

Payam	Estimated Pop affected	# Households	# Households Needing NFI Kits
Bounj	5,000	1,000	500
Banasowa	22,000	4,400	2200
Khor El Ahmar	7,000	1,400	700
Ginkuota	4,700	940	470
Ginmagda	6,000	1,200	600
Total	44,700	8.840	4,470

Immediate Priority Needs

Humanitarian Needs	Responsible Organization(s)	Action Taken / Needed
Food items for 44,700 individuals	RI, WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,500 people received 73 MT of monthly food rations and assorted food items • 713 MT food approved for Maban is yet to be delivered • FHI has \$5,000 for transporting supplies
Safe drinking water and sanitation for 8,840 households	MPI, Oxfam, Medair, RI, CAFOD, Consortium, UNICEF,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12,000 sachets of water purification tablets delivered to Bounj on 31/10/2008 • 8,400 chlorine tablets on ground, • UNICEF has 16,800 sachets in Malakal • Oxfam contributing 13,500 pieces of soaps, • Oxfam expecting 4,000 sachets of purifying tabs from RK • Toilet slabs expected
NFI kits for 4,470 households	Medair, WV, RI, CAFOD, MRDO, UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medair distributed 311 NFI kits during the first flood; • 4100 ready in WV store in MLK and 100 in Melut to be delivered, • UNHCR has 300 mats, 200 mosquito nets and 100 buckets. • IRW contributing 500 kits
Agricultural and veterinary inputs / tools	MoA, IRD, RI, Consortium, FAO, VSFG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO has fishing inputs for 400 HHs, • Vegetable seed through IRD for 400 HHs ready. • 90,000 doses of vaccines & 2 teams ready, • Drugs available for dispatch to Maban.
Assorted drugs & Paracheck (RDT) including ACT	SMoH, WHO, UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good stock already delivered to RI at the county HQ in Bounj; • To conduct AIM, IMC, MC

Health and hygiene promotion	Medair, Oxfam, RI, Consortium, CAFOD, Unicef, MoH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various drugs including 25 Oral PHCU kits and other assorted drugs, ORS, 2 midwifery kits and ANC cards were flown to Maban to support 7,500 households. The drugs were provided by MoH and UNICEF. • Medair is sending in a team, • Oxfam has one HP in Udier that could be sent to Maban if need be
Logistics	UNMIS Emergency Planning Team (<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One flight to transport medical supplies from Malakal to Bounj town. • <u>Note:</u> Bridge between Melut and Maban was destroyed. Emergency planning team working to resolve logistical issues.
Emergency educational supplies	UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNICEF is planning to send 290 schools in boxes which are sufficient to cover 23,300 students.

III. POPULATION MOVEMENTS AND RETURNS

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

- UNICEF participated in an interagency assessment mission to Nabima in Western Equatoria State, where Congolese refugees from along the Sudan-DRC border are expected to relocate. The assessment revealed that the additional refugees together with 2,600 people from the host community will increase the total population to around 5,000 people. It was suggested that 10 boreholes installed with hand pumps be drilled before any relocation to meet immediate water needs.
- The SRRC in Wau released the Federal High Return Committee plan for the GoSS IDP return programme for Western Bahr el Ghazal/Warrab, which was produced in cooperation with the Council of Chiefs in Khartoum. The plan envisages the return of close to 10,000 IDPs from South Darfur, Khartoum and Kordofan to Western Bahr el Ghazal and Warrap states.

Returns & Reintegration (from UNMIS/RRR)

- On 29 October, WFP, ADRA and SSRRC verified a total of 3,501 spontaneous returnees at Juba Port in anticipation of Early Reintegration Assistance programming.

Refugees, Returns and Re-integration (from UNHCR)

- Renewed influx of Congolese refugees was reported in three other locations namely; Nabanga, Boo and Madebe in Western Equatoria State (WES) following new attacks by the LRA in Duru, DRC in mid-October. Out of five locations in WES, where new Congolese refugees have settled, UNHCR has completed verification of 3,131 in Sakure (562), Gangura (1,742), Ukou (390) and Madebe (437). Verification has not yet been carried out in James Diko due to the security threat of proximity to the LRA and extremely difficult access. The verification in Yambio town was suspended as the majority of Congolese there are believed to be long-term businessmen. A 15-day food ration has been distributed to the refugees in Sakure, Gangura and Madebe and the distribution of NFIs is also complete. The Congolese influx into WES has so far been managed by the deployment of an emergency team, in collaboration with SSRRC, UNICEF, MSF and WVI.
- This week there were no organized convoys, but seven persons self-repatriated from Uganda to Eastern Equatoria. Last week, 13 persons (3 families) also returned – 2 persons came from Central Africa Republic (CAR) to WES, 8 persons (1 family) came from DRC to Central Equatoria State while 3 persons (1 family) came from Uganda to Eastern Equatoria State.

