

SOUTH SUDAN PROTECTION CLUSTER MONTHLY UPDATE

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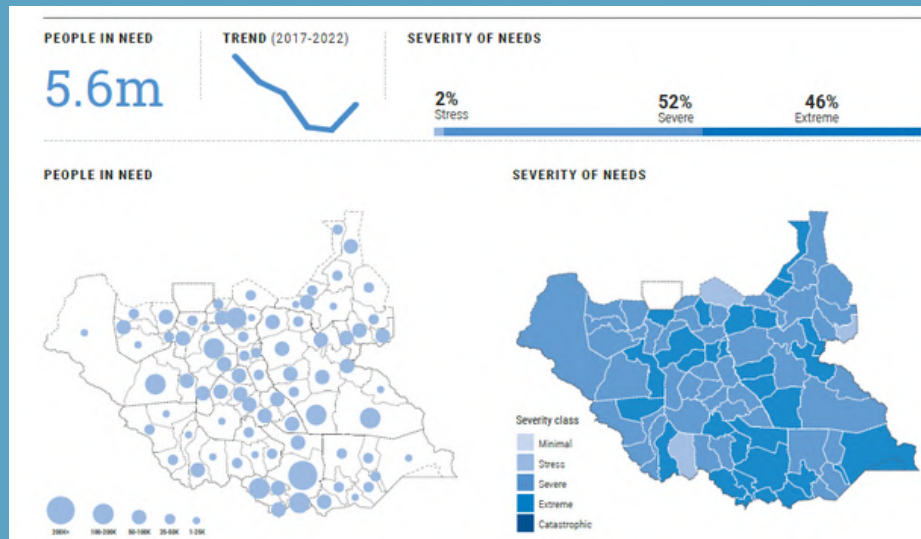
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Overview

2022 HNO SOUTH SUDAN

The 2022 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) South Sudan has been launched on February, which estimates that a number of 8.9 million people will need humanitarian assistance in South Sudan in 2022, including an estimated 5.6 million women, girls, men and boys who will face protection risks and violations.

The Protection sectoral analysis classifies 30 counties as extreme (severity 4), 45 counties as severe (severity 3) while 3 counties are classified as stress (severity 2). The 2022 HNO can be accessed [here](#).



Overview of the Protection sectoral analysis.

- New displacements were reported in several areas in February, including in Tijor, Yei, Magwi, Twic and in the Abyei Administrative Area. Hundreds of IDPs have moved to Twic and Abyei Town fleeing the violent incidents in Abyei. Public and private infrastructure was destroyed and many settlements were looted. Protection partners are responding to the emergency with protection life-saving activities. In addition, the flood affected population continue to face increased protection risks as flood levels are slowly decreasing and the IDPs are unable to return to their areas of origin. Return movements were also reported in several areas, especially in Yei and Raja, where protection partners are strengthening the provision of protection services to returnees and host communities. Can we move the other way around? First - HNO, and then Abyei.

Child Protection Sub-Cluster

Child Protection and food insecurity - Children and adolescents in South Sudan are exposed to different protection risks including killing and maiming, family separation, abduction, psychosocial distress, recruitment and use of children by armed forces and groups and other negative coping strategies and harmful practices such as child Marriage and child labor. Protection risks effecting children in South Sudan are escalating in areas characterized by conflict, cattle raiding, and protective displacement. Worsening impact of conflict in Unity state (Bentiu), Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, and Abyei and the need to scale up Child Protection responses in the affected areas.

81,136
people accessed child
protection services in
February

670
children received
case management
services

249
Unaccompanied and
Separated Children
documented

MHPSS support for children



Hold the Child conducted a five days training in Wau and Nagero on child protection and psychosocial support activities in communities and schools. A total of 25 frontline staff (12 females and 13 males) were trained on child protection and psychosocial support, psychosocial needs of children and ways to provide basic psychosocial support activities for children in communities and schools.



Institute for Promotion of Civil Society(IPCS) has reached 523 youths (358 boys and 165 girls) in February with psychosocial support activities in Kondeko boma in Yei. The psychosocial activities included recreational activities as football games, running sessions, singing and dancing, awareness raising sessions, amongst others. The recreational activities are key for supporting children and youth mental health and well-being

CP key resources

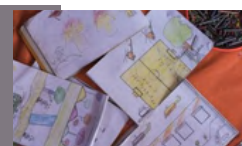


CP Minimum Standards

The Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action establish common principles between those working in child protection and support on strengthening the coordination and improving child protection programming in humanitarian operations. The Minimum Standards are available [here](#).

Child Protection Case Management Resource HUB

This resource hub provides several guidance material on case management of child protection cases, including guidelines on coordination, M&E and information management. The resource hub is available [here](#).



