



Photo: Protection Cluster.

Overview

- From May to November, the Protection Cluster partners have reached some 237,000 people, with over 600,200 different protection services in flood affected areas. Mixed intentions have been identified among IDPs regarding return to their areas or origin or habitual residence. Those displaced to high grounds near their areas of origin expressed intention to return when floodwaters recede. Mostly, IDPs responded that they have no intention to return to the areas of origin due to destruction of houses, property, disruption of livelihoods opportunities. Some IDPs expressed interest to remain in the areas of displacement due to better access to services. In locations where the flooding waters have receded, IDPs reported numerous impediments to return to their places of origin, including damaged/destroyed houses. Persons with disability (PWD) have been greatly impacted, reporting difficulties to access humanitarian assistance distribution points due to physical constraints, especially in areas that canoes are needed for transportation.
- The PC has been assessing on the ground the situation of IDPs displaced by the situation in Tambura. Few missions have been conducted to EzoCentral Payam, Andari and Nandi Payams, Tambura, Nagero, Nzara, but also Wau, where numerous discussions with people, fleeing violence took place. People displaced by Tambura events reported to be severely traumatized, talking about various protection concerns and preferring to stay in displacement, until the situation in Tambura is stabilized. Through the SSHF Reserve Allocation funds released in November, partners scaled-up the response in several payams. The PC has also visited communities in Wau and identified that most of the IDPs from Tambura are living with their relatives in Wau town.
- The newly elected Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) for the Protection Cluster has initiated its functions, following the elections held in October. During the initial meetings, the Terms of Reference of the SAG has been revised and endorsed by the members. The revisions include provisions for revising the ToR and holding elections for the SAG on a biennium period. In addition, to streamline strategic discussions on centrality of protection and advocacy on protection priorities, the SAG will be complemented by participation of the donors' community, as well as representatives of the state level Protection Clusters, forming the SAG+ group.

KEY FIGURES

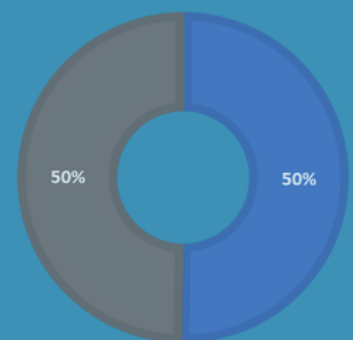
5.0 M people in need

2.6 M people targeted

\$99 M HRP requirement

2021 HRP

■ Funded ■ Gap



Child Protection Sub-Cluster

Children affected by floods

Worsening impact of floods in Unity, Upper Nile and Jonglei are especially distressing children, with many left out of schools. In Panakuach and Yar, Rweng, child protection partners participated in joint IDPs' rapid need assessment, identifying the majority of the IDPs in the locations as children. In Yaar, from the 1,500 IDPs identified in the location, it's estimated that 70% are children, including child headed households and disable children livingwith vulnerable elderly adults. In Panakauch, from the 2,500 IDPs, an estimated 60% of the IDPs are children, including distressed and emaciated looking children.

Child protection and psychosocial support services for flood-affected children and communities - In response to the displacement in Panykang and Fashoda, War Child has been providing child protection and psychosocial support services to flood affected children and caregivers through Child Friendly Spaces and outreach teams. The activities include providing age appropriate PSS and life skills and parenting skills sessions. As of November, about 3,977 (1,783 F, 2,194 M) children, caregivers and community leaders were reached with different interventions.



Children participating in Child Friendly Space Activities in Tonga. Photo: War Child.

Capacity Building of child protection partners - The AoR's Case Management Task Force (CMTF) and the Unaccompanied and Separated Children Working Group (UASC WG) have led capacity building activities to child protection partners in several areas of the country. Some 111 partners' (37 F, 74M) staff have been capacitated, enhancing the CP response in their areas. An array of areas has been covered in the trainings, including Case Management, IDTR Processes, Alternative Care Arrangement and CPIMS+.



World Children's Day 20 November

"The right of every child, to be a child" theme marked the commemoration of the World Children's Day in South Sudan. The CP AoR, in collaboration with UNICEF, the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare and partners facilitated series of events/activities across the country, including media and advocacy activities , panel discussions, symbolic painting and unveiling of child right messages. In Juba, the national event was held at Toto Chan compound in Juba. The commemorations enhanced and sensitized communities on the rights of children and the collective responsibility for child growth and development.



Children marching on the road in Juba. Photo: CP Sub-Cluster.



Children playing football during the celebration Photo: CP Sub-Cluster.

Gender-Based Violence Sub-Cluster

GBV response to flood affected areas - Women and girls continue to be severely affected by floods. Increased displacement has been reported in Ding-Ding, Tong, Kaljak, Dhorbor, Nyieldiu, Roria, within Rubkona, movements reported to Pakur as well. The majority of the displaced are estimated to be women and girls. Access to the affected locations is still hindered due to the level of waters. During focus groups discussions in several locations, women and girls revealed loss of assets and livelihoods and high rate of GBV incidents, especially in IDP camps in where latrines are poorly available, but also as women and girls have to walk long distances looking for firewoods. The Sub-cluster distributed 350 Dignity Kits in Bentiu, and there is need for more distributions to take place. From May to November, the GBV Sub-cluster reached some 58,000 people affected by floods with vital support.