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

IV. SITUATION, NEEDS AND RESPONSE BY SECTOR

Common Services and Coordination (from UNJLC)

- On 30 October, an interagency team consisting of UNJLC, WFP and a representative from the Ministry of Transport & Roads (MoTR) traveled to Warnock to assess the extent and impact of flooding in the area. The mission conducted an aerial assessment of the area as well as on the ground research. WFP and MoTR will follow up on mission recommendations in the coming months. Outcomes from the mission included:
- Warnock Bridge:
 - The primary cause of the flooding is the causeway built to accommodate the bridge which slows the flow of the Lol River.
 - Flood waters will take longer to recede due to insufficient culverts currently in place.
 - Construction work has also dammed the river thereby presenting a secondary threat.
 - The second section of the bridge is almost in place but construction of the approaches has still to begin.
 - The engineers' statement that the bridge will be operational within a month is unrealistic.



Warnock Bridge from East side – Finne Lucey 30-10-08



Warnock Bridge from West side – Finne Lucey 30-10-08

- The Road South of Warnock Bridge:
 - Flooding caused by the bridge is severely affecting the road to the south, which becomes impassable after 4km and is surrounded by water on both sides.
 - Makeshift dykes have been keeping the water back on the west side of the road, which is an estimated 40cm higher than the east side.
 - Trucks have been forbidden from using the road to prevent further damage.
 - Temporary repairs are ongoing. Civicon has stopped all normal road rehabilitation work to carry out makeshift repairs.
- Follow up action to be taken by MoTR with support from WFP:
 - Close the road until proper repairs are done and preventative measures taken.
 - Open a small section of the causeway to release some water in a controlled manner.
 - Examine Greater Nile Petroleum's plans for the bridge approaches before construction work begins.

- For further information on logistics and common services please email UNJLC Juba at unjlc.juba@unjlc.org.

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

Health (from UNICEF)

- 4th round polio National Immunization Days (NIDs) took place in all ten states of Southern Sudan, targeting approximately 2.9 million children under five. State NIDs also took place in Upper Nile, Jonglei and parts of Unity and Eastern Equatoria States in response to the recent polio outbreaks.
- Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) supplies to benefit 1,000 children under one year of age were delivered to community members in Jonglei State through MSF.
- 1,000 long-lasting insecticide treated nets (LLITNs) were given to SC-USA in Eastern Equatoria State and will benefit 1,000 children and pregnant women.
- An acceleration campaign against the six child killer diseases is ongoing in western payams of Malakal covering Wau, Shilluk and Ogod payams.

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

Protection (from UNHCR, UNICEF)

- 11 police officers, 6 prison wardens and 5 social workers attended the Juvenile Justice Training conducted in Wau from 28th to 31st October. Participants developed an action plan at the end of the training that should promote the use of diversion programmes and restorative justice for cases of children in contact with the law. Another Juvenile Justice Training was conducted in Malakal. It was attended by 35 officials from Legal Affairs, police, prison, CID and social workers.
- Warrap Women Association (WWA) organized a Community Based Child Protection Workshop in Kuajok on 30 October targeting community representatives from four payams of Gogrial West County to share the results of the baseline survey on situation of children conducted in Gogrial West. Up to 19 participants attended the workshop and it was agreed to support establishment of Children's Clubs and promote community awareness on child rights and child protection. Recreational kits were handed over to the payam representatives to create four children's clubs (one in each payam).

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

Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (from UNICEF)

- The verification and registration of children associated with SPLA in Kokpiot was carried out and as a result 58 children were registered and are awaiting demobilization. Southern Sudan Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Commission (SSDDRC) is working with the ministry of health to do the medical screening for children in Kokpiot barrack before they are demobilized.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: SSDDRC, UNICEF)

Nutrition (from UNICEF)

- 20 cartons of F-100 and 400 cartons of plumpy nut therapeutic food have been issued to ACF-USA to support nutrition activities in Atar and Khorfulus.
- 10 cartons of BP 5 compact biscuits and 12 weighing scales and pans have been delivered to Maban County to support nutrition interventions.
- ACF France in Bentiu received 35 cartons of plumpy nut and 20 cartons of F100 therapeutic milk.

