



Humanitarian Action in Southern Sudan Report Week 05, 26 January – 01 February 2009

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Cargo Aircraft for Juba: Due to increased demand, UNJLC and UNHAS initiated discussions with partners regarding the possibility of bringing an aircraft to Juba that would be dedicated solely to cargo flights. The aircraft would be tasked to fly 80 hours per month and the service would be provided on a cost-recovery basis. Agencies that are interested in the service are encouraged to provide cargo projections to UNJLC Juba by 6 February. To obtain the cargo projection form, please contact sudan.juba@unjlc.org.

SUMMARY/HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ Food and NFIs reach refugees and IDPs in Ezo County
- ✚ Influx of DR Congo refugees spreads into Central Equatoria
- ✚ Makpandu refugee population approaches 1,000

I. FOCUS ON SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN ACCESS

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II. CURRENT ISSUES

Humanitarian Assistance Reaches Refugees and IDPs in Ezo County

From mid to end of January, continued attacks by the Ugandan Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) rebel movement were said to have caused further displacement of thousands of refugees from DR Congo into Ezo County of Western Equatoria State (WES). UNHCR undertook an assessment mission to Ezo County from 23-24 January and identified 670 refugee households (2,060 individuals) as well as 560 households of internally displaced persons (1,700 individuals). Relief items were delivered on 01 February from stocks that were prepositioned in Yambio. The humanitarian relief items included;

- 40 MT of food provided by WFP. 24.8MT more food is required to cater for both for both the refugee and IDP population and more food to close this gap is expected to arrive in Ezo on 04 February. The initial food stock also did not include pulses. World Vision is responsible for distributing the food with the assistance of WFP food monitors.
- NFIs for refugees consisting of 1,400 blankets, 700 mosquito nets, 2,285 plastic sheets, 1,620 sleeping mats, 7000 pieces of soap, and 1,740 plastic buckets. MSF provided part of the blankets and mosquito nets.
- An assortment of drugs for the Ezo County health unit.

[SOURCE: UNHCR]

Refugee Influx from DR Congo Spreads to Central Equatoria State

According to UNHCR, 2,195 refugees from DR Congo arrived in Lasu Payam, Central Equatoria State (CES) between 22nd January and 01 February. The influx is reportedly continuing. Three missions were undertaken from Yei to assess their situation and respond to the immediate needs. A first group of 758 people was registered and received food and non food items. Humanitarian assistance to the whole group is yet to be delivered due to

the complexities in distributing assistance close to the border and in a trading center. The local authorities have identified a piece of land away from the border, as a staging site, where the refugees could be relocated but the practicalities of using the site need further consideration before a decision can be made. Among the refugees, 25 unaccompanied minors (UAMs) were registered and assisted before they were given a foster family to take

care of them while waiting for reunification. AAH-I assessed the medical condition of the refugees and provided a medical kit to the health Unit in Lasu. AAH also provided two community health workers to follow up on

refugee medical problems. Four women who had recently delivered were recipients of baby kits, sanitary material and hygiene kits.

[SOURCE: UNHCR]

III. POPULATION MOVEMENTS

Further LRA Related Displacements

- The Southern Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (SSRRC) reported the presence of newly displaced people in the area between Yambio and Ezo in WES. Estimates indicate that there are 5,125 IDPs and 279 refugees in Andale Payam. A further 123 refugees are in Nande. WFP staff talked to some of the displaced people who seemed to confirm the extent of displacement. WFP/WVI/UNHCR plan to verify this new group with a view to assist them.

[SOURCES: SSRRC, WFP]

Progress on Resettlement of Refugees to Makpandu Settlement

- Up to 879 individuals (422 households) had moved to Makpandu refugee site as at 01 February. During the reporting week, 29 households (41 individuals) transferred from Gangura, Yambio and Ukou to Makpandu. Spontaneous movements also continue to trickle into the site. Ministry of Health visited Makpandu on 28 January to review health related issues including the integration of Congolese health workers into the Sudanese facility on site.

[SOURCE: UNHCR]

IV. SITUATION, NEEDS AND RESPONSE BY SECTOR

Common Services and Coordination

- During the reporting week, UNJLC facilitated the movement of 810kg of essential medical items for the IDPs and refugees in Western Equatoria State. The cargo flight was provided by UNHAS.