Strengthening access to justice - The Sub-cluster participated in a round table discussion with the Judiciary and the Ministry of Justice on access to justice for survivors and communities. The participants developed a strategic approach that will lead to a coherent framework, which engages stakeholders to support access to justice and enhance rule of law for IDPs survivors of GBV. During the discussions, participants also considered actions for mediation structures in IDP settings, impunity especially in SGBV cases, legal representation and interpretation, cost of procedures in terms of resources, quality of procedures in terms of neutrality and clarity, quality of outcomes in terms of restoration and remedies, resolution of problems and access to outcome information.



Participants pose for a photo during the Capacity building exercise in Juba- Aaron Hotel. Photo: Save Lives Initiative.

Capacity-building of national partners - The GBV Sub-cluster conducted a 3 day training in Juba to GBV partners from 15 locations across the country. The participants included GBV officers and case managers. Through the training, participants enhanced their capacity on GBV minimum standards, establishing and administering women and girls friendly spaces, providing psychosocial support to survivors of GBV, and gender, disability, inclusion mainstreaming. The roles of the GBV Sub-clusters and the expectations from partners were also discussed during the training.



**16 Days of Activism
Against Gender-
Based Violence
25 November - 10
December**

South Sudan officially launched the commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism Against GBV on 26 November at Nyakuron Cultural Center, graced by Her Excellency VP Madam Rebecca De Mabior Garang. The national theme for 2021 is "Take action, Be accountable: End violence Against Women and Girls". The GBV Sub-cluster has been supporting several events across the country to commemorate the 16 days, including mounting billboards in Juba University, Airport Road, Gumbo and Gudelet to raise awareness on preventing GBV.

Throughout the 16 days, an art exhibition will run in the Nyakuron Cultural Centre, named as "Noor-le-Humon", a local Arabic phrase that means "shine light upon them". In addition to the several activities being conducted, the GBV Sub-cluster, IOM, UNFPA, WFP, IRC, UNICEF and AYA held an event titled "Masculinities and Male Involvement in Ending Violence Against Women". The event contributed to reflect on efforts needed to promote the involvement of men in GBV programming, providing a comprehensive response for addressing GBV issues and harmful practices against women and girls.



HE Madam Rebecca de Mabior Garang during the opening ceremony. Photo:GBV Sub-cluster.

Mine Action Sub-Cluster

Explosive Remnant of War (ERW)-Related Accidents - On 3 November, there was an uncontrolled explosion in Ayod, Jonglei, during which a hand grenade exploded and instantly killed three children and injured seven more. Due to flooding, UNMAS has yet to conduct a formal investigation but will do so once the area is accessible.

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education - Although mine action clearance activities have been limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic until recently, mine action partners across the country have still been able to mitigate the risks of accidents through explosive ordnance risk education (EORE), which reached a total of 35,675 beneficiaries (7,339 women, 6,103 men, 10,628 girls, and 11,605 boys) in November 2021.

EORE at schools

Community in Need Aid (CINA) is a youth founded national non-governmental organization (NNGO), that was formed in 2010 with the mandate to save lives, protect dignity, and develop the resilience of children and families from the effects of conflict and disasters. CINA is committed to attaining sustainable socio-economic development, building community ownership, promoting peaceful co-existence and diversity, and enhancing self-reliance. CINA's thematic areas are: HELP (Health, Education, Livelihoods (including food security and economic strengthening) and Protection (CP, GP, HLP, MA, and GBV).

CINA South Sudan is implementing two projects under the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SSHF) with the following EORE components: (i) Provision of Emergency CCCM, SNFI, and Protection Assistance to Vulnerable populations in IPC 4 and 5 Areas of Jonglei; and (ii) Provision of Critical CCCM Services, Protection Services and Emergency Shelter and Non-food Items to Support People in Bor, Jonglei, Juba, Central Equatoria, and Naivasha, Western Bahr el Ghazal IDP sites.

EORE training and accreditation commenced from 22-26 November with the aim at reducing the social, economic, and environmental impact of explosive ordnance (EO) in South Sudan. CINA has reached 593 people (204 men, 193 women, 91 boys and 105 girls) thus far.



CINA's EORE Team delivering a presentation at the Mathiang Primary School at a Bor, Jonglei IDP site. Photo: CINA.



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Housing, Land and Property Technical Working Group (HLP TWG)

HLP activities in IDP camps



Community leader presenting HLP challenges during progress monitoring. Photo: CH.