- The SMOH Malakal were provided with 50 cartons of F75 therapeutic milk, 17 cartons F100 therapeutic milk, 100 blankets to support Malakal, Renk TFC and Malakal OTP.

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

Water and Sanitation (from UNICEF)

- Construction of two latrine blocks for boys and girls with five compartments each commenced at Bor Complex Primary School. Pit excavation for one block has been completed and the cover slab cast. The two latrine blocks if completed are expected to serve an estimated number of 500 school children at the school.
- The Department of Rural Water Supply Services (DRWSS) in Western Bahr el Ghazal (WBeG) state are working on a soak away pit for 10 newly drilled boreholes in Wau town. Six soak away pits have been completed - 3 in Wau South and 3 in Wau North.
- 100 boxes of water purification tabs (1 box contains 240 sachets, 1 sachet/20L) were delivered to Peth, Malual Payam in Aweil East County, NBeG State for AWD response by DRWSS and partner NGO ACF.
- In Upper Nile, 2 School latrines in Wadakona Girls and Boys schools were benefiting 517 girls and 673 boys. 4 hand washing facilities were also installed in the two schools.

(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 Aid (from WFP)

- WFP assisted 78,980 beneficiaries with 1,160mt of food in South Sudan during the reporting week. These included 4,500 residents affected by flooding in Maban County in Upper Nile.
- The Gogrial airlift operation for the 30,000 Gogrial IDPs is scheduled to resume in the coming week, following a disruption caused by mechanical problems in the aircraft in the previous week. The operation had delivered 112mt of food out of a planned 956mt- enough to last the IDPs up to December 2008.
- WFP assisted 4,500 worst-affected people with 73mt of one-month food rations during the week - the only food that was pre-positioned in the location covering Maban County. This followed the recommendations of an inter-agency mission for provision of a one-month immediate food ration for the flood affected population. The State Government and humanitarian agencies are making consultations on modalities of delivering the balance of 713mt of food requirements for the rest of the affected population, as well as non-food items. The road between Malakal and Maban was cut-off by heavy rains, with reports indicating that local authorities in Maban mobilized the communities to repair worst sections of the road.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: World Vision, Save the Children USA, Mercy Corps and WFP as sector lead)

Education (from UNICEF)

- 4 ventilation improved pit latrines (VIP) latrines were completed in Kagwada and Lainya primary schools, Central Equatoria State.
- 21,000 pupils from 24 schools received school bags in Wau County.
- 650 school bags, 30 recreation kits and 80 students' kits were sent to Gogrial West County.

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

Mine Action (from UNMAO)

- At the request of UNMAO, the Swedish Rescue Services Agency (SRSA) has sent a four-person Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team to conduct a series of Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) spot tasks in Abyei. The team will remain in the area until the end of 2008, in

support of humanitarian activities for the return and reintegration of IDPs affected by the fighting. The Mine Action Committee, coordinated through the UNMIS head of office in Abyei, will compile all requests for work and define the priorities. The Swedish EOD team will start by clearing ERW that have been reported at the UNICEF and UNDP compounds. They will also work on various NGOs and government compounds, as well as on Abyei's secondary schools and the Return, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration (RRR) centres for IDPs. The SRSA team is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), an UNMAO partner since 2004.



Unexploded mortar found inside a building in Abyei

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

- War child reached 350 community members with Mine Risk Education (MRE) messages.
- MAG continued MRE activities during the reporting period in Gogrial County and trained an additional 20 children peer educators who were able to disseminate MRE messages to a further 882 children. In addition, 2,433 beneficiaries (including 1,252 children) and 60 teachers received MRE.

Non-Food Items – NFIs and Emergency Shelter (from UNJLC)

- World Vision distributed NFI kits to 220 households of refugees in the Sakure area who were displaced following fighting in DRC. WVS plans to assist a further 702 households in Gangura and surrounding locations over the coming week.
- UNJLC, UNHCR, UNICEF & CRS are working together to provide NFI assistance to 1,666 flood-affected families assessed to be in need of support in Baidit, Bor South County.
- WVS distributed NFI kits to 300 flood-affected households in Panyijar, Unity State.
- UNJLC is liaising with OCHA EP&R and Sector Partners (WVS, Medair, CAFOD, UNICEF) in Upper Nile to assist flood-affected groups in Maban County with stocks from the NFI Common Pipeline Pilot Project.
- For the latest *Southern Sudan 2008 Flooding: NFIs Response Summary Matrix*, please contact: thomas.nyambane@wfp.org or unjlc.juba@unjlc.org. For other information, you may visit UNJLC's website - www.unjlc.org/sudan.

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