

Over 900,000 people have been displaced (76% internally) since deadly clashes broke out in Juba on 15 December between rival factions of the SPLA, with displacement affecting nearly all of South Sudan's ten states.

The number of South Sudanese who have fled to neighbouring countries is approaching the 250,000 mark, with the highest numbers in Ethiopia and Uganda.

The UN Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs declared a Level 3 Humanitarian System-Wide Emergency Response for South Sudan on 11 February.

UNHCR continues to support over 235,000 refugees inside South Sudan.

DEVELOPMENTS

- On 19 March WFP obtained from the Government of South Sudan the non-objection letter for the use of the corridor from Gambella, Ethiopia to Upper Nile and Jonglei states, South Sudan. This will allow access to people displaced by the current conflict in the two states and to refugees hosted in Maban County.
- Road convoys are expected to depart from Gambella this week, to meet the needs of refugees in Maban and IDPs and conflict-affected people in Jonglei and Upper Nile states, who have suffered delays with March distributions as a result of WFP's inability to use the corridor until now. About 1,300 mt of cereals have also been locally purchased in Renk, Upper Nile and will be distributed to refugees in Maban this week. *[WFP South Sudan Situation Report #20]*
- Rainy season non-food items for Unity State are largely prepositioned. Challenges persist in Upper Nile.

REFUGEE OPERATIONS

Unity State

- General Food Distribution was completed in Yida and Ajuong Thok. Biometric registration ensures that every ration is accounted for; each ration card holder must appear personally to collect food. Food Basket Monitoring was carried out in both camps.

Given the current overland inaccessibility of most parts of Unity, Jonglei and Upper Nile states, WFP started a series of airdrops of food assistance to remote areas of South Sudan. Communities in the direst food security conditions were prioritized. The first airdrop took place on 14 March on Maban (Upper Nile state), dropping about 100mt of food.

PHOTO: Refugees in Kaya camp received a 15-day ration on 22 March.

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- UNHCR undertook monitoring of the Jau corridor to gauge the movements of refugees during food distribution. Over a seven day period it was noted that a lot of food is taken out of Yida especially during the last three days of food distribution. Some refugees who were interviewed said they were taking food to elderly relatives left behind.
- Performance indicators show positive results for nutrition in Ajuong Thok. The MAM programme had 89 children enrolled, 7 admissions and 2 cured discharges. In Yida the MAM programme had an enrolment of 782 children, 46 admissions and 106 discharges; a high defaulter rate (28.3%) is primarily due to movements between to and from South Kordofan.
- Regarding health, in Yida the Hepatitis E Virus epidemic has shown a downward trend for the past six months. Two new cases were registered during the week compared to one case in the previous week. No Hepatitis E-related death was registered; the last reported death was on 18 September 2013. Hepatitis E outbreak response continues. 642 cumulative cases of HEV and a total of 18 deaths have been reported since the outbreak started at the end of August 2012.
- Meanwhile, six suspected measles cases were identified in week 11. A downward trend is attributed to the mass measles campaign which was conducted in weeks 6-8. Other response activities include: isolation of suspected cases; case management; staff orientation on case definition and management; and strengthening community awareness and surveillance through community health workers.
- There was no reported epidemic in Ajuong Thok.

SUDANESE REFUGEES IN UNITY AND UPPER NILE

| | | CAMP | 24 MAR |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| UNITY STATE | Parang County | Ajuong Thok | 9,583 |
| | | Yida | 70,514 |
| | | Sub-total | 80,097 |
| UPPER NILE STATE | Maban County | Doro | 48,242 |
| | | Gendrassa | 17,608 |
| | | Kaya | 19,242 |
| | | Yusuf Batil | 39,746 |
| | | Lelo | 956 |
| | | Sub-total | 125,714 |
| | | TOTAL | 205,891 |

Source: UNHCR Regional Web Portal (24 Mar 2014) [<http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/regional.php>]

Upper Nile State

- The Assistant Commissioner for Refugee Affairs has taken up his functions in Maban County.
- Engagement with refugees and local populations on peaceful coexistence continues.
- Schools remain closed in Yusuf Batil long after refugees returned to the camp, following clashes with residents of neighboring villages. Refugees cite hunger and continued displacement from their habitual places of residence within the camp as reasons for preventing their children from returning to school.
- 6,665 textbooks, 1,905 teachers' guides, 725 Accelerated Learning textbooks and soap were distributed in schools in Doro camp where teaching and learning activities continue.

REFUGEES IN SOUTH SUDAN (BY NATIONALITY) AND LOCATION

| LOCATION | Central Equatoria | Jonglei | Unity | Upper Nile | Western Equatoria | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| COUNTRY OF ORIGIN | | | | | | |
| • Central African Republic | - | - | - | - | 1,634 | 1,634 |
| • Democratic Republic of Congo | 7,480 | - | - | - | 6,584 | 14,064 |
| • Ethiopia | 2,505 | 3,066 | - | 481 | - | 6,052 |
| • Sudan | 7,591 | - | 80,097 | 125,714 | 375 | 213,777 |
| TOTAL | 17,576 | 3,066 | 80,097 | 126,195 | 8,593 | 235,527 |

Source: UNHCR Regional Web Portal (24 Mar 2014) [<http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/regional.php>]

- Relief International is managing thirteen adult education schools in Doro camp. 756 students have been registered. Save the Children and DRC are supporting the schools with stationery and additional learning material.