[SOURCE: UNJLC]

Disease Outbreaks

- *Cholera/Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD)*: Eleven (11) cases with no deaths were line listed in Akon PHCC in week 4. Medair is still on ground for water, sanitation and hygiene promotion activities. Overall, 299 cases and no deaths were reported during the week.
- *Malaria*: 918 cases and no deaths were reported.
- *Acute Bloody Diarrhoea (ABD)*: 245 cases and no deaths were reported.
- *Meningitis*: A health team that investigated the meningitis outbreak in Kapoeta found out that the outbreak started on 02 January in a village called Namuryang in Kapoeta north, Eastern Equatoria State (EES). Currently, a total of 10 villages in both Kapoeta south and north are involved. A total of 30 cases with three deaths were collected on a line list. One CSF sample was collected and it tested positive for *meningococcal meningitis* by gram stain and a pastorex test showed NM serotype A. Health services including surveillance in the affected areas are very poor. In addition, the area is vast and sparsely populated with a mobile pastoral community. This has made it difficult to assess the actual magnitude of the problem. For this reason, the epidemic preparedness and response task force recommended a follow up mission to;
 - collect more samples to identify more *meningococcal* serotypes,
 - to strengthen surveillance and provide hands-on training for the local health staff,
 - to deliver more antibiotics for boosting case management, and

- to prepare the ground for possible immunization campaign.
- Yei Hospital had also been said to have recorded 11 cases of meningitis. However, verification teams from both the state and central level found it to be a false alarm. Another rumor of 2 cases and one death from Terekeka remains to be verified.

Weekly Statistics By States – Week 4

States	WES		EES		CES		JNGS		WRBS		LKS		NBGS		WBGS		UNS		UNTS		TOTAL	
Counties	10/10		0/8		5/6		5/11		1/6		1/5		0/5		2/3		0/12		0/9		2579	
Cases/Death	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D
AWD	137	0			7	0	106	0			34	0					15	0			299	0
ABD	186	0			8	0	21	0			22	0					8	0			245	0
Meningitis	0	0			5	1	0	0			0	0					0	0			5	1
Measles	0	0			0	0	1	0			0	0					0	0			1	0
Malaria	918	0			0	0	0	0			0	0					0	0			918	0
AJS	0	0			0	0	0	0			0	0					0	0			0	0
AFP	0	0			0	0	0	0			0	0					0	0			0	0
TOTAL MORBIDITY	1241	0	0	0	20	1	128	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	1468	1
TOTAL MORTALITY																						

[SOURCES: MOH/WHO Week 4 Epidemiological Report]

Health

- Measles mop-up immunization campaign was successfully completed in Maban County, Upper Nile State. The team is expected to return to Malakal early next week to compile the results before they are shared. UNICEF and Relief International (RI) fully supported the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) team with logistics, monitoring and supervision.
- For routine immunization services, a cold chain system consisting of three refrigerators has been established in Maban County at RI health facility in Bounj town. Vaccines are available for routine immunization at both fixed and outreach sites by RI.
- As part of the preparedness activities and pre-positioning, UNICEF has provided to the SMoH in Torit, Eastern Equatoria State the following supplies: 200 pints of IV fluids (Ringers Lactate), gloves, 4,000 ORS sachets, 4,000 doxycycline tablets and chlorine tablets.

[SOURCE: UNICEF]

Protection

- The CBO Unity Cultural Development Center (UCDC) organized a workshop on 28 January in Wau to share the results of the baseline survey that was conducted in Wau, Bazia and Udici with support of UNICEF. Major concerns identified were: the high number of children living or working on the street in Wau due to lack of parental care, domestic violence and poverty, and early marriages.
- Ministry of Social Development (MOSD) reported that a total of 445 IDPs from Wulu in Lakes State arrived in Wau since last week. Among them 283 are children. MOSD social workers registered 65 cases of separated children, 4 unaccompanied children and 2 missing children. Follow up is going to be conducted in coordination with MOSD Lakes.

[SOURCE: UNICEF]

Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration

- Four former Children Associated with Armed Forces and Groups (CAAFGs) demobilized from Unity State were reunited with their families in NBeG on 15 January and received NFI kits to facilitate their community reintegration process.

[SOURCE: UNICEF]

Nutrition

- UNICEF supported a partner, NHDF, with 8 growth monitoring kits for a nutrition survey in Akobo County of Jonglei. This is expected to be conducted for 4 weeks and targeting 5,000 children of under five years within the areas of high returnee population (estimated 10,000).

- In a screening carried out in an IDP camp in Bam, 60 children under five years old were found with severe acute malnutrition, 20 of which had been referred to the Malakal treatment facility.

