



## Humanitarian Action in Southern Sudan Report Week 23, 01-07 June 2009

### SUMMARY/HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ As at 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009, cumulative total of 324,856 had returned to Southern Sudan and Blue Nile State since the return operation started in 2006.

### I. FOCUS ON SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN ACCESS

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### II. CURRENT ISSUES

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### III. POPULATION MOVEMENTS

#### Refugees, Returns and Re-integration

- During the reporting week 1,003 returning refugees reached home. As of 6 June 2009 the repatriation of Sudanese refugees to South Sudan and Blue Nile State reached a cumulative total of 324,856, of which 168,026 returned under the organized and assisted self-repatriation programme.
- Between 1 January and 6 June 2009 a total number of 28,661 persons returned through organised means supported by UNHCR. Out of this number 28,351 persons (99%) were organized and 310 persons (1%) were under the assisted self-repatriation programme.
- This week 990 persons (251 families) reached home under the organized voluntary repatriation programme, out of whom 919 persons (214 families) came from Uganda and 71 persons (37 families) came from Kenya to Central and Eastern Equatoria States and 13 persons (three families) came from
- Uganda to Eastern Equatoria State under the assisted voluntary self-repatriation programme.

*[UNHCR, IOM]*

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

#### Health

- During 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May, a total of 25,813 children aged under 15 years were vaccinated against measles in Rubkona and Bentiu town of Unity state, including 17,063 children aged 6-59 months (87% of the target). Up to 12,271 women of child bearing age were vaccinated against TT, (107% of the target).
- Through a mop-up campaign, 169 children aged under five years received measles vaccination and 834 women of child bearing age received tetanus doses in Kapoeta North, Eastern Equatoria State. Another 233 children received vitamin A supplementation tablets.
- The first Accelerated Child Survival Initiative (ACSI) Steering committee meeting was held in Yambio, Western Equatoria state, bringing together SMOH, SMOEST, SMOsD and partners. The ACSI service package of bed net distribution, hygiene and breastfeeding promotion, measles and TT vaccination, and deworming and vitamin A supplementation aims to reach 31,000 children aged under five years and about 6,000 pregnant women.
- UNICEF distributed HIV/AIDS medication to PLHIV (People Living with HIV) STAR group and the children with HIV/AIDS in Yambio, Western Equatoria state. The medications included 19,500 tablets of antibiotics (17,000 tablets of Cotrimoxazole, 2,000 tablets of Flunacozole, and 500 tablets of Acyclovir) for the treatment of opportunistic infections in PLHIV and the affected children.

*[SOURCES: UNICEF]*

#### Food Aid

- WFP and its partner assisted 33,429 beneficiaries with 443MT of food during the week under review. This mainly covered IDPs (17,147 individuals - 209MT) and spontaneous returns (1,784 individuals -

90MT) in Lakes, Western, Central and Eastern Equatoria States, who were displaced in March and April by LRA attacks on civilians in Western Equatoria State and inter-tribal conflicts among various Dinka clans and Bongo tribe of Lakes and Waraap States.

- In addition to the above two leading food modality distributed during the week, was Food for Education (FFE) distributed to beneficiaries (9,723 individuals – 63MT) in Lakes, Eastern Equatoria, Western and Northern Bahr el Ghazal states amounts to 14 percent of total food distributed and 29 percent of total beneficiaries served. Security situation was generally calm during the week.
- A joint inter-agency mission comprised of WFP, SSRRC, RRR and IOM conducted an assessment and monitoring in Mapel Jur River County, Western Bahr el Ghazal on 3 June to assess the IDPs displaced from Chono and Agur locations. They were displaced in April due to inter-tribal/clan conflicts in Lakes and Warrap states.
- WFP, WVI and SSRRC in Ezo County Western Equatoria carried out joint verification exercise of IDPs in Andari and Naandi and served with two months food ration at 100%. The verification revealed that 2891 IDP (830 households) were confirmed and registered in Andari and Naandi. Verification could not be completed since the authority exaggerated the figure and the displaced communities raised complain that residents were included in the list and have been registered severally times. The registered beneficiaries were issued 104.076 mt of food items and team suspended the exercise pending planned registration planned this week.

[SOURCES: WFP]

### **Nutrition**

- In Bor, Jonglei state, 34 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition are being treated by therapeutic feeding program with UNICEF support.
- In Upper Nile state, 34 children were admitted in Malakal therapeutic feed center (TFC) during May, of which 16 are discharged and 5 defaulted while 8 died (mostly due to their delayed admission to the TFC and insufficient medical care).

[SOURCES: UNICEF]

### **Non-Food Items (NFIs) & Emergency Shelter**

- Following inter-tribal clashes in Upper Nile, Jonglei, Lakes and Warrap States, the NFI & ES Sector is working towards supporting displaced households with non-food items and emergency shelter. With the approach of the rains, sector partners have begun to pre-position NFIs in areas traditionally affected by seasonal flooding.
- Jonglei: 250 UNICEF NFI kits which are being dispatched to Pibor to support conflict-displaced households in the area were been delayed in Bor. Partners for onward transportation, storage in Pibor and for distributions are currently under identification.
- Upper Nile: Conflict in Nasir has displaced some 2,000-4,500 individuals in the area. CARE, GOAL, Medair and UNICEF will pool stocks of NFI kits in place in Upper Nile for emergency response and distributions will proceed as soon as security allows.
- Central Equatoria: Following an inter-agency assessment in Jabel Lado, between 800 and 1,200 IDPs have been identified as in need of NFI assistance. Upon confirmation of household numbers, UNICEF will provide NFI kits which will be distributed by Medair.
- Western Bahr El Ghazal: RRR reported 257 households of spontaneous returnees as in need of NFI support in Raja, Western Bahr el Ghazal. IOM will dispatch NFI kits in two weeks time, as stocks become available.
- 1,200 NFI Kits were transported by three IOM trucks from Juba to Ezo on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The trucks are expected to arrive in Ezo on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June.
- Further information on the NFI & ES Sector can be obtained by visiting UNJLC's website at [www.unjlc.org/sudan](http://www.unjlc.org/sudan) or by e-mailing [sudan.juba@unjlc.org](mailto:sudan.juba@unjlc.org).

[SOURCE: UNJLC, IOM]

### **Water and Sanitation**

- UNICEF delivered 10 complete hand pump sets, 200 casings and 50 screens to SSDO-Yei, Central Equatoria, to support the construction of 10 new water points in order to provide access to safe water to 5,000 displaced people and host communities affected by the LRA attacks.
- 100 pit latrines have been completed and are operational in the Refugee camp and in the IDPs camp in Ezo.

[SOURCES: UNICEF]

### **Education**

- UNICEF delivered 1,700 boxes of educational materials to the State Ministry of Education Central Equatoria State to enable the Ministry to address the needs of newly established schools in the state and to meet the shortage due to a large increase in school enrollment.

[SOURCES: UNICEF]

## **V. ASSESSEMENTS AND MISSIONS**

- Inter-agency assessment reports may be obtained from OCHA EP&R – [epsouthsudan@un.org](mailto:epsouthsudan@un.org)

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