IDP RESPONSE

UNHCR is participating in the IDP response through the inter-agency collaborative approach under the leadership of the Humanitarian Coordinator.

Protection Cluster

- UNHCR provided comments to UNMISS for DPKO with respect to a further draft concerning addressing issues of criminality in UNMISS Protection of Civilian (PoC) Areas, making clear however that the document and issue are UNMISS/DPKO matters and the role of UNHCR and/or the Protection Cluster is not to “endorse” or “not endorse” the document, but provide advice/guidance from a humanitarian perspective.
- UNHCR and the Protection Cluster provided briefings to the Emergency Directors during their visit to South Sudan, highlighting, inter alia, the ongoing physical threats to civilians and decreasing humanitarian space.
- The Protection Cluster continues to advocate for increased UNMISS presence/patrolling both inside PoC Areas and in base perimeters. IRC (a Cluster and UNHCR IDP partner) conducted a training on protection mainstreaming for protection and non-protection partners including national and international NGOs and UNMISS. UNHCR sent a protection and assistance team to Minkamon/Aweril for a minimum three-week mission.

Camp Coordination & Camp Management

- WFP is distributing food in Mayom county, Unity state on 20 March. IDP registration for this distribution will inform the planning site management with regard to future interventions.
- Site preparations for seasonal flooding and a possible new influx are in progress at PoC Bentiu.
- In Nimule, an IDP community centre opened this week to serve the dispersed IDP population. NFI packages were distributed to some 540 vulnerable IDPs.

SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

| COUNTRY OF ASYLUM | 10-Mar-14 | 14-Mar-14 | Increase/ (Decrease) |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Ethiopia | 69,456 | 75,788 | 6,332 |
| Kenya | 26,218 | 28,243 | 2,025 |
| Sudan | 44,111 | 58,242 | 14,131 |
| Uganda | 82,242 | 86,849 | 4,607 |
| TOTAL | 222,027 | 249,122 | 27,095 |

Source: UNHCR Country Offices (19 March 2014)

INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT STATISTICS

| STATE | POPULATION |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Abyei Administrative Area | 2,600 |
| Central Equatoria | 101,100 |
| Eastern Equatoria | 65,800 |
| Jonglei | 145,700 |
| Lakes | 76,400 |
| Northern Bahr-el-Ghazal | 1,200 |
| Unity | 186,000 |
| Upper Nile | 116,300 |
| Warrap | 13,100 |
| Western Bahr-el-Ghazal | 700 |
| Western Equatoria | 0 |
| TOTAL | 708,900 |

Source: OCHA Humanitarian Snapshot (13 Mar 2014)

DISPLACED SEEKING PROTECTION IN UNMISS “PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS” (PoC) SITES

| STATE | LOCATION | POPULATION | |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 19-Mar-14 | |
| Central Equatoria | Juba (Tomping) | 21,000 | 21,000 |
| | Juba (UN House) | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| Jonglei | Bor | 4,891 | 5,694 |
| Lakes | Rumbek | 91 | 91 |
| Upper Nile | Malakal | 21,500 | 21,500 |
| | Melut | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| Unity | Pariang | 8 | 8 |
| | Bentiu | 6,234 | 7,407 |
| TOTAL | | 76,655 | 68,000 |

Source: UNMISS Communications & PI Office Update (26 Mar 14)

Jonglei State

Protection Cluster

- Protection cluster partners continue to participate in assessment missions with a view to sharing and addressing identified protection concerns.
 - UNICEF will coordinate the upcoming cluster assessment on child protection on 28 March.
 - Humane Development Council (HDC) is to provide psychosocial support targeting populations outside the Bor POC area and around town.
 - UNICEF is to organize additional psychosocial training the POC Area after teachers expressed the desire to learn psychosocial support skills.
 - IOM will commence registration of IDPs in the POC Area next week. UNICEF is planning to register children in the POC Area. Non-Violent Peace Force will work with volunteers inside the POC Area on registration of vulnerable individuals, and encourage of people to move to the new site.
 - UNICEF emphasized the need to include children and women in psychosocial activities in the POC Area. They are the most affected and make up a large percentage of the IDP population.
 - Protection Cluster partners are urged to consider child protection activities outside Bor, where reports indicate many roam aimlessly, especially in Pibor town.
- 86 children were identified for Family Tracing and Reunification at the POC area, including 13 by NP.
 - UNMISS will organize a mission to Pibor on 25 March to follow up on abducted children from Kolnyang. They were seized in Kolnyang Payam in Bor County on 5 February attack and are believed to have been taken to Likuangole, Pibor County.
 - UNFPA has formed a Community Based Protection Network to identify and monitor GBV issues in the POC Area. It consists of 30 individuals (10 men, 10 women, 5 girls, 5 boys). The GBV referral pathway is already in place. Two midwives, trained on clinical management of rape, are stationed in the POC area and can respond any reported cases of GBV. The psychosocial support of GBV survivors will be handled by case workers in the POC Area.
 - Protection Cluster is collaborating with the Health Cluster/WHO to develop improve MEDEVAC standards, with a focus on timeliness of evacuations.
 - Non Violent Peace Force to follow up on Youth Representation in the meetings at the POC area.

Unity State

- Just eight individuals remain in the Pariang POC Area. UNMISS transported the last 53 South Sudanese IDPs voluntary by road to the Bentiu PoC Area last week. Those remaining in Pariang PoC Area are third country nationals.



Refugees apportion food rations in Kaya camp.

[Photo: UNHCR/P.Rulashe]

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