Coalition for Humanity (CH), through a SSHF allocation, is providing general protection and HLP services to IDPs in Bentiu, Mangala and Juba IDP camps. IDPs in the supported camps have been expressing concerns on shelters' overcrowding as several new IDPs continue to arrive in the camps due to the floods. High amounts of fees charged for pursuing a legal resolution of HLP issues are stopping IDPs from settling their cases.

CH's project aims to prevent and mitigate HLP issues and protection risks through community awareness, particularly on HLP issues for IDPs intending to return to original homes, providing women and other vulnerable members with pro bono lawyers to support/provide legal services as required, case management, referral and individual protection assistance, including for persons with specific needs.

Mobile Protection Coordination

Mobile protection teams have been recently deployed to some of the areas identified as priority for protection response, especially to respond to floods and the Tambura situation. The teams from DRC, IOM, MHA, NP, PAH and UNHCR have deployed to Yei, Ezo, Ayod, Magok, Tonj South, Mundri, Tonj North, Bor South, Akobo, Canal/Pigi and Twic East.

The MPC also identified as priority locations for deployment in November the following locations: Nagero, Tambura, Ezo, Lafon, Old Fangak, Magenisi, Nyirol.



MHA staff on a canoe to reach the flood-affected people in Canal/Pigi. Photo: MHA.

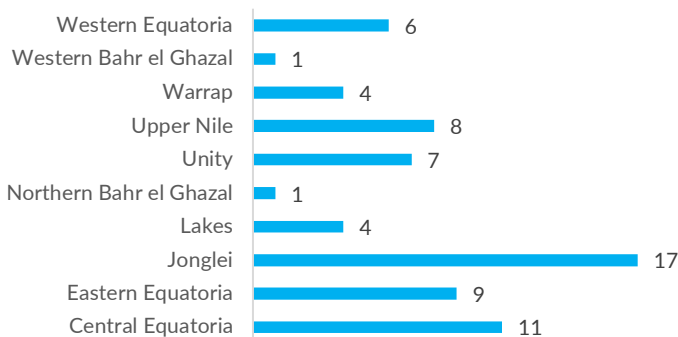
PROTECTION CLUSTER South Sudan MONTHLY RESPONSE STATISTICAL SUMMARY November 2021

35 Protection Cluster partners reported in September 2021 (**30** of which HRP members)

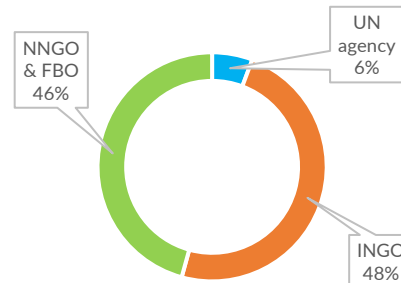
Protection cluster partners were active in all **10** states of South Sudan

46% of partners delivering Protection assistance are National NGOs and Faith-based organisations.

Number of PC members active by State



Number and disaggregation of partners in November



151,101 people were reached with protection assistances

Over **8,423** people with disabilities were reached

Highest number of reached was in Western Equatoria state with over **31,000** followed by Upper Nile (27,290) and Jonglei (24,769).

List of Protection Cluster partners active in South Sudan October 2021

Central Equatoria	Community Action Organization, Confident Children out of Conflict, Danish Church Aid, Danish Refugee Council, Handicap International, IsraAID, Mine Advisory Group, Plan International, Polish Humanitarian Action, Salvation and Light Development Action, United Nations Mine Action Service
Eastern Equatoria	CARE International, Child Relief and Support Fund, Community in Need Aid, Danish Church Aid, Danish Refugee Council, Mine Advisory Group, Plan International, Save the Children International, United Nations Mine Action Service
Jonglei	Africa Development Aid, Child Relief and Support Fund, Community Action Organization, Danish Refugee Council, INTERSOS Humanitarian Aid Organization, Mobile Humanitarian Agency, Norwegian Refugee Council, Plan International, Polish Humanitarian Action, Polish Humanitarian Aid, Salvation and Light Development Action, Save the Children International, United Nations Mine Action Service, Voice For Change, Voice for Peace, Voice of the Peace, War Child Holland
Lakes	Community in Need Aid, Plan International, Save the Children International, United Nations Mine Action Service
Northern Bahr el Ghazal	Handicap International
Unity	Child's Destiny and Development Organization, Dialogue and Research Initiative, Help Restore Youth South Sudan Hope Restoration South Sudan, International Rescue Committee, MEDAIR, United Nations Mine Action Service
Upper Nile	Africa Development Aid, Danish Refugee Council, Hope Restoration South Sudan, Humanitarian and Development Consortium, INTERSOS Humanitarian Aid Organization, United Nations Mine Action Service, War Child Holland, World Vision International
Warrap	International Organization for Migration, United Nations Mine Action Service, Veterinaires Sans Frontières Germany, World Vision International
Western Bahr el Ghazal	United Nations Mine Action Service
Western Equatoria	Catholic Medical Missions Board, Child Relief and Support Fund, Danish Refugee Council, Mine Advisory Group, United Nations Mine Action Service, World Vision International