[SOURCE: UNICEF]

Water and Sanitation

- UNICEF released water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies that included 50 pieces of plastic slabs, 300 pieces of collapsible jerry-cans, 5 drums of chlorine, and 2 sets of India Mk II fast moving spare kits. The supplies were sent to Yei, Central Equatoria State to support WASH activities benefiting IDPs and DR Congo refugees affected by the ongoing LRA attacks. UNICEF will hold discussions with partners on the ground and plan activities that will be implemented in the affected areas.
- WASH supplies, including hand pumps, water purification tablets, jerricans and others, have been prepared for immediate dispatch from UNICEF to Maridi, Western Equatoria State. IOM provided transport. The supplies will benefit people affected by LRA attacks.

[SOURCE: UNICEF]

Food Aid

- WFP assisted 45,220 beneficiaries with 723mt of food during the reporting week. The beneficiaries included 2,480 children under the age of five who received a one-month food ration under an ongoing Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme in Aweil East, Northern Bahr el Ghazal State.
- WFP dispatched the first consignment of 230mt of the planned 480mt of food to areas affected by the LRA insurgency in Central and Western Equatoria States beginning 26 January. The consignment was destined for Lainya, Tore and Lasu targeting 5,140 beneficiaries. The planned amount of food targets an estimated 41,000 IDPs and refugees in the two the states.
- Following the dispatches, WFP assisted 2,910 IDPs affected by the LRA insurgency in Lainya County in Central Equatoria with one-month food rations during the week, after an inter-agency verification exercise. The team is scheduled for Yei in the coming week to assist about 3,000 returnees and IDPs.
- Some 180 IDPs who arrived in Wau in Western Bahr el Ghazal from the conflict-zone in Wullu in Lakes State were verified and assisted with a three-month food ration in an inter-agency intervention. Some 310 others were assisted in the preceding week.
- WFP assisted 10,000 residents of Nayapuru location in Boma County, Jonglei State with 162MT of food in an inter-agency rapid intervention following a verification exercise. The residents were victims of a fire that destroyed residences and property of the affected populations in the preceding week.
- A WFP/UNMIS joint security team carried out a security assessment of various villages in the county. The 29 January mission reported Wullu County as calm although most villages were deserted. As a result, the ASMT reduced a section of the Rumbek – Mvolo – Juba road (Rumbek – Wullu road stretch) and Wullu town from level 3 to 2. At the same time, an inter-agency team comprising WFP, UNICEF, RCO, UNMIS RRR and SSRRC carried out a needs assessments on 29 January in which 2,910 new IDPs were verified. Inter-agency interventions are planned for 3,700 IDPs in the coming week.

[SOURCE: WFP]

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Education

- A total of 4,546 boys and 2,087 girls in 29 schools are set to benefit from 68,400 exercise books, 99 student kits, 99 teacher kits, 29 recreational kits and 29 blackboards in Kapoeta South County, Eastern Equatoria State. Meanwhile the distribution of educational materials to 68 schools in Budi, Kapoeta East and Kapoeta North is ongoing.

[SOURCE: UNICEF]

Mine Action

- Southern Sudan De-mining Commission (SSDC) supported by UNICEF conducted mine risk education (MRE) awareness sessions in Malakal central and southern zones in 4 basic schools located near the mine fields. The training benefitted 346 people, among them children and adults.

[SOURCES: UNICEF]

Non-Food Items (NFIs) & Emergency Shelter

- *Central Equatoria:* The NGO DRC carried out a distribution to 542 HH across three payams in Lainya with IOM and UNICEF donated NFIs including: 1,248 jerry cans, 1,248 blankets, 1,248 sleeping mats, 1,248 pieces of soap, 624 pieces of plastic sheeting, 624 mosquito nets and 445 cooking sets. The distribution to 67 HHs in Tore is pending due to insecurity in the area.
- *Jonglei:* Following an accidental fire in Nayapuru, an inter-agency team was deployed to assess the humanitarian needs. 500 NFI kits will be sent from Juba in early February to supplement plastic sheeting already pre-positioned by SCUK. The team targets 807 HHs that lost all belongings in the fire. The distribution will be carried out by ACROSS.
- Following the inter-agency assessment report on the situation of IDPs in Mundri, Western Equatoria State, UNICEF released 2,190 NFI kits and kitchen kits. This support will support an estimated 2,190 households (approximately 15,500 people). The transportation of the items is pending receipt of a letter from SSRRC (Mundri) authorizing the items to be delivered to OXFAM GB as the partner that will be responsible for the distribution.
- Further information on the NFI & ES Sector can be obtained by visiting UNJLC's website at www.unjlc.org/sudan or by e-mailing unjlc.juba@unjlc.org.

[SOURCES: UNJLC, UNICEF]

V. ASSESSEMENTS AND MISSIONS

- For reports of inter-agency assessments completed during the reporting week, please contact Leonard Tedd from OCHA-EP&R: tedd@un.org

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