Gender-Based Violence Sub-Cluster

Call to Action to end Child Marriage in Jonglei

The Ministry of Gender Child and Social Welfare (MGCSW) in collaboration with the GBV Sub-cluster organized from 08 to 10 February in Bor a conference on call to action to end child marriage in Jonglei State. During the three days conference, participants from different organizations identified the magnitude of child marriage in Jonglei and key drivers of child marriage, and mapped initiatives to address child marriage at the state level while recognizing gaps and challenges. The conference also looked at the legal framework regarding child marriage, following the national action plan to end child marriage of 2017-2030.



The participants during the call to end child marriage in Bor. Photo: GBV Sub-cluster.



Participants during the workshop in Yirol. Photo: GBV Sub-cluster.

Supporting GBV response in Yirol - Driving from the adoption of the GBV M&E approaches, which aims in applying design thinking to measuring the GBV in Emergency Minimum Standards, the GBV working group in Yirol, Lakes state, promoted a 5 days workshop to strengthen partners understanding of the minimum standards. With support from CAFOD, Trocaire in Partnership (CTP) and the Global Women's Institute (GWI), 24 participants from different organizations working on GBV activities in Lakes attended the workshop. In addition to reviewing the minimum standards, participants also drafted a plan of action for strengthening coordination, revising the GBV service mapping and referral pathway, and planning activities for the International Women's day.

GBV field coordination structures - The GBV Sub-cluster continues working on strengthening the established field coordination structures across all the states. The roving coordinators have established a plan to visit all areas with coordination mechanisms to assess the GBV response and coordination capacity, revamp GBV monthly coordination meetings and discuss challenges and way forward for uninterrupted GBV coordination at field level. During February, the roving coordinators have been in Yei and in Kapoeta collaborating with the GBV working groups to streamline the coordination issues on the ground. During the visits, the working groups have also visited the service provision points to look at services gaps and way forward on the GBV service delivery and coordination.

GBV service delivery in Bentiu

The GBV Sub-cluster participated in a mission with protection partners in Bentiu to identify available GBV services, key gaps, and priority areas for further support to strengthen GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response services in Bentiu IDP camp and new IDP sites. The mission team consulted frontline GBV service providers of health, psychosocial support, legal and security, and discussed with representatives of communities as well as community outreach teams on the level of their engagement on GBV activities. It has been reported that women and girls are facing increasing risks due to Several good practices were identified and gaps were mapped with the partners based looking on how to further strengthen coordination among various actors to support GBV service provision.



Mission team to Bentiu holding Consultations with Women Vision . Photo: GBV Sub-cluster.

Mine Action Sub-Cluster

Explosive Remnant of War (ERW)-Related Accidents - In February, there was one uncontrolled detonation of a hand grenade in Bor, Jonglei where a 16-year-old boy found the explosive ordnance on the side of the road. He brought it home and started tampering with it in front of other children; two boys (aged 15 and 16) were immediately killed and two other boys (aged 16 and 17) as well as one man (aged 18) were injured and received urgent medical care. UNMAS investigated the accident and provided explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) in the surrounding areas.

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) - Although mine action clearance activities have been limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic, mine action partners across the country have still been able to mitigate the risks of accidents through EORE, which reached a total of 40,986 beneficiaries (8,124 women, 6,385 men, 12,467 girls, and 14,010 boys) in February 2022.

EORE to returnees

Mangala, Central Equatoria is where heavy fighting took place during the liberation war and 2013/2016 conflicts with the most highly contaminated location at Mangala Centre next to the bank of the Nile.

The World Vision team is conducting EORE trainings to Community Focal Points that is funded by the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SSHF). The project focuses on the various three zones of Mangala Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp, as well as in the host communities of Mundari and Bari. World Vision is the only partner on the ground implementing EORE activities in these areas.

There are many challenges and a limited amount of people can be taught at one time due to COVID-19 mitigation measures. However, the community has shown increased knowledge about items of explosive ordnance and the importance of not touching, kicking, burning, or playing with items that look suspicious.



EORE refresher training for the SSHF team, EORE Training to Community Focal Point and EORE Session to the IDP's and the host community on daily basis. Photo: WVI.



To report a suspicious object, please contact UNMAS at its 24-hour hotline (remains open during the COVID-19 crisis): **092 000 1055** or via email at report@unmas.org

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

Peacebuilding and HLP - The Secretary's General Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) approved a three-year project on peaceful resolution of Housing, Land and Property (HLP) disputes and conflicts in South Sudan. The project, with an approved budget of 3.7M USD, will be implemented by several members of the HLP TWG. Through a peacebuilding lens, the project targets three main areas: governance system, dispute resolution mechanisms, livelihood activities. Throughout the project implementation until mid-2024, several stakeholders will be engaged, including local government structures.

Guaranteeing HLP rights through community-based structures



Training of CBPN members on HLP in Canal/Pigi. Photo: MHA.

Community-Based Protection Networks (CBPN) play an important role in ensuring the HLP rights of the population are promoted and disputes are settled according to the corresponding legal frameworks, particularly in the locations lacking the formal dispute resolution mechanisms. The Mobile Humanitarian Agency (MHA) has been strengthening CBPNs in New Fangak, Duk and Canal/Pigi, through mobile missions that include a capacity-building component. In February, MHA deployed a protection team to Canal/Pigi and trained 24 CBPN members (14 women and 10 men) on HLP rights and alternative dispute resolution modalities. As HLP continue to be a growing key protection issue in the country, the HLP awareness raising and capacity-building sessions respond to the HLP concerns in the communities.

Mobile Protection Coordination

With continuing effect of floods to displaced population and new displacements due to sub-national violence in February, the mobile protection teams continued to respond to areas with lack of presence of static protection partners. During the month, mobile protection teams from DRC and MHA, have been deployed to New Fangak, Duk, Twic East and Canal/Pigi. The locations have extremely complicated protection environment, combining a high number of people displaced by the floods, and the people displaced by recent violent incidents in the area. Rapid protection assessments, provision of individual protection assistance, capacity building on protection principles and HLP rights to local authorities and chiefs, awareness raising sessions and distribution of dignity kits were part of the protection related activities implemented by the teams on the ground



Awareness raising activities during a mobile response in Duk. Photo: MHA.



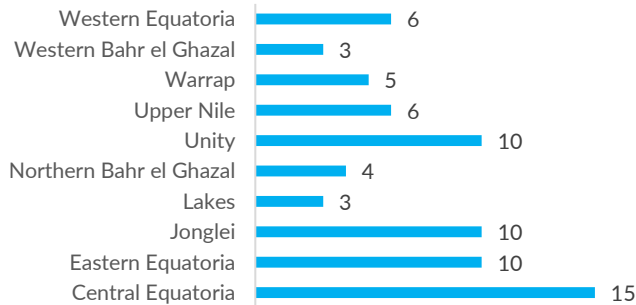
PROTECTION CLUSTER **South Sudan** MONTHLY RESPONSE STATISTICAL SUMMARY February 2022

35 Protection Cluster partners reported in February 2022

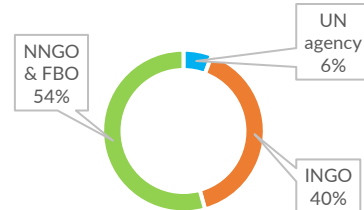
Protection cluster partners were active in all **10** states of South Sudan

54% of partners delivering Protection assistance are National NGOs and Faith-based organisations.

Number of PC members active by State



Percentage and disaggregation of partners in November



160,020 people were reached with protection assistances

Over **9,603** people with disabilities were reached

Highest number of reached was in Unity state with over **35,400** followed by Central Equatoria (26,600) and Jonglei (26,500).

List of Protection Cluster partners active in South Sudan in February 2022

Central Equatoria	American Refugee Committee, Coalition for Humanity South Sudan, Community Action Organization, Confident Children out of Conflict, Danish Church Aid, Danish Refugee Council, Institute for the Promotion of Civil Society, IsraAID, LULU-South Sudan, Mine Advisory Group, Plan International, Save Lives Initiative-SS, Support for Women in Governance Organization, United Nations Mine Action Service, World Vision International
Eastern Equatoria	American Refugee Committee, CARE International, Community in Need Aid, Danish Church Aid, Danish Refugee Council, Girl Child Africa Foundation, LULU-South Sudan, Mine Advisory Group, Plan International, United Nations Mine Action Service
Jonglei	Action For Children Development Foundation, Community Action Organization, Community Initiative for Development Organization, Grassroot Empowerment and Development Organization, INTERSOS Humanitarian Aid Organization, Plan International, Polish Humanitarian Aid, Save the Children International, United Nations Mine Action Service, War Child Holland
Lakes	Plan International, United Nations Mine Action Service, Veterinaires Sans Frontières Germany
Northern Bahr el Ghazal	Action For Children Development Foundation, Charity and Empowerment Foundation, International Rescue Committee, United Nations Mine Action Service
Unity	CARE International, Coalition for Humanity South Sudan, Danish Refugee Council, International Rescue Committee, INTERSOS Humanitarian Aid Organization, MEDAIR, Norwegian Refugee Council, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Mine Action Service, Universal Intervention and Development Organization
Upper Nile	Coalition for Humanity South Sudan, Community Action Organization, Danish Refugee Council, United Nations Mine Action Service, War Child Holland, World Vision International
Warrap	Help a Child South Sudan, LULU-South Sudan, United Nations Mine Action Service, Veterinaires Sans Frontières Germany, World Vision International
Western Bahr el Ghazal	Help a Child South Sudan, Johanniter International Assistance, United Nations Mine Action Service
Western Equatoria	Catholic Medical Missions Board, Community Initiative for Development Organization, Girl Child Africa Foundation, Save Lives Initiative-SS, United Nations Mine Action Service, World Vision International